

President's Corner

December 10, 2007

DATES TO KNOW

Wednesday, December 12th
Groundbreaking for Sci/Tech
building -- and hosting of the
LACCD Board of Trustees
Meeting

Groundbreaking ceremonies
for the Science & Tehcnology
building will begin at 11:30 a.m.
Please email
gvaquerano@mww.com to
reserve your seat. Welcome
our LACCD Board and greet
them during their stay on our
campus! The open, public
session of the Board meeting
begins at 2:30 in the faculty
staff center.

January Date TBD
Cubs Under Construction
Town Hall – 9 a.m., noon and
2 p.m. presentations!

Why is the Vermont sidewalk
closed? Why will the Vermont
breezeway be closed soon?
Why will trenches soon criss-
cross the campus??

Join us in the Fac/Staff
Center for a presentation on
the soon-to-come infrastructure
construction needed to replace
old electrical, sewer and water
lines throughout LACC.
Representatives were be in the
Center all day December 11th.
The next meeting in Jan. is
your opportunity to talk to
Harris representatives and
learn how campus projects will
affect you!

Welcome to the last update of 2007! LACC has high quality faculty and staff and I thank you for our continued work in helping our students. I encourage you to post these updates in your offices and classrooms to share with individuals interested in LACC. These updates are posted on the campus website at www.LAcitycollege.edu. The next edition will come to your desk in January, 2008.

Happy Holidays!

Thanks to all who were involved in producing the holiday festivities last Friday at Luminaria's! Wow, LACC knows how to party! We've got some real dancers on our staff and we shouldn't wait a year to see their fancy footwork again! Here's wishing you all a wonderful holiday season!

LACC will be closed December 23 – 25 and December 28 – January 1, 2008.

Portantino Visit a Success

The Chair of the California Assembly's Higher Education Committee, Anthony Portantino, toured Los Angeles City College recently. A former TV and film producer, he explored LACC's renowned Cinema/TV Department, observed the ongoing construction, visited the on-campus WorkSource Center and met with faculty, staff and students. Thanks to all who participated in this special day.

"We need to use our limited resources more effectively," Portantino stated, referring to the billions in the state budget shortfall. "We should put them where we can get the biggest return on our investment – and our children are our best investment."

Named "Freshman of the Year" by the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, Portantino has authored Assembly Bill 1409, which would expand California education from a traditional K-12 model to a seamless K-14 experience by allowing more concurrent enrollment and stronger partnerships between high schools and community colleges.

Condolences to the Family of Michael Prichard

On behalf of Los Angeles City College, I have extended our deepest condolences to Michael Prichard's family. We were shocked and grieved to hear of his passing last month. His co-workers have mentioned his craftsmanship and teaching skills. His was more than a job, it was a way of life and our students benefited from his broad knowledge and caring.

Mike's contributions to the technology and computer electronics division of our Math Department over the years brought esteem to our campus and we commend his more than 30 years of service. We have lost a valued member of our team and we will always remember him with fondness.

Let's Chat!

If you would like some face time with your LACC President, open office hours are on Fridays through the end of February 2008. Please sign up for our 15 minute chat! Call Nannette at 323.953.4010.

MORE DATES TO KNOW

12/23/07 – 12/25/07 and
12/28/07 – 1/1/08
Complete Campus Closure
for the Holidays!

The campus is open for
business on December
26th and 27th.

**Town Hall
This Tuesday
December 11th
Faculty/Staff Center
9a.m., noon & 2 p.m.**

**Come Learn How the
Infrastructure
Improvements will
Affect You During the
Next 12 Months!**



St. Mary's Center Toys for Kids Donation Boxes are Here!

St. Mary's, located just north of our campus on Willowbrook, needs donations of unwrapped toys – items appropriate for infants to 13-year-olds. Let's bring Christmas smiles to underprivileged kids in the LACC service area!

LACC is hosting a holiday magic show on December 15th for 200 children in our Chemistry 3 auditorium. **Drop boxes for toy donations will be located in the Community Services department and in Nursing Department in Cub Center next to the Bookstore through December 21st.** Also, tax-deductible Check donations are accepted and can be made out to St. Mary's Center. For more information call the center at 323.662.4392.

Conference Information

The American Student Association of Community Colleges is hosting its National Student Advocacy & Leadership Conference from March 8 through 11th 2008 in Washington D.C. Conference highlights include:

- All major Presidential Candidates are invited to address students
- Advocacy, leadership and citizenship training and discussions
- Dozens of exciting workshops and breakout sessions

There are 12 million community college students in the nation. Student leaders have a responsibility to represent their constituents on issues of concern. At this conference, experts will share with students the top issues facing community colleges during 2008. Recently, ASACC and its partner organizations have shared success in increasing the Pell Grant maximum, lowering student interest rates and advocating an investigation into textbook prices – but the battle never ends.

For more information, registration and hotel reservations forms, visit www.asacc.org. Registration and hotel room block deadline is February 8, 2008.

Publication Information

The Institute for Higher Education Leadership & Policy has published "Invest in Success: How Finance Policy Can Increase Student Success at California's Community Colleges." With mounting pressures on the CCC system to account for increase success, the system's commitment to that success and lawmakers' growing awareness that community colleges are vitally linked to future economic and social health, this is an opportune time for a systematic look at finance policy. Take a look at www.csus.edu/ihe.

Congratulations Cubs!

Our men's basketball team defeated Irvine at the Rio Hondo Tournament last week!

Freshman Veronica Alaniz has been named Second Team All-South Coast Conference in women's cross country.

The LACC Forensics team participated in the PSCFA Winter Championship Tournament at Cal State Los Angeles recently and received first place overall in the Limited Entry Sweepstakes for this tournament. We are pleased to see this individual events team off and running. A total of 7 students from LACC participated in the tournament which hosted about 45 schools from Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah. Spring semester will send qualified students to several local, state and national competitions.

A New Addition to the Radiology Department

John Radtke reports that his radiology department just received a brand new \$100,000 Digital Imaging System! The department is now "state-of-the-art" and can provide students training with the latest in diagnostic imaging.

Black College Expo Set for December 15th

The LA Community College District will have a presence at this Saturday's Black College Expo at the LA Convention Center. Staff from throughout the district will distribute materials to thousands of young people interested in attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU). The seminar "LA Community Colleges: Your Steppingstone to the HBCU" was a big hit last year and we hope it is again, with our campuses touting our HBCU articulation agreements and transfer possibilities!

Day at City a Success!

Myra Siegel wrote: "Once again our entire college—led by our amazing EOP&S faculty and staff—worked together to present the pride of our college to prospective juniors and seniors at our feeder high schools. Even the weather cooperated!! Thanks to all of the planners that coordinated the day for the students; the custodial and set-up crew; the behind-the-scenes technical folks, and the many representatives from academic departments and student services who brought their displays and expertise to the quad. This is what LACC is about, and the students who visited today caught the energy!!!"

Many folks asked about next steps. The recruiters will continue their weekly visits to our feeders and follow up with the students who participated today, in addition to reaching out to more prospective students. In the spring, these students will be invited to "mini-days" @ City where they will come in smaller groups—by high school—to be ushered through the matriculation process. Thanks to all who welcomed our 432 visitors!!"

Vaccinations a Hit!

The Flu Shot Days event drew 285 takers for free vaccinations! Thanks and good health to the students, faculty and staff members who took advantage of this first-time event sponsored by the Health and Wellness Center at LACC!

Looking for Some Interesting Reading?

We regularly receive a variety of newspaper and magazine articles from the state Chancellor's Office! Education articles are sent to us frequently and spotlight local, state and national college events, announcements and news. Just click: <http://www.lacitycollege.edu/facstaff/staffdev/acadnews.html> The link to the Education Articles is on the top bar of the Faculty & Staff page as well. <http://lacitycollege.edu/citymain/facultystaff.html>

WITHIN US Selected to Perform at Festival

"Within Us," a production of the LACC Theater Academy, has been chose for festival participation at the February 11th – 16th Region VIII Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival XL at CSULA. A panel will select four to six of the best plays to be showcased in the spring at the annual national festival at the Kennedy Center, all expenses paid! This year-round festival program began in 1969 with the goal of encouraging distinguished college theater. Break a leg, Theater Academy!

LACC Orchestra Concert Set

Music by Bach, Beethoven, Haydn, William Grant Still and Leroy Anderson will fill Clausen Hall 247 on Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free to this event, so come sooth your senses and support our Orchestra!

AVR Calculations are in...

We have received the AVR (Average Vehicle Rideshare) calculations for 2007 and LACC is 1.47 -- **We are 7 points higher than last year!** The AVR we need to meet is 1.50. Our Compliance Report will be sent to AQMD 2nd week in January 2008. We are in good shape as long as we have our good faith strategies in place (bus passes, birthday off, rideshare event, emails and flyers for marketing, glass cases, guaranteed ride home) to support and continue the program. Thanks to all who share rides and take mass transit!



Blackboard
Tools



Southern California Winter Institute - LACC. Wednesday to Friday, January 16-18, 2008. Registration scholarships are available for these workshops offered to LACC certificated and classified employees. <http://www.ccone.org/institutes/08winter/index.htm>

[Workshop I: Introduction to Online Teaching and Learning](#)

Are you interested in teaching online, but have never been exposed to the tools, methods, and pedagogical shift required to teach in this new context? Learn about the tools and techniques needed with other CCC professionals in a supportive, hands-on environment.

[Workshop II: Introduction to ETUDES Course Management Software](#)

This workshop will focus on an overview of the core ETUDES tools, features, and functions. The three-day hands-on workshop at the 2008 @One Winter Institute will be preceded by a one-week online portion to allow participants to apply the skills learned in a practice site.

[Workshop III: Introduction to Teaching with Blackboard](#)

Are you interested in learning how to use Blackboard to teach online? In this course, you'll experience Blackboard from both student and instructor perspectives, while creating your own online course.

[Workshop IV: Podcasting: Creating and Publishing Audio Content Online](#)

Ever wanted to broadcast course material on the Internet? Or host your own radio show? Podcasting tools have evolved to allow even the most novice of computer users to record, edit, and publish their work online.

[Workshop V: Moving Up to Office 2007](#)

Microsoft Office 2007 represents Microsoft's most significant upgrade to its suite of work-related applications yet. In this workshop, you'll learn tips and tricks in Microsoft Office 2007, with a special eye for how features work in both traditional and new systems.

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