



CITY CHATTER

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President Mary Gallagher

The LA County Department of Public Health expects us to move into the Orange Tier by next week and vaccinations are set to open for everyone on April 15. We expect to move into the Yellow Tier by fall. This means that we will be able to open to a 50% capacity on campus and enable us to open many more in-person classes. Our fall schedule will be out in late May with more information on classes and we will continue to keep you updated on our return to campus.

On Monday, March 29, we hosted a webinar featuring prominent doctors and scientists providing information on the vaccine process. To view the presentation, visit <https://youtu.be/lGbvKLnjs>



Upcoming Events

April 2 - 9

Campus Closed -
Spring Break

April 12

Late Start Classes Begin

April 15

Graduation Petition
Deadline

April 15 & 29

VAMA Artist Lecture Series

April 22

Dedication of
Community Garden

LACC in the News

Our campus has recently been in the news for our growing enrollment and accomplishments of our staff, faculty and alumni.

In March, Academic Influence released its first ranking of the best 50 American community colleges. The rankings were derived from an initial list of 839 community colleges in the country. **LACC was ranked the first best community college in Southern California, the second best community college in the state of California and sixth in the United States.**

Academic Influence used the same methodology it's employed to rank all kinds of higher education institutions, including liberal art colleges, research universities and international institutions. Its approach is based on the premise that the people affiliated with a school determine its quality. To measure that quality, a trademarked measure termed "Concentrated Influence" is computed.

Additionally, LAist and KPCC-FM reporter Adolfo Guzman-Lopez published an article about the success of our student outreach program, which can be viewed at <https://laist.com>



Photo by Joel Muniz

Resources for Students

As we continue to navigate the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, many students need assistance with basic necessities. This month we are highlighting local food banks and resources for food insecurity.

Food Oasis Pantry Locator

This tool shows all the food pantries in your area and gives directions.

Los Angeles Regional Food Bank

The Food Bank locator shows a map of pantries near your residence.

California Association of Food Banks

This food bank network works to ensure that vulnerable communities have consistent and safe access to nutritious food.

CalFresh Emergency Application

Students and families with low income can access CalFresh benefits to put healthy and nutritious food on the table.

My Friends Place offers to-go meals.



Hollywood Food Coalition

Free packaged evening meals are being provided nightly. No seating available. 6:15 p.m. – 8 p.m.
5939 Hollywood Blvd. - (323) 462-2032

Food Pantry at Blessed Sacrament

The Food Pantry at Blessed Sacrament distributes groceries every Saturday.
6657 Sunset Blvd, LA, CA 90028.

L.A. LGBT Center offers to-go meals.

Dream Center Food Truck

For locations call or email:
(213) 273-7042
foodtruck@dreamcenter.org

FREE Produce Box Giveaways!

Children's Hospital Los Angeles' upcoming produce distribution events with partners at East Hollywood Neighborhood Council, Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's office and Rick's Produce Market.

Rick's Produce Market Parking Lot

755 N. Virgil Ave, LA, CA 90029

Sunday, April 18th @10am

Sunday, May 16th @10am

Sunday, June 6th @10am

Sunday, June 20th @10am



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WiFi Parking Now Available at LACC

Students are now able to reserve a spot in parking lot 3 to access WiFi from their car.

We are currently scheduling thirty spaces with plans to add more.

Please visit www.lacitycollege.edu for more information.



Earth Day is April 22

Earth Day was founded in 1970 as a day of education about environmental issues, and Earth Day 2021 will occur on Thursday, April 22—the holiday's 51st anniversary. The holiday is now a global celebration that's sometimes extended into Earth Week, a full seven days of events focused on green living. The brainchild of Senator Gaylord Nelson and inspired by the protests of the 1960s, Earth Day began as a "national teach-in on the environment" and was held on April 22 to maximize the number of students that could be reached on university campuses. By raising public awareness of pollution, Nelson hoped to bring environmental causes into the national spotlight.



We have one day set aside each year to show our respect for Mother Nature, to appreciate the environment and what it offers, and to demonstrate support for nurturing the world that is our only home.

Here Are a Few Simple Ways You Can Make a difference:

- **Turn off the lights** when you leave a room.
- **Recycle** your cans, bottles and newspapers.
- **Avoid chemical cleaners.** Utilize baking soda, vinegar and other natural ingredients to clean pots, pans, bathrooms and other areas.
- **Keep hazardous waste out of landfills.** Things like old paint, electronics, metal, and batteries.
- **Embrace natural light** instead of turning light fixtures on during the day.
- **Eliminate vampire electronics** by unplugging them or using a power strip cord.
- **Plant some flowers that will attract bees to your yard.** Bees are responsible for pollinating many of the flowering and agricultural plant species worldwide. Without them, we'd be in danger of losing access to foods such as broccoli, asparagus, cantaloupes, cucumbers, pumpkins, blueberries, watermelons, almonds, apples, cranberries and cherries.
- **Conserve water by making and using a rain barrel.** If you install one or two barrels at your home or business, you can use rainwater to keep your lawns and plants irrigated through the summer, rather than using tap water. Plus, you can save money on your water bill.

