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LOS ANGELES SOUTHWEST COLLEGE ANNUAL REPORT  
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# LASC Cares

Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC) takes our responsibility as a community partner seriously and we are deeply invested in uplifting all individuals that need our support during this global crisis and beyond. As soon as the COVID-19 pandemic began in earnest in March 2020, we prioritized the safety and security of our students and employees, but also the community in which we all call home.

In recent months, we have provided students with an equitable learning experience by offering easy online access to classes and services, we have supported our employees with necessary certification and training, and we have looked to care for our community by hosting food and clothing giveaways, blood drives, COVID-19 testing centers, a voting center and more, all in a safe and secure environment.

We recognize how our campus has the capability to transform not just one student's life, but an entire community who rely upon us. We continue to embrace the unknown and work together as one, united college to create the best version of ourselves and to best represent and support you. At LASC, we care and are committed to you and your success.

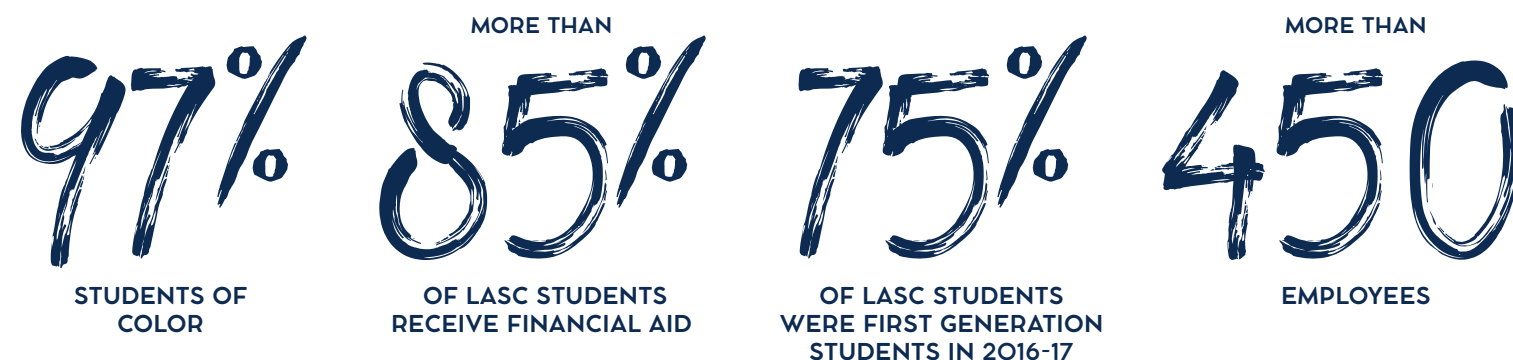
"LASC lit a fire in me to excel and pursue my education."  
— Violetta



# Who WE ARE



## OUR DEMOGRAPHIC MAKE-UP



### TOP THREE ASSOCIATE DEGREES



### TOP THREE TRANSFER DEGREES



### TOP THREE SKILLS CERTIFICATES



### TOP THREE CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY



Transfer degrees provide guaranteed admission to California State University system.



## UPDATED FACILITIES

COVID-19 may have moved our classes online for the majority of 2020, but that has not stopped us from pursuing our transformative efforts with our facilities. Planning continues for the construction of our Student Union that is scheduled to open in 2023, as well as updating our campus-wide signage including our jumbotron at the corner of Western Avenue and Imperial Highway, which is set to be completed in 2022. We also look forward to returning to campus to have an official grand opening for our School of Science that welcomed students in the fall of 2019. LASC continues to revamp our campus to meet the needs of our students and the surrounding community.



# #LascALLin

In 2020, a Steering Taskforce consisting of LASC employees created a work plan for the implementation of a Fiscal Recovery and Long-Term Sustainability Report for the college as well as developed a Change Theory that defines long-term goals and steps needed to accomplish them. Review their work at [lasc.edu/taskforce](http://lasc.edu/taskforce)

# Tuition IS ON US!

We are here to help you achieve your dreams!

We understand that paying for college can be a challenge, but we are here to help. Take advantage of all the financial aid opportunities available to you such as federal, state, and local grants, fee waivers, federal work-study, and loans. For more information, visit [lasc.edu/financialaid](http://lasc.edu/financialaid)

# FREE TUITION!

Yes, you read that right.

LASC is waiving tuition fees and providing guaranteed admission to first-time, full-time students as part of the College Promise. This means that all students will receive support in their journey to complete a higher education degree and/or a certificate no matter their financial situation. For more information, visit [lasc.edu/promise](http://lasc.edu/promise)



"The support that I have received here is out of this world! LASC will forever be my home." — Selena

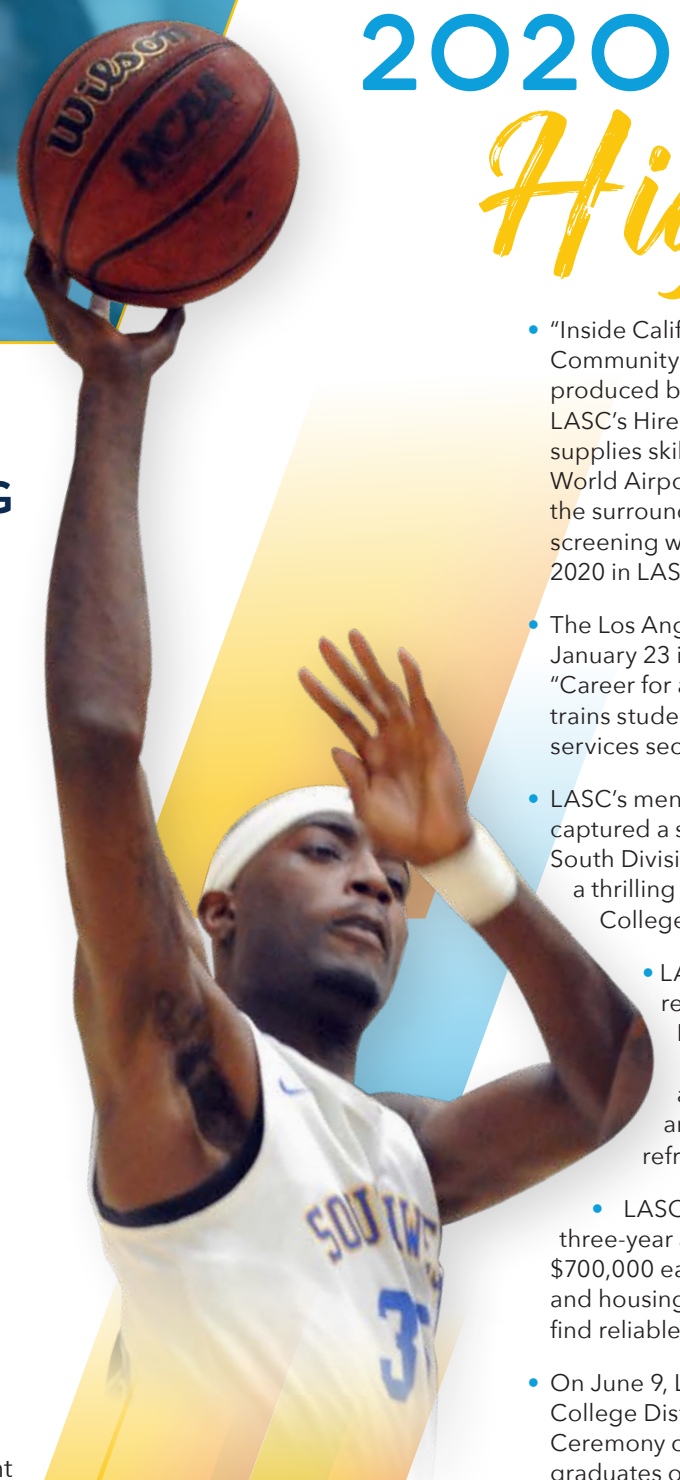
## FIVE STEPS TO BECOMING AN LASC STUDENT

- 1 Submit Your Application**  
Applying to LASC is free and takes a few minutes at [lasc.edu/enroll](http://lasc.edu/enroll)
- 2 Attend An Orientation**  
Complete an online orientation at [lasc.edu](http://lasc.edu)
- 3 Meet With A Counselor**  
Your counselor will assist you in selecting classes and developing an educational plan. Visit [lasc.edu/counseling](http://lasc.edu/counseling) to make an appointment.
- 4 Register For Classes**  
Sign up for classes in the Student Information System. You can view the class schedule at [lasc.edu/programs/class-schedule](http://lasc.edu/programs/class-schedule)
- 5 Apply For Financial Aid**  
Get money for college you don't have to pay back! Visit the Financial Aid webpage to learn more at [lasc.edu/financialaid](http://lasc.edu/financialaid)

## HOW TO APPLY AT LASC

- You Can Apply If:**
- You have a high school diploma or its equivalent and meet the basic eligibility requirements for admission to any public, California, two-year community college.
  - You are 18 years old or older.
  - You are an apprentice as defined by Section 3077 of the California Labor Code.
  - You are a K-12 student under special circumstances.

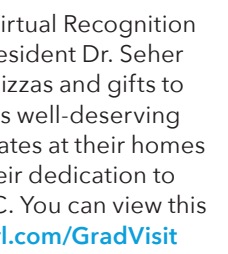
**Where to Apply:**  
Visit [lasc.edu](http://lasc.edu) and click the "Apply" button on the top right of any webpage.  
**There is no fee to apply.** High school students can enroll by visiting [lasc.edu/programs/K12](http://lasc.edu/programs/K12) and clicking the "K-12 Registration Process" button.



KVIE-PBS HIGHLIGHTS

# 2020 Highlights

- "Inside California Education: Community Colleges" report produced by KVIE-PBS highlights LASC's HireLAX program, which supplies skilled workers to Los Angeles World Airports' contractors and the surrounding region. A premiere screening was shown on January 15, 2020 in LASC's Little Theatre.
- The Los Angeles Times front page on January 23 included a profile of LASC's "Career for a Cause" program, which trains students for jobs in the homeless services sector.
- LASC's men's basketball team captured a share of the South Coast-South Division championship following a thrilling 60-57 victory over Cerritos College on February 21.
- LASC launched its redesigned website on March 13 that better reflects its community and program offerings and provides an overall refreshed digital presentation.
- LASC was awarded three-year annual grants of \$700,000 each to help homeless and housing insecure students find reliable shelter in the spring.
- On June 9, Los Angeles Community College District's Virtual Recognition Ceremony celebrated district graduates or candidates for graduation, including those at LASC. President Joe Biden, California Governor Gavin Newsom, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, and U.S. Representative Maxine Waters all spoke at the ceremony. You can view the ceremony at [tinyurl.com/LACCD2020](http://tinyurl.com/LACCD2020)
- LASC was awarded the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for their production of "Criminal." The incredibly powerful and moving piece was recognized with the following accolades: The Kennedy Center Citizen Artist Award, Outstanding Production Ensemble, and Outstanding Company-Generated Work.
- LASC was the first location in The Kroger Company's national COVID-19 testing program on June 18-19 and 25-26.
- LASC held its much anticipated 'Cougar Drive-Thru Diploma Distribution Day' on September 25 on campus. Members of the Class of 2020 picked up their diploma and/or certificate in a festive and socially distanced environment.
- Nearly 500 foster families with young children and college-age youth received free meals, groceries and diapers at Faith Foster Families Network's "Operation Love" event in September at LASC.
- Voters were able to cast their ballots or drop them off at LASC for the November 3 General Election.
- LASC had a special on-campus Thanksgiving food distribution event for its students on November 24. Students received a free turkey and a gift card.
- LASC raised more than \$5,000 to adopt 200 children of our student-families during the winter holiday season. Each student-parent was emailed a \$25 Amazon gift card for every child in their household.



THEATER PROGRAM



DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION



PIZZA DROPOFF



VOTING CENTER



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# Celebrating OUR PARTNERS

LASC has several great partners that look to better our community and our students. Learn about all of them at [lasc.edu/community](http://lasc.edu/community). Interested in being our partner? Reach out to us!

Partners in LASC's HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program help produce a transformative eight-week course that prepares students for apprenticeships in the construction trades.



The County of Los Angeles



The City of Los Angeles



The Flintridge Center



2nd Call



Los Angeles World Airports (LAX)



The Parsons Corporation



Los Angeles and Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades



Amazon Offering cloud computing classes



Microsoft Offering artificial intelligence classes



Apple Offering coding academy



Los Angeles Sparks LASC's Lakin Center is the training center for the WNBA team



Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas' Office Program partner in "Career for a Cause," which trains students for jobs in the homeless services sector



Amazing Grace Conservatory Partner with LASC's theater program by offering programmatic support

# SUPPORTING ALL Workers

**Pathways of Accelerated Academics for the Working Student (PAAWS)** is an accelerated evening and weekend college program designed with the working student in mind by providing them with the ability to graduate in two years by completing the Associate in Science in Business Administration for Transfer Degree or Associate in Science in Early Childhood Education for Transfer Degree. Earning either of these degrees will make it easier to transfer to a guaranteed saved spot at a participating four-year university and earn a bachelor's degree. Learn more at [lasc.edu/paaws](http://lasc.edu/paaws)

**Career & Technical Education (CTE)** aims to serve the critical lifelong knowledge, training and skill development needs of individuals, organizations, and the community. CTE does this through certificate programs, continuing education, degree-related programs and community initiatives that support economic and workforce development. Learn more at [lasc.edu/cte](http://lasc.edu/cte)

**Noncredit Adult and Continuing Education Services (NACES)** provides student-centered services and learning opportunities that enable noncredit students to achieve their personal, academic, vocational, and civic goals in order to transition to credit programs and become more active members of their communities. Learn more at [lasc.edu/naces](http://lasc.edu/naces)

## LASC HAS FIVE ACADEMIC DIVISIONS READY TO SUPPORT YOU!

- Career & Technical Education/ Workforce Development
- Liberal Arts
- Language Arts, Online, & Support Services
- Math, Science, Health, Kinesiology & Nursing
- Continuing Education

Learn more at [lasc.edu/programs/divisions](http://lasc.edu/programs/divisions)

# HONORING OUR LASC Family

We honor the commitment of our LASC employees and their tireless efforts to support our students and community.

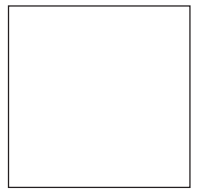
When COVID-19 intensified locally, our campus community stepped up and converted our in-person operations to online operations within a three-week period, with the least impact to our students. Since March 2020, our LASC Family has dedicated their time to ensuring our students and community are supported during this global pandemic, while trying to maintain and adapt at home. It has not been easy, and we continue to work through new and unknown circumstances. During this time, we lost one of our own, Mr. Kabwe Chanda, who oversaw LASC's IT operations. He was an invaluable and dearly loved member of our campus community. Kabwe's commitment to our students was profound and the last weeks of his life were spent ensuring his LASC Family and our students had what they needed to be successful in the new, remote environment. Words cannot describe our strength and collective spirit. We have and continue to be one LASC Family. We thank every member of our LASC Family for their continued resilience, passion, and hard work in supporting our students and community during this ongoing, global pandemic. Thank you for your service and sacrifice.

"LASC provided me with the necessary tools to succeed. The career counselors were always checking on my progress and encouraging me to keep working toward my goals." — Christina





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# WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!



**DR. SEHER AWAN**  
PRESIDENT

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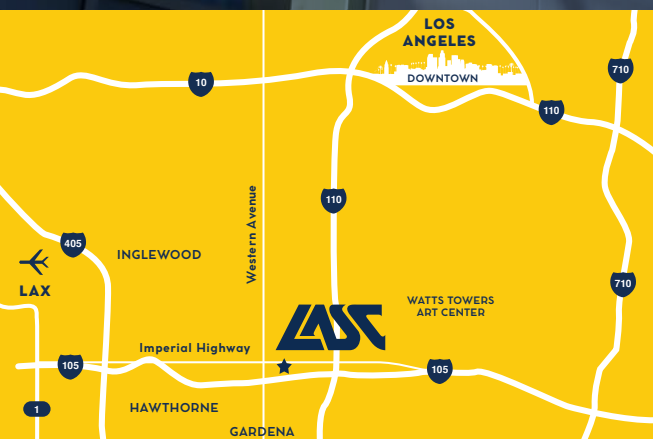
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It's amazing to reflect on our collective experiences throughout 2020. Despite the global pandemic, I have seen our Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC) family rise to the occasion. Our deep love and commitment to our students has strengthened our resolve and provided the focus to navigate this uncharted territory.

We have been challenged this past year, and I recognize the emotional resilience it takes to continue to stay positive and come to work and school each day, online from home, while maintaining a family and health. What I value most is the resilience of our students and campus community to stay the course. Having both good days and bad days, feeling hopeful and scared, our humanity continues to be our greatest strength. We will get through this together, as one LASC Family.

We are here for you, we care about you, and we will not let you down. LASC will continue to support you and our community as we face the unknown together in 2021. If you need us, just reach out, we are only a click or a call away.

Please take care and stay safe. I look forward to supporting you in your academic journey in 2021.



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Community



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