



LONG BEACH
CITY COLLEGE

June 2018



SUPERINTENDENT-PRESIDENT'S
NEWSLETTER
FOR THE
CAMPUS
COMMUNITY
REAGAN F. ROMALI, PH.D.

Superintendent-
President's
Message



Congratulations and thanks to every single Viking who participated in my favorite day of the entire academic year - Commencement!

The Class of 2018 represented a double-digit increase over last year's numbers! We dramatically increased the number of students who graduated with Honors with higher GPAs compared to last year. More than 1,800 students earned an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree, and more than 300 students earned their Certificate of Achievement.

Faculty, Classified and Administration **ALL** had an important role to play in celebrating a true victory. Thank you all for your hard work throughout the academic year!

I would like this opportunity to thank those who made the Commencement Ceremony special.

- **Enrollment Services** – It starts and ends with this team getting our students through LBCC! Thank you for going through all of the graduation applications and for serving our students. This was a HUGE task that took a lot of dedication and hours. Thank you!
- **Student Life/Student Affairs** – Thank you for leading the Commencement Planning Committee, lining up the graduates and Faculty participants, and coordinating the volunteers and award winners.
- **Veterans Stadium/Facilities/Grounds** – They worked for days to set-up and deep clean during an already busy time of year while keeping the rest of LBCC running smoothly. Long after the graduates and their families left the Stadium, this team was still hard at work cleaning up.
- **Instructional Media Production & Multimedia Services** – You did a great job coordinating and setting up the large screens and audio equipment. And thank you for capturing the ceremony for live-streaming and for YouTube so that we can all look back at a great day.
- **Communications** – Thank you for a great job with the Commencement Program, writing the script, signage, publicity, decorations and sharing everything on our social media. #GoVikings!
- **Music Department** – The LBCC Viking Show Band really hit all of the right notes before the ceremony began. Thanks for entertaining all of the friends and families in the Stadium!
- **The Campus Bookstore** – So many special requests for robe rentals and yet the Bookstore staff handled it all with grace. Thank you for your patience in administering and gathering all of the Faculty and graduate robes.
- **Volunteers** – Many of you came to help with the student check-in for the Commencement Ceremony and rehearsal, proofreading the program, assisting with DSPS students, researching special award symbols for the students, and even just stopping by to cheer for them. It all means so much in making the day so special!
- **My team in the Superintendent-President's Office** – Thank you for organizing the Platform Party, the receptions, coordinating the Commencement Speaker and keeping me on track!

Looking forward to next year's Commencement! Let's see another increase in the number of graduates next year!





COMMENCEMENT **2018** BY THE NUMBERS



1,925

students earned Associate of Arts or Associate of Science Degrees



316

students earned Certificates of Achievement



230

students achieved Honors with a GPA between 3.5 and 3.749



149

students achieved High Honors with a GPA between 3.75 and 3.99



44

students achieved Highest Honors with a perfect 4.0 GPA

Numbers will be official October 2018



Did you know?



Every year, approximately **1,300 LBCC students** transfer to four-year universities and colleges!





LBCC students were
awarded with more than

\$1 million

in scholarship funds
at a ceremony on June 6.

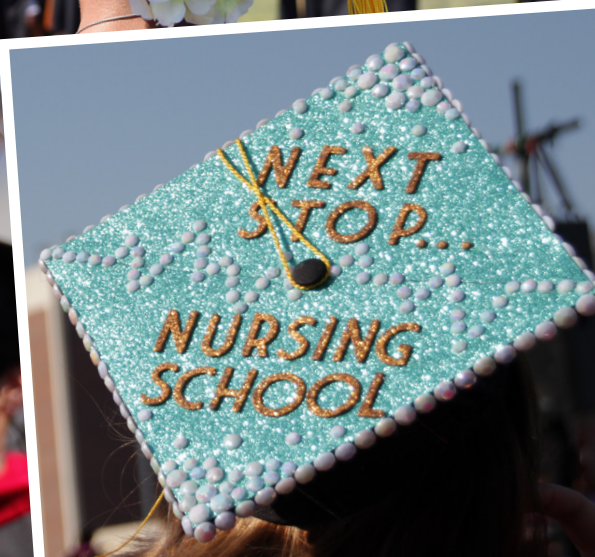
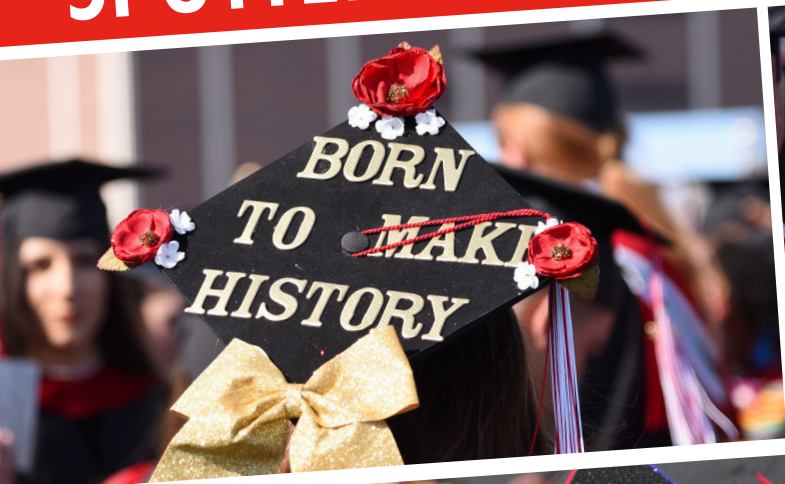
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(Left to right) Outstanding Colleague Honorees Laura Rantala, Paul Creason and Jerome Thomas.



(Left to right) Long Beach Community College Board of Trustee Member Vivian Malauulu, Superintendent-President Romali, Vice President of Human Resources Rose DelGaudio, Trustee Doug Otto, Trustee Dr. Virginia Baxter, and Personnel Commissioner and Trustee-Elect Uduak-Joe Ntuk.



(Left to right) Roueche Excellence Award winner Michelle Grimes-Hillman, Fred Rossmannek, Moises Gutierrez, Liz McCann, Jerome Thomas, Laura Rantala, Paul Creason, Outstanding Colleague Honoree Lois Barth, Nelly Delgado, Trustee Otto, Vice President DelGaudio, Superintendent-President Romali, Trustee Malauulu, Hussam Kashou, Classified Employee of the Year nominee Jimmie Flowers, Classified Senate President Anne Engel, Commissioner Ntuk, Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Kathleen Scott, Roueche Excellence Award winner Jennifer Holmgren, and Trustee Baxter.



(Left to right) Jennifer Holmgren, Hussam Kashou, Dr. Kathleen Scott, and Michelle Grimes-Hillman



Valedictorian Mackenzie Howard (left) with Trustee Baxter (right).



(Left to right) Nelly Delgado, Jerome Thomas, Anne Engel, Jimmie Flowers



Dr. J. Luke Wood (center) was the keynote speaker for the 2018 Commencement Ceremony.



(Left to right) Superintendent-President Romali, Vice President of the Board of Trustees Sunny Zia, and Trustee Virginia Baxter



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(Left to right) Judy Quilaton, Angela Fowlkes, and C.C. Sadler.





Jorge Ochoa



