Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope that this finds you well and enjoying 2018. This is an exciting year for Long Beach City College. This fall we welcomed our 90th class of incoming students and we will celebrate the conclusion of this milestone year with a gala event on Saturday, June 16, 2018. I hope that you will join us!

In addition to welcoming a new class, we also welcomed our 10th Superintendent-President, Dr. Reagan Romali, to the Long Beach Community College District. We are blessed to have a record of steadfast, visionary leaders at LBCC. They have taken us from our humble beginnings in the late 1920s to our incredible growth over the past nine decades. This growth will continue on, thanks to the support of our community, and you will see our beautiful campuses flourish in the decades ahead.

We look forward to connecting with you and invite you to visit us at LBCC any time.

Go Vikings!

Warmly,

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FOUNDATION EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Upcoming Events

**March 23, 2018**
Library/Learning Resources Associates
Spring Fundraiser
Author Richard Montalvo, Jr., *Wings of Armageddon*
LAC Bistro, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm
[Information and Registration Form]

**May 10, 2018**
Athletics Associates 35th Annual Golf Tournament
Recreation Park, 1:00 p.m. shotgun
[Register Today!]

**June 16, 2018**
Long Beach City College 90th Anniversary Gala
Liberal Arts Campus
[Save the Date Flyer]

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New LBCC Superintendent-President Dr. Reagan Romali

Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees announced Dr. Reagan Romali as the new LBCC Superintendent-President. Dr. Romali started in her new leadership position at LBCC on May 15.

Dr. Romali comes to Long Beach City College from Harry S. Truman College, one of the City Colleges of Chicago, where she has served as president since July 2011.

Romali has held several senior leadership roles in Southern California prior to Truman College. She served as Vice President of Business Services at Moreno Valley College, where she led a team in helping the campus gain accredited college status in California. She also served as Vice President of Administrative Services at Los Angeles City College. Dr. Romali also oversaw the launch of two Houston Community College District campuses in the Middle Eastern nation of Qatar. Additionally, she taught on an adjunct basis for more than 10 years.

Currently, Dr. Romali serves on the Board of Directors for Weiss Memorial Hospital of Tenet Healthcare and Uptown United. She is a past member of the Board of Directors for the Chicago Sinfonietta.

Dr. Romali holds a PhD in Education from Walden University, a MBA from the University of San Diego and a BA in English from Rutgers University.
Please join all of us in the LBCC Foundation in Welcoming Reagan!

**Scholarship Reception**

More than 500 people, including 300 students, 70 donors, and LBCC administrators, faculty and staff, attended the annual Scholarship Reception which was held on June 7, 2017 in the LBCC Hall of Champions. There were 625 scholarships awarded for 2017-2018 in the amount of nearly one million dollars.

Associate Director, Scholarship and Outreach, Shyra Compton, introduced the new LBCC Superintendent-President Dr. Reagan Romali. Dr. Romali welcomed the guests and introduced the program. ASB President, Erick Mazariegos thanked the donors on behalf of all LBCC students. Foundation Executive Director Elizabeth McCann recognized each of the donors in attendance individually and Vice President Administrative Services Ann-Marie Gabel and ESL Professor Sudeepa Gulati made the presentations of the scholarships to the student recipients.

**Fall Donor Reception**

The Fall Donor Reception was held in the LBCC Bistro on November 2, 2017. The purpose of the this reception was to recognize significant scholarship donors and the students who received their scholarships. These donors included Rotary Club of Long Beach, Edison International, Assistance League of Long Beach, the Drown family and Dr. Virginia Baxter. Also in attendance were several College Promise scholars.

Associate Director, Scholarship and Outreach, Shyra Compton welcomed the guests and Foundation Executive Director Elizabeth McCann spoke about the impact these donors have on our students. Students had an opportunity to thank their donors and talk with them about their future plans.

**Chinese Delgation Visits LBCC Lifetime Learning Center**

A group of approximately 20 Chinese delegates visited the LBCC Lifetime Learning
Center in early November as they have for the past several years. These physicians were on a study trip in the United States to learn about healthcare, senior care, and other relevant topics. Director of the Lifetime Learning Center Theresa Brunella and Senior Administrative Assistant Beverly Norberg provided a tour of the center and information about our program for seniors.

Long Beach College Promise Celebration

On November 13, 2017 LBUSD Superintendent Chris Steinhauer, LBCC Superintendent Dr. Reagan Romali, CSULB President Dr. Jane Close Conoley and Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia gathered to sign a recommitment to the Long Beach College Promise, the nationally recognized, seamless education initiative that Long Beach provides from preschool through the university. The celebration was also held to welcome the newest member of the team, Dr. Reagan Romali. The Long Beach College Promise is a successful model that has been emulated by other cities and schools throughout the country.

Alumni Hall of Fame

The 45th Annual LBCC Alumni Hall of Fame was held on October 12, 2017 at The Centre at Sycamore Plaza. Nearly 250 members of the college and the community attended the event. The five inductees join 167 other distinguished members of the Alumni Hall of Fame. Special videos introduced and chronicled the lives of the honorees before they were inducted by LBCCD Board of Trustees President Jeff Kellogg. This year's inductees include:

Michele A. Dobson, attorney and community volunteer
Anne Emigh, community volunteer
Jerry Green, businessman and philanthropist
Jim Ostach, former LBCC professor, Navy SEAL and community volunteer
Brian Russell, businessman and community volunteer

Photo courtesy of Grunion Gazette
There were 19 past Alumni Hall of Fame inductees in attendance as well as special guests Dr. Beverly O’Neill, Dr. Tom Clark, Dr. Dianne Van Hook and all LBCCD Board of Trustees members, Jeff Kellogg, Sunny Zia, Dr. Virginia Baxter, Vivian Malaaulu and Doug Otto.

1960s-1970s Viking Marching Band Reunion

On September 16, 2017 the Long Beach City College 1960s-1970s Viking Reunion Band provided half time entertainment for the LBCC home football game where the Vikings pounced on the Moorpark Raiders with a winning score of 62-3.

Nearly 40 years ago, these players marched in the band under the direction of LBCC Band Leaders Dick Jones or Ronald Logan. Now they are accountants, librarians, engineers, and a variety of other professions, but they have never lost their love for the College or music. When they heard that the College was celebrating its 90th anniversary, they decided to dust off their instruments, practice their music, and converge on the College from all over the country to once again perform for the LBCC community. They came back ready to perform and remember the glory days of the LBCC Viking Band.

1962 Jr. National Championship Football Team Reunion

The Alumni Association celebrated the 55th anniversary of the Jr. National Football Championship on October 28, 2017. There were 10 members of the team, one team recruiter, and their guests in attendance. The celebration included dinner, a video of the championship game, a beautiful cake, lots of reminiscing, and introductions on the field at half time during the LBCC Homecoming football game. Each player received a commemorative hat and a DVD of the championship game footage.

In attendance at the reunion were players Mike Giers, Gary Garrison, Jim Dunn, John Weiser, Steve McLaren, Richard Zastrow, Duane
Nixon, Homer Williams, Jeff Smith and Bill James. Recruiter and future LBCC football coach, Paul Chafe, was also in attendance.

The 1962 Jr. National Championship game, called the Potato Bowl, was played against the Contra Costa Comets in Bakersfield before a crowd of 15,621 spectators. The Vikings came away with an overwhelming victory with a score of 66-8.

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GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

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

The President's Partners for Promise was created to build stronger relationships between LBCC and the community, and support existing and new campus programs.

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 in both the fall and spring, 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 luncheon, LBCC's signature community event. Interested in becoming a partner? Please reach out to Elizabeth McCann at (562) 938-4139 or *emccann@lbcc.edu*.

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President's Partners Reception

President's Ambassadors
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 the new 2018 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 Elizabeth McCann at (562) 938-4139 or emccann@lbcc.edu.

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.

Ralphs Community Contribution Program

The Ralphs Community Contributions Program supports non-profits through the donation of up to 4% of eligible purchases when you sign up and use your Ralphs Rewards Card. If you do not have a Ralphs Rewards Card, ask a checker at the store for a card. Then go to ralphs.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 or 82918. Select the organization and click Enroll.

Interested in Making a Gift?

If you are interested in making a gift to the LBCC Foundation through the President's Partners for Promise, an IRA distribution or setting up a scholarship, please contact Foundation Executive Director, Elizabeth McCann at (562) 938-4139 or emccann@lbcc.edu, or Foundation Associate Director, Nancy Yoho at (562) 938-4203 or nyoho@lbcc.edu.
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.