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LBCC celebrated Black Heritage Month with several events, discussion groups and exhibits all throughout February. To learn more, including the closing events and the Black Student Resource Guide, visit

www.LBCC.edu/BlackHeritage.



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT-PRESIDENT

Welcome back to Spring Semester!

It is not only busy because of the semester start, but also because we are actively advocating for California Community Colleges during this time of year.

The dialog of advocacy season includes many conversations about budget and legislative priorities. Higher education leaders from across the state gather at the annual Legislative Conference each January in Sacramento, and leaders from across the nation travel to Washington D.C. during this time of year. It is all in the name of how we can better serve our students and improve our institutions.

It has become imperative for Long Beach City College's leadership and community college advocates to attend these legislative conferences. We work hand-in-hand with education lobbyists so that we stay up-to-date on important state and federal legislation, and policy initiatives. It also provides us with opportunities to help shape statewide policies and to contribute to the federal advocacy agenda. And most importantly, we set up meetings to speak with key members of Congress, the California State Legislature, and their staff about our concerns and higher education issues for the upcoming year.

At LBCC, we work to take stances on amendments regarding education budget proposals and legislation. During these times of new funding policies and changing student needs, we must have a strong collective voice for productive meetings with our state and federal representatives.

So that we are all aware of the conversations occurring in Sacramento, here is a quick update on the Governor's recent budget regarding community colleges:

- An increase of 3.9 percent to the community college system's general fund — well short of the 7.5 percent increase requested by the system's governing board.
- Significant investments in apprenticeship programs as well as spending to improve faculty diversity, establish food pantries, lower textbook costs and provide extra support services for immigrant students.
- The Governor also proposed spending \$15 million for a pilot fellowship program aimed at improving faculty diversity at community colleges, and \$10 million to support office hours for part-time faculty.

We will continue to keep you updated from our own advocacy efforts, as well as news we hear from the Chancellor's Office to ensure that our students' best interest is always at the forefront.



VIKINGS RETURN FOR *Spring* SEMESTER



While having the Spring 2020 semester begin on a Thursday was a little different, all went well on Feb. 6 with a full house of excited students back on each campus. Information booths and welcome back events were hosted to ensure that questions were answered and that students felt comfortable to enjoy all that Long Beach City College offers throughout the semester.





LBCC'S

BLACK HERITAGE MONTH

KICK-OFF CELEBRATIONS

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Dr. Mike Muñoz
Vice President
Student Services

Long Beach City College kicked-off February as Black Heritage Month with events at both campuses. Students, faculty and staff enjoyed cultural performances, culinary tributes, and the release of the first “Black Student Resource Guide.”

Black Heritage Month will close out with two events. Rise: Black Voices will take place on Thurs., Feb. 27 from 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the P Building, Liberal Arts Campus. Rise: Honoring a Dream will be on Fri., Feb. 28 from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the P Building Courtyard, LAC. More information on these two events, as well as the resource guide, can all be found at www.LBCC.edu/BlackHeritage.



PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE

ON RACE, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION RETREAT



On Thurs., Jan. 30, the President's Task Force on Race, Equity, and Inclusion convened for an all-day retreat.

Last spring and again in the fall, all faculty and staff were invited to join the task force, which was established to promote cultural competence and inclusion at Long Beach City College. Approximately 100 campus colleagues volunteered to serve on the task force. And nearly 60 colleagues attended the January retreat and represented a diverse cross-section of faculty, classified staff, and administrators.

Dr. Romali kicked off the morning by welcoming everyone and spoke about the genesis of the task force. A small group of Equity Institute participants presented about their experience in the fall training series specifically designed for a small group of campus leaders. Facilitators from Deanna Cherry Consulting, Inc., Deanna Cherry and Ric Vidal, engaged task force members in a trust exercise before participants shared about racial issues at LBCC.





ROTARY PRESENTS \$320K SCHOLARSHIP CHECK TO LBCC & CSULB

The Long Beach Rotary Scholarship Foundation presented a \$320,000 check to Long Beach City College and California State University, Long Beach on Feb. 1 during a CSULB volleyball game at the Walter Pyramid. Scholarship recipients from both institutions attended a reception prior to the game in which they were able to meet CSULB President Jane Close-Conoley and Long Beach Community College District Superintendent-President Dr. Reagan Romali, as well as members of the Rotary who donate scholarship funds annually.



EXCEPTIONAL PROGRESS

LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE MAKES PHENOMENAL PROGRESS IN STUDENTS EARNING DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Long Beach City College (LBCC) made exceptional progress in the [number of students completing a degree or certificate in the 2018-2019 academic year](#), and has risen dramatically in its statewide rankings.

LBCC accomplished the following in 2018-2019, creating a culture of exceptional student success:

#1 LBCC was the most improved among all California community college districts in the number of certificates awarded. The College moved into the 29th spot statewide, up from the 68th ranked spot. This result ranks LBCC as the most improved in the state.

#2 LBCC was the second most improved among all California community college districts in the total number of awards, including degrees and certificates. The College moved into the 42nd spot statewide, up from the 70th ranked spot. This result ranks LBCC as the second most improved in the state.

#8 LBCC was the eighth most improved among all California community college districts in the total number of degrees awarded. The College moved into the 54th spot statewide, up from the 69th ranked spot.

LBCC also saw a 29 percent increase in the Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT) awards. Students awarded with the ADT receive not only an associate degree, but also guaranteed admission to a California State University school. Impressive increases in ADT awards were especially seen for LBCC students of color:

- 53 percent increase for Asian and Pacific Islander students
- 48 percent increase for African American students
- 23 percent increase for Hispanic students

“Our students are very fortunate to have a very dedicated support system in place that truly cares about them achieving their educational goals,” said Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees President Vivian Malauulu. “Everyone who has a hand in each student’s academic journey while at LBCC - from the first admissions person they meet through every counselor, professor, coach, financial aid assistant, and on to cafeteria workers, custodians, and groundskeepers they meet throughout the day - all the way up to our administrators and my colleagues on the Board and everyone in between - we all care which is why our Vikings are completing degrees and graduating in record numbers at rates never experienced here.”

“WE HAVE MADE SURE TO ENHANCE EVERY ELEMENT OF THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT RESOURCES, EXCELLENT CURRICULUM AND TOP-NOTCH FACILITIES IN WHICH TO LEARN.”

“I’m proud that we’ve implemented a number of systemic programmatic and process changes at LBCC with the support of our talented faculty, staff and administrators,” said LBCCD Superintendent-President Reagan Romali, Ph.D. “Across the nation, community colleges struggle with identifying ways to best increase completion and provide students with relevant degrees that will place them on a prosperous career path. I think it’s clear that the team at LBCC has worked to improve the way we deliver programs and services to best meet student needs. While we continually seek to improve, we have made sure to enhance every element of the student experience to provide support resources, excellent curriculum and top-notch facilities in which to learn.”

BY THE NUMBERS

TOTAL AWARDS

This table shows LBCC's ranking amongst the 72 California Community College districts by Total Awards, Degrees Only, and Certificates Only for the last 2 years.

	2017-2018	2018-2019
Ranking for TOTAL AWARDS	70	42
Ranking for DEGREES	69	54
Ranking for CERTIFICATES	68	29

STATEWIDE IMPROVEMENT

RANK OF IMPROVEMENT

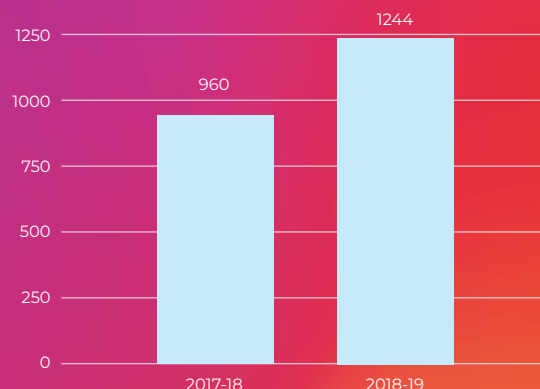
Ranking for TOTAL AWARDS	#2 most improved in the state
Ranking for DEGREES	#8 most improved in the state
Ranking for CERTIFICATES	#1 most improved in the state!

Institutional changes touched every corner of the college including:

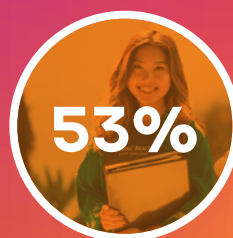
- Re-designing the entire enrollment management process, including making enhancements to outreach and the applicant experience
- Institutionalizing data-informed decisions
- Developing class schedules based on student demand
- Re-vamping the financial aid awarding process
- Providing accelerated Math and English classes
- Re-designing curriculum that meets industry standards and partnering with major local employers such as the Port of Long Beach for internship opportunities and career pathways
- Reinstating vocational and trades programs to meet industry need for skilled employees, providing students with opportunities for jobs in high-demand roles
- Creating culturally-relevant curriculum
- Building two-year course scheduling
- Increasing student support services such as mental health services and the Office of Basic Needs to assist students with housing, food insecurities and transportation
- Re-designing and accelerating developmental education
- Implementing Guided Pathways, a structured methodology for completing coursework that leads to graduation, transfer and job placement

The 2018-2019 findings were based on data standards provided by the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO). The data was calculated by LBCC's Institutional Effectiveness (IE) team that took information from the CCCCCO's DataMart to access Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES) and awards data for all California Community College districts. The IE team then calculated the ranking based on a ratio of FTES to awards.

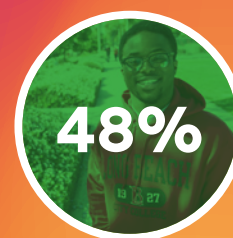
Increase in the Number of Associate Degrees for Transfer Awarded



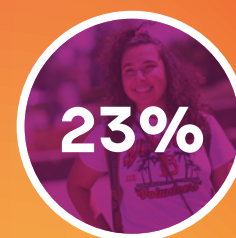
LBCC increased the number of Associate Degrees for Transfer by **29%**! Students who are awarded these degrees and meet the CSU's minimum eligibility requirements are guaranteed priority admission to a CSU campus.



increase in Associate Degrees for Transfer for Asian and Pacific Islander Students



increase in Associate Degrees for Transfer for African American Students



increase in Associate Degrees for Transfer for Hispanic Students



FIVE FOOTBALL VIKINGS SIGN LETTERS OF INTENT

The Long Beach City College football team saw sophomore wide receiver Zion Bowens, sophomore linebacker D'Anthony Jones, freshman wide receiver Tariq Culpepper, sophomore wide receiver Jabari Minix and freshman offensive lineman Teeshaun Turpin all sign National Letters of Intent to further their athletic and academic careers at the next level.

Bowens signed his national letter of intent with the University of Hawaii in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Mountain West Conference. This year, he had 203 yards in punt returns to put himself on the All-State First-Team. As a wide receiver, he averaged 67.5 receiving yards per game, while scoring eight touchdowns to also earn him a spot on the First-Team All-Conference offensive honors list.

Jones signed with the University of Houston in the NCAA Division I American Athletic Conference. This season with the Vikings, he earned top honors as the Defensive Player of the Year for the conference as he tallied 62 tackles, four interceptions, averaged 6.9 tackles per game and was second on the conference leaderboard with 10.5 sacks and 58 sack yards. He was also named to

the California Community College Football Coaches Association (CCCCFA) All-America First-Team and the Region III All-California team.

Turpin is also going into NCAA Division I at the University of North Texas in the Conference USA. This season Turpin took home First-Team offensive honors, as he was a force on the offensive line for the Vikings.

Culpepper signed with Arizona Christian University in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes in the Sooner Athletic Conference. This year, he totaled 154 yards with averaging 25.7 yards per game. He was a huge asset in the upset against Canyons as he totaled 68 yard in three receptions.

Minix is going to the Ottawa University Arizona in the NAIA Golden State Athletic Conference. He reeled in Second-Team offensive recognition in the 2017 season and totaled 51 receptions with 671 yards for the season. He averaged 61 yards per game and scored four touchdowns.

For more Athletics news, visit www.LBCCVikings.com.



TWO VIKINGS SELECTED AS COOKE SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALISTS

Samantha Oboro grew up in a strict, religious household in the West African country of Nigeria. Emily Thompson was a high school drop-out, addicted to drugs, living in Utah.

Today, the two are Long Beach City College students who are among this year's 456 semifinalists for the selective [Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship](#).

Through this scholarship, the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation supports high-achieving community college students as they transfer to some of the best four-year institutions in the country to complete their bachelor's degrees.

Thompson and Oboro, who will both transfer from LBCC at the end of this semester, were chosen from a pool of nearly 1,500 applicants attending 311 community colleges in 45 states and the District of Columbia.

"Year after year, we are impressed by the incredible talent and resolve of community college students," said Seppy Basili, executive director of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. "We are proud to recognize this outstanding group of semifinalists for their academic achievement."

Selected scholars will receive financial support for up to three years, comprehensive educational

advising, and the chance to connect with fellow Cooke Scholars.

Cooke Transfer Scholars are selected based on their exceptional academic ability and achievement, financial need, persistence, service to others, and leadership. Students must be currently enrolled community college students or recent graduates residing in the United States.

While Thompson and Oboro have very different journeys that lead them to LBCC, both share a gratitude and appreciation for the institution and the opportunities they have experienced while enrolled as Vikings.

Thompson, an Anthropology major, says she has had a "marvelous experience here" tutoring and working with the English Department on the Saga literary journal.

Oboro is a President's Ambassador majoring in biology and math who also works at the Math Success Center.

Four LBCC students have captured the coveted award over the past decade, including Lara Meintjes who transferred to Williams College with a full scholarship last year. The Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship recipients will be announced in April.

THREE COLLEAGUES TO BE HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE BY LEAGUE FOR INNOVATION



JOSHUA CASTELLANOS



WENDY KOENIG



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The Long Beach Community College District has announced the three Long Beach City College employees who have been nominated for the 2019 League Excellence Awards (previously known and celebrated as the John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Awards and the NISOD Award) by the League for Innovation in the Community College.

The 2019 recipients are: Joshua Castellanos, Wendy Koenig, and Ariane Le.

Joshua is the Executive Director of the LBCC Public Affairs and Marketing Office, overseeing Marketing, Communications, Outreach and Academic Partnerships.

He joined LBCC in 2018. Since then, he has lead his Public Affairs and Marketing team in earning multiple awards from the California Community Colleges Public Relations Organization, and garnered kudos for successful community events to inform the public of LBCC initiatives and programs.

Since arriving at Long Beach City College, Joshua has captured attention for tactical marketing campaigns for the Career Technical Education programs and trades, and increased advertisements and outreach



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efforts to the District community through direct mail, social media platforms and video production.

Before joining the faculty at Long Beach City College in 2014, Dr. Koenig was an Assistant Professor at Middle Tennessee State University and Associate Professor of Art History at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois.

Her own education is as expansive as her teaching career. She earned her Bachelor of Art from the University of Louisville in Kentucky, a Diploma in Decorative Arts from Glasgow University in Scotland, and Master of Fine Arts from Ohio University. While working on her Ph.D. at The Ohio State University, Dr. Koenig participated in graduate research and scholarships in France, Germany and Russia.

She has authored a variety of books, articles and essays primarily focused on the Holocaust, as well as multiple exhibition reviews and presentations on a variety of subjects within the arts.

At LBCC she teaches courses in Prehistoric, Gothic and Modern Art as well as Modern and Contemporary Art, African, Oceanic, Native American and Asian Art as well as Art Appreciation.

Recently she was also named a finalist in faculty innovation by the American Association of Community Colleges Awards.

Ariane is the Lead Library Technician at Long Beach City College's Pacific Coast Campus Library. She currently serves as the LBCC Classified Senator for Area 3. She was a member of the inaugural cohort of LBCC's LEAD Academy, a leadership professional development program. She is also an adjunct librarian, and is fluent in Vietnamese and French. She is known at LBCC as a conscientious colleague, a loyal friend, and ardently devoted to the College.

Ariane holds a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science (MLIS) from San Jose State University and graduated Cum Laude with her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from California State University, Long Beach.

Before her employment at LBCC, Ariane worked in the Orange County Public Library System and Golden West College.

The awards will be presented at the League's annual [Innovations Conference](#) in March.

MLK Day of Service: Vikings & Community Clean Out the Closet for Students in Need

In celebration of the 10th Anniversary of Leadership Long Beach's National Day of Service, the Long Beach City College President's Ambassadors selected the Viking Closet as its community service project for their academic year.

The President's Ambassadors contacted Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS), the club that currently runs the Viking Closet. The two groups agreed to team up on a "Day On, Not a Day Off" on Jan. 20 as part of the 20 projects selected by Leadership Long Beach to be host sites for improvement projects throughout the City.

More than 40 students, staff, and community volunteers arrived at the E Building of the Liberal Arts Campus to take on the organizational effort of creating a 'boutique style' shop out of more than 50 hefty bags and boxes of donated clothing, shoes, blankets



and supplies. The Associated Student Body provided funding for clothing racks, hangers and cleaning supplies.

The volunteers sorted for sizes and styles, students swept, and dusted. By 1 p.m., a new and improved Viking Closet had emerged.

A new feature within the closet is an area designated specifically with professional clothing. Students can easily select suits, ties, dresses and shoes appropriate for employment interviews and internships.

The successful day ended with students sharing passages and quotes of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"We had been trying to find the best way to use the grant we received by ASB for the Viking Closet," said student Yolanda Anguiano, AGS' Viking Closet Coordinator. "The closet couldn't be even more beautiful and we, AGS, look forward to continue the Viking Closet for many, many years to come."

All LBCC students are welcome to utilize the Viking Closet during hours of operation in the Spring semester, for one complete outfit per day as well as school supplies and hygienic items.



LBCC Pays Tribute to the MLK Legacy



At the 2020 MLK Parade on Jan. 18, the LBCC Viking ship floated down MLK Jr. Boulevard with several members of the Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees and the students of the Viking Activities Council aboard. Trustees also walked the route passing out Spring Semester fliers with Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Kathy Scott, Dean of Language Arts Dr. Lee Douglas, Executive Director of Public Affairs & Marketing Joshua Castellanos, and members of the President's Ambassadors.





VIKINGS PAY TRIBUTE TO OCC BASEBALL COACH

On Tues., Jan. 29, the LBCC Viking Baseball team held their season home opener and paid tribute to their opponents' head coach, Orange Coast College's John Altobelli.

Just two days prior, Altobelli was killed in a helicopter crash that also took the life of his wife, his daughter, basketball legend Kobe Bryant, Bryant's daughter, and four others.

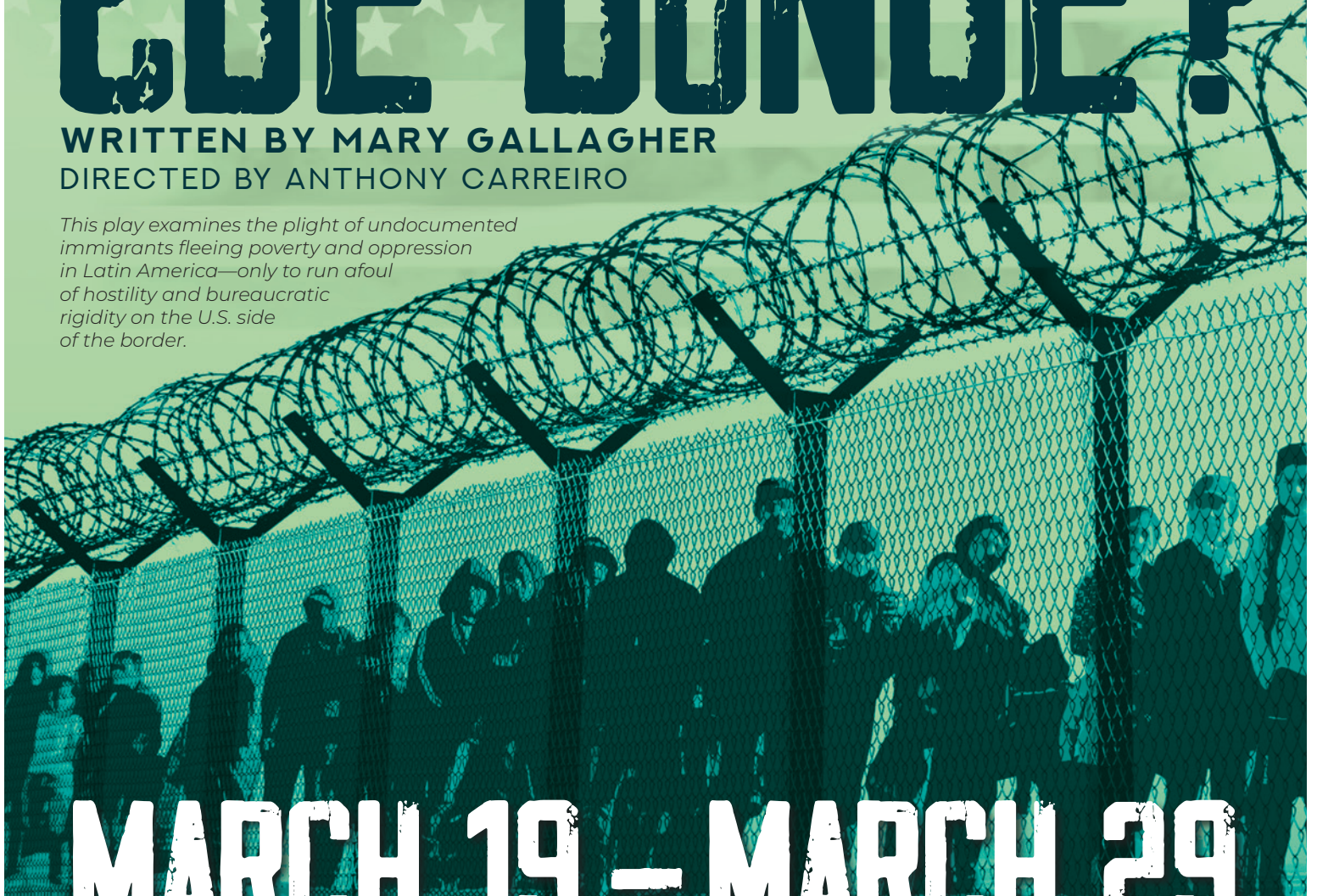
Despite the shock, the Orange Coast Pirate players voted to continue their season and LBCC Coach Casey Crook paid respect to his long-time colleague with words of reflection and a moment of silence before the game. College leadership, students and staff joined the crowd for Crook's tribute that also included Altobelli's number 14 on the scoreboard.

LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT
AND ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY PRESENT

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WRITTEN BY MARY GALLAGHER
DIRECTED BY ANTHONY CARREIRO

This play examines the plight of undocumented immigrants fleeing poverty and oppression in Latin America—only to run afoul of hostility and bureaucratic rigidity on the U.S. side of the border.



MARCH 19 – MARCH 29

THURS. – SAT. | 7:30 P.M. SUNDAY | 2 P.M.

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Accreditation Corner

**By Dr. Heather Van Volkinburg and Jennifer Holmgren
Contributing Writers**

This article is the third in a series of updates on the LBCC Accreditation Process.

To maintain accreditation with the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), Long Beach City College must demonstrate that it meets the standards of quality set by the ACCJC. As the campus kicks off our spring semester, we are beginning our evaluation of how well we meet the standards through the establishment of an Accreditation Committee Structure! As the College begins this process, we are highlighting each of the 13 Accreditation Standard Areas that the College is working to address in the Accreditation Corner.

In January, we highlighted Standard I.A: Mission. This month we are focusing on Standard I.B: Assuring Academic Quality and Institutional Effectiveness. This standard is all about making improvements based on evaluation to ensure the quality of our College's programs and services for students! To maintain accreditation, we must show that we are engaging in a cycle of continuous, systematic evaluation of student learning, student achievement, and the services our college provides.

LBCC has set cyclical internal planning and program review processes to support all areas of the college in using evaluations of their data to drive their decision-making, set goals for the future, and measure progress toward achievement of these goals.

You can view a snapshot of some of the ways LBCC is using data to increase student success in a presentation provided to our Board of Trustees on Using Data Mining to Drive Student Success, Completion, Transfer, and Revenue Generation at <https://tinyurl.com/LBCCstudentsuccess>.

Dr. Heather Van Volkinburg is LBCC's Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation Liaison Officer. Jennifer Holmgren is LBCC's Director of Planning. If you have any questions regarding accreditation, please contact Heather at (562) 938-4623 or hvanvolkinburg@LBCC.edu or Jennifer at (562) 938-4454 or jholmgren@LBCC.edu.

FEB/MARCH

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB. 27

BLACK HERITAGE MONTH

RISE: BLACK VOICES

WITH GUEST SPEAKER SHAQUILLE BREWSTER

5 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

P Building, LAC

FEB. 28

RISE: HONORING A DREAM

11 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

P Building Courtyard, LAC

MARCH 19

LONG BEACH READS ONE BOOK

7 P.M.

Hall of Champions, LAC

MARCH 19 - MARCH 29

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7:30 P.M. / 2 P.M.

LBCC Studio Theatre, LAC

For dates and show times, visit www.LBCC.edu/PerformingArts

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

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