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CITY COLLEGE

annual report 2025

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MISSION & VALUES

Mission

**Who we are and what drives
Long Beach City College**

LBCC is committed to providing equitable student learning and achievement, academic excellence, and workforce development by delivering high-quality educational programs and support services to our diverse communities.

Values

Purposeful

The College provides students clear pathways and support to attain their career and educational goals.

Nurturing

The College provides an environment in which students, faculty, and staff build relationships that are understanding and supportive.

Respectful

The College values and celebrates the exemplary contributions of faculty, staff, and its community partners in supporting students.

Focused

The College embraces a long-term commitment to innovative student success.

Connected

The College is recognized as integral to an inclusive, vibrant, and prosperous local, regional, and global community.

To Our LBCC Community



Dear Friends,

I am proud to present Long Beach City College's (LBCC) 2025 Annual Report, highlighting a year of remarkable growth, innovation, and recognition.

This year, LBCC earned national and statewide honors for its leadership in equity, student success, and design

excellence. The college was named the national winner of the American Association of Community Colleges Award of Excellence for Advancing Institutional Equity and Belonging and received the Gold Nugget Award for Best Educational Project for the upcoming Building E Student Center. These honors reflect our continued commitment to building an inclusive and transformative learning environment.

Our students and employees achieved extraordinary success—from record participation in the Viking Summer Voyage program, to national arts and academic awards, to community partnerships expanding educational access from Catalina Island to Cambodia Town. The groundbreaking for our new student center and the opening of state-of-the-art facilities like the Monte Nitzkowski Aquatics Center demonstrate how we are reimagining our campuses to better serve current and future LBCC students.

LBCC's impact continues to grow by empowering all types of students, from first-generation scholars and student parents, to international students and returning adults, and everything in between. As we close this milestone year, I remain deeply inspired by the resilience, creativity, and dedication of our entire college community. Together, we are shaping a future where every student can learn, lead, and thrive.

Go LBCC!

Sincerely,

Dr. Mike Muñoz
Superintendent-President
Long Beach Community College District



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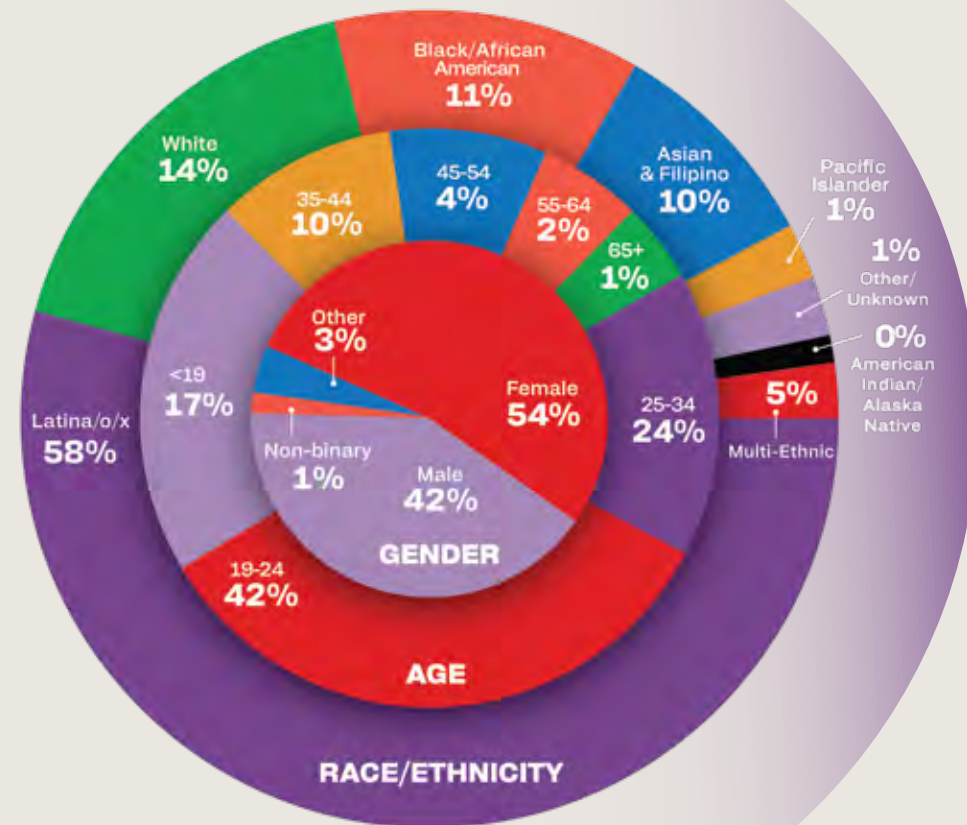
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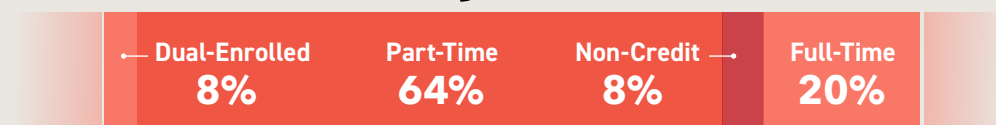
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By The Numbers

2024–2025
Academic Year



TOTAL ENROLLMENT
38,695



TOTAL AWARDS IN 2024-2025:
6,065



NC: Non-Credit | ADT: Associate Degree for Transfer | AA/AS: Assoc. of Arts/Assoc. of Science
COA: Certificate of Achievement | COAC: Certificate of Accomplishment

*Data Source: Summary Dashboard-Completions

1,376
Students
Participated
in the 2025
Commencement
Ceremony

SECTIONS OFFERED:

5,772

Hybrid
12%

12% Hybrid

(In-Person/ASYNCRonous or SYNCRonous Online class):
Instructors use a combination of in-person classes with either SYNCRonous or ASYNCRonous online lectures.

Online
46%

46% Online




























ASYNCRonous (ASYNCRonous Online Class):
Instructors prepare all course materials and activities for students to access at their chosen time with regular interaction initiated by the instructor and among the students. This type of class instruction is typical of a standard online class.

SYNCRonous (SYNCRonous Online Class):
Instructors and students gather and interact in "real-time" virtual environments with regularly scheduled days/times as they would if they were in an in-person class on campus.

In-Person
43%

43% In-Person

These classes are in-person at either LBCC's Liberal Arts Campus or Trades, Technology, and Community Learning Campus

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
											
LBCC in MLK Jr. Day Parade	New Vice President Candace Jones & Assoc. Vice President Rick von Kolen hired	Hall of Champions inducts new honorees	LBCC joins Cambodia Town Festival	Love My Neighbor mural at TTC unveiled	Student Avery Aguirre wins Point Foundation Scholarship	First Accelerate cohort celebrated	LBCC delegation visits Japan	LB Rotary hosts Feeding the Future	LBCC receives \$50,000 Western Governors University scholarship	LBCC in Belmont Shore and Daisy Lane Parades	
											
North LB Higher Ed mural earns Davey Award	Child Development Centers earn top ratings	Alumna Stephanie Guzman contributes to Oscar-winning Anora	Dean Moises Gutierrez earns Excelencia Fellowship	1,376 students graduate at Commencement	College Day	Student Parent Hub grand opening	College Day	Hall of Fame inducts Jenni Rivera, Jennifer Kumiyama, and Norm Rasmussen	\$1.2M awarded at LBCC Scholarship Reception	Carl Kemp promoted to Associate Vice President of Public Affairs, Marketing, and Government Relations	
											
	Roger Van Hook art area dedicated		LBCC marches in Pride Parade		Dr. Heather Van Volkinburg promoted to Associate Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness						
	E-Sports lab opens										

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

Catalina Island Students Gain College Access Through Dual Enrollment Day

community



Long Beach City College (LBCC) brought the Long Beach College Promise to Avalon during the Catalina Island College Promise Dual Enrollment Day. Board of Trustees Vice President Dr. Ennette Morton, Superintendent-President Dr. Mike Muñoz, and college leaders met with Mayor Anni Marshall and Avalon TK-12 Principal Emma Peguero to celebrate expanded college opportunities for Catalina Island students. With support from LBCC staff, students enrolled in nine LBCC courses across disciplines such as history, sociology, psychology, and music.

\$2 Million Endowment Supports Future Nurses

The St. Mary Medical Center Foundation Board approved a \$2 million endowment to support the Long Beach City College Nursing Program, in collaboration with the LBCC Foundation. The endowment will provide ten annual scholarships of \$2,500 each to students pursuing careers in nursing, helping cover tuition, books, uniforms, healthcare fees, and other program-related expenses.

The scholarship program strengthens LBCC's commitment to preparing skilled nurses who will make a significant impact on healthcare. The first St. Mary Medical Center Endowed Scholarship was awarded to Hilary De La Cruz, a first-generation student dedicated to helping others and advancing her education in nursing.



Temple Family Charitable Foundation Commits \$1 Million to DSPS Center



Long Beach City College received an extraordinary \$1 million-gift from the Temple Family Charitable Foundation in support of the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) Center.

In recognition of this generous commitment, LBCC held a renaming ceremony to officially dedicate the space as the Temple Family Charitable Foundation DSPS Center. This contribution reflects the Temple Family's continued dedication to expanding access, inclusion, and success for students with disabilities at LBCC.

Celebrating Global Connections at LBCC



Long Beach City College and Sister Cities of Long Beach proudly hosted the first in-person awards ceremony for the Digital Pen Pal Program. This unique initiative is designed to help students build meaningful global friendships despite geographic and time barriers. Throughout the program, students exchanged ideas, stories, and perspectives. Their work culminated in a scholarship project evaluated on creativity, connection, quality, and relevance.

The ceremony also honored participants in the Young Artists and Authors Showcase, whose works celebrated this year's theme, "Friendship: The Heartbeat of Global Peace." Their art, poetry, essays, and music illustrated how connection and understanding can unite students around the world.



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Library Honors Trailblazer Bobbie Smith



The Liberal Arts Campus Library was rededicated as the Bobbie Smith Library, honoring LBCC's first African American librarian and a pioneer for literacy, equity, and justice. Bobbie Smith, who served from 1970 to 1992, held roles as department head, Academic Senate President, and Faculty Union President, leaving a legacy as an educator, activist, and leader. She also made history as the first African American woman elected president of the Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education.

Beyond the classroom, the trailblazing librarian advocated for social change through organizations such as the NAACP, the National Council of Negro Women, and other community groups. The renaming, led by LBCC librarians and unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees, also launched the Bobbie Smith Scholarship for Library Science students. The library now stands as a lasting tribute to her service, perseverance, and dedication to education and community.

Aquatics Center Dedicated to Legendary Coach Monte Nitzkowski



Long Beach City College dedicated its Aquatics Center in honor of the late Monte Nitzkowski, a decorated athlete, revered coach, and influential figure in U.S. swimming and water polo. Coach Nitzkowski led LBCC to 32 conference water polo championships and 12 swim titles over 34 years, including an eight-season undefeated streak.

He and his wife Barbara were strong advocates for Title IX, helping launch collegiate women's water polo programs

nationwide and promoting equal opportunities for female athletes. Coach Nitzkowski also guided the U.S. Men's Water Polo Team to Olympic bronze in 1972 and silver in 1984.

The naming of the Monte Nitzkowski Aquatics Center is supported by an endowment through the LBCC Foundation, ensuring lasting resources for student athletes and a legacy that will inspire generations.

Record Participation Marks Milestone for Viking Summer Voyage



Long Beach City College's Viking Summer Voyage reached a new milestone with 425 students completing the program—its largest cohort to date. The eight-day, in-person summer transition program prepares incoming students for college success through a blend of academic readiness, career exploration, and student engagement activities. The program's success underscores LBCC's ongoing commitment to innovative student support initiatives that build a strong foundation for academic achievement.

LBCC Breaks Ground on Award-Winning Student Center to Redefine Campus Life



LBCC celebrated the groundbreaking of its new Building E College Center. This is an ambitious \$102 million project that will become the heart of student life on the Liberal Arts Campus. The future student center, recognized with the prestigious *Gold Nugget Award for Best Educational Project* from the Pacific Coast Builders Conference (PCBC), exemplifies excellence in design and innovation in higher education facilities.

The three-story, 62,823-square-foot center will unite key student services under one roof, including Student Life, Basic Needs, Viking Vault, the Family Center, International Center, Student Affairs, First Year Experience, and the Social Justice Intercultural Center. The facility will also feature a campus cafeteria, amphitheater, outdoor gathering spaces, and flexible event areas.



With construction beginning in July 2025 and completion anticipated in Fall 2027, the building is designed to achieve LEED Gold Certification, reflecting LBCC's commitment to sustainability and equity.

It is funded by Measure LB, which was passed by voters in Avalon, Lakewood, Long Beach, and Signal Hill in 2016.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to the voters and taxpayers of Avalon, Lakewood, Long Beach, and Signal Hill—YOUR support allows LBCC to transform and modernize our campuses!

AACCC 2025 awards & recognitions

Long Beach City College Honored Nationally for Advancing Equity and Belonging

Long Beach City College has earned national recognition for its leadership in creating an inclusive and equitable campus environment, receiving the American Association of Community Colleges (AACCC) Award of Excellence for Advancing Institutional Equity and Belonging. The award, presented at the AACCC's annual conference in Nashville, highlights LBCC's commitment to embedding equity and belonging into every aspect of its operations.

Under the leadership of Superintendent-President Dr. Mike Muñoz, LBCC has achieved historic milestones, including a 43-point increase in students' sense of belonging, record-high enrollment, and a 50% improvement in the three-year completion rate. The college has also closed racial equity gaps in transfer-level math and English completion while expanding basic needs services, including food, housing, and mental health support.

As a Hispanic-Serving Institution serving a diverse student population, LBCC continues to strengthen initiatives like the DEIA Public Art Advisory Group, expanded cultural celebrations, equitable teaching programs, and employee resource groups. Partnerships such as the on-campus Boys & Girls Club program further support student-parents and youth.

Celebrating Excellence: Honoring LBCC's Outstanding Employees

Long Beach City College proudly recognizes several employees whose achievements this year earned prestigious state and national acclaim.

Visual artist and professor Carolyn Castaño received the esteemed 2025 Guggenheim Fellowship, one of only 32 Fine Arts recipients selected nationwide, honoring her influential work exploring identity, migration, and landscape.

Librarian Shamika Simpson was named the 2025 Distinguished Librarian by the Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table for her national leadership in advancing inclusive library services. She was also selected as a featured teaching librarian by the Association of College and Research Libraries.

LBCC also celebrated Mary Aja, longtime head athletic trainer, on her induction into the California Community College Athletic Trainer Association Hall of Fame, recognizing her decades of service and impact on student-athletes.

Additionally, Superintendent-President Dr. Mike Muñoz was selected as *Excelencia* in Education's inaugural President in Residence, a national leadership role supporting institutions advancing Latina/o/x student success.

Together, these honorees exemplify LBCC's commitment to excellence, innovation, and student-centered leadership.



Dr. Mike Muñoz



Carolyn Castaño



Shamika Simpson



Mary Aja

Recognizing Excellence

LEAGUE EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2024-25

The League for Innovation in the Community Colleges recognizes outstanding faculty, staff, and leaders in the community college field who have made a significant difference in the lives of students and in the communities their colleges serve with the Excellence Awards.



Mayra Aguilar

Project Manager
Information
Technology Services



David Goto

Faculty
Librarian



Marina Krasotkina

Faculty
Chef Instructor



LooLoo Amante Tupua

Program Coordinator
Early College Initiatives

2025 CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

The Classified of the Year award honors community college classified employees who demonstrate the highest level of commitment to professionalism and community colleges.



Rene Hoyo

Instructional Assistant
Computer and Office Studies

Celebrating LBCC's 2025 Hall of Fame

Long Beach City College and the LBCC Foundation celebrated outstanding alumni and community leaders at the 2025 Hall of Fame ceremony on September 18. This year's honorees included three exceptional alumni: legendary singer Jenni Rivera, inducted posthumously as the first alumna in Hall of Fame history; acclaimed singer and actor Jennifer Kumiyama; and respected attorney and community advocate Norm Rasmussen.

The evening also recognized LBCC Foundation Distinguished Awardees: Dr. Alisia Kirkwood (Campus Friend Award), the Boys and Girls Clubs of Long Beach (Community Service Award – Organization), Debra Peterson (Community Service Award – Individual), and Nathalia Miyamura ("The Blaine Edward Mansfield" Student Service Award).

Established in 1972, the Hall of Fame is LBCC's signature recognition event, honoring alumni, students, and community members whose achievements have brought lasting prestige to the college and the greater Long Beach community.



Partnering to Empower Parenting Students



Long Beach City College was selected as one of only two California community colleges to participate in the *Empowering Single Mothers & Parenting Students Community of Practice*, led by the California Alliance for Student Parent Success and EdTrust–West.

This two-year initiative brings together LBCC leaders from Financial Aid, Institutional Effectiveness, Basic Needs, and the Child Development Center to gather data, share best practices, and develop targeted action plans that improve outcomes for parenting students. Through six intensive sessions focused on information gathering, debriefing, and cross-collaboration, LBCC is working to address key barriers such as childcare access, financial aid awareness, and basic needs support.

Honored for Student Parent Success



Long Beach City College was honored with the California Student Parent Summit Award in the "IMPLEMENT" category, recognizing LBCC's outstanding efforts to support student parents. This award celebrates institutions that have successfully implemented policies and practices addressing the needs of families, established comprehensive support systems, and demonstrated measurable impact on educational outcomes and degree completion.

Advancing Latina/o/x Student Achievement

As a Seal of *Excelencia*-certified institution, LBCC continues to lead nationally in promoting Latina/o/x student success. In 2025, LBCC served as a coaching partner for Northeast Lakeview College in San Antonio, Texas, offering strategic feedback and guidance as the college pursued its own Seal of *Excelencia* certification. Through this collaboration, LBCC is sharing best practices, mentoring peer institutions, and shaping national efforts to advance equity and inclusion in higher education by reinforcing the college's mission to ensure every student can thrive and succeed.



Beach Volleyball Team Earns Conference Honors



The Long Beach City College beach volleyball team finished the 2025 season with six athletes earning All-South Coast Conference (SCC) recognition. Sophomores Enaya Vaielua and Tyreana Allen captured the SCC Individual Pairs Championship, while Mikayla Curry and Kaylani Moncada earned First Team honors. Four additional players—Ryannah Gagau, Alexandra Rosquin, Ryleeh Tuaolo, and Camille Agrupis—were named to the Second Team, highlighting the team's depth and competitive strength under Head Coach Tyler Jackson.

Women’s Softball Shines with Record Season with Coach of the Year



The Women’s Softball program had a standout year in 2025, highlighted by Head Coach Megan Martinez being named South Coast Conference Coach of the Year. Under her leadership, LBCC captured the Regional Championship with a remarkable 38-4 record—the team’s best season since 2002.



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