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West Los Angeles College & The University of West Los Angeles Partner to Serve Students Transferring and to Extend Global Outreach

West Los Angeles College (WLAC) and the University of West Los Angeles (UWLA) signed a formal partnership agreement on Friday, September 18. WLAC is a community college offering paths to university transfer, Associate degrees and career training. UWLA, best known for its law school, has recently added a school of business and an international program.



FRONT (from left): Robert Sprague, Interim President - WLAC; Hon. John Meigs; Robert Brown, President - UWLA

BACK (from left): Cheryl Walton, President of Angel City Chapter - The Links, Inc.; Pastor Jewett Walker, President - 100 Black Men of Los Angeles; Dr. Kathleen Burke, President - Pierce College; Sydney Kamlager, Trustee - LACCD; Dr. George McKenna III, Board Member - LAUSD

The West Language Academy at WLAC is a tremendous and convenient resource for international students who need to improve their English language skills before enrolling at UWLA. Aspiring UWLA students can even complete any outstanding general education requirements they may need at WLAC before embarking on their Juris Doctorate or Master's degree.

WLAC has been increasing its focus on global education by establishing a global studies Associate degree; incorporating global themes into the curriculum; welcoming international students; and increasing students' opportunities to study abroad. WLAC's long-time partners – the Young Black Scholars program, sponsored by 100 Black Men of Los Angeles, and The Achiever Program, sponsored by the Angel City Chapter of the Links, Inc. – will be working together with WLAC and UWLA to raise funds to support study abroad for WLAC traditional students and those in high school outreach programs connected with the college. Approximately 20 scholars will be selected for short-term study abroad scholarships by the 2016-2017 academic year.

WLAC students will also have the benefit of having another university that is available to them for a seamless "2+2" program. This is where WLAC students can complete a prescribed set of classes in approximately two years. After successful completion, the students are guaranteed admission to UWLA where they can complete a Bachelor's degree in just 2 more years. WLAC has such agreements with universities in California and around the country including Cal State Dominguez Hills University.

Additionally, the students from both institutions will benefit from joint educational and social enrichment activities, including but not limited to Law School 101, panel chats, shared use of libraries, distinguished speakers and workshops.

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