

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Spring has sprung!

## Welcome Days!

Welcome to LACC's Spring semester! As of February 6, LACC's total credit active headcount is 7% higher than the spring 2007 numbers. Congratulations all! The January 23rd One Stop was busy from beginning to end with nearly 250 students checking in at the door! Our email and phone blasts reminding students to register has lead to some increased activity in admissions, but it's not too late to urge students to add classes! Do you have Spring schedules in your office to distribute to interested students? Have you helped a student find their way today? Let's remember -- **recruitment is a campus-wide activity!**

## The Dorsey Dons are Informed

Thanks to all departments who answered the call and provided materials to present at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Senior Meeting at Susan Miller Dorsey High School. Thanks to you, each senior and each parent were able to walk away from the meeting with LACC plastic bags (thank you, Vera!) filled with lots of information and goodies. More than 70 people came out in the pouring rain that night to get the update on their graduation requirements, financial aid forms and other information. Dr. James Rosser, president of CSULA, was also there to encourage the seniors to pursue higher education. I hope to help coordinate more high school presentations this spring to highten the awareness of LACC with parents and seniors and may call on you again to help us get the word out!

## IPASS is Back!

Only 5,000 IPASS stickers will be sold during the month of February to LACC students enrolled in eight or more units! These \$50 stickers will fit on the front of the student's Cub Card and enable students to ride the MTA busses and Metro trains through June 2, 2008. Payment must be made by cash only, except at the LACC Business Office where other forms of payment are accepted. Lost, stolen and/or damaged IPASS stickers will not be replaced. Remember these are only available for purchase through February!

## DATES TO KNOW

Wednesday, February 20th  
Cubs Under Construction

Town Hall

9 a.m., noon & 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 will be in the Center all day February 20 and this is your opportunity to talk to Harris representatives and learn how campus projects will affect you!

## Black History Celebration

The African American Heritage Committee is holding its annual Black History Month Celebration Thursday, **Feb. 28th** with an 11 a.m. program in the Caminito Theater and a noon lunch in the quad. Everyone is welcome to join in on the edification and ethnic foods!

## Spring Holidays

President's Weekend = Friday, Feb. 15 – Monday, Feb. 18, 2008

**Sat Feb 16 = Campus is closed.**

Spring Break = Monday, March 24 – Sunday March 30, 2008

**Sat March 29 = Campus is closed.**

Mon. March 31 = Cesar Chavez Day

Mon., May 26, 2008 = Memorial Day

Sat. May 24 = Campus is OPEN

Thank you

And have a great spring 2008!

## **Our Condolences to Normandy Juan**

Normandy Juan, who staffs our receiving department, lost his mother to a brief illness. Our sincere sympathies go out to Normandy and his family. Services for Zenaida Rafael Juan were held February 4<sup>th</sup> in the Faith Chapel of Forest Lawn.

## **WITHIN US Selected to Perform at Festival**

“Within Us,” a production of the LACC Theater Academy, has been chosen for festival participation at the February 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **The Sound of Music, LACC Style**

The Chamber Chorale (Music 561), an auditioned choir, meets Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 6:50 pm and the College Choir (Music 501), open to all, meets Mondays from 11:10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and Wednesdays from 11:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. The Spring Concert repertoire will include pieces by Benjamin Britten, Randall Thompson, Z. Randall Stroope, John Williams and more.

Auditions will be held during the first class meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, for the Chamber Chorale. If needed, private auditions can be set up. Chamber Chorale has participated in Music Association of California Community Colleges Conference each fall for several years and has also been featured at Disneyland as part of the Community Arts Showcase, two years in a row. Be a part of this great music making. Join now! For questions, please e-mail or dial extension 2885.

## **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>

The work of several Hewlett and Irvine grantees focused on improving outcomes for underprepared students is highlighted in “*Rethinking Remedial Education*”, an article that appeared recently in *Inside Higher Ed*. The article points to data that suggests students who fail may, indeed, have the ability to succeed, but don't sustain successful performance over time. Citing innovative programs such as the Digital Bridge Academy at Cabrillo College, projects supported by the SPECC program of The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and MDRC's SSPIRE program (funded by the Irvine Foundation), the article underlines the creative work being done across the state to help underprepared students succeed. I am sure you will enjoy reading about this groundbreaking work and the challenges ahead. The article can be viewed at: <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2008/01/29/california>.

**LACC Town Hall**

**Open to All on**

**Wednesday,**

**February 20th**

**Faculty/Staff Center**

**9 a.m., noon & 2 p.m.**

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



## **The Cubs Basketball Season is Wrapping Up!**

Our mighty men's basketball team recently won three straight home games! The first against Pasadena City College, then they crushed both ELAC and Pierce! Congratulations to the team, coaches and support staff! The Lady Cubs were outplayed by PCC's Lady Lancers and lost a close one to ELAC but they will meet them again for revenge matches on the 20th and 22nd of February. The next home game is on Feb. 15th, when the men will meet LATTC here at 7:30 p.m. Let's get out there and cheer on the Cubs!

## **Solar Seminar Set**

The first chemistry seminar of the spring semester will be: "Powering the Planet with Solar Energy," presented by Prof. Harry Gray of the Cal. Tech. Department of Chemistry. The seminar will take place on Tuesday, February 26, at 4 PM in the Chemistry Building, room 3, with refreshments at 3:45. Everyone is invited.

## **Security!**

In our on-going effort to enhance the overall safety and security on the campus, the sheriff's office provides a student escort service. Escorts are available free of charge Monday through Friday, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call #3 from an office phone, or 323.662.5276, or stop in the sheriff's office and make arrangements for a uniformed security officer or police cadet to safely escort you to your vehicle in an LACC lot.

## **News from Sacramento**

The System Office will be supporting the following priority legislation this year:

**AB 577** The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges is authorized to establish, once funding for this purpose becomes available, a competitive grant pilot program to provide faculty and staff from community college districts around the state with the information and methods to establish open education resource centers.

**AB1409** This bill would authorize school districts to enter into partnerships with community college districts to provide secondary school pupils with the opportunity to benefit from advanced scholastic, career-technical, or vocational work, or other coursework at a campus of the California Community Colleges.

**SB 413** This bill would instead require the open course provisions in statute or regulations of the board of governors to be waived for any governing board of a community college district that provides those classes for inmates, including inmates of state correctional facilities, and would authorize the board of governors to include the units of full-time equivalent students generated in those classes for purposes of state apportionments.

## **LACC Goes Blue to Get Green**

Staff and faculty can bring any paper that tears to the **blue bins** in the mailroom, AD317, financial aid office, reprographics, library, physics FH 223 or near the Harris Construction trailer. This new, to be expanded, recycling pilot program is being coordinated by the Student Environmental Club and our Facilities Department. Volunteers will move and empty bins and plan Earth Day activities in April.

## Spring Book Program

### Kickoff Set

A panel of guest speakers will kick off LACC's spring Book Program at 1 p.m. Monday, February 25th in the Faculty and Staff Center. This is the 6th year of the LACC Book Program, wherein faculty, students, staff and administrators read books during each academic year. Instructors also have the option of incorporating the text into their courses. The Book Program encourages creativity, conversation, community, and interdisciplinary planning while addressing the needs for intellectual enrichment and interaction across campus. Please join us Feb. 25th!

### Deadlines Approach...

the application deadline for the National Endowment for the Humanities Landmarks of American History and Culture: Workshops for Community College Faculty Grant is March 17th. Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=40455>.

### Conference Information

The American Student Association of Community Colleges is hosting its National Student Advocacy & Leadership Conference from **March 8 through 11<sup>th</sup>**

**2008** in Washington D.C. Conference highlights include:

- n All major Presidential Candidates are invited to address students
- n Advocacy, leadership and citizenship training and discussions
- n 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](http://www.asacc.org). Registration and hotel room block deadline is February 8, 2008.

### 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.

