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**LONG BEACH
CITY COLLEGE**

A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT-PRESIDENT

Dear LBCC Campus Community,

Even with all of the changes each of us has experienced since March, there are some tried and true traditions at Long Beach City College that we cannot, and will not, let go of. Commencement was certainly one example. And College Day was another.

Yes, it took revamping, some scrambling and some good old fashioned out-of-the-box ingenuity, but we did it. Nearly 7,000 have watched the celebration for the LBCC Class of 2020 in June, and more than 1,500 LBCC faculty, staff and management tuned in for College Day in August. And while we missed the applause of the crowd and excitement in the air, we created meaningful, positive experiences for all. I admit, I was skeptical with these virtual events, but there has been something about them that have resonated with many of us, helping somehow for us to pay closer attention to the subjects at hand. And there is no better time than this year as we strive to look closely at our actions with a lens on true equity for our students.

Our College Day theme this year was, and **IS**, "Our Time is Now: Building Pathways to Full Equity."

Our special keynote speakers on Friday, August 28 were Dr. Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza and Jeramy Wallace – two of the authors of *Minding the Obligation Gap in Community Colleges and Beyond*. The book states, "It is our position that equity-centered community colleges hold the potential to call out, impede, and even disrupt institutionalized policies, pedagogies, and practices that negatively impact poor, ethno-racially minoritized students of color."

Well, LBCC is perfectly positioned to do these very things.

For years, equity has been an important topic here, but our time **IS NOW**. Right now, for real disruption when it comes to helping our students and breaking down systemic racism.

Another renewal of our commitment to ALL students, is with our partners in the Long Beach College Promise. On September 1, Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia, California State University Long Beach President Jane Close Conoley, Long Beach Unified School District Superintendent Jill Baker and I held a press event to announce to focus on doing more when it comes to ensuring access and success. The four of us have recently met with Black faculty and staff members at each of our institutions. The conversation has encouraged each of us to hold a true Academic Evaluation when it comes to the Promise. We can do more, and we can do better, as we accelerate our progress with a racial justice initiative. I look forward to LBCC actively participating in this movement.

In this time of change and adaptability, it is also time to renew our commitment to ALL of our students, and to take witness to the Viking spirit that remains strong.

I know that this Fall Semester looks a little bit different. But our mission and purpose are still the same. Our wonderful Viking family are still working hard to help our students achieve their educational goals. I wish you all a great Fall Semester!

Go Vikings!

Lou Anne Bynum
Interim Superintendent-President



2020 Faculty Art Exhibition

Sept. 10 thru Oct. 29

Instagram icon: @lbccartgallery1

SECTIONS



ON THE COVER:

The Long Beach Center for Economic Inclusion donated Chromebook laptops for 100 incoming LBCC students. On hand for the distribution was Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustee Vice President Uduak-Joe Ntuk (fifth from left), Long Beach City Councilman Rex Richardson (fourth from right), Long Beach Unified School District Board Member Megan Kerr (second from right) and many other partner organizations. Read more about this donation on page 6.

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COLLEGE DAY
2020

The first-ever virtual LBCC College Day was held on Friday, August 28 to the theme of “Our Time is Now; Building Pathways to Full Equity & Inclusion.”

After hearing updates from Board of Trustees President Vivian Malauulu, Interim Superintendent-President Lou Anne Bynum, the Vice Presidents and leaders from the campus constituencies, hundreds of LBCC Colleagues were logged in for the keynote address.

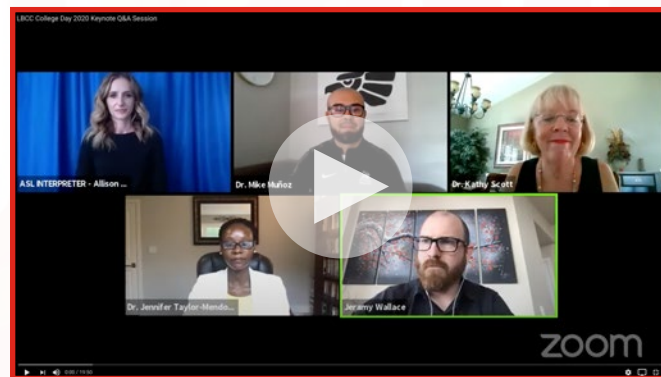
Dr. Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza and Professor Jeremy Wallace, the co-authors of *Minding the Obligation Gap in Community Colleges and Beyond: Theory and Practice in Achieving Educational Equity*, then presented honest and timely information on how LBCC can impede actions and policies that negatively impact our students of color. A live question and answer session was held after the presentation, followed by afternoon meetings.

Links to the College Day morning program and the question and answer session are below. Or visit www.LBCC.edu/collegeday.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR
U.S. VETERANS
AT LBCC



College Day 2020 Morning Session



College Day 2020 Q&A Session

Did you know Long Beach City College provides direct services to military Veterans returning to college? The Veterans Services Office provides counseling, resources and a safe space to meet fellow vets on the Liberal Arts Campus.

In addition, watch this [video](#) about the Veterans Services Office, and read the new [Student Veterans Resource Guide](#) which includes academic services, tips and profiles of veterans who currently work at LBCC.





LAPTOPS GIFTED TO 100 INCOMING LBCC STUDENTS



In computer image (left to right): Jeff Williams, LBCEI Interim Director; Dr. Mike Muñoz, LBCC Vice President of Student Services; Paul Kaminski, LBCC Foundation Executive Director; incoming LBCC student Jazlin Ochoa; Uduak-Joe Ntuk, LBCCD Board of Trustees Vice President; incoming LBCC student Mekhi Gordan; Long Beach Councilmember Rex Richardson; incoming LBCC student Dana Tripplett; Megan Kerr, Long Beach Unified School District Board Member; and LBCEI Board Member Sharon Diggs-Jackson.

Ochoa, Gordan and Tripplett are holding their new Chromebooks that they picked up from the June 22 event.

Councilmember Richardson, Long Beach Center for Economic Inclusion, BRIDGE Development Partners, Wells Fargo and human-I-T provided Chromebooks to North Long Beach students.

The Long Beach Center for Economic Inclusion (LBCEI) presented Long Beach City College (LBCC) a donation of 100 Chromebook laptop computers for LBCC students on Monday, June 22 as part of the citywide #InThisTogetherLB pandemic emergency response campaign. Together, LBCEI and LBCC distributed the 100 Chromebooks during an event at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library to incoming LBCC students who live in North Long Beach.

The #InThisTogetherLB campaign has been LBCEI's pandemic emergency response initiative that directed \$250,000 of program funding primarily from BRIDGE Development Partners, along with funding from Wells Fargo and the Office of Long Beach Councilmember Rex Richardson to support under-served families and underrepresented small businesses in North, Central and West Long Beach over the past two months. Funds have supported #InThisTogetherLB partner agencies in their community crisis relief efforts, including the contribution of Chromebooks refurbished by human-I-T for LBCC and YMCA students.

LBCEI, a community development corporation, aims to create an environment where everyone, including students, has a seat at the table and an opportunity to thrive. Youth development is a critical program element of the organization. One of LBCEI's #InThisTogether goals has included getting technology into the hands of young people in most need – especially in light of mandated online classroom instruction that students must currently participate in during the COVID-19 pandemic. Wells Fargo was the initial funding partner for LBCEI.

TWO LBCC JAZZ STUDENTS WIN

2020 DOWNBEAT MAGAZINE STUDENT MUSIC AWARDS



Student Music Award Winners
Victor Ochoa (l) and Sasha Ortega (r).

Long Beach City College students, Victor Ochoa and Sasha Ortega, are winners in the 43rd Annual DownBeat Student Music Awards (SMA) – considered to be the most prestigious award in jazz education.

Announced in the June 2020 DownBeat issue, Ochoa was named “Original Composition-Large Ensemble: Community College Winner” and Ortega was named “Vocal Jazz Soloist: Community College Winner.”

DownBeat is a preeminent American jazz magazine, established in Chicago in 1934 and is devoted to “jazz, blues and beyond.” The SMA was established in 1976.

Ochoa’s entry for the SMAs is titled “De La Rosa” – a big band arrangement based on a tune he had previously composed. To produce the entry, Ochoa set up a portable microphone during a LBCC Big Band class and recorded them playing his composition. Ochoa was featured playing alto saxophone. Besides this competition, “De La Rosa” was performed at the 2020 Jazz Educator’s Network Conference in New Orleans. Ochoa is currently working on a fully recorded and produced version of the arrangement.

Ochoa graduated from Lakewood High School in 2015 and then attended CSULB for three years as a Communications Studies major. He decided he wasn’t happy with that career choice and wanted to try music at LBCC. With LBCC assistant professor and director of Instrumental Jazz Studies Patrick Sheng’s help, he learned what it meant to be a jazz musician. Ochoa came to realize that music was his true career calling. His LBCC studies have focused on jazz saxophone, and he will attend Berklee College of Music in Boston in the fall, with a major in Contemporary Writing and Production.

“If it weren’t for me going in the wrong direction, I would have never found the right one,” said Ochoa. “I hope that I will be able to create music that is deep and meaningful to whoever listens to it.”

“Vic has been a great student, player, and person,” said Sheng, who is also a professional jazz saxophonist, composer and arranger. “He’s come a long way in his playing and he’s headed to the prestigious Berklee School of Music on scholarship – not an easy feat!”

Two songs were recorded by Ortega for her SMA entry: “Beautiful Love” and the 1938 Hoagy Carmichael classic, “The Nearness of You.”

Ortega graduated with honors from Lakewood’s Mayfair High School. She sang in the choir all four years and in the show choir her senior year.

During her first semester at Long Beach City College, she won a spot in LBCC’s audition-only ensemble, “The Lyrical Workers,” and became a section leader for the group. Last year she won a soloist award at the 2019 Reno Jazz Festival.

Ortega was also awarded the “Ella Fitzgerald Foundation Scholarship.” LBCC is one of only a few schools to offer this scholarship created with funds Ella Fitzgerald herself set aside to support jazz education.

Ortega graduated in Spring 2020 from LBCC and continues her studies in the fall as a transfer student at California State University, Fullerton.

“When there are no words, there is music. Sasha gets this on a deep spiritual level,” said LBCC Director of Vocal Jazz Studies Andrea Calderwood, herself a SMA award recipient. “Working with her has been a wonderful journey and I am lucky to have been there on that path with her for a moment in time.”

“It’s exciting and rewarding to see our students’ names gracing the pages of DownBeat,” said Sheng. “Most importantly, the music sounds good. Congrats to Vic and Sasha!”

For more information about LBCC’s Music program, visit www.LBCC.edu/music

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-Victor Ochoa



**Aaron Turner Receives
Classified
Employee
of the Year
Award
from Chancellor's Office**

Long Beach City College Custodian Aaron Turner was recently selected by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the Foundation for California Community Colleges to be named Classified Employee of the Year. Turner was one of six California Community College classified employees awarded this year.

Turner was selected by Long Beach City College and the District Board of Trustees in March 2020 as the LBCC nominee for the California Community Colleges Classified Employee of the Year Award.

The Long Beach resident began his career at LBCC as a custodian six years ago. He quickly earned a reputation for being helpful and friendly to staff and students when setting up events on both the Liberal Arts Campus and Pacific Coast Campus.

"I enjoy being able to be an asset to others and help make their days smoother," said Turner. "All the things I do on a daily basis for the College and my community are things I genuinely do because I enjoy it, not to be rewarded or acknowledged for. However, it is greatly appreciated to be recognized."

According to his supervisor, Operations Manager Cheryl Williams, Aaron is a true representative of the high standards of the Facilities Department.

"His work ethic and support has not gone unnoticed," Williams said. "We thank him for all his hard work and his positive work attitude. We are very proud to have him on our team."

During the COVID-19 closure, Turner said it has taken a getting used to in not having everyone together on campus. But he has also enjoyed some extra time at home to ride bikes with his kids and mentoring to young minorities in the community. Turner was integral in starting an African-American Fathers group in Long Beach that fosters relationships with youth and young adults in an effort to keep them on track, ensuring that they stay in school, and work toward a rewarding future.

The California Community Colleges Classified Employee of the Year award has been presented annually since 2009. Recipients have a minimum of five years of service as a permanent employee and are nominated by their colleagues and endorsed by the local board of trustees. Winners are selected by representatives from the Board of Governors, the Consultation Council and the Chancellor's Office on their commitment to the Vision for Success; the California community college's mission; professional ethics and standards; serving the institution through participation in professional or community activities; and serving as a leader beyond the local institution.

Congratulations to Aaron Turner!



**LBCC'S KIRSTEN MORENO
WINS 2020
FULL-TIME FACULTY
OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Kirsten Moreno, a tenured English Professor at Long Beach City College, is the 2020 recipient of the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) Full-Time Faculty of the Year Award in recognition of her many contributions to both the English Department and the LBCC Faculty Association union. The award was presented during the state-wide organization's annual Advocacy & Policy Conference in Sacramento on March 8.

"This award was such a humbling experience for me," said Moreno. "My proudest achievement, however, is being a former community college student. It is a source of pride to continue to be part of the California Community College system and work with the next generation of students."

Moreno has been teaching composition and literature courses at LBCC for 19 years. In addition to teaching, Moreno is committed to faculty professional development and efforts in support of her community college colleagues.

"I have known Kirsten Moreno since 1992 when she was my student in a critical writing course at Long Beach City College," said Professor Christina M. Guillen, the present-day colleague in the English Department who nominated

Moreno for the FACCC award. "Apart from being an exceptional student and tutor, I sensed even then that she would go on to do great things as an educator. However, I could not have anticipated the leader she would become at the very college where she began as a student." Her faculty leadership roles have included LBCC Faculty Association Vice President, President, and Chief Negotiator in collective bargaining where she helped to negotiate a salary increase, make improvements to the faculty evaluation process, and improve faculty working conditions – specifically campus and classroom safety.

"If it were not for Kirsten's efforts, instructors teaching online courses would not have the protections guaranteed by the Faculty Association contract," Guillen continued.

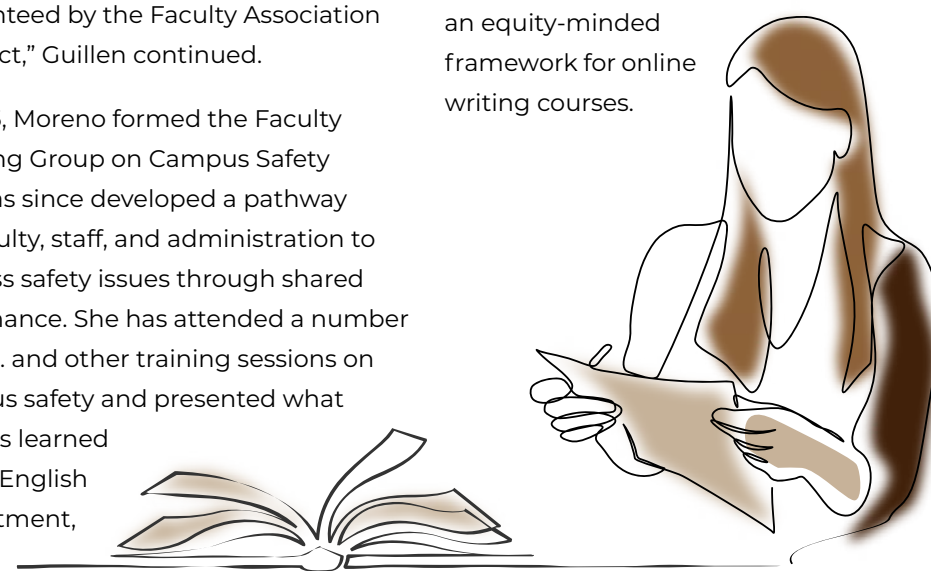
In 2015, Moreno formed the Faculty Working Group on Campus Safety and has since developed a pathway for faculty, staff, and administration to address safety issues through shared governance. She has attended a number of F.B.I. and other training sessions on campus safety and presented what she has learned to the English Department,

the Faculty Association, and the Academic Senate.

Moreno is a member of the LBCC Online Learning Faculty Advisory Network, served as English Department FLEX coordinator, and participated in the Faculty Mentorship Program, training and assisting new English faculty.

In 2018, Moreno received the prestigious California Teachers Association W.H.O. (We Honor Ours) Award and the Distinguished Online Educator Award at LBCC in 2019.

Currently, Moreno is working on her sabbatical project, which is focused on building students' success rates by applying Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning Theory into an equity-minded framework for online writing courses.





LBCCD BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESIDENT VIVIAN MALAUULU



RECOGNIZED WITH TWO AWARDS

Long Beach Community College District (LBCCD) Board of Trustees President Vivian Malauulu has won the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) 2020 Pacific Regional Trustee Leadership Award, as well as the 2020 Domenick Miretti Award by the Center for International Trade and Transportation (CITT).

The ACCT represents more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees who govern more than 1,100 community colleges throughout the United States. The ACCT annually recognizes trustees and other community college leaders in each of its five regions for their contributions.

President Malauulu will receive this notable award during the 51st Annual ACCT Leadership Congress in the fall. Additionally, as the Regional Award Recipient, President Malauulu is now a nominee from the Pacific Region for ACCT's prestigious M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership Award.

The CITT award selection committee, comprised of representatives from industry, labor, and education, unanimously chose Board President Malauulu from a strong group of candidates. The committee acknowledged that President Malauulu met, and in many cases exceeded, the qualities outlined in the review criteria. The award honors someone who demonstrates their efforts to foster partnerships along the supply chain, facilitating dialogue among industry participants, showing a long-term dedication to the trade and transportation industry, and earning the respect of a wide variety of stakeholders.

The Domenick Miretti Award will be officially presented to her at the Center's upcoming virtual State of the Trade and Transportation Industry Town Hall on October 6.

In 2016, President Malauulu became the first Latina elected to the LBCCD Board of Trustees. She served as Vice President of the Board from 2018-2019, and was elected as Board President in July 2019. She will hold this position until the next reorganization of the Board this December.

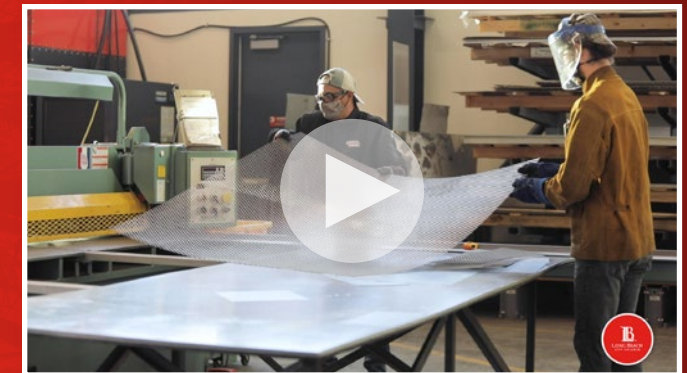
President Malauulu has 20 years as a full-time registered longshore worker at ILWU Local 13, and is also an educator, freelance journalist, community volunteer, and a wife and mother. She presently serves as the Benefits Officer for ILWU Local 13. She is the first woman in ILWU's over 81-year history elected as their Benefits Officer.

President Malauulu was recently appointed to the Los Angeles County Resiliency Task Force by the Los Angeles County Supervisors. This task force is a committee comprised of various local leaders to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 on the economy and reopening efforts.

VIEW US IN ACTION! WATCH THIS MONTH'S VIDEOS



Veterans Services Office



LBCC+CTE+PPE= The Place to Be in Fall 2020!



North Long Beach Laptop Distribution



LBCC Keeping the Promise



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LBCC Wins CCPRO & Telly Awards

Clockwise from top:
First place in banner/outdoor media
2nd place for 2019 Commencement Program
3rd place manipulated photo and poster category
3rd place novelty advertising



The Long Beach City College Public Affairs and Marketing team, led by Executive Director of Public Affairs and Marketing Joshua Castellanos and Associate Director of Communications Stacey Toda, recently received several recognitions for their work from the Telly Awards and from the California Community Public Relations Organization (CCPRO).

The department's media producers were among 12,000 entries from all 50 states and five countries to enter the Telly Awards. The Telly Awards recognizes work that has been created on the behalf of a client, for a specific brand and/or company or self-directed as a creative endeavor. The awards are judged by members of the Telly Awards Judging Council, a group of more than 200 working industry members who have previously won the accolade.

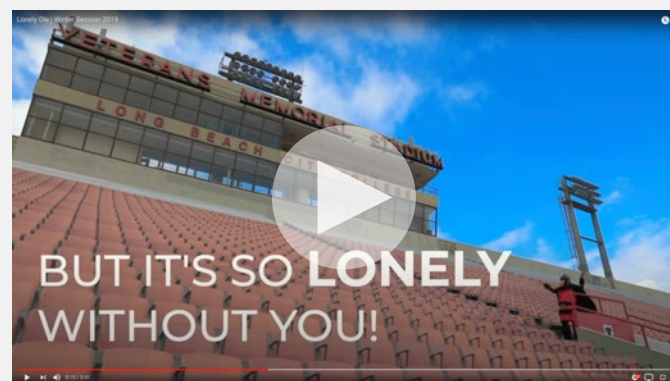


Silver Telly Winner
Online General-Educational Institution
Producers: Jerome Thomas and Stacey Toda



Silver Telly Winner
Social Video
Craft-Mixed Media
Producers: Jerome Thomas and Camille Bolton

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Bronze Telly Winner
Non-Broadcast
General-Educational Institution
Producers: Brad Crihfield and Jerome Thomas

The Telly Awards were founded in 1979 to honor excellence in local, regional and cable television commercials, digital video and television programming. The Awards annually showcase the best work created within television and across video, representing work from some of the most respected advertising agencies, television stations, production companies and publishers from around the world.

The team also won multiple 2020 CCPRO awards.

- First place in banner/outdoor media
- Second place for the 2019 Commencement Program
- Second place for direct mailer/postcard
- Second place in novelty advertising
- Second place for online newsletter
- Second place in print advertising
- Third place for manipulated photo
- Third place for poster category

The statewide Community College Public Relations Organization is a professional development and service organization that seeks to promote excellence in California's community college public relations and related professions. The organization serves as a central resource of information and provides counsel and assistance relating to the advancement of community colleges statewide and the professional growth of its members.



COLLEAGUE BRENNAN CARR SELECTED FOR CTE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Long Beach City College Associate Professor Brennan Carr has been selected as one of 18 participants from institutions across the nation to participate in the Postsecondary Career and Technical Education Research Fellows Program at North Carolina State University.

The program at the NC State College of Education is a \$2 million grant to enhance and strengthen postsecondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) research to improve student success.

Carr was encouraged to apply as he is working on his doctorate degree from Pepperdine University on a connected topic, the performance and attainment of student veterans in community college Career and Technical Education programs.

The fellowship is for one year and comes with a stipend for research purposes. The original plan also called for the Research Fellows to gather in person several times during the year to collaborate and discuss current issues in CTE, with the goal of publishing CTE research that is “actionable at the postsecondary level.”



Brennan Carr

“This research is meant to help administrators, policy makers, and other decision makers create or strengthen programs that lead to continued student success in postsecondary CTE,” says Carr, who had also been selected to speak at this year’s Council for the Study of Community Colleges conference last April, before the COVID-19 shut down.

“As academic scholars, the Fellows meet quite often via Zoom to discuss current topics in CTE and research best-practices. We also do informal writing sessions each week, as a way to keep ourselves accountable for results,” Carr added.

Carr has found that the fellowship has helped him in his continuing effort to help the non-traditional student.

“Overall, so far, this has been a very rewarding and well-managed program, despite the current challenges,” Carr said.

“I’m making connections and building relationships with other like-minded scholars who I’m sure I’ll be collaborating with on CTE research projects well into the future.”

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UPCOMING EVENTS SEPTEMBER

September 10–October 29
Faculty Art Exhibition
www.instagram.com/lbccartgallery/

October 28
Late-Start 8-week Fall Session Begins
Look through the Schedule of Classes [here](#).

Wednesday, September 30
Census Deadline
<https://my2020census.gov/>

*For more events and information,
visit LBCC.edu/calendar.*

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