Long Beach City College Foundation Newsletter

Message from the Interim Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As many of you are aware, LBCC Foundation Executive Director, Elizabeth McCann, has left for a position at Saddleback College. It is my pleasure to serve as Interim Executive Director until a new Executive Director is hired. I have been with the Foundation for 11 years and have served in many different capacities, most recently as Associate Director. I believe in the core mission of the Foundation “to raise funds to support the College’s outstanding and evolving learning environment.” There are many ways that the Foundation supports the College – through student and faculty scholarships, Foundation grants, Associate Group support, Alumni programming, academic program support and campus beautification. I am excited to continue the Foundation’s work as we strive to build upon the College’s excellence.

This newsletter focuses on the the amazing scholarships and programs the Foundation has recently supported through your generous gifts.

Go Vikings!

Best regards,

Nancy Yoho
2019 Scholarship Reception

Donors and student recipients gathered for the 2019 Scholarship Reception on May 23 to celebrate the awarding of over $1 million in scholarships. This year there were 628 students who received scholarships for the 2019-2020 academic year. Every student that submitted a complete application with a 2.0 or higher GPA received a scholarship.

Included in these scholarships were 30 awards of $1,000 each given by the Foundation Scholarship Committee. Awards were made to 16 full-time students and 11 part-time students. In addition, three faculty/staff awards were given - one each toward completion of a Ph.D., Masters degree and Bachelors degree.

These scholarships ease educational financial burdens for students and their families. The financial assistance helps even the playing field, enabling students from all circumstances to access education and improve their quality of life. The Foundation is grateful to all of our donors for their generous gifts that enhance the lives of our students.

Pictured: Student Scholarship Recipients

President's Partners for Promise Scholarships

The President's Partners for Promise is LBCC's premier giving society that provides essential leadership development, access and achievement opportunities for outstanding LBCC students. This program for corporate and individual donors supports the most accomplished and deserving students through annual scholarships and leadership development initiatives. Ten President's Ambassadors received over $8,000 and 55 President's Scholars received over $40,000 in scholarships to be used at Long Beach City College and for transfers to 4-year universities.

2019 Honors Banquet and Scholarships

On May 7, scholarships were presented to students who have completed the LBCC Honors Program. These scholarships are from a bequest from former LBCC Math and German professor, Thordis Haga. As a professor, Ms. Haga took a particular interest
in tutoring members of the football team to help them gain the math skills they needed to pass their classes.

When Ms. Haga was making her bequest to LBCC, she was particularly interested in rewarding students who had achieved academically. Her bequest is used to fund the President’s Scholar scholarships. The recipients have completed the Honors Program and have been accepted to transfer institutions. In the past five years, these students have transferred to every UC and many other colleges throughout the country. Among the institutions that admitted President’s Scholars this year are Yale University, Brown University, Columbia University, Williams College, and Harvey Mudd College.

Pictured top: Honors Students

Pictured bottom: Thordis Haga

**Foundation Grants**

The Foundation awarded almost $30,000 for 30 grants to departments and programs of the College in May 2019 for the 2019-2020 academic year. Some of the projects and programs that were funded include the 7th Annual LBCC Science Night, Upward Bound Summer Program Tour, John Fylpaa Leadership Institute, Latino History Month, Lead Academy, Lifetime Learning Center Community Outreach, English Department Essay Contest, Metal Fabrication Outreach, Math Success Center, Veteran’s Enrichment, Visual Media Arts Guest Speaker Program and Writer’s Reading Series.

**Athletics Associates Golf Tournament**

The Athletics Associates hosted their 36th Annual Golf Tournament on May 16, and it was a huge success! They sold out Recreation Park Golf Course 18 as they honored former LBCC Football head coach Wil Shaw. Title Sponsor Cordoba Corporation led the charge for a great day of fundraising that included golf, opportunity drawings and dinner as the tournament raised more than $30,000 for the Athletics Department to aid in the purchasing of equipment, assist student athletes, and help with team travel expenses. Go Vikings!

Pictured: Ginny Baxter, Lois Schneider and Lois Smith. All three of these ladies have been at every one of the 36 LBCC Athletics Golf Tournaments.
Friends of Languages Associate Group Scholarships

As part of the scholarships awarded at the Scholarship Reception, the Friends of Languages (FOL) Associate Group, awarded three scholarships each to LBCC foreign language and ESL students. In addition, FOL awarded two $1,000 scholarships for students studying foreign language for the travel abroad program. This year LBCC students are traveling to Paris, France for the month of July to study the language and culture.

FOL held their Spring Beat Fundraiser on May 19 at the Japanese Cultural Center in Long Beach. A live drum performance and history presentation by Kokoro Taiko as well as a cultural presentation by Audrey Yamagata-Noji were highlights of the afternoon.

FOL meets regularly and raises funds through their annual cultural fundraiser and sales from the Long Beach Antique Swap Meet to support their scholarships.

Pictured: Ron Reece, President Friends of Languages Associate Group, at the Scholarship Reception

Helping the Homeless Students Associate Group

The Helping the Homeless Students Associate Group was awarded a $2,500 grant from Farmers & Merchants Bank. The group continues to collect and distribute food and toiletry donations for our homeless and resource-insecure students. In addition to the housing assistance they provide to LBCC students, they provide health and hygiene kits, blankets, and free courses to help our homeless students learn essential skills to help them succeed both academically and in life.

Outstanding Seniors Luncheon

The Lifetime Learning Center Senior Studies Associates held their Outstanding Seniors Luncheon on May 14 at The Grand in Long Beach to honor Harry Saltzgaver, Shirley Wild, and Joseph Prevratil for a lifetime of service to the community. The luncheon, sponsored by St. Mary’s Medical Center, had 220
guests in attendance and raised more than $8,000 to support the LBCC Lifetime Learning Center's classes, events, and day tours to help older adults stay active mentally, physically and socially.

Pictured L-R: Rich Archbold, Shirley Wild, Harry Saltzgaver, Mike Murray, Joe Prevratil & Rocky Suares

2019 Commencement

On June 6, the Long Beach Community College District held commencement at Veterans Stadium. This was the largest graduating classes in college history with more than 2,200 students receiving AA or AS degrees, and more than 800 students receiving Certificates of Achievement.

- More than 800 students participated in the Commencement ceremony.
- 249 LBCC students achieved Honors by earning a 3.500 - 3.749 cumulative grade point average; 139 students achieved High Honors (3.75 - 3.99 cumulative grade point average); and 69 students achieved Highest Honors, a perfect 4.00 cumulative grade point average.
- LBCC student Jay Frisher was selected as the 2019 Valedictorian. Frisher is a veteran. He came to LBCC after tours with the U.S. Marines. His speech was to encourage his fellow students not to allow labels to define their success.
- ABC7 broadcast journalist Veronica Miracle served as the keynote speaker and shared her story about her father who was sent to prison while she was in high school. She encouraged students to take charge and write their own story.
- Community member and LBCC Foundation Governor Loyd Wilcox represented the Long Beach City College alumni at the ceremony and presented his grandson, a fifth-generation Viking, his diploma.

Pictured: ASB President Jan Paolo Canteras and ASB Student Trustee Donnell Jones

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

President's Partners for Promise
(formerly known as President's Circle)

President's Partners for Promise members provide support for LBCC's most deserving and accomplished students through annual scholarships and leadership initiatives like the President's Ambassadors program. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been
distributed to LBCC students to assist them in reaching their educational goals. President's Partners for Promise members are recognized at a reception as well as at several campus events throughout the year.

President's Partners for Promise offer individual and corporate giving courtesies. Individual Opal and Pearl members and Corporate Pearl, Ruby and Diamond members underwrite the annual State of the College address and event, LBCC's signature community event. Interested in becoming a partner?

Visit our website for individual and corporate giving information.

Please contact Nancy Yoho at (562) 938-4203 or nyoho@lbcc.edu.

Photo: President's Ambassadors with Superintendent-President Dr. Reagan Romali

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### IRA Distribution

Any individual who has attained the age of 70 1/2 may make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from an individual retirement account (IRA). A QCD permits annual direct transfers to a qualified charity totaling up to $100,000 of tax-deferred savings. Under current tax laws, any amount processed as a QCD counts toward your required minimum distribution (RMD) requirement and reduces the taxable amount of your IRA distribution. This lowers both your adjusted gross income and taxable income, resulting in a lower overall tax liability. Click here for more information on QCDs from an IRA. To make a gift of an IRA to LBCC, please contact Nancy Yoho at (562) 938-4203 or nyoho@lbcc.edu.

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### Amazon Smile

Designate the LBCC Foundation When You Shop at Amazon

Help support our students when you sign up before you shop at Amazon. To designate the Long Beach City College Foundation tax ID # 95-3297459 as "your charity", simply go to smile.amazon.com. Once you have designated your charity, just shop at smile.amazon.com. It is free to designate a charity and our students benefit. Amazon donates a small percentage of all eligible purchases.

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### Endowed, Named and Memorial Scholarships

#### Endowed Scholarship

If you would like to establish an Endowed Scholarship, a minimum gift of $25,000 is required and a portion of the interest on the endowed amount is the award given as a scholarship each year.
Named Scholarship
A gift of $1,000 for a minimum of three years is required to establish a named scholarship.

Memorial Scholarship
You can remember a loved one, colleague or friend with a scholarship in their name.

All of these scholarships benefit LBCC students at LBCC or as they move on to 4-year universities. Donors to these scholarships establish the criteria for these awards and have the opportunity to meet the recipients at the annual Scholarship Reception.

If you are interested in establishing a scholarship, please contact LBCC Foundation Interim Executive Director, Nancy Yoho at (562) 938-4203 or nyoho@lbcc.edu.

Ralphs and Food 4 Less Community Contribution Program

The Ralphs and Food 4 Less Community Contributions Programs support non-profits through the donation of up to 4% of eligible purchases when you sign up and use your Ralphs and Food 4 Less Rewards Card. If you do not have a Ralphs or Food 4 Less Rewards Card, ask a checker at the store for a card. Then go to ralphs.com or food4less.com and create an account.

To sign your card up for donations to LBCC, sign into your account and scroll down to Community Rewards.Click Enroll and enter Long Beach City College Foundation, account RY382 for Ralphs and NS820 for Food4Less. Select the organization and click Enroll.

Interested in Making a Gift?

You can Make a Gift Online or send a check to the LBCC Foundation:

LBCC Foundation
4901 E. Carson Street, B12
Long Beach, CA 90808

The Long Beach City College Foundation is a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to raise funds and provide support that contributes to the College's outstanding and evolving learning environment.