



Long Beach City College

Alumni Association Newsletter

March 2016

2016 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

Nominations are now open for the Long Beach City College 2016 Alumni Hall of Fame. This is the most prestigious award given by the college. The criteria for Hall of Fame nomination is as follows:

- Ten years must have elapsed since candidates attended Long Beach City College.
- Candidates must have a proven track record of achievement in their chosen career, service to the community, or area of endeavor.
- Candidates must have gained local, state, or national recognition.

The deadline for nominations is March 31, 2016.

Get the Alumni Hall of Fame Nomination form at <http://www.lbcc.edu/Alumni/Hall2016.cfm>

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

The Long Beach Post has named Long Beach City College alumnus **Efren Luna** as the Long Beach Arts Advocate of the Year. The distinction is part of the Best of Long Beach 2015 in the Arts, Culture & Entertainment category. Luna is active in the Cultural Alliance of Long Beach, a collective that supports working artists in Long Beach.

Efren earned an AA in Studio Art at LBCC in 2003 & went on to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drawing and Painting at CSULB. One of his favorite classes at LBCC was Professional Skills for Artists taught by Linda King, which teaches business skills for artists, such as portfolio development, creating a resume & applying for grants. In fact, Efren & other local artists who took the class plan to offer a similar class to the Long Beach community of artists through the Cultural Alliance of Long Beach.



Congratulations to Efren Luna!

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS (Continued)

LBCC alumna, **Tasha W. Hunter** is Uptown Property & Community Association's new Business District Manager. Uptown is North Long Beach's business improvement district covering Atlantic Avenue from Artesia Street to Market Street. Tasha will manage operations to rehabilitate properties, support local businesses, & partner with North Long Beach residents on community projects.

Tasha, who lives in the Uptown area, has experience managing complex projects & teams, large-scale event planning on projects, film & television production, project negotiation, marketing, & budgeting.

She serves on the Arts Council for Long Beach Board of Directors & volunteers with Champions for Caring Connections Homeless Outreach Program. Tasha holds a MFA in Film & Television Producing from Chapman University, a Bachelor's in Film & Television Production from UCLA, & an AA in Journalism from LBCC.



Congratulations to Tasha W. Hunter!

SIGNING DAY 2016

LBCC recently hosted a signing day for student athletes from the school's football, soccer, baseball & cross country teams, as those Vikings signed their letters of intent to attend college's around the country. Signing students from the football team that advanced to last year's Southern California Championship include defensive lineman **Josh Fatu** (USC), defensive end **JJ Allen** (Arizona), offensive lineman **Nick Jordan** (Duquesne), linebacker **Thomas Patolo** (Eastern New Mexico) & defensive backs **Keanu Hill** (Tulsa), **London Iakopo** (Louisville) & **Courtney Crockett** (Idaho State). Defensive end **Matt Boesen** signed a letter of intent last month to play for Texas Christian University.

Vikings Assistant Football Coach Brett Peabody was especially proud of these players academic success in addition to their on-field success. This is a group that really embraces the classroom & the gridiron. Football is only part of the puzzle he added, making sure they earn a degree is the most important aspect.



PCC BUILDING GG RIBBON CUTTING

Long Beach City College celebrated the grand opening of a new, \$23.4 million Student Services Center at the Pacific Coast Campus on February 17.

The 38,555-square-foot building houses all student services for PCC including Admissions & Records, Financial Aid, Disabled Student Programs & Services (DSPS), Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS), Student Counseling, Student Health Services, the Cashier's Office & Dining Services. It also contains two classrooms, a multipurpose room, courtyard & covered barbeque area.

The Student Services Center was financed through Measure E bonds, which granted \$616 million for capital projects in 2002 & 2008. The new Student Services Center, also known as Building GG, is part of a series of new & remodeled buildings under LBCC's building & modernization program.

The building was designed to meet Silver certification requirements in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system for environmental quality.



**LBCC Board of Trustees VP Irma Archuleta, Trustees President Doug Otto,
LBCC VP Ann-Marie Gabel, Trustee Sunny Zia,
Superintendent-President Eloy Oakley, Trustee Ginny Baxter &
Long Beach 7th District Councilmember Roberto Uranga**

LBCC PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS – ‘The Great White Hope’

Thursdays & Fridays, March 10-11 & March 17-18 at 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays, March 12 & 19 at 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

In the LBCC auditorium.

A Pulitzer Prize, Drama Critics and the Tony Award Winning Play, *The Great White Hope*, a fictional, idealized life story of boxing champion Jack Johnson focuses on a racist society & explores how segregation & prejudice created the demand for a "Great White Hope" who would defeat Johnson & how this, in turn, affected the boxer's life and career. A tragic hero, cheated, degraded, & at last brutally beaten. The interracial romance is scandalous to the public, & Jack battles prejudice from bloodthirsty boxing fans, relentless newspaper reporters & fight promoters. People of his race embrace him for his pugilistic prowess & at the same time think he is a traitor for loving a white woman. Under the direction of Gregory Mortensen & a stellar cast this play will leave you wondering if we as a society have really made any progress.

Purchase tickets online at www.lbcc.edu/performingarts or call Ovation Tix at 1-866-811-4111. Pre-sale \$15. At the door \$17.

Free parking in lots D, E & F.

No one under the age of 15 allowed.

