

NEWSLETTER FOR THE LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE

CAMPUS COMMUNITY

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ON THE COVER:

Abimbola Idowu Mitchell was selected as Long Beach City College's 2020 Valedictorian. If you missed Abimbola's Valedictorian speech, visit www.LBCC.edu/Commencement.

A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT-PRESIDENT

Dear LBCC Campus Community,

You've been through a lot, Vikings. No doubt about it. You've already been through a change in leadership, a pandemic, and our Country is protesting against police brutality and racial inequality. And we're looking at a challenging state budget to cap it all off.

But I want to remind everyone of all of the amazing work you've accomplished in the past few months.

Thousands of courses moved online in mere days! Hundreds of faculty are now certified to teach online! People continue to show how much they care about their colleagues and students during this pandemic through messages of solidarity, and donating face coverings that they made by hand. For every challenge that has popped up, I see people rolling up their sleeves together to strategize and then take action.

Let's remember that we have a lot to celebrate as well. On June 12, more than 1,300 people tuned in live to watch the premiere of our inaugural Virtual Commencement Ceremony. To date, there are more than 6,200 views on YouTube and it grows every day. We couldn't be there in person to celebrate the Class of 2020, but we heard the well-wishes from the Mayor of Long Beach to our many faculty, classified staff and administrators on their recorded Zoom videos. It was incredibly heartwarming to read the messages of love, excitement and pride

from hundreds of family, friends to their LBCC grads in the live chat box during the premiere.

Lastly, we can all gather together as we celebrate our Viking team members and their well-deserved retirements. We couldn't be together on-campus, or off-campus to celebrate the four colleagues who dedicated decades of service to our students, their fellow colleagues and our community. Congratulations to:

- Joanne Breton (34 years)
- Michael Burke (12 years)
- Ann Mitchell (22 years)
- Debra Whitaker (15 years)

I wish Joanne, Michael, Ann and Debra a very happy retirement!

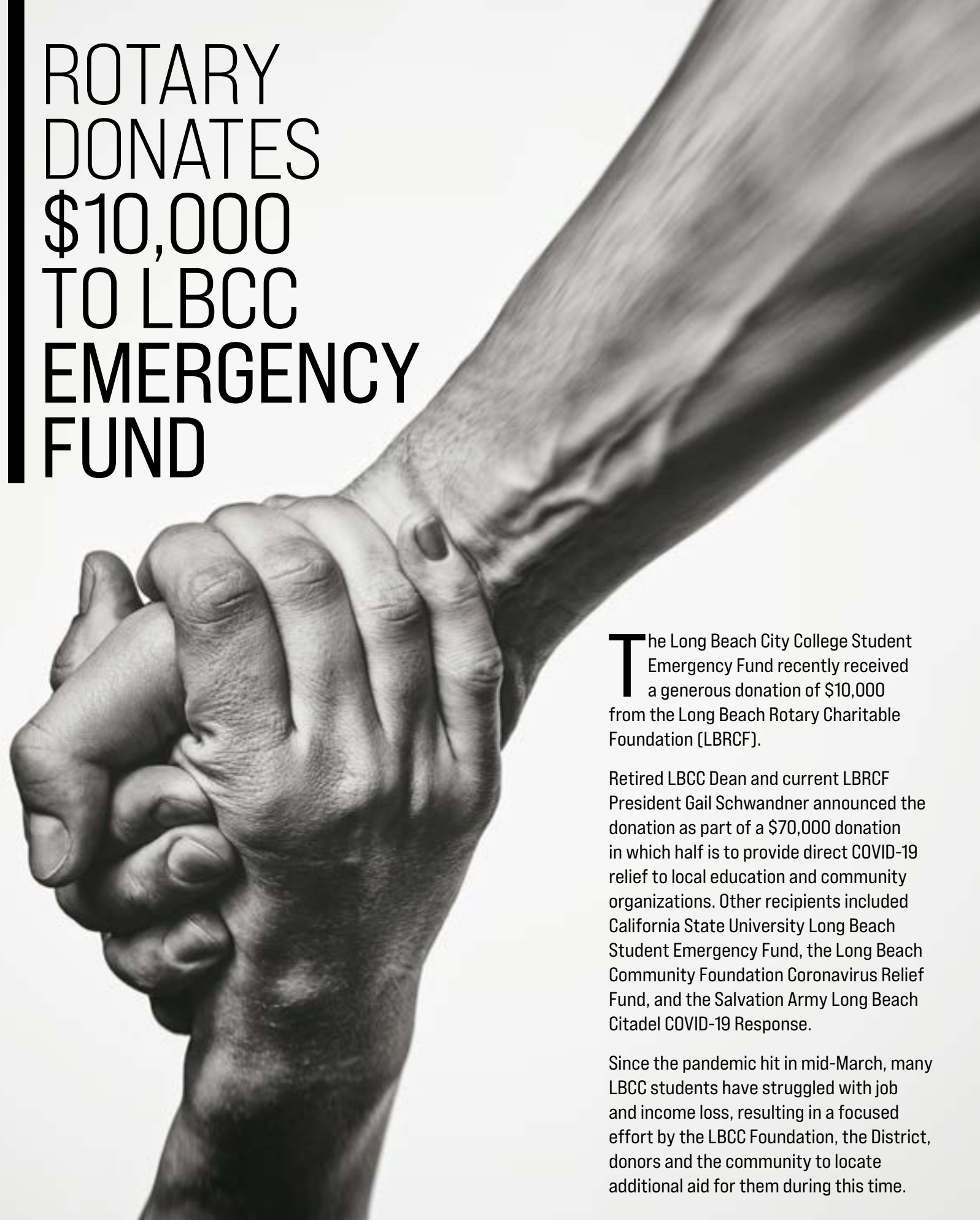
We've been through some really tough times, Viking family. But I've seen us get through it before and we'll handle it the same way as always – together.

Sincerely,

Lou Anne Bynum
Interim Superintendent-President



ROTARY DONATES \$10,000 TO LBCC EMERGENCY FUND



The Long Beach City College Student Emergency Fund recently received a generous donation of \$10,000 from the Long Beach Rotary Charitable Foundation (LBRCF).

Retired LBCC Dean and current LBRCF President Gail Schwandner announced the donation as part of a \$70,000 donation in which half is to provide direct COVID-19 relief to local education and community organizations. Other recipients included California State University Long Beach Student Emergency Fund, the Long Beach Community Foundation Coronavirus Relief Fund, and the Salvation Army Long Beach Citadel COVID-19 Response.

Since the pandemic hit in mid-March, many LBCC students have struggled with job and income loss, resulting in a focused effort by the LBCC Foundation, the District, donors and the community to locate additional aid for them during this time.

Viking Hearts: Together Apart

Donating Masks to Colleagues

Cathy Crane and Daron Sorg from the Performing Arts Department got their sewing machines out to create nearly 100 masks. These masks were given out to Long Beach City College's essential workers who are still on campus. Each mask took approximately one hour each to make.

Thank you to Cathy and Daron for your generosity and care for our colleagues!



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR GOODS MOVEMENT AND SUPPLY CHAIN TRAINING THAT LEADS TO IN-DEMAND JOBS

Spaces available for the Port of Long Beach
Maritime Center of Excellence at LBCC

The Port of Long Beach Maritime Center of Excellence at Long Beach City College (Maritime Center) is now registering community members who are interested in careers in the global logistics and supply chain industries.

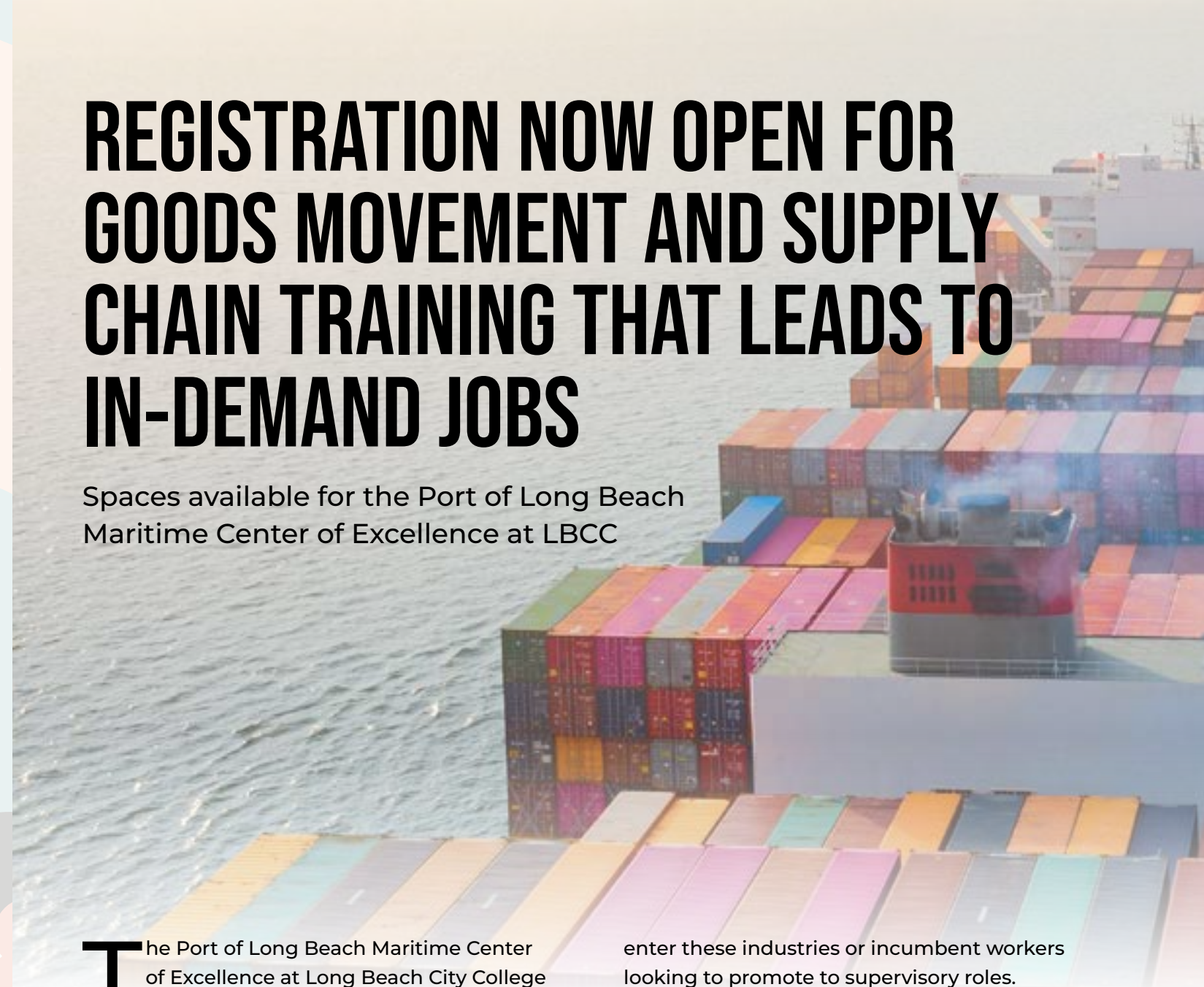
The Maritime Center is a professional development program that offers short-term online training for individuals interested in developing or expanding their skill set in the logistics, supply chain, and international business sectors. Training has been developed and is taught by industry professionals. Each highly intensive class includes skills and knowledge aligned with in-demand occupations such as Logistics Manager, Transportation Supervisor, Dispatcher, and Logistics Specialist. Classes are designed for individuals looking to

enter these industries or incumbent workers looking to promote to supervisory roles.

This program is being offered at a reduced rate due to the generous contribution of the Port of Long Beach and the California Community Colleges' Los Angeles Region Priority Sectors of Global Trade and Advanced Transportation and Logistics. Scholarships are also available. Class costs and lengths vary

For more information and to register please visit www.LBCC.edu/MaritimeCenter, call (562) 938-3248 or email wfdev@lbcc.edu.

The Maritime Center was established by the Port of Long Beach and LBCC in 2019.





LBCC Students & Staff Celebrate Class of 2020 at

'CAP & GO'

College staff and students from celebrating the Class of 2020 with a "Cap and Go" event held on Fri., May 22.

The first 200 Long Beach City College students to register for LBCC's virtual June 12 Commencement ceremony were invited to the Liberal Arts Campus to receive a Commencement bundle that included a free graduation cap and 2020 tassel.

Sponsored by the LBCC Alumni Association and Commencement Committee, graduating students drove to the top floor of the LAC parking structure. Students arrived to cheers, music and gifts – all in a socially distant safe presentation.

Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees President Vivian Malauulu, LBCC Vice President of Student Service Dr. Mike Muñoz, LBCC deans, and members of the Student Services team handed out custom Class of 2020 safety masks, and travel bags filled with goodies LBCCD Board of Trustees member Dr. Ginny Baxter arrived at the event dressed in her doctoral robe, cap, safety mask and gloves to presented diploma covers to students in their cars.

Each car and student was given a big Viking shout-out by the Alumni Association on the LBCC loud speaker as they headed back down the structure.



Congresswoman Judy Chu helped Long Beach City College mark the inaugural Asian Pacific Islander Desi Heritage Month celebration with a keynote speech discussing the rise of hate crimes against the APID community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The event with Congresswoman Chu was livestreamed on LBCC's YouTube channel. Click [here](#) if you missed the discussion.

The [Asian Pacific Islander Desi Student Resource Guide](#) is also available with a list of services, tips and profiles of LBCC APID faculty and staff.

LBCC Celebrates With INAUGURAL VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



(left to right) Valedictorian Abimbola Idowu Mitchell, ASB President Alyssa Tanez-Jones, Keynote Speaker Chef T

Long Beach City College produced a recorded ceremony for those receiving their Associate Degree of Arts, Associate Degree of Sciences, and Certificates of Achievement in place of the in-person ceremony this year. More than 1,300 viewers tuned into the streaming of LBCC's 2020 inaugural virtual Commencement Ceremony that premiered on Fri., June 12 on LBCC's YouTube Channel. To date, there are more than 6,200 views for the ceremony.

Some highlights from the Commencement Ceremony include:

- Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia kicked off the ceremony with a special message for the LBCC graduating class.
- ASB President and Class of 2020 alumna Alyssa Taneza-Jones provided welcoming remarks.
- Abimbola Idowu Mitchell delivered the 2020 Valedictorian address. The Nigerian-born Mitchell moved to Texas at the age of nine. She found herself living in her car by 2017, but soon discovered a new love and new life in Long Beach. The 26-year-old became a kinesiology major at LBCC, keeping a perfect 4.0 grade point average to qualify for the honor of applying for Valedictorian.

- Visoth Tarak Ouk, better known as Chef T, served as the 2020 Commencement keynote speaker. Chef T is a graduate of Long Beach City College's Culinary Arts Program and has gone on to become a local celebrity as the executive chef in Long Beach restaurants.
- The Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees, faculty, classified staff and administrators recorded congratulatory messages for the Class of 2020.
- Highlights from the May 22 Cap and Go event for graduates at the Liberal Arts Campus.
- Class of 2020 LBCC alumna Melissa McCullajh sang the National Anthem.
- LBCC alumnus Eddie Booze performed an original song that he wrote for the 2020 Commencement Ceremony.

In addition to the virtual ceremony, the Class of 2020 will be welcomed back to walk in LBCC's next in-person Commencement Ceremony in 2021.

Visit [LBCC's YouTube Channel](#) to watch the 2020 Commencement Ceremony.



HONORS PROGRAM RECOGNIZES TOP STUDENTS WITH SCHOLARSHIPS

The achievements of 86 Long Beach City College Honors students were celebrated Friday, May 29 through a virtual ceremony.

Honors Program Coordinator, Dr. Jeff Wheeler, hosted the event to congratulate students who finished more than five honors classes while maintaining at least a 3.25 grade point average.

“They are an accomplished lot in that they had to qualify to get into the program to start with, and maintain their status within the program,” Wheeler said.

Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees President Vivian Malauulu and Interim Superintendent-President Lou Anne Bynum welcomed the audience. Board Member Dr. Ginny Baxter and LBCC Foundation Executive Director Paul Kaminski provided a history on the funding of scholarships which included financial amounts of three levels; the President’s Scholars, distinguished honor graduates and honors scholars.

The Honors students represent 50 different majors, and will be attending eight different UC campuses, five CSU campuses, as well as private and public universities outside of California this Fall.



CLASS OF 2020: HONORS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2020 STUDENTS
WHO ACHIEVED SPECIAL HONORS THIS PAST ACADEMIC YEAR.

PRESIDENT’S SCHOLAR (3.75 GPA and higher)

AMANDA ABRAMOVITZ
JOHN ARCENO
JENNIFER BAKER
SREY NEANG BAN
CARLOS BARAJAS ANGULO
REESE BUTOROVICH
ALICIA CHHOY
CASSANDRA CRATTY
KRISSIA FLORES
SEBASTIAN FRISBIE
NATHANAEL GRINNELL
ANGELA GUTING
BEVERLY GUYUMDZHYAN
CELINA HALILI
THOMAS REYNOLDS
AUDREY RIDENOUR
HUNTER RODRIGUEZ
MARIANA SILVA
MAEGAN M. SMITH
EMILY THOMPSON
YASMIN KHAJAVIPOUR THOMPSON
SAVANNAH GRACE WOODS

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR (3.50 GPA – 3.749 GPA)

ANTHONY CABALLES
MARIA CARTER-CUADRA
J.D. ELSON
ALEJANDRO FLORES
JESSE GUTIERREZ
ELISE DAVIS
SCHADAWN MYERS
DAVID PRIETO PINEDA
DEYVANGELEHNA RACELIS
LESLY SORIA-RODRIGUEZ
EMILY VIRRUETA

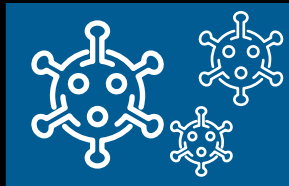
HONORS SCHOLAR (3.25 GPA – 3.49 GPA)

KATHLEEN BARNHILL
KAITLIN COVINGTON
MAXINE HUBBARD
OLIVIA PERDIGON
JOSE SALAZAR
NICHOLAS SANTOS
EVA SCHMIDT
SAM SCHULMAN
JACOB THOMAS
PEDRO VELASCO
HILLARY XING



LBCC

Prepares Students for COVID-19 Frontlines



For more information on LBCC's DMI program, visit www.LBCC.edu/dmi

For more information on LBCC's ADN program, visit www.LBCC.edu/rn

Three months ago, Long Beach City College, along with all other public education institutions across the state, closed its campuses to students in reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic. But as the health crisis grew, the number of current and future health care workers became an issue of concern. Both the Chancellor's Office and Governor Newsom urged community colleges to do what they could to help current students complete their studies so they could quickly move into the workforce.

In response to this call, Long Beach City College quickly assisted several health science students to complete their lab studies during a time when they are needed the most.

For the Diagnostic Medical Imaging (DMI) program at LBCC, faculty and administrators quickly developed a

plan for the 18 DMI students to complete their required state and national board competencies at LBCC's Liberal Arts Campus.

Timing was critical for the DMI students. The testing centers conducting the American Registry of Radiologic Technicians national board exam were reducing their capacity and the number of students to take the test due to COVID-19. With the next round of testing happening in August, the students needed to meet in person to fulfill their requirements. But LBCC needed to ensure the safest learning environment possible.

DMI students were scheduled in two-hour blocks with two students per appointment period. Faculty and students met on campus wearing PPE, had their temperatures checked, and screened for other COVID-19

symptoms before they stepped into the lab space. Inside the classroom, faculty and students practiced physical distancing. And the Facilities Department disinfected the labs, bathrooms and surrounding areas before, during, and after the scheduled student appointments.

The DMI students each completed approximately five simulation labs in three days and they are now eligible to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technicians national board exam.

The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) students also had to fulfill certain lab hours. With hospitals becoming stricter with who was allowed inside their medical centers, LBCC ADN students looked to be out of luck to meet their direct care requirements.

But things changed when the Board of Registered Nursing release their new COVID-19 guidelines. ADN students could use volunteer and tele-health hours to qualify as their care hours.

For the LBCC ADN students, they didn't have to travel very far for their volunteer hours. For the past few weeks, the City of Long Beach has used the massive parking lot at Veterans Memorial Stadium as a drive-up COVID-19 testing site. Through the City's Department of Health and Human Services and under the watchful eyes of LBCC ADN faculty members, ADN students are now volunteering at Vets Stadium. They are not only receiving direct patient care hours, but they are also giving back to the community by providing an important service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Journalism Students Win 15 Awards at Conference

The Viking News print edition took home the award for General Excellence at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges conference.

Long Beach City College students garnered a total of 15 wins at the conference in a variety of categories, including:

FIRST PLACE:

Magazine Photo: Fernando Pacheco
Sports Action Photo: Arlene Guerrero

SECOND PLACE:

Magazine Photo: Cassandra Reichelt

THIRD PLACE:

Magazine Opinion Article: Alyssa Vega

FOURTH PLACE:

News Photo: Abel Reyes,
Inside Page Layout: Viking News staff
Magazine Cover: City Magazine staff
Magazine Page Design/Layout: City Magazine staff

HONORABLE MENTION:

Magazine Illustration: Alyssa Vega
Magazine Photo Story/Essay: Fernando Pacheco
Magazine News Feature Article:
Fernando Pacheco & Anna Karkalik
Column Writing: Sabriyya Ghanizada,
News Story: Abel Reyes and Marissa Lopez
Feature Photo: Arlene Hawkins

For more information on LBCC's Journalism program, visit www.LBCC.edu/Journalism.

VIEW US IN ACTION! WATCH THIS MONTH'S VIDEOS



Commencement



End of the Year Celebration



APID Heritage Month



Classified Employees Week



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Public Affairs & Marketing Bring Home Gold & Silver Advertising Awards

Gold Awards



LatinX Heritage Month Campaign



2019 Year in Review Annual Report



Home of the Vikings mailer

The Long Beach City College Public Affairs and Marketing Department received multiple awards from the 2019 Collegiate Advertising Awards in the Business/Community College division.

The team received Gold awards for :

- 2019 Year in Review (Annual Report)
- Home of the Vikings mailer (Direct Mail – Single)
- LatinX Heritage Month campaign (Total Advertising Campaigns).

Additionally, the team received Silver for:

- Viking Athletic logo (Logos/Trademarks/Mascots)
- Trades Are Back outdoor signage (Outdoor Transit/Airport/Subway – Series)

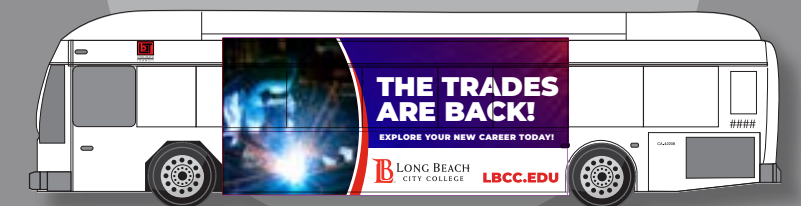
The Collegiate Advertising Awards is national program recognizing higher education organizations for excellence in communications, marketing, advertising and promotions of their schools. The 2019 CAA program received entries from the United States and Canada representing small community colleges to very large schools and universities. Submissions were reviewed and by a national panel of industry experts, with a possibility of 100 total points. LBCC's entries competed against similar-sized organizations in their specific groups and categories. Awards were issued for entries that received top marks from judges placing them in the top 16 percent of the nation for advertising excellence. Judging criteria included creativity, layout and design, functionality, message effectiveness, production quality and overall appeal.

Recently, Public Affairs and Marketing also received multiple awards from the 35th Annual Educational Advertising Awards.

Silver Awards



Viking Athletic Logo



Trades Are Back outdoor signage

CONGRATULATIONS LBCC COLLEAGUES ON

*Your
Retirement!*

Joanne Breton
34 YEARS
SCHEDULE SPECIALIST

Ann Mitchell
22 YEARS
PROFESSOR, PHOTOGRAPHY

Michael Burke
12 YEARS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OPS & MAINTENANCE

Debra Whitaker
15 YEARS
PROFESSOR, PHILOSOPHY

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UPCOMING EVENTS JULY

Wed., July 22
Board of Trustees Meeting
Virtual Monthly Meeting
4:30 p.m. – closed session
5:30 p.m. – open session
www.LBCC.edu

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

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