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More than 900 Guests and Nursing Graduates Packed the Auditorium at Long Beach City College

Long Beach, CA, June 5, 2013 – The Long Beach City College Nursing Program celebrated the achievements of over 100 graduates last night at the annual “Nursing Pinning Ceremony.” A total of 102 graduates (56 Registered Nurse graduates, 19 Vocational Nurse graduates and 27 Medical Assistant graduates) were ceremoniously pinned in front of hundreds of families and friends.

“This is my favorite ceremony of the year,” said Paul Creason, Dean of the School of Health, Science and Mathematics. “The families and friends are so proud of the graduates, as they know how hard they have worked. It is a tribute to the faculty that these students are so well prepared. There was a real buzz in the air felt during the celebration.”

The graduates come from all walks of life. Kayla Lewis was recognized for her outstanding achievement as a nursing student and received the “Award for Excellence.” Her name will be engraved on a plaque, along with past winners, and prominently displayed in the halls of the Nursing Department. The faculty nominated Lewis for this prestigious award, with the criteria being: having a GPA of 3.0, evidence of community service during the nursing program, professionalism, and being a great role model. Lewis will also receive a check of \$250 to help with her state board exam fees.

Shalon Easley, one of the three graduate speakers, is a St. Mary Nurse Scholar who has a Registered Nurse position secured in early August. Easley is on the President’s Full Scholarship to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at Cal State University, Dominguez Hills.

Laura Marmar is a graduate from the Registered Nurse program at LBCC with a Bachelor of Health Science. She serves as an ambassador for OneLegacy, a transplant donor network serving Southern California. Marmar is deciding between Sacred Heart University and Loyola University New Orleans for her Master of Science in Nursing.

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Erin McCoy, Medical Assistant graduate with an Associate Degree in Medical Assisting, plans to apply to the Registered Nurse program in the near future. Department Head Patty Bucho describes McCoy's leadership as one that "motivates everyone to get things done and to try it first." Bucho adds: "Erin loves the medical assisting program here at Long Beach City College."

The common goal among many of last night's graduates is that they are committed to continuing their higher education in nursing.

About Long Beach City College

Long Beach City College is one of the largest single college districts in the California Community College System. LBCC is a comprehensive college which provides quality educational programs and related students services to nearly 30,000 students pursuing a wide range of degrees, certificates, transfer and other courses of study. LBCC is recognized throughout California and the nation as a leader in efforts to improve college preparation, access and success through the Long Beach College Promise Partnership, with the Long Beach Unified School District and California State University, Long Beach, and its Promise Pathways initiative. The College has received several important recognitions including: finalist for the 2013 Exemplary CEO/Board Award of Excellence from the American Association of Community Colleges, winner of the 2012 RP Group's Excellence in College Research Award for development of a predictive placement model, recognition by the White House Initiative for Excellence in Hispanic Education in 2010 and recipient of the California Community College Chancellor's Office Student Success Award in 2009.

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