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ENROLLMENT FOR L.A. COLLEGE PROMISE EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS PROGRAM REOPENED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15

LOS ANGELES— We care. We listen. We acted—just for you! The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) today announced it is reopening enrollment for its popular L.A. College Promise educational success program effective immediately. The new deadline to enroll-now in the Promise Program is **September 15, 2020** for the Fall 2020 Semester.

The <u>L.A. College Promise Program</u> is open to any first-time college student who enrolls full-time, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, social or economic background or immigration status. Apply today at http://www.lacollegepromise.org/apply.html before the September 15, 2020 deadline! Got questions? We got the answers! Email us at asklacp@laccd.edu.

"Today we are removing another obstacle for students so they can achieve their educational dreams," LACCD Board of Trustees President Andra Hoffman said. "We found out that many new students wanted to participate, but due to the pandemic and other issues, they missed the original application deadline. We listened to you. We want you. And we're excited to now welcome all who want to join us as L.A. College Promise students for the Fall semester."

The benefits of being part of the L.A. College Promise Program are clear:

- Guaranteed admission and classroom placement
- Priority educational and career counseling
- Assistance with financial aid
- A free Chromebook or similar device for remote learning
- Success and career coaching
- Structured educational plan to help reach your education goals
- Access to emergency aid and other support to address student needs
- Free tuition for two years during your full-time enrollment

"Our L.A. College Promise program gives students a clear path to completing their educational goals within two years, whether it's gaining skills for work through a short-term career education certificate or transferring to a four-year institution for a bachelor's degree—start with us! With guaranteed admission, priority registration and superbly dedicated faculty and staff combined with flexible schedules, technology and support systems, students can begin and achieve their dreams right here," LACCD Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D. said.

Promise students can attend any of LACCD's nine colleges, including <u>East Los Angeles College</u>; <u>Los Angeles City College</u>; <u>Los Angeles Harbor College</u>; <u>Los Angeles Mission College</u>; <u>Los Angeles Pierce College</u>; <u>Los Angeles Southwest College</u>; <u>Los Angeles Trade-Technical College</u>; <u>Los Angeles Valley College</u> and West Los Angeles College. *We are the Colleges of L.A.!*

The L.A. College Promise Program began in 2017 as a one-year educational and scholarship success program. The "Promise Program" concept has since been adopted by all California community colleges and in 2019 it was expanded to two full years with state funding support.

At LACCD, the current incoming class for the Fall 2020 Semester includes the District's fourth cohort of about 5,000 Promise students, plus about 3,000 students who are starting their second year. Since 2017, there have been more than 16,000 who have enrolled in the program. Additional information can be found in the program's <u>Digital Welcome Kit</u>.

About the Los Angeles Community College District

We are the Colleges of Los Angeles! LACCD (www.laccd.edu) 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, https://www.facebook.com/LACCD, @LACCD, and on Twitter, https://witter.com/laccd @laccd and Instagram, https://www.instagram.com/laccd_edu/ @laccd_edu.

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