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LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH RECOGNIZED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES; SPECIAL EVENTS THROUGHOUT DISTRICT PLANNED IN OCTOBER

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Community College District (<u>LACCD</u>) Board of Trustees passed a resolution at its October 6, 2021 regularly scheduled meeting in recognition of LGBTQIA+ Pride Month. Full text of the <u>resolution</u> is included below.

This important resolution coincides with the <u>announcement</u> by the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on LGBTQIA+ Affairs, chaired by Trustee David Vela, regarding a month-long series of special events, lectures, readings, club meetings and activities happening now through November 5 at the District's nine colleges in celebration of "LGBTQIA+ History Month."

Use this link for a <u>curated list</u> of about 40 activities put together by the Committee. The list will be updated as other events or activities are added. While most of the events are in remote or social media platforms, there are several in-person events too.

The LACCD "Colleges of Los Angeles" include: Los Angeles City College; East Los Angeles College; Los Angeles Harbor College; Los Angeles Mission College; Los Angeles Pierce College; Los Angeles Southwest College; Los Angeles Trade-Technical College; Los Angeles Valley College and West Los Angeles College.

Attachments attached into Board Resolution and LGBTQIA+ History Month Announcement

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About the Los Angeles Community College District

We are the Colleges of Los Angeles! LACCD (<u>www.laccd.edu</u>) is the nation's largest community college district, educating about 250,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California's diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions. Follow us on Facebook, <u>https://www.facebook.com/LACCD</u>, @LACCD, and on Twitter, <u>https://twitter.com/laccd</u> @laccd and Instagram, <u>https://www.instagram.com/laccd_edu/</u>@laccd_edu.



LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, INTERSEX, AND/OR ASEXUAL (LGBTQIA+) PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, The month of June commemorates the anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising and subsequent pride and protest marches, including the very first Gay Pride Parade in the world, held here in Los Angeles on June 28, 1970; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ Pride Month from October 1 – 30 recognizes the resilience and determination of the many individuals who are fighting to live freely and authentically. In doing so, they are opening hearts and minds, and laying the foundation for a more just and equitable America; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month, affirms our obligation to uphold the dignity of all people, and dedicate ourselves to protecting the most vulnerable among us; and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Community College District supports the rights, freedoms, and equality of persons who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and/or asexual (LGBTQIA); and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Community College District has affirmed the lives of students of diverse identities and amplified the voices of those who have felt silenced through its groundbreaking LGBTQIA+ Bill of Rights, pledging and promoting to our 20,000+ LGBTQIA+ students a safe and inspiring teaching and learning environment free from discrimination and harassment, and ensuring equal and equitable access to our educational programs, services, and activities and promoting welcoming college communities through mutual respect, tolerance and acceptance among students and employees; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQIA+ community in the United States has made, and continue to make, vital contributions to our state, country, and to the world in every aspect, including in the fields of education, law, health, business, science, research, economic development, architecture, fashion, sports, government, music, film, politics, technology, literature, and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is for everyone to embrace who they are and let the world know, and to memorialize and commemorate members of the community who have lost their lives to hate crimes and HIV/AIDS, as well as promote and preserve the history and well-being of the LGBTQIA+ community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) hereby proclaims October as "LGBTQIA+ Pride Month" at the Los Angeles Community College District and encourages the District family and students to recognize and appreciate the achievements and contributions of this diverse community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chancellor distribute a copy of this resolution to all nine campuses to increase awareness about "LGBTQIA+ Pride Month".

Celebrate With Us! LGBTQIA+ History Month

Throughout October, special online and in-person events are planned at LACCD's colleges. The Chancellor's Advisory Committee on LGBTQIA+ Affairs has put together a curated list of events that you are welcome to access using the link below! More events will be added as they become available.

bit.ly/LGBTQIAHistoryMonth2021

READING CLUBS | ALUM MEETUPS | COFFEE HOUR SAFETY TRAINING | LECTURES | AND MORE!

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