

**President's Thanksgiving Message  
November 19, 2012**

November has two holidays that we recognize and celebrate.

- **First, Veterans Day, dedicated to our armed services veterans. U.S. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed Armistice Day for November 11, 1919. In 1954, Congress amended the act of 1938 that approved Armistice Day, November 11, as a legal holiday and changed the name to Veterans Day.**
- **The second day we celebrate is Thanksgiving, which officially became an annual tradition in 1863 during the Civil War when President Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "thanksgiving".**

**But another day of celebration for us is November 6, when Proposition 30 passed.**

**I just want to "thank" administration, faculty, staff, students and community who put in so much time and effort in getting this Proposition passed. I want to especially recognize our ASG for their dedication to this endeavor. Students in our state of California came out in record numbers.**

**It has been a privilege to serve as interim President of Los Angeles City College for the past three months. During this time of financial severity and change, LACC continues to work together.**

**The success of our students is direct testimony to the dedication of our staff, faculty, and administration and members of our community.**

***Thank you* for your support and for your investment in the future of our students, our college, and our region.**

***Happy Thanksgiving!***

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