

NEWSLETTER FOR THE LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE

CAMPUS COMMUNITY

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ON THE COVER:

Long Beach City College celebrated the grand opening of the Labor Center located at the Pacific Coast Campus on September 24, 2020.

To watch the virtual ceremony, visit www.YouTube.com/LongBeachCityCollege.

A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT-PRESIDENT

Dear LBCC Campus Community,

We have all worked so hard throughout this challenging year, but I hope we can still embrace some of the beauty and fun that autumn offers. Some cooler weather, harvest and Halloween decorations and at least a little bit of football.

There have definitely been some high notes we've been able to enjoy these past few weeks.

It has been rewarding for our staff as they welcomed back our youngest Vikings as 24 children/families returned to the PCC and LAC Child Development Centers this month! I have read reports that all is spectacular and the kids have adapted to the new safety policies and procedures that have been implemented. The children are so happy to be back at school and around other kids and I commend the Child Development Center teams for all of your efforts in providing a safe learning environment for our young Vikings.

LBCC was the only community college to receive the Seal of *Excellencia* this year, and we're the only California Community College to receive it to date. I want to thank our Board of Trustees, faculty and staff for their leadership and hard work as this has truly been a team effort. You can read about further about this incredible distinction in this issue.

Congratulations to our Board of Trustees President Vivian Malauulu on receiving two prestigious awards. President Malauulu received the Association of Community College Trustees 2020 Pacific Regional Trustee Leadership Award and the 2020 Demenick Miretti Award from the Center for International Trade and Transportation during two virtual ceremonies.

We are approaching a very important national election that I know is only adding to the pressures our students are already feeling. No matter what your political party affiliation is, I encourage our LBCC students (and you!) to vote. You can visit the California Secretary of State's website at www.registertovote.ca.gov to register or for additional information.

No matter the results of this election, I have faith that the LBCC Viking students will remain open and involved in their communities throughout their lives. "Resilience" defines our LBCC students and I remain so very proud of them, and grateful to each of you for remaining diligent and positive as you work to teach and serve them.

Go (vote) Vikings!

Lou Anne Bynum
Interim Superintendent-President



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LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE
recognized as one of the

BEST HISPANIC-SERVING COLLEGES IN THE COUNTRY



Above:
Interim Superintendent-President
Lou Anne Bynum with the
Seal of Excelencia certificate

LBCC is the only California Community College to receive Seal of Excelencia

Excelencia in Education, a policy research institution out of Washington DC, awarded Long Beach City College (LBCC) with the Seal of *Excelencia* for 2020. With this recognition, LBCC becomes part of the second cohort in the country comprised of 14 elite colleges and universities to receive the independent national certification for institutions intentionally serving Latino students.

This year, five higher education institutions were awarded the Seal of *Excelencia*. LBCC was the only community college to receive the Seal of *Excelencia* in 2020, and currently the only California Community College to receive the Seal so far.

Launched in 2004, *Excelencia* in Education addresses the need for a highly educated workforce and engaged civic leadership within the United States.

The Latina-led organization has grown to become an authority in this field with a reputation as a national transformative leader and innovator in higher education by informing, organizing and compelling action. The Seal of *Excelencia's* framework is based around data, practice, and leadership. This includes enrollment, retention, transfer rate, financial support, representation of Latinos on staff, and degree completion for Latino students.

To prepare for the certification, *Excelencia* conducted multiple interviews and LBCC collected an immense amount of data about the work being done to support Latinx student success at all facets of the College.

“What emerged from this process exposes Long Beach City College’s clear articulation of our intentional, institutional focus on advancing Latinx student success,” said Long Beach Community College District Interim Superintendent-President Lou Anne Bynum. “We align data and practice to provide an environment in which Latinx students can truly thrive. From human resources to student affairs, LBCC continues to be a trailblazing example of a Hispanic Serving Institution. I want to thank our

Board of Trustees, faculty and staff for their leadership and hard work as this has truly been a team effort.”

LBCC is a Hispanic Serving Institution with students who identify as Latinx representing more than 58 percent of LBCC’s student population. In late 2019, LBCC received a \$3 million title V grant that created the DESTINO program (Developing Engaging STEM Through Innovative New Opportunities). The DESTINO program aims to improve student success and equitable student outcomes for Latinx and low-income students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math fields.

Campus Construction Continues During COVID



When the COVID-19 pandemic closed the Liberal Arts Campus and the Pacific Coast Campus to faculty, staff and students in mid-March of this year, work was only just beginning for some milestone construction projects that will change the landscape for many LBCC programs.

Because construction continued to be deemed essential by the state government, the Bond Management Team has been hard at work to take advantage of an empty campus while finishing the renovation of the Auditorium and beginning two of the largest projects since the Bond Programs began more than 15 years ago. Meanwhile at PCC, the construction of the parking structure is almost complete.

Buildings M and N have been entirely demolished to make way for a new Multi-Disciplinary, three-story building. Language Arts, Foreign Language, Computer and Office Studies will be housed within the 81,970 square feet along with office space. Opening of this building is scheduled for late 2022.

Displaying a drastically different look as well is the athletic fields at LAC on the south side of Carson Street. The demolition of U and Y buildings, and grading of Faculty Avenue and fields are making way for the creation of the Kinesiology Labs and Aquatic Center (KLAC). A new soccer field, sand volleyball courts, tennis courts, 50-meter pool, and a newly constructed 15,000 square foot building for locker rooms, showers, storage,

pool equipment, and office spaces will be featured. The new softball field for the Vikings is being moved south of the baseball field off of Clark Avenue, within Veterans Memorial Stadium. Completion of KLAC is scheduled for Fall 2021 with a budget nearing \$75 million.

After more than two years of remodeling and upgrading, Building J (also known as the Auditorium), is getting its finishing touches. More than 14,000 square feet has been added onto northwest corner for additional classrooms, offices, storage, and elevator. Structural, accessibility, and fire/life safety have been upgraded to code and a much-needed audio video system will be featured.

The primary activity occurring at the Pacific Coast Campus is the continued construction of the parking structure. Located on Pacific Coast Highway between Walnut and May Avenue, the structure will hold more than 500 parking spaces, include solar panels on the roof and electrical vehicle charging stations. The structure is very close to completion and ahead of schedule.

Upcoming projects will include Phase 1 of PCC's MM Building, the Music/Theatre Complex (buildings G and H), and the College Center (building E).

*Clockwise from top left:
KLAC W1 Building, PCC parking structure,
KLAC Swimming Pool under construction,
Auditorium exterior*

*Background:
Building M steel framing*

For more information about the modernization of Long Beach City College, visit www.LBCC.edu/bondmanagement

VIEW US IN ACTION!

WATCH THIS MONTH'S VIDEOS

LB LONG BEACH
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celebrates

LATINX HERITAGE MONTH

Long Beach City College celebrated Latinx Heritage Month (September 15–October 15) virtually this year with several online events for students, faculty and staff.

Highlights of the month included:

- A conversation on Facebook live with actor J.J. Soria.
- Dr. Martha Gonzalez gave a multimedia talk about Chican@ artistas (artist/activists) in the Eastside Los Angeles neighborhoods that utilize art and creative expression to deconstruct power, challenge multiple patriarchal systems and build community.
- An intimate dialogue with essayist, photographer, director, and performance artist, Harry Gamboa Jr. about the various influences and events that propelled the Chicano community and his work through the end of the 20th Century to the present.
- An event that educated participants on the National Chicano Moratorium Committee Against the Vietnam War, the youth movements of Los Angeles that led to the formation of M.E.Ch.A., the Brown Berets, the Walkouts, the Chicano Moratorium, and activism through art.
- LBCC students, faculty and staff talked about how they celebrated Latinx Heritage Month in the [Latinx Heritage Month video](#). Dolores Huerta, president and founder of the Dolores Huerta Foundation, was a special guest.

You can also find the updated
Latinx Student Resource Guide at
www.LBCC.edu/latinx



Years of Service Awards



Latinx Heritage Month Video



Latinx Heritage Speaker Series: J.J. Soria



Labor Center Virtual Ribbon Cutting



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LABOR CENTER



OPENING
CELEBRATED
WITH VIRTUAL
CEREMONY
SEPTEMBER 24



Virtual Ceremony
Speakers (left to right):
Dolores Huerta,
President & Founder
Dolores Huerta
Foundation;
María Elena Durazo,
Labor Leader &
California State Senator;
Ron Herrera,
President Los Angeles
County Federation
of Labor

During a virtual ceremony on Thursday, September 24, Long Beach City College (LBCC) celebrated the grand opening of the first labor center in the harbor area.

The LBCC Labor Center, located at the Pacific Coast Campus, will provide labor-related experiences for students including activities and events facilitated by renowned industry leaders that will expose them to real-world work opportunities. Additionally, students will visit job sites and training centers to gain valuable hands-on experience. They will also receive personal protective equipment thanks to a generous donation of facial masks from the Port of Long Beach. Students will obtain tips on how to navigate the process of joining a union and finding a sponsor, attend lectures hosted by labor leaders about the history of unions and available careers, and undergo interviews to meet with apprenticeship coordinators. Panels discussing the collective bargaining process and other mechanisms unique to the labor industry will also be presented. LBCC will be launching a fundraising effort in the next few months to provide students with tools that are required in their chosen occupations.

"The trades taught at the Pacific Coast Campus lead to well-paying, stable union jobs that are the backbone of our working class, so it is very fitting that the Labor Center be located at PCC," said Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees President Vivian Malauulu, who initiated the effort to establish the center. "I am very grateful for the

excitement that has been generated in support of this new venture because everyone recognizes that it will benefit our students and the community tremendously. The LBCC Labor Center has the potential of becoming a destination for anyone eager to learn about America's rich labor history and the dynamic connections that it has to this region."

Featured special guest speakers at the virtual ceremony included: Dolores Huerta, president and founder of the Dolores Huerta Foundation; State Senator María Elena Durazo, former secretary-treasurer of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO; Ron Herrera, president of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor; and Ron Miller, executive secretary of the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building & Construction Trades Council.

"The Labor Center will strengthen the great relationships and build on the success we've already cultivated with our industry and union partners," said LBCCD Interim Superintendent-President Lou Anne Bynum. "The opportunities that we can offer our students through this venture are endless because labor education and experience are both such integral parts of preparing the future workforce."

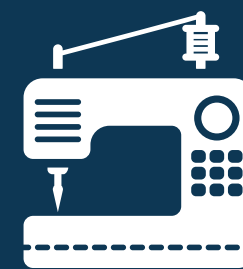


Cutting the Ribbon
(left to right):
Vivian Malauulu,
President LBCCD
Board of Trustees;
Ron Miller,
Exec. Sec. L.A. & O.C.
Building & Construction
Trades Council;
Lou Anne Bynum,
LBCC Interim
Superintendent-President

The entire grand opening ceremony can be watched on LBCC's YouTube channel at www.YouTube.com/LongBeachCityCollege

Beneficial Borrowing

LBCC is loaning tubas, sewing machines & calculators to students



The average cost of a French Horn instrument is \$4,500. A TI-84 CE plus graphing calculator is \$150. The retail cost of a sewing machine is \$300. Keeping up with your education during a pandemic is priceless. But for many students, the cost of purchasing a tool needed for their class might be too high.

Thanks to CARES act funding, some ingenuity and dedication from Long Beach City College faculty and staff, an elaborate lending program has taken shape to provide students with valuable yet required equipment to continue their education plans.

Students have been given the opportunity to borrow everything from xylophones and electric key boards to clay and plaster through the LBCC lending program.

But coordinating the lending program required efforts from literally every angle of Long Beach City College including:

- Faculty restructuring their lesson plans and polling students to see who is lacking in material and equipment
- Deans and Business Services pricing, funding, ordering, and creating the contract loan agreement
- Support staff organizing kits
- And finally, staff to help coordinate the distribution to students while following coronavirus protection protocol

Within the Fashion program, loaner sewing machines and kits of fabric, patterns, and other essentials for completing sewing and fashion design classes

have been provided to students. Instructional Aid Joanna Rudolph has already been cutting fabric for the four sections of sewing classes that will be offered online in the Spring 2021 semester.

“We knew that if we didn’t offer a feeder class into the fashion program, like beginning sewing, it wouldn’t allow students to pursue our degree and certificate programs,” said Fashion Design and Merchandise Instructor Pamela Knights. “We want to make sure our students can still progress and we don’t want to hold back their graduation if we cannot offer certain classes.”

Knights and Fashion Design and Merchandising Associate Professor Chantal Bryant have been recording instructional videos using the same Bernetta sewing machines that were purchased for students to utilize, so that it is more effective to trouble-shoot over Zoom effectively.

“At first we thought this would all be impossible to teach,” Knights added. But now that students are able to use the machines on their own extra time at home along with the videos to watch and replay, she reports that things are “going great.”

For the Math and Music departments, loaning out calculators and some instruments is not unusual. However, the pandemic has again confirmed that the transportation challenge weighs heavy for students.

“A professional tuba would normally cost \$10,000 to \$12,000 and that’s not easy to purchase or to put on a bus back home,” said Director of Bands Brian

Hamilton. “With distance learning, we have to try to make this function as well as possible. It’s not normal, but we are trying to get as close as possible.”

The Music Department has lent out flutes, French horns, marimbas, microphones and more during the campus closure. In addition, they are looking forward to receiving electric keyboards and audio equipment to help students in the near future.

According to Tutorial Program Coordinator Sean Dominguez, it was a lot more work than usual to lend the math calculators to the students.

“It was all worth it though. The students seemed more appreciative than when they were picking up the calculator in our center. ‘Thanks for doing this for us’ I heard several times,” he said.

Interim Dean of the School of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Moises Gutierrez, and Math Success Center Coordinator Sundee Dominguez also discovered the challenges of lending the calculators, primarily due to lack of transportation and students not checking their email. Both have worked to provide a variety of pick-up times outside of the parking structure to accommodate students with different working hours and who didn’t have reliable transportation.

“Not all students check their email,” Dominguez said. “I know that there are definitely more students who need to borrow a calculator, but just did not check their email.”

In the past, Dominguez reports that students would drop math classes because they could not afford the calculator that was needed.

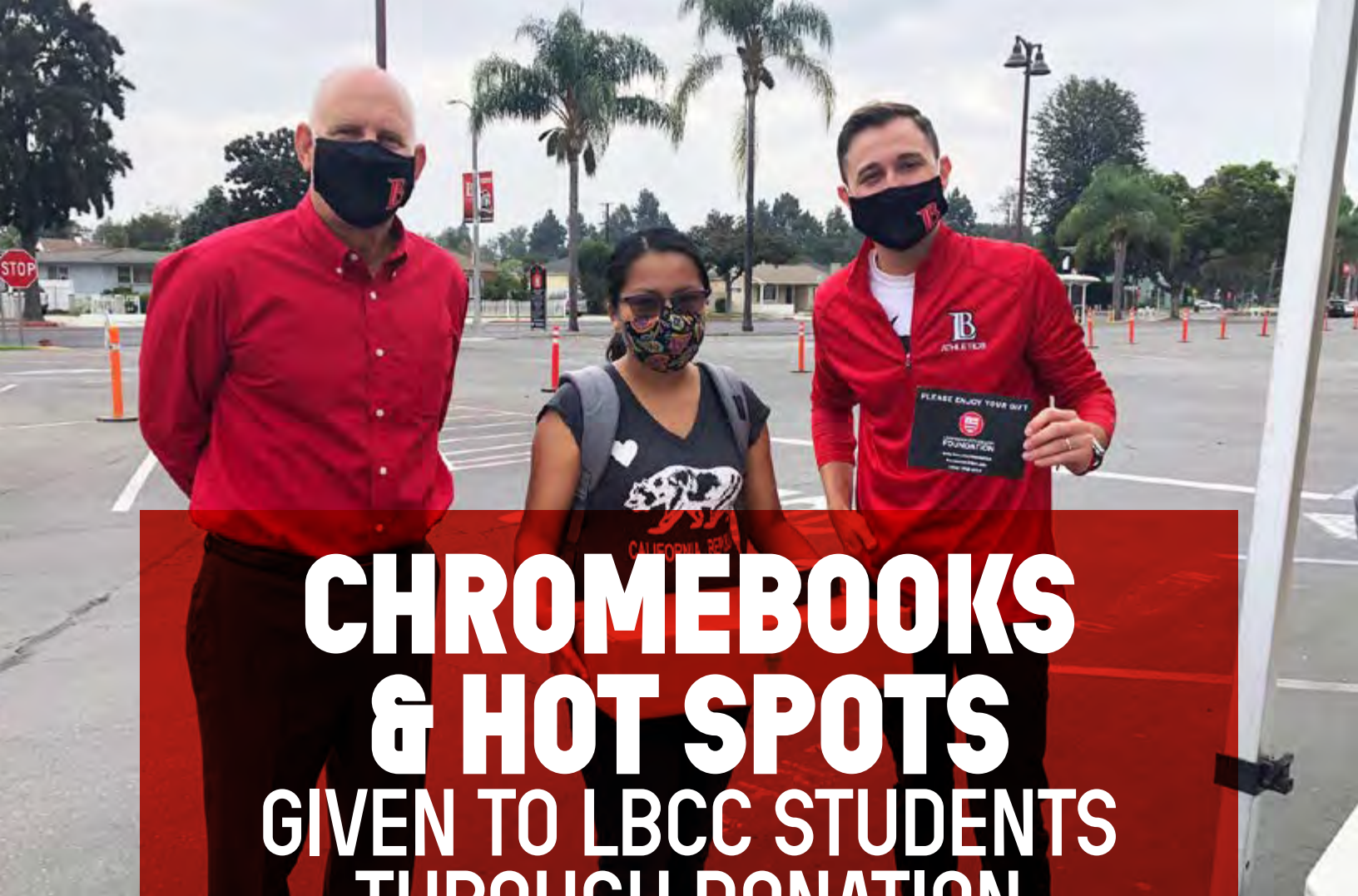
“Most students rely on this program so they do not have to purchase a \$150 calculator. Being able to provide the service during the pandemic though seems to be even more of a help when money seems to be extra tight,” she said.

Gutierrez knows that students have better support with a tangible device. “All of the tutorial support material is based on the student/tutor/faculty approved devices we supply,” he said, adding that students have been thankful and flexible with both borrowing and returning the lent items.

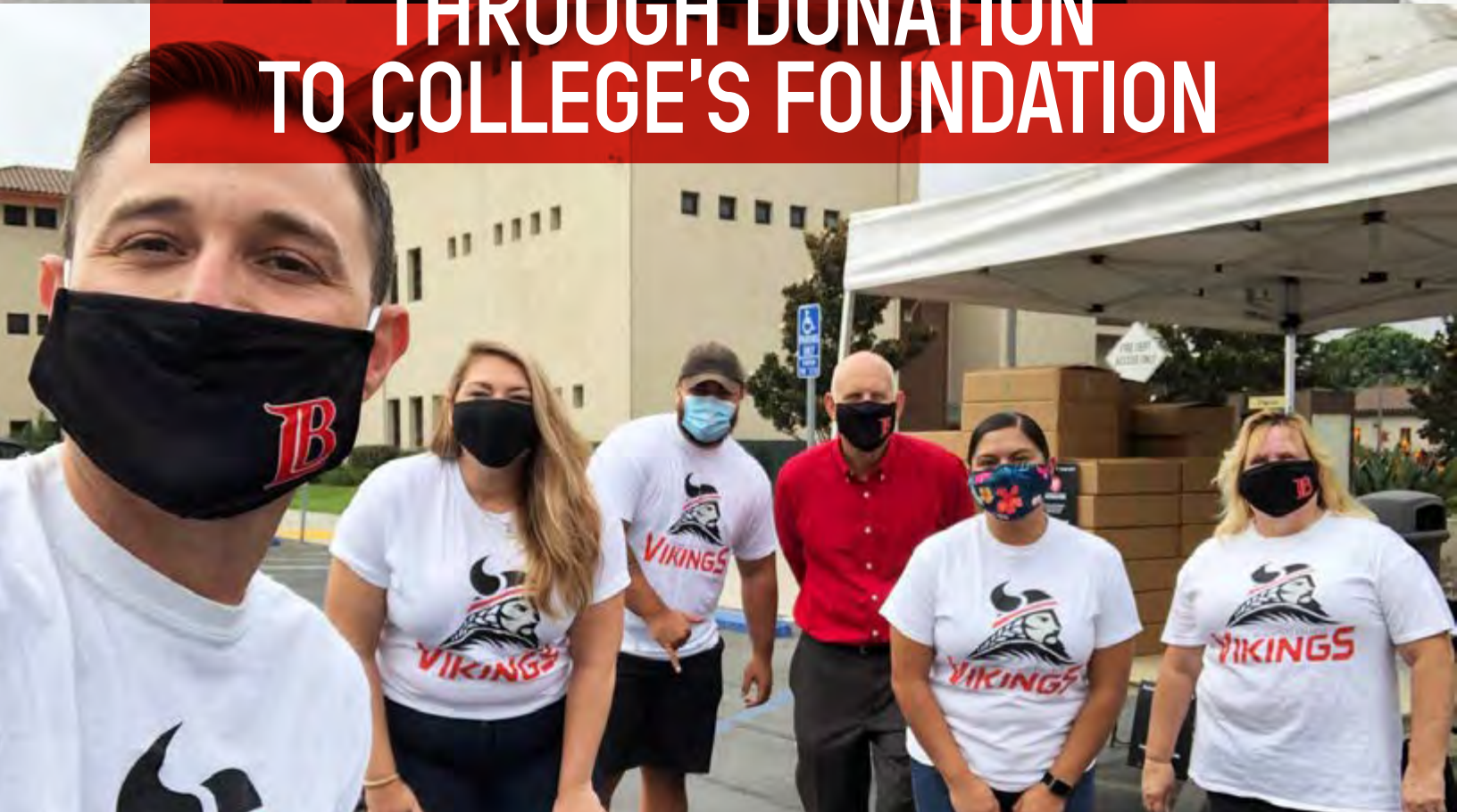
Praise has been strong across the departments for Deputy Director of Purchasing & Contracts Alan Maloney and Warehouse Logistics Manager Ricardo Harris for safely and thoughtfully coordinating efforts.

“Kudos to the Warehouse, to parking services and to Alan and Business Services. They were great,” said Social Sciences and Arts Academic Administrative Assistant Esther Contreras, who worked with her colleagues in the Visual Media Arts program to create kits for art students this semester which included wheel bands, cement, markers, and paints.





CHROMEBOOKS & HOT SPOTS GIVEN TO LBCC STUDENTS THROUGH DONATION TO COLLEGE'S FOUNDATION



Long Beach City College (LBCC) distributed 100 Chromebooks and 50 hotspots to students on Friday, October 9, thanks to a donation to the LBCC Foundation.

The Long Beach Community Foundation, human I-T and the LBCC Foundation partnered together to provide the technology, while LBCC's Student Services area matched the recipients and arranged for the drive-up distribution at the Liberal Arts Campus.

In addition to the Long Beach Community Foundation and the human-I-T partnerships, the LBCC Foundation received an additional \$25,000 from an anonymous donor.

"The COVID-19 pandemic revealed the massive digital divide that exists within our campus community when LBCC moved instruction online," said Long Beach Community College District Interim Superintendent-President Lou Anne Bynum. "LBCC knows that access to fast and reliable technology continues to be a challenge for many of our students as we enter our seventh month teaching remotely. I am grateful that we have wonderful partners like the LBCC Foundation, Long Beach Community Fund

and human-I-T to assist our students so they can stop worrying about their internet connection and focus on passing their next exam." Since the COVID-19 campus closures, multiple efforts have been made LBCC students with computers and access to the internet. LBCC distributed 100 Chromebooks in North Long Beach back in June 2020. LBCC has also loaned hundreds of additional laptops to students.

"Our donors want to make sure that students have the technology they need to succeed," said LBCC Foundation Executive Director Paul Kaminski. "I feel like that this collaboration with the Foundation, human-I-T, and the College shines a bright light on the shared vision that Long Beach City College Foundation values - lifelong education is vital to a dynamic, productive society and recognizes that Long Beach City College serves as a gateway to the future for our diverse community.

To become a community partner in seeking financial and technological assistance for LBCC students, please contact Paul Kaminski at pkaminski@lbcc.edu

Bottom left image: Paul Kaminski, Esteban Alfaro, Alice Hernandez, Jake Kailahi-Knowles, Kemberly Quiroz and Kristin Jones of LBCC.



Long Beach City College Students Help Small Businesses Meet Cybersecurity Demands

A government contract presents a business with the opportunity for steady revenue and a chance to serve the country. But those contracts also come with reporting and evaluation requirements that many small businesses do not have the staff to meet. As a result, many government contracts go to larger firms like Boeing or Raytheon, leaving small businesses out of the picture.

A new program from the Department of Defense is bringing college students into the mix to help small businesses meet contract requirements while giving students valuable experience in cybersecurity. Long Beach City College (LBCC) is at the forefront of this effort and worked to obtain a grant from the California Advanced Supply Chain Analysis & Diversification Effort (CASCADE) to fund four students from July through October of this year.

Participating students Ashley Baker, Jason Hillman, Tyrel Park and Ted Pereira will perform approximately 96 hours each working for either Primo Energy or Global Aerospace Corporation.

Garret Whelan, Professor of Cybersecurity at LBCC, organized the program and said the help students provide small businesses is a critical first step toward becoming Department of Defense cybersecurity contractors.

"The company we're working with has six employees and can't meet Department of Defense standards without some extra help," Whelan said. "Our cybersecurity students are helping organizations get ready for that initial evaluation."

Doing government work requires both subject matter expertise and professional organization and communication skills. The CASCADE grant required that students also receive instruction in business communications and related skills. Vincent Calip, Assistant Professor of Computer and Office Studies at LBCC, has been helping students with those skills.

"These students have a lot of knowledge in cyber and IT, but they are not used to dealing with clients or producing documents," Calip said. "My part of it is to support them in those areas and help them understand the business aspect of this work."

LBCC Workforce Development Director Melissa Infusino said programs like this also help bridge a critical equity gap that exists in IT-related internships by giving students the opportunity to gain experience without having to worry about making money.

"The cybersecurity field is sometimes a challenge for our students because of the experience required to obtain an entry-level job," Infusino said. "These programs help level the playing field and address equity issues because students do not have to take unpaid internships to gain that experience."

That benefit was a critical one for Jason Hillman, who is one of the four students participating in the CASCADE-funded program.

"As an older full-time student, I have to find ways of supporting myself while I attend school and do so in a way that allows me to remain a diligent and vigilant student," Hillman said. I am able to advance my cybersecurity skill set and experience with content directly pertaining to my major without having to commit to the first entry-level position I can find just to get by."

Hillman and his colleagues are working on helping their client meet the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) from the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment. They researched certification requirements and posed questions to the company to determine which requirements they needed to meet. They're also working on documenting existing procedures to prepare as part of CMMC certification.

This work has opened Hillman's eyes to a new career path helping small businesses navigate these requirements.

"Security compliance and risk management is a massive undertaking that is ever-changing and is a field that is going to require a large number of skilled cybersecurity professionals for a long time to come," Hillman said. "I hope to take what I have learned from this experience and see what more can be done to help small businesses and nonprofits who operate with limited budgets secure their businesses and comply with these complex security and compliance standards."

This opportunity is made possible through the leadership of Business & Entrepreneurship Sector Statewide Director Chuck Eason and with support from Los Angeles Regional Director, Judy Fox.

For more information about LBCC's Internship Program, contact Melissa Infusino at minfusino@LBCC.edu

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CONGRATULATIONS

2020-2021 YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS RECIPIENTS

In appreciation of the dedicated service that our employees provide to our students, it is a Long Beach City College tradition to honor full-time employees for every 5 years of service and our part-time faculty when they reach 20 years.

This year, our dedicated Service Award honorees represent a cumulative 2,510 years of service to LBCC!

40 YEARS



» Jane Baker



» Douglas B. Daniels



» Jeri Florence



» Diana Ogimachi



» Sandy Rice

35 YEARS

- » Frances Cahill
- » Jimmie Flowers
- » August Luuga

30 YEARS

- » Darren Feenstra
- » Kenna Hillman
- » Stuart Hively
- » Barbara A. Jackson
- » Ratanamuny Ngo
- » Cindy Smith
- » Daron Sorg

25 YEAR

- » Ruben Amador
- » Nelly Delgado



20 YEARS PART-TIME FACULTY

- » Michael Monge
- » Akram Nabulsi
- » Eleanor Sonido
- » Rosanne Heller
- » Safouh Sayed
- » Gene Grey
- » Frank Ramirez

20 YEARS

- » Rhonda Alger
- » Ladera Barbee
- » Chau Bui
- » Camtu Cao
- » RaShanda Cook
- » Christopher Dorsey
- » Donald Kent Douglas
- » Karen Faulkner
- » Erainia Freeman
- » Julie Frumkin
- » Colleen Gagne
- » Stephen S. Gary
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- » Rogelio Isaslazo
- » Nate Jarrett
- » Peter Knapp

- » May Lam
- » Bounrith Ly
- » Robert Maxel
- » Savoun Meak
- » Sharon Milkes
- » Blanca Morales
- » Monika Mravec
- » Christopher Oeding
- » Roarke O'Leary
- » Derek Oriee
- » Stanislav Orlovski
- » Ruben Page
- » Laura Pellegrini
- » John Ryan
- » Meena Singha
- » Antionette Summerville
- » Adam Teraoka
- » Sunleng Touch
- » Gabriel Watson
- » Sheneui Weber

15 YEARS

- » Skye Angulo
- » Tahir Aziz
- » Francine Baldwin
- » Natalie Burgess
- » Larry Campbell
- » Ho Chan
- » Christopher Chinn
- » Tammy Clark
- » LaTonyua Harden
- » Julie Daniels
- » Christopher Davison
- » Pamela Mae Garrison
- » Ericka Gutierrez
- » John Hall
- » Michael Hubbard
- » Brittany Khan
- » Wendi King Lopez
- » Jeff Kyle
- » Mary Marki
- » Maureen Mason
- » Julie McGill
- » Loan Ngo
- » Sharon Olsen
- » Rena Pheng
- » Stephanie Powell
- » Carlos Ramos

5 YEARS

- » Rhonda Augustine
- » Chrysallis Baldonado
- » Shelley Barnes
- » Mark Birong
- » Chantel Bryant
- » Nicholas Carbonaro
- » Brennan Carr
- » Ryan Carroll
- » Carolyn Castaño
- » Sara A. Castro
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- » Andrea Cerda
- » Mark Cipolla
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- » Darren Duarte
- » Jami Emigh
- » Cindy Enrigue
- » Cathy Fernandez
- » Sheri Galvanized
- » Jason Garber
- » Traci Glassock
- » Leah Goold-Haws
- » Michelle Grimes-Hillman
- » Alexandre Hatlestad-Shey
- » Mireille Hernandez
- » Lubert Iglesia
- » Melissa Infusino
- » Benjamin Jose
- » Heather Kane
- » Taylor Kliesen
- » Amy La
- » Clarissa Leiva
- » Carolina Lepe Diaz

10 YEARS

- » Sundee Dominguez
- » Diane Duarte
- » Brent Gilmore
- » Audrey Hann
- » Erin Murphy
- » Andrea Reid
- » Roland Ticzon
- » Debbie Wall



- » Karsten Raymond
- » Lisa Roper
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- » Matthew Scholes
- » Elijah Sims
- » Peleise Smith
- » Daren Smoley
- » Paola Sosa
- » Janine Umemoto
- » Vidal Vargas
- » Lizzette Villegas
- » Kathleen Vokoun
- » Conor Whelan
- » Trisha Wilging
- » Roland Williams Jr.
- » William Wilson

NATIONAL OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD

American Association of Community Colleges selected four recipients for the Alumni Award

Long Beach City College (LBCC) alumnus Dr. Jean-Bernard Durand received during a virtual ceremony on September 10 the 2020 Outstanding Alumni Award from the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), the primary advocacy organization for the nation's community colleges.

Dr. Durand is one of four community college alumni from across the country chosen to receive the honor this year.

Dr. Durand graduated from LBCC with an Associate of Arts degree in 1980. During his time at LBCC, he received the LBCC Outstanding Student Award, the Outstanding Scholar Award and won first place in the National French Competition. He received his bachelor's degrees in Physiology and Chemistry from California State University, Long Beach in 1984. He went on to receive his medical degree in 1988 from the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Dr. Durand is currently the Medical Director of Cardiomyopathy Services, the Director of Cardiovascular Genetics Research, and the Cardiology Fellowship Program Director at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX.



As a faculty member and researcher, Dr. Durand revolutionized the study of the relationship between cardiovascular disease and cancer. His research seeks to understand the molecular genetics of cardiomyopathy, and he launched the first program specifically designed to manage chemotherapy-induced cardiovascular complications.

Dr. Durand established the world's largest database of DNA from patients with heart failure secondary to chemotherapy, and has future plans to perform genotyping to identify genes that indicate risk for heart failure linked to chemotherapy.

He is a frequent contributor to leading medical journals, and his honors include being named "America's Top Cardiologist," MD Anderson's "Best Teacher," and one of "Houston's Top Doctors." Dr. Durand currently serves as a volunteer for an inner-city high school football team and on the board of directors of the

Houston French Society.

Dr. Durand continues to support LBCC to this day. LBCC recognized his professional accomplishments and altruism by inducting him into the LBCC Alumni Hall of Fame in 2001.

LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE CAMPUS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 3
Election Day

Thursday, November 7
Dance Ensemble Concert

7 p.m.

Contact mpamintuan@LBCC.edu

Wednesday, November 18
Board of Trustees Meeting
Virtual Monthly Meeting

4:30 p.m. – Closed Session

5:30 p.m. – Open Session

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November 3–December 10
"Scream" Art Exhibition

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