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Anne Pellette, an LBCC Culinary student

To find out more about LBCC's Culinary Arts Program, visit

[LBCC.edu/Program-Culinary-Arts](http://LBCC.edu/Program-Culinary-Arts)



## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT-PRESIDENT

Happy 2019 Vikings!

It's a new calendar year, and Long Beach City College is running at full force everywhere I turn.

Winter Session is moving along as we prepare for the Spring Semester. Mid-January, we welcomed dozens of local high school counselors to the Liberal Arts Campus to show them what LBCC is made of, and I think we really impressed them! Great job by Vice President of Student Support Services Dr. Mike Muñoz, Dean of Counseling and Student Support Services Nohel Corral, and their team for showing these high school counselors that they want to send their students to LBCC!

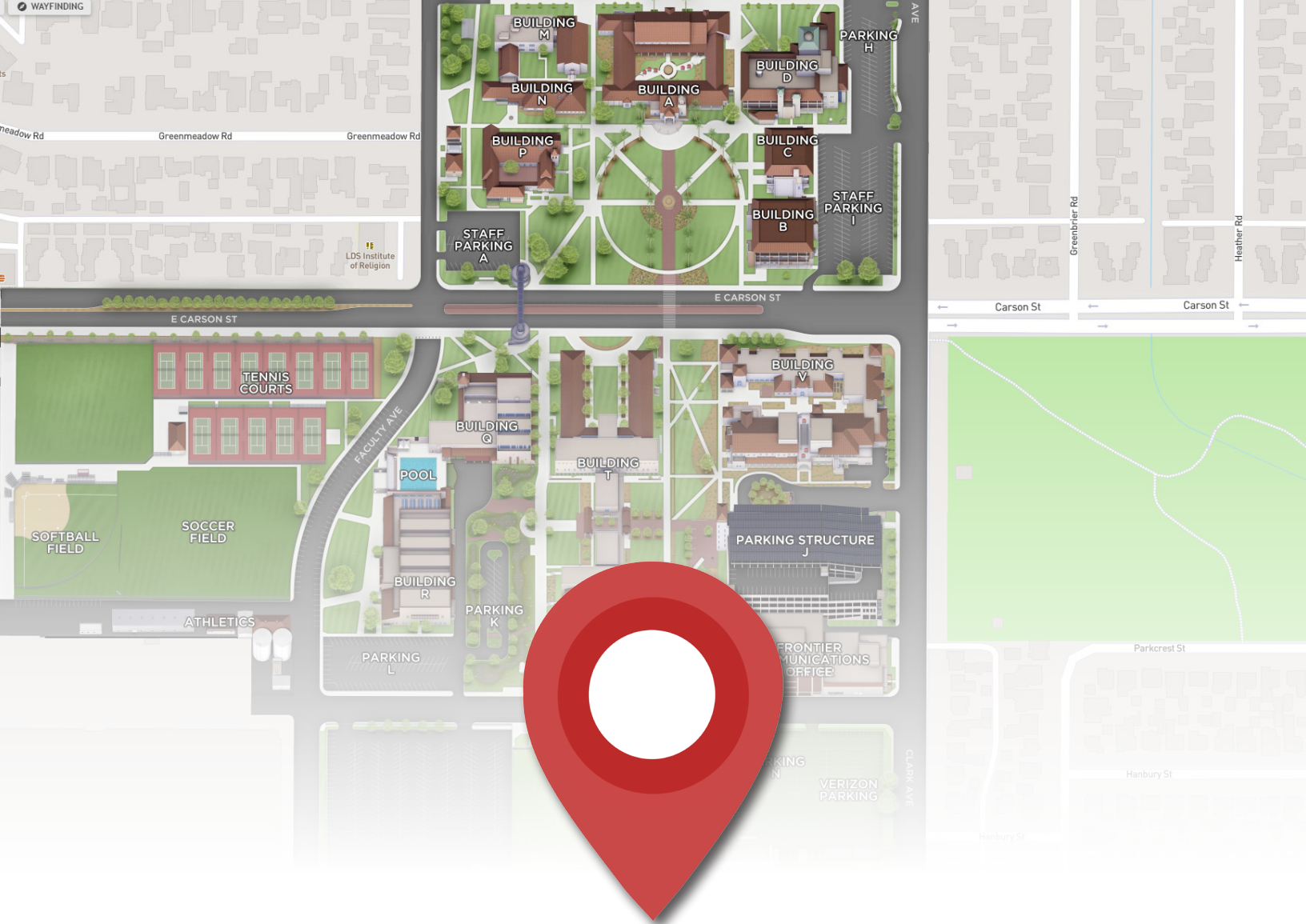
Progress continues as we fine-tune the Long Beach College Promise 2.0 with promotion of the additional FREE SECOND YEAR for our Long Beach Unified High School graduates and of all of the benefits students will receive by committing to transfer from LBCC to California State University, Long Beach.

We recently mailed out two very impressive pieces to the entire district about all we offer here at LBCC. It has been many years since we have conducted such a huge mailing and I think you would be very proud to see our latest recruitment pieces highlighting Community Education, CTE, Spring Semester and LBCC in general.

I also wanted to let you all know that normally at this time we would be frantically getting ready for the State of the College event. Well, after 10 years of doing the same thing, I have decided we will switch things up a bit! Is anyone surprised? We will not be holding our traditional show, but revamping the program. For 2019, we will be hosting our community supporters at a smaller-scale event that won't have quite a hefty price tag, therefore providing our Foundation with more financial opportunity to help our students in need. My head is spinning with ideas on things we can do, so don't be surprised if I call on you for a little help as we prepare for this community presentation with our LBCC Foundation.

Looking forward to seeing everyone back on campus for Spring Semester, February 6!





# CAMPUSBIRD TO TAKE FLIGHT AT LBCC

Beginning in the Spring of 2019, finding the way around both campuses of Long Beach City College will become easier as mobile-friendly maps come to life through CampusBird.

LBCC's buildings and grounds will be seen through a virtual mapping system providing 2D renderings using satellite imagery when one clicks the campus maps link located at the footer of the College's [homepage](#).

LBCC's Web Content and Electronic Media Coordinator Mo Wright has been working on the project for the better half of 2018, along with Instructional and Information Technology Services' Director Rob Carmen.

"CampusBird will provide Long Beach City College with a virtual mapping system, a mobile-friendly experience that delivers extensive location details, floorplans, and wayfinding all in the palm of your hand," said Wright.

# LBCC NAMED FINALIST FOR PRESTIGIOUS BELLWETHER AWARD

*First time in College history to be a finalist for an award that recognizes the most innovative community colleges in the country*



Long Beach City College has been selected as a finalist for the prestigious 2019 Bellwether Award at the upcoming Community College Futures Assembly. The Bellwether Awards are the nation's most competitive and prestigious recognition awards given to community colleges to recognize outstanding and innovative programs or practices.

LBCC submitted its groundbreaking and innovative program entitled "The Long Beach College Promise 2.0" which provides seamless transfer to California State University, Long Beach and key industry partnerships that will provide internship and job placement opportunities for LBCC students allowing students to progress from high school all the way through to a job. LBCC is one of ten finalists in the Planning Governance and Finance category. A team representing LBCC will present at the Bellwether College Consortium Assembly in San Antonio, Texas this February, where the winner of each category will also be announced.

"The Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees is so proud that such a respected consortium is recognizing the Long Beach College Promise 2.0," said LBCCD Board of Trustees President Sunny Zia. "This innovative enhancement is taking our original College Promise to a whole new level that

will benefit our students and our community in groundbreaking ways. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to present Promise 2.0 on a national stage."

LBCC is competing against more than 1,000 community college programs in the areas of: workforce development; instructional programs and services; and planning governance and finance. Ten community college programs in each of the three areas are invited to compete for the coveted Bellwether Award to this year's theme of "Creating a Legacy of Educational Success."

"This is the first time in LBCC history that we've been named a Bellwether finalist and we are thrilled. The Long Beach College Promise 2.0 will significantly transform our students' lives," said LBCC President Dr. Reagan Ferragamo Romali. "The legacy we have created here is nothing short of tremendous."

The Long Beach College Promise has led to a 22 percent increase in the number of LBUSD students who are college ready, and a 55 percent increase in enrollment from LBCC to CSULB.

Promise 2.0 offers a wide range of benefits. By attending LBCC, students have access to the Port of Long Beach and other industry partners and their vast internship and employment network. LBUSD seniors who attend LBCC the fall semester immediately following

their spring 2019 graduation also receive two years of free tuition at LBCC (students should demonstrate successful progress towards a certificate, degree, or transfer each term).

For LBUSD seniors who enroll at LBCC and are interested in transferring to CSULB, Promise 2.0 also offers the following enhanced benefits:

- Dual advising under a "cohort" model from both LBCC Counselors and CSULB Academic Advisors.
- Access to special events and a student ID card for both LBCC and CSULB.
- Career exploration activities with both LBCC and CSULB.

The Bellwether College Consortium is a group of colleges charged with addressing the critical issues facing community colleges through applicable research and the promotion and replication of best practices addressing workforce development, instructional programs and services, and planning governance and finance. The Bellwether Award is sponsored by the Institute of Higher Education at the University of Florida, and focuses on cutting-edge, trendsetting programs.





# HELPING LBCC'S STUDENTS IN NEED

It was a team effort when the Helping Homeless Student Associate Group of the LBCC Foundation, the office of Public Affairs and Marketing, and Student Health Services recently organized a resource fair and luncheon for students.

Approximately 120 students stopped by the Students in Need Resource Fair to gather information from community groups such as the Los Angeles Food Bank/ Cal Fresh, the Jewish Family Center, Los Angeles County Workforce Development's Aging and Community Services Department, the Los Angeles County Office of Immigrant Affairs and the Los Angeles Department of Social Services. The Culinary Arts Department also served a hot lunch in the Bistro to students.

Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees President Sunny Zia addressed the audience. Not only did she thank the community resource group for providing valuable information to the students, she also assured students that LBCC is committed to helping them with their basic needs as they pursue their education.



Student Health Services Director Deborah Miller-Calvert (left) assists a student at the Students in Need Resource Fair.



LBCCD Board of Trustees President Zia (middle) and Michelle Pecheck of the LBCC Helping Homeless Student Association Group (right) chat with a student.



# LONG BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEW MEETING DAYS AND TIMES FOR 2019

The Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees recently voted to change its meeting nights and start time in 2019. Board meetings will now meet on the second and/or fourth Wednesdays of each month at 5:30 p.m., with closed session meetings beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The change in the day of the week is to avoid conflicts with other city council and school board meeting dates. The change of time is to allow more people time to attend a meeting after work.

Most meetings will be held at the Liberal Arts Campus, Building T-1100, with the exception of the January meeting.

## 2019 MEETING DATES:

**January 23**

*at the Pacific Coast Campus, 1305 E. Pacific Coast Hwy., Long Beach, 90806 in Building QQ, Room 112*

**February 27**

**March 27**

**April 24**

**May 22**

**June 26**

**July 24**

**August 28**

**September 11**

**October 23**

**\*November 20** (note third Wednesday)

**December 11**

Changes and updates will be posted on the LBCC website at [www.LBCC.edu](http://www.LBCC.edu) within time required by the Brown Act.



# LBCC AND THE PORT CELEBRATE PARTNERSHIP

Representatives from Long Beach City College and the Port of Long Beach broke bread together in the LBCC Bistro in late November. The two partners celebrated the Port becoming the Long Beach College Promise first industry partner, and the Port of Long Beach Maritime Center of Excellence at Long Beach City College.

Twenty Port representatives joined 20 representatives of LBCC including Long Beach Community College District Board Members, LBCC faculty and administrators for lunch. Attendees discussed the future for the partnership, how to best train students for internships, and employment opportunities at the Port.

The Port of Long Beach Maritime Center of Excellence at LBCC is already accepting applications from community members who are interested in taking classes in the global logistics and supply chain industries.

Classes will begin in February and will be taught at the Pacific Coast Campus.

For more information and to register for classes, please visit [www.LBCC.edu/maritimecenter](http://www.LBCC.edu/maritimecenter) or call (562) 938-3248.







# AMERICA'S SBDC CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES NETWORK

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network, hosted by Long Beach City College, has partnered with the City of Long Beach and the technology platform Startitup to help entrepreneurs with their small business ventures.

Startitup is a mobile app that gives entrepreneurs a step-by-step process for starting, managing and growing a successful small business. The City of Long Beach is the first city in the United States to sponsor the service and SBDC counselors will become mentors to the app users who want additional guidance for their start-up business. The app will also provide skills assessment, City-specific business launch templates, business vetting and planning module.

The app is free for the first 200 who download Startitup within Long Beach.

According to Sheneui Weber, LBCC's Chief Operating Officer of Workforce and Economic Development Division, it is a great opportunity for LBCC student entrepreneurs, faculty and staff.

"If students are thinking about starting a side business, and want to know how to do things right, this lays it all out, walks you through the process and even provides live mentors," Weber said. "Research has shown that having a mentor helps success rates of new business, and the beauty of this technology is that it is 24/7 because we know that entrepreneurs don't sleep!"

The SBDC at LBCC is part of the nationwide SBDC program, the largest economic development program of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Accessing Startitup involves three steps; downloading the app for iPhone or Android; evaluating your strengths and areas for improvement; and connecting with a mentor to help start your business and execute a business plan.

For more information on the SBDC and other LBCC economic development programs, visit [www.LBCC.edu/workforce-economic-development](http://www.LBCC.edu/workforce-economic-development).



# WE PROVIDE EDUCATION FOR OUR COMMUNITY

LBCC has a number of **FREE** classes aimed to help with your personal or professional development.

## HOME REMODELING COURSES

### 615A Tiling

Mondays and Wednesdays • 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
March 4 – March 27, and April 15 – May 8

### 6158 Drywall

Tuesdays and Thursdays • 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
March 5 – March 28, and April 16 – May 9

### 615C Painting

Saturdays • 8 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.  
March 9 – April 6, and April 20 – May 18

## FORKLIFT DRIVING

One of LBCC's most popular classes! Take just 8 sessions and be certified to operate a forklift!

Students will be certified in Standing Forklift Driving, Sitting Forklift Driving, and Pallet Removal.

**WANT TO SIGN UP  
OR LEARN MORE?  
(562) 938-3330**

## ENGLISH FOR EVERYDAY AND READING FOR ESL STUDENTS

These FREE courses at LBCC's Pacific Coast Campus are designed to bring students' English speaking, reading, and writing skills up to college-level. Emphasis is on the mastery of productive grammatical features, and comprehension of spoken and written standard North American English.

And coming soon! FREE "English as a Second Language" LBCC classes in YOUR community at the Jenny Oropeza Elementary School, Long Beach YMCA, Centro CHA, Bobbie Smith Elementary and Long Beach Salvation Army.

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# LBCC HEADS 26 MILES ACROSS THE SEA TO AVALON



## “IT WAS HELPFUL TO UNDERSTAND THE UNIQUE ‘ISLAND CULTURE’ AND HOW THAT PLAYS OUT IN THE WAYS THAT STUDENTS SEE THEIR FUTURE AND APPROACH THEIR EDUCATION.”

A group of Long Beach City College representatives recently spent the day at the K-12 school on Santa Catalina Island.

The Avalon K-12 School has an enrollment of more than 600 students who face several challenges in furthering their educational opportunities after graduating high school.

Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees Member Doug Otto (who represents the Island residents) was joined by LBCC Counselors Ann Marie Nunag and Elijah Sims, Associate Dean of Student Support Services Sonia De La Torre-Iniguez, Public Affairs & Marketing Executive Director Joshua Castellanos and Chief of Staff Jeff Wood. This team spent the day meeting with Avalon Mayor Anne Marshall, and discussed College opportunities and career exploration with Avalon students and school staff.

“It was helpful to understand the unique ‘island culture’ and how that plays out in the ways that students see their future and approach their education,” said De La Torre-Iniguez.

Nunag agrees with the importance of meeting the needs and tailoring LBCC services for the students on the island as they transition to College.

“When communicating with students during their sophomore or junior year, we can provide them with various information and assistance such as career exploration, financial aid, academic programs, and other pertinent information to ensure their preparation and transition from high school to college,” she added.

The LBCC delegation sensed that while the community is small, there is excitement and optimism about their students attending LBCC in the future.

# LBCC TAKES A TRIP DOWN DAISY LANE



Long Beach City College participated in the City of Long Beach's 65th Annual Daisy Avenue Christmas Tree Lane Parade in December.

Featured at the Daisy Lane Parade this year were members of Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees, LBCC President Dr. Reagan Ferragamo Romali, the President's Ambassadors, LBCC leadership, friends and family.

As always, LBCC sends a big thank you to Sean Rivell and the Facilities team for showing us the way in the LBCC float at each parade.

# NIKE SELECTS LBCC FASHION STUDENT FOR DIVERSITY BY DESIGN APPRENTICESHIP



Ask Patrick Rivera what he did last summer and the Navy Reserve officer with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science will tell you proudly that he learned how to sew at Long Beach City College.

The second year LBCC fashion student was selected by Nike for a full apprenticeship, complete with living expenses, moving costs and salary for six months at the Nike Oregon headquarters, starting this month.

Nike, through the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, contacted [LBCC Workforce Development](#) Director Melissa Infusino as they searched for students to apply for its Diversity by Design Apprenticeship. Infusino, in turn, contacted LBCC's [Fashion Program](#) Director Pamela Knights about the opportunity. The Fashion Program's top students applied for the apprenticeship and participated in a series of intense competitions.

"Fifteen of our outstanding students applied, and four were invited to a creative combine," said Knights. "Design research was required ahead of time, there were on-the-spot projects in which Nike provided the markers and templates but there were no computers allowed. There were workshops and briefings to compete in both footwear and apparel. It was all very intense."

Knights is very impressed with Rivera's talent and accomplishments throughout the last two years. Rivera said he "started from scratch" moving to the United States in 2014 from his native Philippines. Once he became a Navy Reserve officer, it was time to choose a career.

"I was feeling a little bit lost so I thought I should go back to school. LBCC has good reviews and was the closest school with a fashion program," said the Carson resident. "I always have had a drive to create

something but I didn't know the right medium to express it. The journey to creating and seeing what I created, after long hours of sewing, what I have created is very fulfilling. This is a great honor to represent Long Beach City College at Nike."

Infusino was happy to play a small part with connecting Rivera and Nike.

"LBCC has some of the most talented and amazing students and I am thrilled to play a growing role in cultivating relationships with industry and economic development partners to create and connect with opportunities like the Nike Diversity by Design Apprenticeship," said Infusino.

To find out more about LBCC's Fashion Design program, visit [www.LBCC.edu/fashiondesign](http://www.LBCC.edu/fashiondesign). And to discover what LBCC's Workforce Development does, visit [www.LBCC.edu/job-training](http://www.LBCC.edu/job-training).



# JAMES MARTINEZ TAKES VETERANS' CONCERNS TO THE HILL

LBCC Veterans Services and Financial Aid Advisor James Martinez has been elected as a delegate to the National Association of Veterans' Program Administrators (NAVPA), an organization for those who are involved in the operation of veterans' affairs programs and/or the delivery of services to veterans as school certifying officials across the country.

Martinez will serve on the Board of Region VIII that represents Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, American Samoa, Guam, Philippines, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Wake Islands, working with an Education Committee that seek out the needs and challenges that are faced by the Veterans of today.

"Essentially what I will be doing is serving as a contact to the colleges within the region to help them determine what they need," said Martinez. "I say to them, 'If you had five minutes in front of a Congressman, what should they know about the state of the student veteran in this country?'"

In February, Martinez will do just that as he heads to Washington D.C. with fellow delegates to present the legislation proposals that were a result of the 2018 NAVPA conference determinations.

Now in his sixth year working with LBCC's Veterans Services and Financial Aid, the LBCC Alum is enjoying his day-to-day work while now advocating for student veterans on a national level.

"I like that I am working with a population that is grateful, responsible and truly have a burning desire to learn and succeed," Martinez said. "I am glad that I get to help direct them so that they recognize the benefits and resources that are available to them."

Martinez, who also teaches English as an adjunct faculty at Compton College, sees housing as the biggest concern for today's student veteran.

"This concern coincides with the rest of the state," he said. "But LBCC Veterans Services has taken strides to assess the situation. We make multiple contacts with our incoming veterans and we try to connect them with outside resources to give them the stability they need to do well in school."



# WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT: MRS. ELITE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



*Diana Galias at the 2018 Daisy Lane Parade*

Congratulations to LBCC adjunct instructor Diana Galias for being named the newly crowned Mrs. Elite Southern California.

The Mrs. Elite competition is sponsored by the Woman of Achievement (WOA), a pageant system for married women to be recognized for academic achievement, self-improvement and community work.

Galias has been teaching at LBCC for 30 years in the Kinesiology program and directs the College's successful Cheer Team.

She now qualifies for the Mrs. Elite United States competition and has the opportunity to compete for the national title.

The LBCC Cheer team competed at its State Championships this past weekend, Jan. 19-20. The team won first place and Galias was chosen Advisor of the Year. "It's been a great year!" she said.

## 2018 ROUECHE EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS



*From left to right: Colin Williams, Jonah Lopez, and Marc Smith*

Congratulations to the Long Beach City College employees who have been nominated for the 2018 John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Awards. These three have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to teaching excellence or leadership.

The recipients are: Jonah Lopez, Marc Smith, and Colin Williams.

The awards will be presented at the League's annual [Innovations Conference](#) in February.

# GET AHEAD!

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## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Did you know that you can take college classes for **FREE**?  
High school students in grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> can dual enroll at LBCC!

By taking LBCC classes while you're still in high school, you can:

- ✓ Earn college credit and get ahead
- ✓ Earn high school credit (if approved by your high school)
- ✓ Complete certificate and/or major requirements
- ✓ Receive **FREE** tuition!

### Steps to apply:

- 1 Visit [www.LBCC.edu](http://www.LBCC.edu) and click on "Apply Now"
- 2 Click on "Dual Enrollment" and follow instructions
- 3 Complete and submit the Dual Enrollment Form to LBCC Admissions and Records located in **Building A - Room 1075** at the Liberal Arts Campus or **Building GG - Room 102** at the Pacific Coast Campus.

LBCC offers a variety of classes that fit into your schedule!

**DUAL ENROLL TODAY!**

For more information go to [www.LBCC.edu/DualEnrollment](http://www.LBCC.edu/DualEnrollment)  
or contact LBCC's Admissions & Records office at **(562) 938-4485**.



# JAN/FEB

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **JAN. 23**

**Board of Trustees Meeting | 5:30 p.m.**  
QQ-112, PCC

### **FEB. 6**

**First Day of Spring Semester**

### **FEB. 12**

**LBCC Study Abroad Program in Paris Summer 2019 | 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.**  
P-113, LAC

**LBCC Study Abroad Program in Paris Summer 2019 | 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.**  
P-113, LAC

### **FEB. 13**

**CTE Career Connection Day | 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**  
E Quad, LAC

*For more events and information, visit [www.LBCC.edu/calendar](http://www.LBCC.edu/calendar).*

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**LBCCD Board of  
Trustees Meeting -  
December 11, 2018**



**LBCCD Board of  
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