

# Presidents' News Update



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## Presidents' Fall 2013 Welcome Message

Welcome back to LACC 2013 fall semester! I hope that all of you had a wonderful summer.

New and exciting changes have occurred since last semester. I am happy to highlight those changes in my new "Presidents' News Update".

My passion and priority has always been student success, and LACC faculty and staff share my passion.

Since fall semester has started you may have noticed that construction projects are still underway.

The good news is that we are close to completing the new Kinesiology building by winter 2013. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our two elected Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees, Mike Eng and Ernest Moreno.

I am excited to continue my work with the Board of Trustees to ensure student success continues here at City College.



**President Renée D. Martinez**

## LACC 2013 Faculty Symposium



President Renée D. Martinez and Trustee Mike Eng

On August 22, 2013 Los Angeles City College had its Faculty Symposium-FLEX DAY. Thank you to all faculty and staff who participated in this successful event. LACCD Board of Trustee Mona Field, Steve Veres, and Mike Eng attended.

Michael F. "Mike" Eng is an American politician and member of the Democratic Party. He previously served in the California State Assembly and the Monterey Park City Council, and was Mayor of Monterey Park from 2004-2005

## Faculty Symposium (cont.)

Several faculty members participated in the program session. Dr. Kalynda Webber and Dr. John Freitas presented topics on “what are the Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT)? How do you develop them and get them approved in time for June 2013 Board of Governors deadline?”

Dr. Daryl Kinney and Christina Heisser presented their discussion on Faculty Teaching Learning Academy

at City College (FTLACC).

Many other topics were presented and proved to be very informative for everyone.

Last, help me in welcoming LACCs’ ten new faculty members: Kim Dinh, Department of Chemistry, Phuong Duong, Department of Math/CSIT/CTEL, Nadia Elahi, Department of English/ESL, Mae-Ling(Shae) Hsieh, Department of Communication Studies, Kee Lam, Department of Math/

CSIT/CTEL, Christopher Rossiter, Department of Cinema/TV, Aykanush Ter-Pogosyan, Department of Child & Family Studies, Takui(Tina) Terzyan, Department of Child & Family Studies and Jennifer Vaughn, Department of Cinema/TV.



Robert Schwartz, President Renée D. Martinez, Marv Hoffman, Michelle Yanez, Trustee Steve Veres, Dean Allison Jones



President Renée D. Martinez (third from the right) and other administrators working hard to make sure everyone attending the Symposium is fed.

## LACC Celebrates “Welcome Back Week”

As summer break ends students, faculty and some staff return back to campus to begin another semester. LACC administration celebrated this week by having special activities on campus. The event was successful. Most students, faculty and staff participated.

“Welcome Back Week” is the week that campus Student Life, managed by Dean Earic Peters, helps by providing games, food vendors, music and much more. It is a way to show our students

that we are happy to have them back on campus. I would like to take this opportunity to wish our students a successful fall semester.

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## “Welcome Back Week”(cont.)



VP Paul Carlson takes his chances in the Dunk Tank



Dr. Ed Pai participates in “Welcome Back Week”



Dean Wil Marmelojo at the Dunk Tank

## Artist David Lloyd art celebration

Los Angeles City College Da Vince Gallery is thrilled to present a solo show of mixed media paintings by Los Angeles based artist David Lloyd in the gallery. A reception for the artists and the LACC community will be held Tuesday 9/10 from 12p -2p. There will be discussion with the artist at 1 pm in the gallery.

This show will run through September 27th. It is free and open to all. Gallery hours are 12-4, M-F, or by appointment. Contact Alexandra Wiesenfeld with any questions

A poster for an art exhibition by David Lloyd. The poster features a central illustration of a figure in a blue and white outfit, holding a rifle, standing on a yellow and green path. The background is a mix of purple, blue, and green. Text on the poster includes: "DA VINCI GALLERY presents David Lloyd Heliotrope September 9 - September 26", "Opening Reception Tuesday September 10 Noon - 2pm", "Artist Talk Thursday September 12 Starts at 1pm", and "gallery.lacitycollege.edu".

## LACC Theatre Academy Presents...

LACC's Theatre Academy will be hosting several plays. Please join us in award winning theatrical presentations for the fall sessions.

Listed below are the dates & times of the plays.

A poster for the LACC Theatre Academy 2013 Season. The poster has a red header with "2013 SEASON" and "LACC THEATRE ACADEMY" logo. The text lists three plays: "AUTO-PLAY" created and directed by Leslie Ferreira, "DEATH OF A SALESMAN" by Arthur Miller directed by Al Rossi, and "THE COMEDY OF ERRORS" by William Shakespeare directed by Louie Piday. The poster also includes a "more information" link: "theatreacademy.lacitycollege.edu".

## Los Angeles City College Entertainment Academy for Inspiring

The Los Angeles City College 2013 Summer Entertainment Academy for Inspiring Youth was held July 8 through August 3. Children ages 7 – 15 were introduced to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) through Visual and Performing Arts. The Academy is designed to develop strong character; facilitate our student's creative process from a conceptual phase through fruition; and provide a platform to demonstrate how Arts link to STEM.



The Academy hosted 36 student participants for 3 weeks. The students were mentored by LACC Theatre and STEM students, workforce education student workers and volunteers. The first week focused on leadership, goal setting, and self-visualization lesson plans including icebreakers, team building, science experiments and journaling. Additionally, the link to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Arts was developed in collaboration with our college students. It was also a time to get to know the students by relating to them by using fun science facts and improvisation.



At the end of week one, students were divided into three groups, to include: Film/Theater; Movement; Backstage Pass (Technical) and were presented with the script, preliminary list for props, set, and costumes and character breakdown sheet. The name of the script was "Fairy Tales on the Mars Frontier". It was the story of 3 Little Pigs and Pied Piper; location Mars.

Week two, students were well on their way to understanding how exciting the combination of STEAM could be (academically and professionally), and were especially excited about the script. This was the week of implementation of the script and lesson plan. Student actors were selected and were learning the script; dancers were chosen and started choreography. Back stage pass students started working on props, set and costumes. At a few intervals the science student mentors discussed the science in and behind the play to give the participants a greater understanding of the play.



The students culminated with a wonderful production that demonstrated their new skills and hard work. The parents and students were impressed with the outcome. On August 3<sup>rd</sup> every student had a chance to shine. The day concluded with a science presentation. World renown couture designer Kevin Hall (shown left and above with academy students), introduced an exquisite fashion show. The fashion show was a way to celebrate the students for all of their hard work.

Student Learning Objectives met were:

1. Students were able to demonstrate critical thinking skills by being able to make their own connections between STEM and the ARTS.
2. Students were able to work in successful collaboration with their peers by demonstrating respectful listening skills, constructive feedback, and taking on leadership roles when appropriate.
3. Students were able to have intrinsic motivation, developing multiple solutions to education challenges.