President’s Message

To Our Long Beach City College Community:

On behalf of Long Beach City College faculty and staff and our Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees, I am pleased to present our Annual Report to the Community for 2015.

Since 1927 Long Beach City College has been educating and preparing students for career success, whether they move directly into the job market or transfer to a university. Nearly 30,000 students each semester look to LBCC to help meet their career and educational goals. Thousands more are served though our economic development and job training initiatives, which directly contribute to job creation, business growth and a stronger regional economy.

I am proud of all that Long Beach City College’s students, faculty and staff accomplished last year. It is an honor and a privilege for all of us to serve our community as we prepare our students to succeed in their chosen careers and future educational pursuits.

Thank you for your ongoing support of student success at Long Beach City College.

Sincerely,

Eloy Ortiz Oakley
Superintendent-President
Long Beach Community College District

College Mission

Long Beach City College promotes equitable student learning and achievement, academic excellence, and workforce development by delivering high quality educational programs and support services to our diverse communities.

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LBCC 2015 By the Numbers

33,566 Students served
1,110 Associate Degrees total awarded
463 Associate Degrees for Transfer awarded
392 Certificates of Achievement awarded
36 New full-time faculty hired
82 New classified employees hired

$1.5 million Amount of scholarships awarded to LBCC students, the most of any single year in College history.

$0 The new tuition cost for a full academic year at LBCC for Long Beach Unified School District graduates, under an expanded Long Beach College Promise.

$5 million Amount awarded to the Long Beach College Promise by the state for innovation in higher education.

1,380 Jobs created by the Los Angeles Regional Small Business Development Center hosted by LBCC.

150 Business owners graduated from Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program at LBCC.
Awards, Accolades and Achievements

Long Beach City College and its students, faculty and staff, continued to earn recognition for notable achievements in 2015, including:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges upheld Long Beach City College’s full accreditation status.

For its work to provide greater access and support for veterans, LBCC was once again named a “Military Friendly School” by Victory Media, a trusted resource for veterans.

Student robotics team VX Industries competed in an international underwater robotics contest against 35 college teams from around the world. The LBCC team was the only college in Southern California to advance to the international competition in Newfoundland, Canada.

LBCC was chosen frequently as a place for top state and local elected officials to visit and host events, including California Assembly Speaker-elect Anthony Rendon, State Senator Ricardo Lara and Assemblymember Patrick O’Donnell.

The NAACP Long Beach Branch honored Board Trustee Dr. Virginia Baxter, former LBCC faculty member and alumna Dr. Minnie Douglas, LBCC faculty member Janét Hund and LBCC student Shirley Valverde during the annual Women’s History Month celebration.

(Left to right) Janét Hund, Shirley Valverde, Dr. Virginia Baxter and Dr. Minnie Douglas were honored by the NAACP Long Beach branch.

An inaugural class of 32 faculty and staff graduated from the LEAD Academy, a new educational and development program at LBCC.
Andrew Fuenmayor, LBCC senior research analyst from the office of Institutional Effectiveness, was recognized by the California Association for Institutional Research for contributions to the practice and understanding of institutional research.

Students representing LBCC’s chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers competed in the annual Red Bull Flugtag competition in Portland, Oregon in July. The students beat more than 500 competitors to earn a qualifying spot.

Sigma Pi Administration of Justice students and faculty members earned multiple awards at the American Criminal Justice Association, Region 1 Fall Conference.

The *Viking* newspaper and its student journalists won nine top awards in a competition against 50 other community colleges at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges state convention, including the overall “General Excellence” award.

LBCC’s two student radio stations received the Spirit of College Radio Award from the College Radio Foundation. KLBC Radio and KCTY Radio “The City” beat out 800 other college stations in 43 countries. LBCC was the only community college to receive this recognition.

LBCC now has its own weather station at the Liberal Arts Campus thanks to Physical Science Instructor Kim Hatch and a LBCC Foundation grant. The weather station is designed to support student learning for the weather and climate course taught by the Physical Science Department.
Another Outstanding Year for LBCC Vikings

It was another strong year for the Viking athletics program, led by new Athletic Director Randy Totorp.

Men’s Water Polo captured its 10th State Championship in program history with a thrilling 12-11 win in overtime. Head coach Dave Kasa was named the State, Southern California and South Coast Conference Coach of the Year, while freshman Giorgio La Rosa was named State Tournament, Southern California and Conference Player of the Year.

The Women’s Water Polo team was named South Coast Conference champion, with sophomore Makenna Oberst named the SCC Player of the Year.

Football earned its best season record in nearly 20 years, 10-2, and advanced to the Southern California Championship game. Despite a championship loss it was another impressive season for head coach Brett Peabody, who led the Vikings to capture a Central League Championship and a second consecutive bowl game.

Baseball head coach Casey Crook earned his 509th career victory during 2015. Cook is only the second coach at LBCC to achieve more than 500 wins and trails coaching legend Joe Hicks with 513 wins. Nolan Flashman, Sean Hale and Nick Wood of LBCC Baseball were named to the 2015 California Community College Baseball Coaches Association Academic All-State team.

The track and field team sent two athletes and a relay team to the California Community College Athletic Association State Championship. Freshman Chantel Dunson captured a gold medal for the Vikings, taking first place in the triple jump. She is LBCC’s first female track and field State Champion since 2006.

After capturing a South Coast Conference championship for the first time since 2006, the Men’s Soccer team was honored with 11 All-SCC postseason awards. Head coach Cameron Beaulac was named the South Coast Conference Coach of the Year for the fourth time in his 12-year career at LBCC.

August “Augie” Luuga received the Bob and Nell Kariger Award from the Long Beach Century Club for his many contributions to LBCC’s Athletic Department.

Sports information specialist Chris Ruiz was recognized by his statewide colleagues with the top award from the California Community College Sports Information Association.

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Advancing the Regional Economy

One of LBCC’s central missions as a state community college is to provide education, training and services to improve the workforce and advance California’s economic growth and global competitiveness. In 2015, the college continued to be a driving force in the region’s economy through innovative economic, entrepreneurship and workforce development efforts.

innovate!socal and Innovation Fund SoCal
Long Beach City College’s innovate!socal 2015 conference brought together hundreds of regional entrepreneurs. The conference highlights included the announcement of two companies, AuraLife and Trace-Ability, Inc., each winning the 2015 Innovation Fund SoCal award, a $50,000 no-interest loan.

Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Southern California Region
The partnership between LBCC and Goldman Sachs continues to produce strong results with the 10,000 Small Businesses (10KSB) initiative. With the Southern California Regional Center for 10KSB headquartered at LBCC, this “mini-MBA” program provides business and management education, support services and access to capital for entrepreneurs who are seeking to grow their established small businesses. In 2015, more than 150 local entrepreneurs celebrated the completion of the program. More than 650 business owners have graduated since 2010. This year the 10KSB program partnered with Los Angeles County and the City of Long Beach during Innovation and Entrepreneurship Weeks where more than 220 business owners and business leaders participated in the SoCal 10,000 Small Businesses Alumni Summit.

Workforce Development
LBCC’s Workforce Development program offers training and professional development for individuals and companies to meet the needs of regional employers. LBCC’s commercial driver training program will expand and recruit more women thanks to a $220,000 grant from Jobs for the Future and the Walmart Foundation. The Workforce Development team also launched the LINCS Supply Chain Management Program in 2015. LBCC is part of a national consortium of community colleges and universities that created eight entry-level certifications in Supply Chain Management and will train workers to fill jobs in the massive local goods movement industry.

(Left to right) Arkadji Elizarov of Trace-Ability Inc., and Joynita Sur and Ryan Archdeacon of AuraLife won the 2015 Innovation Fund SoCal award.

Small Business Development Center
The Los Angeles Regional Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network is headquartered at LBCC and provides assistance to small businesses through free one-on-one business advising and low-cost training seminars. In 2015, the Los Angeles Regional SBDC assisted with the creation of 306 new businesses, 1,380 new jobs, counseled 4,137 clients and trained 6,699 clients. Through these efforts, more than $117 million in capital was infused into the local economy. The Long Beach SBDC hosted a free event that assisted 90 small businesses that were impacted by Long Beach’s summer power outage. The Long Beach SBDC also partnered with the Downtown Long Beach Associates to host the “Small Business Focus” workshop series for more than 50 current and potential small business owners. The SBDC also held two separate Young Entrepreneurship Program workshop series in 2015 that taught 98 students how to start their first business.
New Facilities Modernize LBCC Campuses

LBCC’s $616-million modernization program continued to improve the student learning environment, thanks to taxpayer supported bonds in 2002 and 2008. In 2015, the construction highlights included:

**New culinary arts and math building at the Liberal Arts Campus**

The newly constructed $43.7 million Building V contains 73,650 square feet and houses the Culinary Arts Department, the Math Department and LBCC’s Reprographics services. The new building features seven instructional kitchens, a student-run restaurant, a student-run bakery counter, a new Math Student Success Center, and 15 new math classrooms with charging stations and expanded capacity for wireless computer-assisted instruction. Building V also received the Platinum designation, which is the highest level of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. The building’s energy efficient features include an underground storm water retention system and water efficient fixtures in the bathrooms and kitchens.

**Grand Opening of Building V** (Left to right) Long Beach Councilman Dee Andrews, Trustee Sunny Zia, President Doug Otto, Vice President of Administrative Services Ann-Marie Gabel, Superintendent-President Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Trustee Dr. Virginia Baxter and Long Beach City Councilman Roberto Uranga.

**Building V includes seven instructional kitchens, and a restaurant and bakery corner run by LBCC students.**

*Building V at the Liberal Arts Campus is the new home for the Culinary Arts Department and the Math Department.*
Central Quad improvements at the Liberal Arts Campus
The heart of the Liberal Arts Campus received a major facelift. A new pavilion, walkway improvements and a 365,000 gallon active storm water system were all added to the Central Quad, along with drought resistant landscaping.

Newly renovated classroom buildings at the Pacific Coast Campus
The $24.6-million renovation of Buildings AA and BB was the first major overhaul of the Art Deco-style buildings in more than 35 years. The buildings, at a combined total of 44,933 square feet, provide students and faculty with state-of-the-art classrooms, lecture hall, conference room, administrative wing and faculty offices, and will utilize “green” features to save energy and water use, including environmentally friendly landscaping.

Advanced Transportation Technology program improvements at the Pacific Coast Campus
The College installed two new auto lifts, and carbon dioxide and methane detectors in Building JJ as part of the Advanced Transportation Technology program's move to a new location.

Renovations in Buildings AA and BB updated the classrooms while preserving the Art Deco style.

(Left to right) Long Beach Councilman Roberto Uranga, Trustee Jeffrey Kellogg, Superintendent-President Eloy Ortiz Oakley, President Doug Otto, Vice President of Administrative Services Ann-Marie Gabel and Long Beach Councilman Dee Andrews at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Buildings AA and BB.
President Obama’s announcement of his education plan, America’s College Promise, focused a national spotlight on community college affordability early in 2015. Long Beach shared that spotlight, as White House education leaders cited the Long Beach College Promise as a model that helped shape the President’s initiative.

The Long Beach College Promise continued to receive accolades throughout the year, including a $5 million prize as part of California Governor Jerry Brown’s Awards for Innovation in Higher Education, acceptance into the official Clinton Global Initiative Commitments to Action and an op-ed feature in *The New York Times* touting the success of the program.

In September, more than 500 community members and educational leaders attended the Long Beach College Promise Community Celebration at LBCC. Special guests included U.S. Under Secretary of Education Ted Mitchell, former Senate Pro Temp Darrell Steinberg and State Department of Finance Director Michael Cohen. At that event, LBCC President Eloy Ortiz Oakley announced a significant expansion of the College Promise scholarship – from one semester of free tuition to a full academic year of free tuition for qualified Long Beach Unified School District graduates.

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The Long Beach College Promise began in 2008 as collaboration between the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College and California State University, Long Beach to increase the success of local students in higher education. The City of Long Beach joined the partnership in 2014, with a focus on early education and internships.

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Involvement in Promise Pathways increased from 56% in 2012 to 78% in 2014

**Nearly 12,000 students have received one free semester of college at LBCC**

LBCC’s signature Promise Pathways program continued to show signs of success. This initiative helps ensure that incoming students are placed in classes appropriate to their skill levels, based on their overall high school achievements and not just standardized tests. Promise Pathways students also benefit from other assistance, such as first-semester success plans and priority registration.
LBCC graduate Major General Peter Gravett (Ret.) was selected by the Community College League of California as a 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award honoree. Gravett was one of four honorees statewide recognized for career accomplishments and community service among community college graduates.

Mike Wolf was honored as the 2015 LBCC Distinguished Alumnus. He served as LBCC Student Body President in 1942. He also served the U.S. Navy and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and the Congressional Gold Medal.

The Alumni Hall of Fame is LBCC’s most prestigious award that recognizes former students who have made outstanding contributions in their chosen field and in the community. The 2015 Alumni Hall of Fame honorees are: Dr. Martha Molina Bernadett, Molina Healthcare Executive Vice President; Robert Luna, Long Beach Police Chief; Liz Minor, community volunteer; and Kevin Nagle, entrepreneur and former pharmaceutical company CEO.

Thanks to private donations to the LBCC Foundation, Long Beach City College was able to expand its tuition-free education from one semester to one full academic year to all qualified Long Beach Unified School District graduates beginning Spring 2016.

In 2015, the Long Beach City College Foundation awarded $1.5 million in scholarships, the largest amount of any single year in College history and made LBCC the second-largest distributor of scholarship funds among all 113 California community colleges.

The Long Beach City College Foundation has raised more than $50 million since 1978 to provide scholarships to students, grants for departments, campus beautification projects, facilities upgrades and more.

Please donate to the Long Beach City College Foundation, a 501 c(3) nonprofit, to help students succeed as they graduate, transfer or enter the workforce. Or if you are a LBCC alumnus, please consider joining the LBCC Alumni Foundation. Contact the Long Beach City College Foundation at (562) 938-4134 or www.lbcc.edu/Foundation/.
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