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Inaugural Greetings from the Chair of Alumni Relations Committee

What a great honor it was for me to be the “Keynote Speaker” at the 2010 LATTC Graduation. I want to thank LATTC for allowing me to be part of this very important milestone.

I am also proud of every student for working so hard to achieve this dream. I know I give credit to my alma mater, LATTC, for giving me the tools and skills necessary to be successful in my career.

I believe so much in this college that I decided to serve as the Board of Directors of Los Angeles Trade-Technical College Foundation. I plan on sharing my story with everyone to help raise awareness of the wonderful programs available at this wonderful institution.

I hope to raise funds for unfunded programs so that every student has the equal opportunities available to them as I did when I was in school. I am confident that these programs will help enhance each student’s career and his or her life.

As part of my role as the Board of Directors of Los Angeles Trade-Technical College Foundation, I also serve as the Chair of the Alumni Relations Committee and ask that each Graduate maintain contact with LATTC as this is where your journey began. Be an advocate for our college and don’t forget to share your success with all of us.

Frank J Ortiz

“Calling All LATTC Alumni Under the Tent”

Our Biggest alumni Event
Saturday, April 30, 2011
1:00 — 4:00 PM
“South Tent” of the New South Campus at LATTC
**Transformation Under the “Tent” brings in over $500,000 for LATTC**

It truly was an amazing evening of inspiration, synergy and awe inside the beautifully illuminated tent filled with 400 guests as the first annual gala of Los Angeles Trade-Technical College Foundation successfully made its mark.

“Celebrating Education: A Pegasus Experience”, a first Annual Fundraising Gala for LATTC Foundation, brought the downtown community together raising over $500,000 on October 28. The event honored various community leaders such as Tim Lieweke, CEO of Anschultz Entertainment Group, William Fujioka, CEO of Los Angeles County, President Max Nikias of USC, and David Sickler, former leader of AFL-CIO. Also honored was a LATTC Alumnus and an up-and-coming artist, HACER. Our honoree and proud alumnus, HACER, generously donated his 20-foot metal sculpture, “Pegasus” valued at $200,000, standing tall in front of the College. The “Pegasus” awards for our honorees were specially designed by our alumnus, HACER. L.A.’s favorite weatherman, Fritz Coleman added pizzazz to the evening as our Master of Ceremonies. Under the leadership of our Chairman, Dr. Darryl Holter of the Shammas Group, the entire board of the LATTC Foundation pulled together from day one of planning stage to the last minute of the evening. The event is now the talk of the town with all 40 tables filled with business and community leaders who will continue to support the mission of LATTC and the Foundation. Among the excitement were two student leaders from our Associated Student Organization who received $1,000 scholarships from the LATTC Foundation. The money raised from the gala will be used for scholarships for students, faculty grants for student success, and building endowments. There were more highlights at the event including a brand new Audi A8 auctioned off at $80,000, a fantastic meal prepared by the Patina Group, and an exquisite ice sculpture of Pegasus created by our Culinary Arts Department. It was truly a night to remember.

**Our 2010 Graduation...**

It was the culmination of a lot of hard work, vision and trust as Los Angeles Trade-Technical College held its 2010 graduation exercises right here on campus for the first time in 20 years. And the celebration was memorable! More than 600 students took part in the ceremony with over 5,000 family members and friends in the audience celebrating this milestone. Our 2011 Graduation is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, June 8 at 5:00 pm. Please contact the Alumni Relations Office for ticket information.

**LATTC Alumni are invited to attend 2011 Graduation on June 8 !!!**
HACER ’09

In 1993 Hacer, then a graffiti artist, became active in the public art scene hitting up now-less frequented spots: the alleys and apartment building roofs of Rampart, Belmont Tunnels and The Sketch Pad. In the years that followed Hacer, contemplating his childhood fascination with origami, shaped his trademark aesthetic: folded sculptures in bold, solid colors. Choosing metal as his medium, he enrolled at Los Angeles Trade Tech College [LATTTC] and studied welding. Shaped by the impermanence of his now-non-existent, childhood, paper foldings and graffiti murals; Hacer re-emerged in 2007 as a sculptor of permanent public art with his first installation, “Eagle”, on the LATTTC campus. Shortly afterward, President Chapdelaine commissioned a second sculpture, “Education Gives You Wings To Fly”; a monumental, 15’, red-orange Pegasus that was installed August, 2010 at LATTTC’s new South Campus. Other commissions followed. Most notably The Autry National Center’s Southwest Museum of The American Indian commissioned “Tiat”, a 12’, steel/patina recreation of a now non-existent canoe used by the native Indians of Los Angeles. Installed 10/2009. Recognized for his talent, Hacer landed a job as a professional fabricator/finisher at Carl-son & Co where he built work for Jeff Koons, Ellesworth Kelly, Charles Ray, John McCracken, etc.

ROBERTO MANCIA ‘94

I am the proud son of two wonderful, hardworking Salvadoran parents who taught their children to value education and to work hard for their dreams because these cannot be realized without hard work. I am a devoted father of two wonderful children who are constantly being reminded that reading will set them free. I am a proud graduate and transfer Los Angeles Trade-Technical College student who dared to dream, even when he was often advised not to. I am a successful Long Beach State graduate who through reading learned that to remain invisible is to be dead. And I am honored to be a Trade Tech faculty member, a Puente English Instructor who daily lives out what for years seemed to be an intangible dream. I firmly believe that education gives us the opportunity to reinvent ourselves but that we must participate directly in this transformation. I firmly believe that as an instructor I am in a position to advise, guide and support students in this vital process. And I firmly believe and embrace the words of Albert Einstein who advised us to “[s]trive not to be a success but rather to be of value.” It is these words that define what I so long to achieve for many years to come.

ANGEL GOMEZ ’10

I was kid #12 in my family so my parents resources to provide me with an education where very limited. My career goal is to eventually become a Cosmetology Instructor at LATTC where I have received the basis of my educational career towards higher education. I was fortunate enough to get a second chance to attend college when I became unemployed in January of 2008. I made bad choices in the past and abandoned my Economics 001 class in the summer of 2005 due to personal reasons. But it was my financial troubles and the lack of vocational training that brought me back to school where I have obtained an AA degree in Liberal Arts, an AA in Cosmetology as well as a Cosmetology Certificate. I completed all the required courses to transfer to Cal State L.A. where I am today. I am a single mother of three, United We Can Coordinator for world wide evangelism, a woman’s bible study teacher, a worship leader at church, Sunday school teacher, and I also evangelize with my church. I love doing what I do for the less fortunate. 2010 has been a great year for Trade Tech and for me on a personal level. I participated and won first place at the SIBE 2010 Hair Show back in March. I participated and won first place with Junior Style Stars National Competition in May. I also became the May semi-finalist for Matrix Mannequin Mania. If it wasn’t for CalWORKs and the Work Study Program I wouldn’t be where I’m at today. I am so grateful and proud to be part of Trade Tech’s history. I am truly a proud beaver!

CHE CHANCY ’94

A proud graduate of 1994, Assistant Professor Che Chancy found his niche in Welding. Since graduating from LATTTC with honors (President’s Honors List, 1994, Dean’s List, and 1994 Welder of the Year), Professor Chancy attained both his Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degree in Occupational Studies from Cal State Long Beach to return to LATTC to teach. He is well respected by his students and colleagues through his dedicated teaching and involvement on campus. He was voted the “Teacher of the Year” in 2009 and 2010 and continues to strive towards Student Success and Excellence. He is a two-fer for Trade-Tech!
I attended Frank Wiggins Trade School during the winter session of 1939 where the training I received permitted me to obtain my Commercial Radio Operator’s Licenses… I am a strong believer in the role that Technical institutions can play in the development of our young people. Especially those that are too poor to afford today’s extravagant tuitions (as I was in 1939.) After all, Einstein was a Polytechnic graduate and he didn’t do too badly either.

From: Mr. Robinette C. Smith

I attended Frank Wiggins Trade School in 1943-44. I was in the American Morse Telegraphy class run by a nice man named J. Arthur A. Lucier. I am now age 83 and still working here and there as well as being a volunteer at Nancy Devereux Center where people with mental problems are treated.

From: Mr. Buddy Hincke

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