Good Monday morning to you, October 16th, 2017---

California's community college environment just changed again. On Friday Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 19, which was sponsored by former LACCD Board of Trustees President Miguel Santiago. The new law waives the first year of tuition for any first-time community college student who enrolls at any of California's 114 community colleges. Given the current environment, this a huge victory for students in California, students in the LACCD and students that are interested in attending LATTC.

The Next Two Weeks

Celebrating the Governor's signature on AB19 on Friday, the state chancellor along with our chancellor and students will hold a news conference today at 10am at Roosevelt High School in Boyle Heights to celebrate the new California College Promise. I know so many of you worked hard this year on making sure the LA College Promise benefitted as many of our students as possible. Now the net is much bigger and we need to use this new law to increase enrollment at Trade Tech. This is a real victory for our chancellor who kept on pushing this effort statewide even though many people said it was not going to happen, and just like the passage of Measure CC, students throughout our district, have a better chance of accessing higher education. Check out the news release at the link below.


Ten campus leaders from all over the campus are joining me today, Monday 10/16, at the Marriott Hotel at LA Live, along with delegations from dozens of other campuses, to be briefed on the newest categorical fund, the $150 million one-time Guided Pathways support. Every college must participate at a regional meeting in order to receive this one-time funding that will support the Guided Pathways effort over the next three years. We will bring back the state-wide materials and communications on this work. But just be aware that this work is exactly the work that Trade Tech has been doing over the past five years. Every college will be expected to create Pathways on their campuses
(what some now call meta-majors), help students enter a pathway (using strategies like our work at Bridges), and help them stay on the pathway (using student services connected to the Pathways), to help students maximize completions. What Trade Tech is losing in the uniqueness of our work with PACTS we are gaining in getting the critical mass of support from all community college leaders in the state for this Guided Pathways work to continue to grow in benefit to our students.

**NOTE:** Come out to our next Day of Dialogue this Thursday from 1:15-3pm to get additional feedback about the state’s Guided Pathways activity. We are currently planning to meet in the Cafeteria and hope to focus on a single Pathway, including students from that Pathway, in our discussion. More info will be forthcoming.

This Wednesday is Disability Mentoring Day and individuals from throughout Los Angeles are spending their work day with a mentee. I received a visit from our DSPS Program a while back and agreed to be a mentor for a day with someone who I will attempt to mentor, but from whom I will most likely receive some mentoring as well. I will let you know how it goes. In addition, Disability Awareness Day will take the following Wednesday, October 25th.

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**Disability Awareness Day 2017**

You are invited to come meet LATTC’s DSPS Staff and local agencies offering services to students with disabilities!

**When:** Wednesday, October 25th, 2017  
**Time:** 9:00am to 12:30pm  
**Location:** Los Angeles Trade Technical College (LATTC)  
South Campus  
400 W. Washington Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90015
On Wednesday, State Senate President Pro Tem Kevin DeLeon has secured a civic center permit to hold an event on our campus. He has put together several important events on our campus in the past and has been amongst the most effective advocates for Dreamers and DACA students in the state legislature. We expect him to talk about the current environment for DACA students as well as his efforts to bring his work to the U.S. Senate. We will give you more details on time and location this week.

Also on Wednesday from 2-4pm, our Dream Resource Center is putting together a Family Preparedness Clinic for those interested in the latest information about Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Legal experts from the Bet Tzedek Legal Services Center will lead the discussion in the ASO lounge.

Also on Thursday we will have yet another chance for on-campus recruitment when the National College Resource Foundation brings its Think STEAM event to Trade Tech. More than 800 high school and middle school students will be on hand to learn more about STEAM-related programs at our community colleges, with a particular focus on Trade Tech. I know that some of our sciences and construction programs have already signed on to present their areas in the North Tent, and I would like as many of our STEAM programs as possible to join in. We also need some Bridges folks to engage students and collect interest cards for us to follow-up on. Please reach out to David to plan your participation and return his emails and calls if he reaches out. Learn more about the event by clicking the link below.

https://www.thecollegeexpo.org/other-expos/steam

This Thursday, October 19th at 10:19am, in addition to the Think STEAM event, we will be participating in California’s Great Shakeout. This is an annual statewide earthquake drill aimed at preparing us for an earthquake emergency. We all know this is earthquake country and large quakes could happen. I want to make sure our campus is prepared for such an emergency. There is information about the drill in the link below. Please practice your response for this Thursday. Make sure you follow the audio instructions. Thank you in advance.

https://www.shakeout.org/colleges/
This Friday morning we will be hosting the Chancellor as we kick-off the South-Tech PACTS partnership on campus. It is another high school partnership (this time with the LAUSD South Area Superintendent’s Office and all of their area schools) under AB288 (Dual Enrollment). We are attempting to create a pipeline of high school students not just into dual enrolled classes, but for these students from these classes to enroll at Trade once they graduate. This is modeled after the GO (Great Outcomes) Tech-Central partnership we have with the LAUSD Central Area Superintendent’s Office and the high schools that feed into our campus from that area. Dean Michelle Cheang and team, working with VP Barajas, is preparing for a couple of hundred high school students from our neighboring high schools in South LA. We plan to present our dual enrollment options and our available programs before and after their graduate.

Looking a week ahead to Thursday, October 26th, the LATTC Foundation is holding its Annual Student Benefit Dinner. With David Crippens as the President of our foundation, we are almost on track to again raise $300,000 for the third year in a row. We are honoring Doug Marion, the son of an LATTC student and the head of Plumbers, Local 78 (that is apprenticing a large number of our students), Amy Lemisch, the Director of the California Film Commission.
(that played the key role in securing the $350 million tax credit that brought back a lot of filming to SoCal, and secured more film and tv industry jobs, including for our students), Jackie Dupont-Walker, the E.D. of the WARD AME Community Development Corporation (and METRO Board Member), Parsons (a major construction company, and Ernie Moreno, LACCD Trustee and former long-time ELAC President whose first job at the District was here at LATTC. As you probably know, the Foundation supports four activities. They provide funding for: 1) competitive scholarships, 2) Tools for the Trades, 3) Skills USA (although this year we will not be allowed to travel to the National competition in Louisville due to the state boycott of Kentucky’s LGBTQ policies), and 4) our graduation. We are currently $20,000 short with a number of hopeful supporters. We are still hoping that we will find some supporters among our faculty and staff. Tickets for college employees are reduced from $350 to $200 and we very much hope you can attend. We have a great event with as much of the funds going to our students by holding the event in the South Tent, counting on the Culinary Department to build an amazing meal, and serve it as well. Contact Ana Maria Salazar at SalazaA@lattc.edu to reserve your ticket, or see the attached flyer for on-line tickets.
The Child Development Center staff put together a great Hispanic Heritage Month celebration. The children looked great and offered some wonderful presentations for their parents. You can see from the next photo that the waterproofing of the CDC is closing in on completion. Congrats to CDC director LaTanga Hardy and all the staff for your good work, including under patience.

And don’t forget that the CDC children will be holding their annual Halloween costume parade on October 31st in the North Tent. Come on out, enjoy the costumes and maybe bring them some treats. Here’s LaTanga’s invite and details for the Halloween event.

Halloween is almost here and we invite every department to join in the fun. In case you did not know, the Child Development Center Halloween Parade has been a campus wide tradition since 1975. Make believe or pretend play is a favorite activity for children and, actually, for adults. This year, the department with the best-decorated table in the North Tent with participants in costume will receive a Starbucks gift card TREAT! Our 85 children will parade in costume Tuesday, October 31st from 9:15am-11:00am. Little feet get very tired. For that reason, please join us in the North tent. To confirm participation and reserve a table, you may call extension 3690. We hope to see you there and in advance, we thank you for helping us provide a safe Halloween experience for our children.
Finally, on the events coming our way, we have been part of a remarkable educational partnership at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall. Our LA County supervisor Hilda Solis asked us to help put together a Veterans’ Culinary Arts Program designed to train veterans for workforce placement. The classes take place in the beautifully remodeled kitchen at Patriotic Hall. With the financial support and recruitment from our WorkSource Center and the career connects from the supervisor's office, our Culinary Department provides the training by David Scherer. As a result, these students are about to hit the workplace. Click the link below to check out the program and recruit new participants. The next class will begin when we have enough veterans and/or their family members to have our next cohort.

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This Past Week

Last Thursday we invited business professionals and entrepreneurial advisors to our first-ever Business Industry Talent Generator. The event was put together by Dean Chito Cayajon and his team and was designed to have these business leaders engage our business students and programs. Several speakers were on hand to guide students through business plans and business regulations. I understand our students were committed and interested in building this partnership, to help them when they graduate and seek to start a business or look for jobs in the business marketplace.
One of the largest LA high school events took place at Trade Tech **last Friday and Saturday. The Cash for College Convention brought more than 6,000 high school students, teachers, administrators and parents to our campus.** It was organized by our friends at the LA Chamber of Commerce, and for the second year in a row, the event was an overwhelming success. I got a chance to walk the event, and saw hundreds of students being engaged by our programs and our teams, encouraging these students to make Trade Tech their choice for college. The Bridges team was conducting tours and giving out information. I was told that **more than 3,000 interest cards were collected by our staff** on the first day alone! So now the challenge is to make contact with all of the students who expressed interest in Trade Tech and provide them with an exciting pathway to enrollment in classes. It has taken a lot of work to bring Cash for College here and to make it work for us and the 30 other colleges who attend. I want to thank BOT president Sydney Kamlager-Dove and member Mike Fong for attending the scholarship ceremony on Saturday along with VP Leticia Barajas who wrapped up the event promoting Trade Tech’s dual enrollment and ALAS programs. My deepest thanks to those programs who were present and reaching out to these students, including Cosmetology & Barbering, Design & Media Arts, Advanced Transportation & Manufacturing, Applied Sciences, Liberal Arts, EOPS and Financial Aid. Hats off to the Bridges team for making this a real opportunity for outreach. Thanks to our Facilities team for answering every request. And to David Ysais and his PR/communications team for seeing the benefit of having this massive event on our campus, handling so many details and making it so beneficial to us.
I was asked to announce that the campus is looking for community input at an upcoming forum on the viability of our Paralegal program. The open forum for the Paralegal Program Viability Review will be convened by the Academic Senate on November 7, 2017 at 1:30pm in Aspen Hall, Room 101. The purpose of this open forum is to provide an opportunity for any concerned member of the campus community or of the college’s service area to voice opinions and express concerns regarding LATTC’s Paralegal program and its continuation. If you have questions about this forum please contact VP Jim Lancaster in Academic Affairs.

In case you didn’t see the email, the winter offerings are now available and we want to encourage all students to start enrolling. Again we need to stress enrollment growth and its everyone’s responsibility to get students engaged in the winter semester. See the Winter classes in the link below.


For our student focus we are announcing the awarding of five $2000 scholarships to LATTC students in the sciences. The funds are were given by the Robert R. Sprague donor-advised fund at California Community Foundation. There are some great students on this list. Congratulations to each of them.
There is so much great attention being directed toward our campus because of the work we are all doing. Let’s keep up our momentum in trying to build enrollment and student success. It appears we really can do this.

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