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LBCC has two Alternative Transportation Technology programs! One for Alternative Fuels and the other for Electric Vehicles.

Find out more at:

LBCC.edu/department-trades-industrial-technology



### MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT-PRESIDENT

February is full of notable days and observances including Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, the mark of the Lunar New Year, and Black History Month.

But Black History Month is bigger than just a month-long celebration to me. This is an opportunity for everyone to realize the accomplishments and struggles of those who came before us, and a way to celebrate the members of our rich and diverse community every day of the year.

At LBCC, it is critical for us to teach African American history and sociology to our students. Our students need to understand where they come from, what our history is as a country, and how they can make positive contributions to the future. And I want us to help our students translate their knowledge into action by joining clubs like LBCC's Umoja, the Black Student Union, our mentorship program, and the newly-chartered African-American Male Education Network & Development (A2MEND) program.

We have a variety of upcoming events that faculty, staff and students are helping to organize to honor Black History Month. Please encourage your students and colleagues to join us at events such as the "RISE: A Celebration of Black Heritage" event on Feb. 21, and "Power of Choice," a photo exhibit by LBCC alumnus Duke Givens starting Feb. 22. We will announce details on these and other events on our LBCC.edu/calendar and within "In the Loop."

I invite you to join me as we honor Black History Month at LBCC.



## COMMUNITY CAN SIGN UP NOW FOR GOODS MOVEMENT AND SUPPLY CHAIN CLASSES THAT LEAD TO JOBS AT THE PORT

The Port of Long Beach Maritime Center of Excellence at LBCC training starts this month

The Port of Long Beach Maritime Center of Excellence at Long Beach City College (LBCC) is now accepting registrations from community members who are interested in the global logistics and supply chain industries. LBCC's Workforce Development will be offering these short-term fee-based educational classes.

Beginning in February at LBCC's Pacific Coast Campus, the training series will target occupations in the global logistics and supply chain industries that require more education than a high school diploma, but less than a college degree. These industries are expected to have continued growth and demand for trained workers in Southern California with the average annual wage of \$63,130, approximately 14 percent higher than all other industries in Southern California.

Training will prepare people for positions in:

- Supply Chain Customer Service
- Foundational Logistics
- Dispatching for Logistics
- Intermediary Logistics
- Supervisory Transportation Operations
- International Transportation & U.S. Customs
- Supervisory Goods Management

To accommodate work schedules, training will take place in the evenings and on Saturdays. Costs will vary between \$495 and \$795 per class, but scholarships will also be available.

In 2018, the Port became the first industry partner to join the Long Beach College Promise and agreed to support the Maritime Center of Excellence's inaugural year.





# LONG BEACH COLLEGE PROMISE 2.0 COMPETES AT PRESTIGIOUS 2019 BELLWETHER AWARDS

Earns top ten finalist position for national community college honor

Considered as the equivalent to the Academy Award for community colleges nationwide, Long Beach Community College District (LBCCD) placed in the top 10 of more than 1,000 community colleges as a 2019 Bellwether finalist for its Long Beach College Promise 2.0 Program at the Community College Futures Assembly in San Antonio, Texas. Of the 1,000 programs reviewed by Bellwether, this puts LBCCD in the top one percent of all community colleges nationwide.

A team presented "Promise 2.0: Partnerships Championing a Decade of Student Success" to a panel of judges on February 4. This was an in-depth examination of the ground-breaking partnership between: Long Beach Unified School District; LBCCD; California State University, Long Beach; the City of Long Beach; and the Port of Long Beach.

"This honor puts the Long Beach Community College District and our community on the national stage, proving once again that there is no better place when it comes to providing the very best for our students and our citizens," said LBCCD Board of Trustees President Sunny Zia. "The thought that a child could be born in communities such as Avalon, Lakewood, Long Beach, and Signal Hill and have a seamless pipeline to universal pre-school, high-quality K-12 education, excellent higher education, and a rewarding career is nothing short of amazing."



Marcia Parker hosts the Promise 2.0 information table in San Antonio.

The team from Long Beach included: LBCCD Superintendent-President Dr. Reagan Ferragamo Romali; LBCCD Executive Vice President/Academic Affairs Dr. Kathy Scott; LBCCD Vice President of Student Support Services Dr. Mike Muñoz; LBCCD Executive Director of Public Affairs and Marketing Joshua Castellanos; LBCCD Senior Director of Community Relations and Academic Partnerships Marcia Parker; California State University, Long Beach Associate Vice President of Research & Sponsored Programs Dr. Simon Kim; and Port of Long Beach Communications and Community Relations Director Kerry Gerot.

"This was a monumental team effort in both making Promise 2.0 a reality for our students and in capturing this tremendously impressive honor," said Romali, who was one of the few community college presidents to present with her team at the Assembly. "The way our LBCCD team can collaborate with our wonderful College Promise partners, forming bonds between the institutions, expanding on ways to help students succeed for this effort was proof to why this partnership is so exceptional."

Promise 2.0 offers a wide range of benefits. By attending LBCCD, students have access to the Port of Long Beach, other industry partners, and their vast employment network. Long Beach Unified School District seniors who attend LBCCD the fall semester immediately following their spring 2019 graduation will also receive two years of free tuition at LBCCD (students should demonstrate successful progress towards a certificate, degree, or transfer each term).

For LBUSD seniors who enroll at LBCCD and are interested in transferring to CSULB, Promise 2.0 also offers the following benefits:

- Dual advising under a "cohort" model from both LBCCD Counselors and CSULB Academic Advisors.
- Access to special events and a student ID card for both LBCCD and CSULB.
- Career exploration activities with both LBCCD and CSULB.

The Bellwether College Consortium is a group of colleges charged with addressing issues facing community colleges and recognizing excellence and innovation in one of three categories: instructional programs and services; workforce development; and planning, governance, and finance. Annually, the Community College Futures Assembly reviews over 1,000 community college programs in the areas of workforce development, instructional programs and services, and planning governance and finance. Peer-reviewed committees judge entries in each of the three categories to select 10 finalists to showcase their projects, one of which was LBCCD's entry. As a finalist, LBCCD will now be included as a member of the Consortium.



Front row: Dr. Mike Muñoz Back row, left to right: Kerry Gerot, Joshua Castellanos, Marcia Parker, Dr. Reagan Romali and Dr. Kathy Scott

# ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUSINESS SERVICES HONORS ITS EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Administrative and Business Services (ABS) recently announced its 2018 Classified and Management Team Employees of the Year.

Sharon Olsen of the Cashier's Office and Sandy Rice of the Purchasing Department captured the Classified Staff Employee of the Year. Director of Business Services Bob Rapoza won for Manager of the Year.

An annual tradition since 2005, all members of the ABS division are encouraged to nominate fellow co-workers they feel went beyond the call of duty in their job. All nominees were recognized at an event hosted by the division's Vice President, Marlene Drinkwine, who then made the final selection and announcement.

Not to be confused with the District's college-wide annual Outstanding Colleague Award, the ABS event is a way for the Administrative and Business Services team to recognize work within its own division. A plaque recognizing all former recipients hangs on the second floor of the Administration Wing of the T Building.



(Left to right): Sharon Olsen, Vice President Drinkwine and Bob Rapoza.



(Left to right): Sandy Rice, Vice President Drinkwine and Bob Rapoza.



### NEW STUDENT EQUITY FACULTY COORDINATOR

Congratulations to Dr. Matt Lawrence as the new Student Equity Faculty Coordinator.

We look forward to Dr. Lawrence continuing and building upon the great work of LBCC's previous Student Equity Faculty Coordinator Shauna Hageman.







Moises Gutierrez



Kenna Hillman



Robert Rapoza

# LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE PROMOTES FOUR FROM WITHIN FOR ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Four current Long Beach City College employees were recently promoted.

Sonia De La Torre-Iniguez, who had been serving as LBCC's Director of Student Success since 2016, will become the Associate Dean of Student Support Services. The Cypress resident holds a bachelor's degree in Communications from UC Davis, and a master's degree in Educational Counseling and Guidance from CSU San Bernardino.

Associate Professor of Mathematics Moises Gutierrez is the new Associate Dean of Health, Kinesiology, Science and Mathematics. The CSULB graduate earned his bachelor's degree and master's degree in Applied Mathematics. He also attended Cerritos College. Gutierrez is a resident of Long Beach.

Kenna Hillman began her LBCC career as a senior clerk in 1990, and since 2001 has served as a Counselor. Hillman is now the new Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. She attended LBCC as a student before receiving her Bachelor in Fine Arts degree in Drawing and Painting from CSULB. Hillman also received her Master of Science in Counseling from the University of La Verne.

Robert Rapoza, LBCC's Auditor since 2008, has been selected as the new Director of Business Support Services. Rapoza graduated from CSULB with a bachelor's degree in Economics. He is also an award-winning adventure author and a resident of Rancho Palos Verdes.



## SPRING INTO THE SEMESTER!

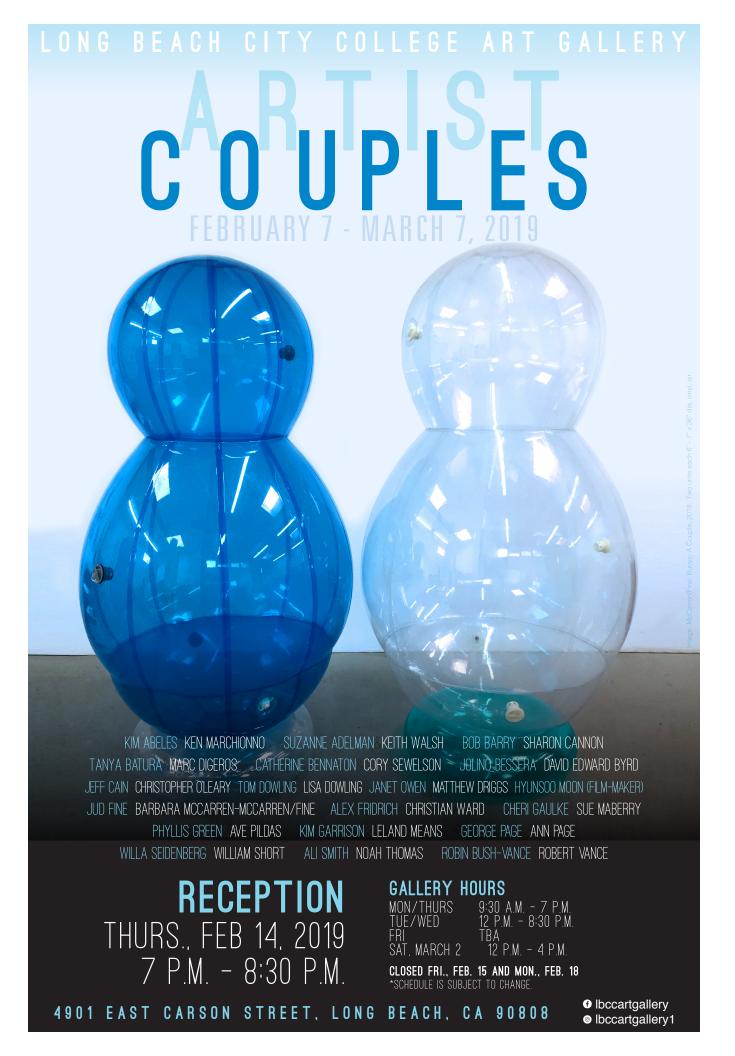
Spring Semester started with plenty of student selfies and Ole the Viking sightings around campus.













BUILDING T, ROOM 1200, LIBERAL ARTS CAMPUS

THURSDAY FEBRUARY

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HISTORIC EXHIBIT: 2 - 4 P.M.

WELCOME RECEPTION: 4 - 4:30 P.M.

PROGRAM: 4:30 - 7 P.M.

#### PLEASE JOIN AS WE CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

- African dance by LBCC students
- Distinguished Panel Dialogue
- FRFF refreshments

**FREE** event for all LBCC students, faculty and staff! Contact **RKnox@LBCC.edu** for more information.

Event Sponsored by Umoja and Student Equity Initiative



### FEBRUARY/MARCH

#### **FEB. 20**

CTE Career Connection Day | 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. PCC

#### **FEB. 21**

Join a Club Day | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

E Quad, LAC

Rise: A Celebration of Black Heritage | 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

T-1200, LAC

#### **FEB. 22**

Power of Choice Opening Reception | 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

T Bldg., LAC

#### **FEB. 27**

**Board of Trustees Meeting | 4:30 p.m. – closed session | 5:30 p.m. – open session** T-1100, LAC

#### **MARCH 1**

Spring Sing Student Variety Talent Show | 7 p.m.

E Building, LAC

#### **MARCH 4**

Major Exploration Day | 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

PCC Lawn

#### **MARCH 12**

Major Exploration Day | 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Front Lawn of A Building, LAC

#### **MARCH 14 - 16**

The Crucible | 7:30 p.m.

LBCC Studio Theatre, Building H, LAC

#### **Be Social with LBCC!**

Connect with Long Beach City College and check out our latest videos, campus activities and upcoming events on our social media platforms!









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

# VIEW US IN ACTION! WATCH THIS MONTH'S VIDEOS

















SPRING SEMESTER LATE-STARTING CLASSES BEGIN MARCH 3

**REGISTER TODAY!** 

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