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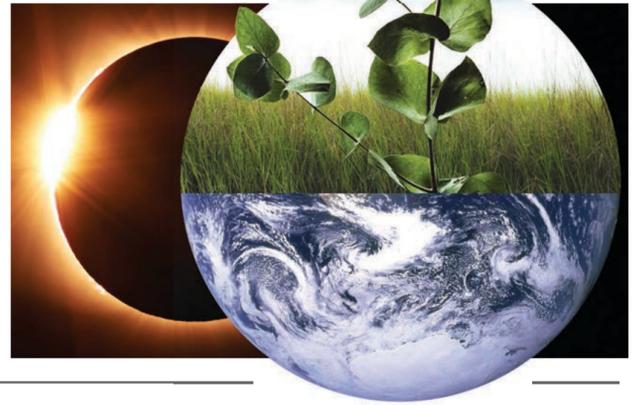
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GUN REFORM

Rise in Gun Violence Hits Young People Hardest

For the past two decades, school shootings are the top cause of death among teenagers and children.

BY ANTHONY FOLSOM

The current trend of mass shootings seems to be on an upswing as it cuts short the lives of some younger Americans with the most recent incident on April 15, in Dadeville, Ala.

Four teenagers were shot and killed, and another 32 people injured -- some critically, at a birthday party.

The most recent school mass shooting was in Nashville, where a gunman killed three children and three adults. The frequency of shootings has caused some students and college families to worry that their school could deal with something similar, even locally.

Research from the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) shows that guns are the leading cause of death for children in the United States. The 2022 study defined children as 1-19 years old, and gun violence included homicides, accidents and suicide.

"I am scared, mostly due to the growing cases of violence on our campus," said Sandra Thuesday a microbiology major at LACC who expressed concerns over safety. She is not certain how the L.A. Sheriff's Department (LASD) on campus would respond.

"I'm not very confident if I must be frank, I'm not even sure they are well trained in the firearms that they carry themselves," she said.

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Source: Gun Violence Archive; The Violence Project; The Trace.org

CIVICS

They Taste Community Empowerment

Community Fridges have made a mark all over Hollywood, into Koreatown, East Los Angeles and South L.A.

BY ALONDRA LEMUS

Los Angeles is a host to a growing number of community fridges, which have been popping up all over the country. Vibrant colored refrigerators contain food for anyone in need. L.A. Community

Fridges are neither non-profit nor government funded. They are run entirely by volunteers within the community. Their mission statement is straightforward, "Los Angeles Community Fridges is a network of decentralized, independent refrigerators and pantries that provide food and vital supplies to our communities through mutual aid."

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CAMPUS SECURITY



PHOTO BY LOUIS WHITE

City Nights: Critics of campus security say more foot patrols are needed at night. There have been upgrades to lighting and cameras, and plans for a campus perimeter fence are underway.

Concerns Mount for Some over Campus Security

Various students and staff talk quietly about the need for better security on campus, as upgrades and improvements unfold.

BY JUAN MENDOZA

Professor Jose Rodriguez teaches in Franklin Hall in the English Literacy/Citizenship Program. His class was alone in the building one evening last spring.

Students from his class summoned the courage to speak to him about their campus experiences, and how they felt unsafe while on campus. He listened to their complaints. They talked about people from "outside" who were smoking marijuana on campus, or walking large dogs unleashed on the college grounds.

They complained about skateboarders weaving in front of pedestrians as they walk across campus. Students also expressed fear and described uncomfortable encounters with unhoused individuals inside the campus restrooms.

Professor Rodriguez decided to investigate the incidents. He says the students' concerns were true.

Incidents at Night Cause Fear "No security at all," Rodriguez said. "And that made me wonder [if] something was wrong with the security on campus."

A few months ago, the professor says the class witnessed a naked transient man walking down the hallway. He immediately reported it to the sheriff's station, but to his surprise, they were not able to detain the unclothed person.

"If someone is walking naked on campus and security is not able to detain him, something is wrong," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez decided to look for answers to his students' concerns. He wrote an email to L.A. City College President Mary Gallagher, to President of the AFT Chapter at L.A. City College, Christine Park, and Dean Imelda Perez, assistant dean of the Noncredit and Adult Education Department.

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CULTURE BITE



PHOTOS BY EDWARD LOCKE

[Top] Students cast votes to decide which dishes are the best on their food trays. Shrimp minari jeon and pork backbone stew are among the most popular with diners inside the LACC Student Union on April 11, 2023.

[Bottom] Participants cast a vote for the best dishes after they dine at the Student Union on April 11, 2023.

South Korean Reality Show Offers Free Lunch

BY EDWARD LOCKE

Students made their way to the Student Union and lined up for hot lunch courtesy of the South Korean JoongAng Tongyang Broadcasting Company (JTBC), a South Korean nationwide pay television network on April 11.

The group came to campus to film an episode of a Korean Lunch Tray reality show, and LACC students were among the invited guests.

Students munched on Mandu, classic Korean dumplings filled with ground pork, tofu, garlic chives, and ginger. They ate radish kimchi, pork backbone stew and other Korean specialties, including dalgona, a Korean candy made with melted sugar and baking soda. It is a popular street snack from the 1960s in South Korea.

Diners sat at 20 tables inside the Student Union, and around 200 participants lined up for a chance to enjoy the meals.

The event gave participants an opportunity to try some typical Korean food items. Students received a 10 by 15-inch stainless steel tray with chopsticks and a fork and about six different food items. The tray is identical to the model used for students in the free lunch program in South Korea.

The food must have been delicious. Some students returned for second servings. After lunch, guests voted on their impression of each food item. The shrimp minari jeon and the pork backbone stew were the winners. The Department of Modern Languages & Civilization organized the event.

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EDITORIAL

Essential Workers Are Still Essential

BY KIMBERLY CARRILLO

From 2020 until now, it has been a long couple of years, to say the least. The COVID-19 pandemic halted all our lives, ruined plans and tragically ended lives.

During this adjustment, one of the biggest fears I remember was if and when supermarkets would close. I wondered how we would get food. I worried that the produce would be contaminated with the virus. And who the heck bought all the damn toilet paper?

So, who do we need to thank during this time and now? Grocery store workers. But when did our time of being "essential" come to an end?

I worked at a grocery store during the second year of Covid. There was not a day when strangers did not thank me for coming to work.

During this time, supermarkets spent billions of dollars on PPE equipment, raised employee pay, and gave several free "sick hours" to employees who contracted COVID.

The media called us "heroes" because we went to work, stocked produce and baby formula and accounted for shipments. God knows where it was packaged and by (God knows) who, all while risking our lives. It was nice at first to be recognized for what was not the most lavish job, but after a while, it began to feel fake.

For a lot of employees, asking customers to respect the mask mandate was nerve-wracking, as we never knew what kind of reaction we would receive.

According to NBCnews.com, "Anti-mask views or laxity by some customers have placed workers in the difficult position of balancing personal and store safety with an ethos that 'the customer is always right.'"

Countless videos came out every day of an anti-masker in a screaming match with a cashier or manager.

A plethora of comments garnered millions of views with every video. Some of which were rational, some emotional, and some political. And some employees commented on their own experiences and frustrations with customers and management alike.

How do I ask this person to pull their mask up without offending them? How do I ask them to please put a mask on when inside the store? How do I politely step six feet away when they are invading my space?

It is now April 2023. Since 2020, vaccines are now available, mask mandates have been lifted and classes have returned to in-person again.

As we go about our busy lives in an attempt to get back to "normal," keep in mind that "normal" has, in fact, changed since 2020.

For many grocery store workers, fast-food employees and janitorial staff, the past few years were full of highs and lows regarding their rights and values. From hailed as "essential" and then left in the back to be forgotten. Many still deal with the emotional repercussions of being deemed "essential" and if they'll ever be again.



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Journaling for Better Health

BY ALONDRA LEMUS

Journaling, whether in a notebook or a computer, has so many benefits for our mental health.

According to the American



Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the 12th leading cause of death in the U.S.

In 2020 alone, there were 1.2 million suicide attempts. The National Alliance on Mental Illness states that in 2020, one in five adults experienced mental illness, one in six children and youth ages six to 17 experience a mental health disorder each year, and suicide is the second leading cause of death among children 10 to 14 years of age.

As stated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide rates have increased by 36% between the years 2000 to 2018, with males having a four times higher rate of suicide than females.

How has the country's suicide rate gone up if we are so much more knowledgeable now as a society over mental illness than we were 50 years ago?

Being in the era of technology, a great amount of information is available to us in the palm of our hands. It can be overwhelming. Social media, cyberbullying, the demands of work, COVID-19, the opioid crisis and wars can all

influence our state of mind.

Journaling is a way to get out thoughts or say things you may never dare to say out loud. It is a form of expression that can feel so liberating.

The University of St. Augustine for Health and Sciences tells us how journaling can benefit us. It improves mental and physical health, encourages self-confidence, helps achieve goals, inspires creativity, boosts memory, enhances critical thinking skills and strengthens communication and writing skills.

There is no right or wrong way to start a journal; it is your own. You can even have a journal for different aspects of your life.

A creativity journal for inspiration is a way to get your imaginative thoughts down.

A therapy one that can be used to vent about the troubles of life, triggers, how to overcome trauma and for self-reflection.

A gratitude journal, where one can write about the things they are grateful for and the moments of happiness in one's day leading to a more mindful life.

Keeping a notebook that is just dedicated to the to-do list will help you attain goals and become more organized.

The beauty of journaling is that those words are yours, and it is so simple to start. Nowadays, you can even go to a local bookstore and find journals with prompts to help you start writing. In a time when mental health issues are on the rise, we must find ways to cope with the ever-evolving world around us.

A Gentrified Hollywood Creates Problems for its Residents

BY BRIAN LEON-LARA

Local businesses are torn down, and gas stations are closed. Why?

To build new apartment buildings all over our already very populated city. The excuse they use is to build affordable housing, but we all know that is not true. Even when they create "affordable housing," it can result in a one-bedroom apartment that rents for \$3000 per month.

Someone who earns minimum wage and has other bills cannot pay that. Our city is going through a process of gentrification.

Los Angeles is thought to be different by outsiders that clearly have the wrong picture because all they think about is

"Hollywood."

I have first-hand experience of what it is like after attending Hollywood High School for four years. Let me just tell you, it is very different from what outsiders think.

Hollywood is overpopulated with people hustling for money. Homelessness and people high on drugs are out of control. There is rampant crime.

People there either do tricks or sell CDs that probably have no recorded songs inside. They take the CD and then get harassed to pay. Don't tourists know this? I saw many fall for the scam.

Every Los Angeles resident knows the true colors of our city. We struggle to get from one point to another as the number of cars on the freeway is already

insanely high.

I am not against people coming here, but only if it is to make our city better.

The construction of new buildings does not help communities that depend on the stores being demolished. Small businesses suffer and close.

If affordable housing ever becomes a reality, hopefully, it will help our city's homeless crisis. Building new apartments will not help our overpopulated city unless they are for the homeless. That is probably not the case because they have been saying the same thing for the past 10 years.

Don't get me wrong. I love our city. The diversity is unique, and there are so many cultures. But I do not agree with how we manage the overpopulation problem.



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BY CHELSEA RAMON

There must be something magical about bringing education to your home. You wake up, do your morning routine, then ZAP! You are sitting in front of your professor (most likely with your camera off), learning about the quadratic equation or, in my case, the importance of a thesis statement.

Even if you are a couple of minutes late, hardly anyone will notice. Gone are the days when you walk into a class late with a bunch of eyeballs staring you down.

No more need to wake up hours early to get stuck in traffic on the 110 Freeway. No more need to run to catch a bus or sit next to strangers on the train or in class. And no more need to spend time with make-up or to put on going-out clothes.

Yes, take back control of your life. Take back all that time spent

getting to school and make it happen in your home, on your time! Say yes to flexibility and independence.

Online school lets students acquire the optimal school-life balance. We develop self-reliance and really learn at our own pace.

Granted, I know it might be difficult to stay focused since we can get too comfortable, but when has it ever been easy to stay focused? Even in in-person classrooms, students doze off or stare out the window dreaming about being home. (I know I have done it.) At least it will save you some embarrassment when you get caught.

But seriously, online learning is great because it is so convenient. All you need is an internet connection and a digital device which most people have anyways.

Even though online courses are not ideal for all majors (such as those that require hands-on

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CITY VIEWS

How Do you Feel About Security on Campus

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ANDY DE LA O:
COMPUTER SCIENCE MAJOR

Honestly, I think security on campus ... honestly, it's just a little bit low. It's like just one of those things, but if you feel like something [is] happening, it's ... just gone and there's not really much you can do about it.

The stabbing incident in the fall semester ... that was like after when I left, it was like I just got notification, like a few minutes after I left campus. It's like, oh God, that could have been me.



MICHAEL YOCKEY:
CINEMA MAJOR

I never had any issues with it. I don't really know a whole lot about it, to be honest with you.



BRANDON FORTNER:
ACTING MAJOR

I think it's your typical everyday school type of security... because when I was in school ...there were like cops up at the school like there was always a sheriff. This really to me, it's nothing new.



ALEXI CORDOVA:
PARALEGAL STUDIES MAJOR

I definitely think security does as best they can, given the area that we're in.

However, I do think it could be improved. I just think that there should be more people patrolling, and I think our cameras should be improved. I know that we can't gate off the area because I heard we were supposed to be open to the city.

But I think that gating up some of the areas would keep us a little bit safer.

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CAMPUS CELEBRATION

Campus Celebrates Earth Day 2023

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BY EDWARD LOCKE

Earth Day unfolded in the small park under blue skies in the area between the City's Garden and the Martin Luther King Library on April 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Professors Sean Phommasaysy, and Gayle Stafsky from the Dietetics Program organized the event, and around 250 participants joined the activities. Attendees lined up for a handful of free tickets that entitled them to free hot dogs, Subway lunch boxes with cookies and Italian, tuna, ham, vegetable, or other sandwich varieties.

Attendees filled up on candy and chocolate bars, and they participated in games and other activities. The dietetics program team offered sugar free popsicles for the calorie conscious.

Children's Hospital of Los Angeles hosted several playful activities where participants held plastic arrows or stuffed dolls and launched them into holes. They received packets of information booklets on ecologically sustainable lifestyles published by American Chemical Society. The literature features URLs for relevant websites and webpages such as www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0307017.html, www.recyclingexpert.co.uk/, <http://www.epa.gov/earthday>, www.earthday.org.

President Mary Gallagher attended part of the event and spoke about the importance of Earth Day and conservation. She says the celebration puts people in tune with preserving the planet.

"I am always very excited to celebrate ... because our future depends on the decisions we make today, about preserving our entire existence, so that we are not wasteful, so that we are reusing, recycling and limiting the amount of things that go into our landfills, we have to really, really raise up our awareness, of what we are doing to our beautiful planet," President Gallagher said.

The president called the City Garden a testament to what can be accomplished in a couple of years to improve the environment.

On the fruit bar table, BBQ Meal Worm and Sriracha Crickets packages and cans made in Korea were offered to participants to taste exotic or alternative foods from other cultures. The City Garden's management team members offered pots of cactus, asparagus, and other plants for participants to take home for a small donation.

Two-Bit Circus Foundation displayed recyclable materials in trash bins, plastic crates and boxes. They also showed furniture made from recyclables donated by local manufacturers. (<https://twobitcircus.org>, victoria@TwoBitCircus.org).



ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Armenian Genocide Remembered

BY EDWARD LOCKE

A small group of students gathered in Holmes Hall for a screening of a film called "The Promise," which recalls the struggle of Armenians for

freedom from Ottoman Turkish oppression and the tragedy of the Armenian Genocide on April 24, in Holmes Hall.

It was Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day and the Associated Student Government (ASG) sponsored the early evening screening.

The event was intended to reflect on the first genocide of the 20th century, the Armenian Genocide. In 1915, the Turkish Ottoman Empire deported and massacred one and a half million Armenians.

"The Promise" is a 2016 American epic historical war drama film directed by Terry George, from a screenplay he co-authored with Robin Swicord, who is best known for her work on Oscar-winning film, "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button."

"The Promise" premiered on Sept. 11, 2016, at the Toronto International Film Festival. Open Road Films released it in

the United States on April 21, 2017, on the 102nd anniversary of the week the genocide started.

The story is set in the final years of the Ottoman Empire; and the plot is about a love triangle between Mikael, an Armenian medical student, Chris, an American journalist, and Ana, an Armenian-born woman raised in France, immediately before and during the Armenian Genocide. The movie shows many shocking scenes of violence and inhumanity before and during the Armenian Genocide committed by Ottoman Turkish authorities. These include, among many other incidents, the roundups of Armenian dissidents on April 24, 1915.

There was the forced conscription of Armenian youth into the Ottoman army, the armed resistance of Armenian guerrilla fighters against Ottoman troops, the massacres of unarmed Armenian refugees, and brutal mistreatment of Armenian workers by Ottoman soldiers.

The film also portrays the courage of Chris Myers, an American reporter for the Associated Press and his investigation and reports on the atrocities committed under Ottoman rule. "The Promise" can be viewed on BBC iPlayer and on Netflix.

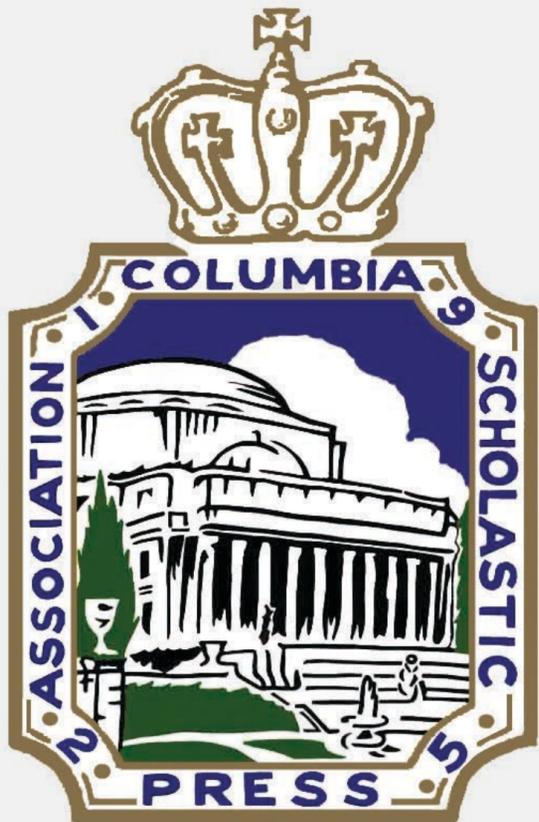
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2022 East Hollywood Armenian Genocide March



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FROM "CAMPUS SECURITY" PAGE 1

Security Concerns Begins Off Campus

He informed them about the complaints from his students and their belief that the sheriffs were not providing adequate security or responding to calls.

The email sent to the administrators was submitted during the time of the Uvalde, Texas, mass shooting in May of 2022, as Rodriguez recalled. At that time, the class was more worried about their safety than before. There was collective fear. His students worried what might happen to them if there was not enough security on campus.

Letter Goes Unanswered

The spring semester ended, and the summer passed, and Professor Rodriguez never received a response to the email that he sent to the administrators.

"Nobody said thank you for the information or said hello," Rodriguez said. "Apparently, it was not ... important for them. And that made me worried. Something can happen because we do not have security at all."

Rodriguez says that a lot of professors and staff at City College do not want to talk or say anything about the safety problem for fear of retaliation.

After the stabbing death in the parking lot last November, where a former LACC student was slain, Rodriguez says he has seen some improvements in security. There are new locks and more working cameras. However, he says more foot patrol officers are needed.

"The cameras are not going to solve the problem that we have," Rodriguez said. "We need officers that are looking around."

V.P. Takes on Gaps in Security

The college administration has been working on a stepped-up series of safety and security improvements since the homicide last November.

The installation of upgraded security cameras is complete, and new cameras are being installed in parking lots to complement the emergency blue phones. The college district is working with LACC on a campus perimeter fence project. Work is also underway on an upgrade to the building access control system. Sheriffs are also at work on efforts to reduce response time across the campus.

"Protecting the safety of students, faculty, staff, and the general public is the highest priority for LACC," said Joe Dominguez, the vice president of administrative services. "We strive to provide the highest level of security and peace of mind so that students can learn and flourish. Security awareness, alarm/call response, active monitoring, training, and vehicle policy enforcement all create a safer and more conducive atmosphere for study and collegial support on campus."

Students and faculty who are on campus at night may have noticed an upgrade to exterior lighting. The goal of the campus lighting program is to provide a safe path that is illuminated at night. New fixtures include wall mount lighting to brighten dark areas in the evening.

Staffing of Sheriffs Raises Doubts

Recently, Professor Rodriguez went to the college on a weekend to pick up some work and stopped by the sheriff's station to request access to his office. He says there were no sheriffs or security staff at the post inside the Cesar Chavez Administration Building. He says he waited approximately half an hour to find security to open the office for him.

"It's very upsetting," he said.

There are times when a female colleague has asked him to escort her to the parking lot at night be-

cause she is afraid to go by herself.

"Ten years ago, there were about 8 to 10 police officers on site," Rodriguez said. "Today, you hardly see sheriffs on campus."

Other employees are nervous about security. One LACC employee who wanted to remain anonymous says they do not always feel safe on campus.

"There's been some incidents on campus with students having outbursts," they said. "Sometimes members of the community show up randomly who are not students to vandalize and cause trouble."

Public Colleges are Open to the Public

History major Julia Semendyayeva has heard multiple reports from people she knows about assaults happening to them on campus. She says law enforcement blamed the victim. She recalled a 2018 incident where one male student exposed himself in the library while she was studying.

"That was happening in 2018 when I first came and is happening again this year," Semendyayeva said. "I think there can be a great relationship between the security and the students. It's just unfortunate it has to be that way."

Theater major Rebecca Howe says she has seen unhoused people coming into the Theater Building on multiple occasions, and they had to call security.

"I think this campus is more like an open free park for the public, more than a campus," she said. "That's what it feels like. You see people walking their dogs, see people bringing their kids with their bikes."

Howe recalls an incident last semester with an unhoused individual. The person grabbed a student's keys during a rehearsal. He threatened the professor with the keys and attached to the keys was a little can of mace.

"So, they were actually now threatening the professor with a weapon," Howe said.

The person threw the keys and ran. Howe says it was a shock to watch the incident as it happened. She says the person was never detained or questioned.

"Security here on campus isn't the greatest, but it's also not the worst. It's satisfactory," Howe said.

There are others who agree with Howe and do not perceive any threats to their security on campus. "Los Angeles City College is an open campus and located in the middle of a high transit area," said Diego Coaguila, a librarian at the MLK Library. "A lot of unhoused folks around and a lot of things can happen around the neighborhood."

The Collegian contacted campus administration and the safety team for comment on the email from Professor Rodriguez about security issues.

Every month, The Work Environment Committee meets with faculty, staff and administrators to listen and consider safety and security concerns on campus, according to President Gallagher. The meetings are led by an LASD deputy sheriff, the director of college facilities, and the vice president of administrative services.

"It is unfortunate that Professor Rodriguez does not feel safe on campus," President Gallagher said in an email to the Collegian. "Many of us are on campus every day and into the evening and on weekends and do not have a feeling of being unsafe."

L.A. City College promotes the saying, "if you see something, say something," to raise community awareness so that individuals will report suspicious activities on campus to the local authorities. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to be vigilant and report illegal activities to the sheriff.



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FROM "COMMUNITY FRIDGE" PAGE 1

Plant-based Meat Donations are Preferred for the 'Fridges'

In the Hollywood area alone, there are around seven fridges available. Most of them have a section for pantry items. Their website states the types of food donations that are accepted: fresh produce, whether it comes from the store, grown in yards or gardens.

Bottled water, canned goods, nonperishables like dry pasta, rice, juices, and sports drinks. Milk, dairy, non-dairy products, frozen meals, eggs, and breads are all welcome. Plant-based meat donations are preferred to make sure food safety is being followed as much as possible since no one constantly monitors the fridges.

If donating new items, it is not necessary to date them. However, it is preferred that the newest items are placed in the back and the older items in front, so FIFO (first in-first out) can be in place.

Fridges are donated and kept clean by volunteers. They are placed in safe areas where the

building/retail provides power and a space for the community fridges.

Fridge users can view how well the refrigerator is stocked online. The updates are made through the website, where it also states what time the most recent update was made. Non-food items can be donated, like hand sanitizer, masks, gloves, pet supplies, and hygiene products. It is preferred that donated goods be individually wrapped.

The turnaround rate for food is quite high, with most food only staying one to two days.

Anyone who would like to volunteer can apply through the website.

L.A. Community Fridges were created for the community of Los Angeles, and although they do not accept monetary donations, the site provides links online to charities where monetary donations are accepted.

<https://community-fridge.bubbleapps.io/>

FROM "VIOLENCE" PAGE 1

Government Offers Strategies for Active Shooter Situations

Several government sites encourage individuals to become informed about what to do in an active shooter situation.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and FEMA recommend learning a few steps now to be better prepared in an emergency. Some of the measures are common sense or simple: Learn first aid to help others or know the exits before you run. https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2020-03/active-shooter_information-sheet.pdf

The FBI offers a page on its site with active shooter safe-

ty resources. The site includes a YouTube video that describes three tactics to use during an active shooter attack to stay safe. <https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/safety-resources/active-shooter-safety-resources>

According to the LASD website, personnel train regularly and have established guidelines for active shooter situations on campus.

"In collaboration with the district and the Sheriff's Department's training support unit, there will be classes and courses with the sheriffs of the school dis-

trict to train students, faculty and staff on what to do in the event of an active shooter situation," said LASD Deputy Pastrano. "In the unfortunate event that we get a call of a situation like this occurring on campus, all of my office will respond to the threat in order to preserve as much life as possible and to neutralize the threat."

Classes for the campus are set tentatively for the first week of May, according to the Sheriff's office. The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) organized an active shooter

drill at Pierce College with the LASD last year. Another drill is scheduled for May 4, at East Los Angeles College from 10 a.m. to noon. It is FEMA based training that will be open to all faculty and students.

However, training classes and evacuation planning procedures are not enough to convince everyone that the campus is prepared.

"I just feel like there needs to be more to ensure that everyone is safe on this campus, I am scared to even come to campus some days," said Rose Valdez a nursing major.

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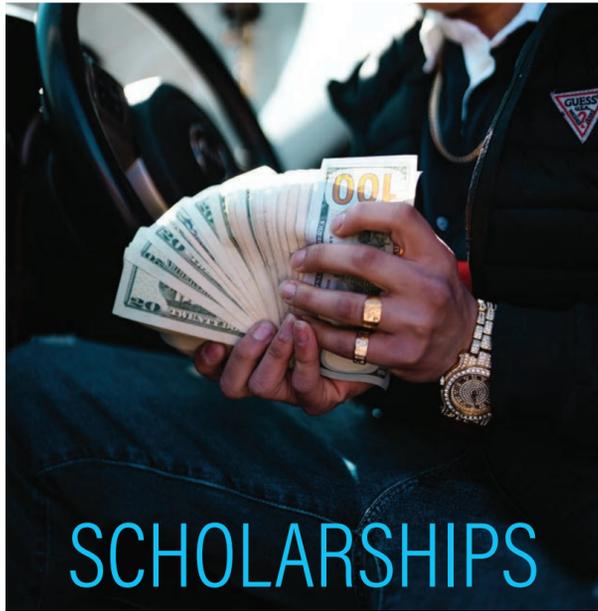


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CAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM

<http://alumni.berkeley.edu/community/scholarships/leadership-award>
Award: \$2,000
Deadline: Typically closes in early May; application opens in March.
Requirements:

- Must be an incoming freshman, incoming junior transfer, or current Cal student.
- Must demonstrate innovative, motivational leadership impacting academic, work or community environments for previous academic year.
- Be admitted and enrolled at UC Berkeley.

DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP

[awards@studentawardsearch.com](https://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm)
www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm
Award: \$1,000
Deadline: May 21, 2023
Requirements:

- Available to all high school juniors and seniors as well as all students currently registered in any post-secondary institution.
- There is no age restriction.
- Be sure to include your name and the school you are attending this year and next.

CAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – THE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM

<http://alumni.berkeley.edu/community/scholarships/achievement-award-program>
Award: \$6,000 per year and a laptop.
Deadline: Typically closes in May; please visit website for details.
Requirements:

- Must be eligible for Cal Grant A.
- Must have completed high-school, GED requirements or community college transfer requirements in California, please note this is regardless of immigration status.z
- If an incoming freshman, must submit a Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) to UC Berkeley.
- If an incoming junior transfer, must submit a Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) to UC Berkeley.

HISPANIC ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (HACU)

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
scholarship@hacu.net
<http://www.hacu.net/hacu/Scholarships.asp>
Award: Varies by scholarship; please visit website for details.
Deadline: May 1, 2023
Requirements:

- Demonstrate financial need if required by scholarship sponsor (typically determined by

FAFSA.

- Meet specific criteria for the scholarships to which they are applying.
- Students must currently attend a HACU-member college or university in the U.S. or Puerto Rico at the time applications are completed and scholarship awards are made. Students transferring schools, the school must also be a HACU member to be eligible to apply.
- High School students are not eligible to apply.

PEDRO ZAMORA YOUNG LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP

The National Aids Memorial Grove
<https://www.aidsmemorial.org/pedro-zamora-scholarship>
Application: <https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/pedrozamorasholarship2022>
Award: Varies by scholarship; please visit website for details.
Deadline: July 15, 2023
Requirements: Open to all current high school seniors and college freshman, sophomores, and juniors (ages 27 and younger) who demonstrate an active commitment to community justice work and take on public service and leadership roles.

QUESTBRIDGE NATIONAL COLLEGE MATCH PROGRAM

445 Sherman Ave. Suite 100 Palo Alto, CA 94306
<https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/national-college-match/how-to-apply>
Award: Multiple scholarships and programs available; awards vary. If the student is applying for K-12 college preparatory services and/or summer programs, no social security number is required as part of the application.
Deadline: Typically closes in September; please visit website for details.
Requirements:

- Must graduate from high school during or before the summer and plan to enroll as a freshman in college in the upcoming fall semester.
- Open to all U.S. citizens and permanent residents or students, regardless of citizenship, currently attending high school in the U.S.
- Must demonstrate a strong academic record and meet annual family income limits.

GOLDEN DOORS SCHOLARS

info@goldendoorscholars.org
<http://www.goldendoorscholars.org/>
Award: Please visit website for details.
Deadline: Typically closes in October; please visit website for details.
Requirements:

- Must be eligible for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).
- Must not be eligible for

in-state tuition or federal funding.

- High GPA, taking advanced or challenging high school classes, and driven to excel and help others succeed.
- Has held leadership positions or is involved in the community and actively applying for a variety of scholarships.

LA UNIDAD LATINA FOUNDATION, INC.

132 East 43rd Street, #358 New York, NY 10017
<https://www.lulf.org/scholarships.html>
Award: \$500 – \$2,000
Deadline: Typically closes in October; please visit website for details.
Requirements:

- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 out of a 4.0 scale.
- Must have current enrollment in an eligible bachelor's or master's degree program at an accredited four-year college or university (see website for eligible degrees).
- Must have completed at least one full-time year of study for undergraduate applicants, and at least one full-time semester of study for graduate applicants.

ATLAS SHRUGGED ESSAY CONTEST

The Ayn Rand Institute
<https://aynrand.org/students/essay-contests/#tab-3-atlas-shrugged>
Award: \$100 – \$10,000
Deadline: November 6, 2023
Requirements:

- Must be a senior in high school, undergraduate or graduate student anywhere in the world.
- Undocumented students are encouraged to apply.

DR. JUAN ANDRADE JR. SCHOLARSHIP FOR YOUNG HISPANIC LEADERS

United States Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI)
431 S. Dearborn St. Suite 1203 Chicago, IL 60605
<https://www.ushli.org/dr-juan-andrade-scholarship-for-young-hispanic-leaders/>
Award: \$1,000 for four-year institution; \$500 for two-year institution (renewable)
Deadline: Typically closes in November; please visit website for details.
Requirements:

- Must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student in an accredited four-year or two-year institution in the U.S. or U.S. territories.
- Must demonstrate verifiable need for financial support.
- Must have at least one parent of Hispanic ancestry.
- Non-U.S. citizens are eligible to apply (DACA or undocumented).
- Applicants must be full-time undergraduate students for the upcoming fall and spring semesters.
- This includes high school seniors, college freshman, sophomores, and juniors up to age 25.

GOOGLE LIME SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

<https://www.google.com/edu/scholarships/the-google-lime-scholarship/>
Award: \$10,000
Deadline: Typically closes in December; please visit website for details.
Requirements:

- Must be currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at a university in the U.S. or Canada for the upcoming academic year.
- Plan to enroll as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at a university in the U.S. or Canada for the upcoming

academic school year.

- Have, or consider themselves to have, a visible or invisible disability.
- Maintain a strong academic performance.
- Be pursuing a degree in computer science, computer engineering or a degree in a closely related technical field.
- Must exemplify leadership and demonstrate passion for computer science and technology.

POINT FOUNDATION: COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LGBT STUDENTS

<https://www.pointfoundation.org/point-apply/apply-now/>
Award: Multiple scholarships available; award amounts vary; please visit website for details.
Deadline: Typically closes in December; please visit website for details.
Requirements:

- Must be enrolled or intending to enroll at an accredited college or university based in the U.S.
- Must be “out” as a person who identifies as a member of the LGBTQ+ community.
- Community college students must be transferring to a four-year college or university.
- Must be at least a senior in high school.
- Students enrolled or intending to enroll in a college or university in a U.S. territory, community college, online programs or trade schools are not eligible.

SCHOLARSHIPS WITH VARYING DEADLINES/ BECAS CON PLAZOS VARIABLES

CALIFORNIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (CTA)

CTA Scholarship Committee
C/O Human Rights Department
P.O. Box 921 Burlingame, CA 94011
<http://www.cta.org/scholarships>
Award: Multiple scholarships available; award amounts range from \$2,000 – \$5,000.
Deadline: Varies by scholarship; please visit website for details.
Requirements: Must be a CTA member, student CTA member or dependent of a member.

SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS

<https://swe.org/scholarships/>
Award: Multiple awards available.
Deadline: Varies by scholarship; please visit website for details.
Requirements:

- Must identify as a woman.
- Undergraduate/ community college applicants must be planning to study an ABET-accredited program in engineering, technology, or computing in the upcoming academic year.
- Masters and PhD candidates must be enrolled or accepted at a school with ABET-accredited programs in engineering, computing, or technology.
- Must be planning to attend full time (exceptions are made for reentry and non-traditional applicants).
- Must not be fully funded for tuition, fees, and books and equivalent.
- Transcripts must be in English.

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

*The following scholarships require legal status or U.S. citizenship as a qualifying factor.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES (RMHC) HACER SCHOLARSHIP

<https://www.mcdonalds.com/>

[us/en-us/community/hacer.html](https://www.mcdonalds.com/en-us/community/hacer.html)

Award: \$100,000
Deadline: Typically opens in the fall; please visit website for details.
Requirements:

- Must be a high school senior and younger than 21 years old.
- Must be eligible to attend a two- or four-year college, university or technical school with a full course of study.
- Must enroll and attend an accredited institution in the academic year after their selection.
- Must be a legal U.S. resident.
- Must have at least one parent of Hispanic heritage.
- Must have a minimum 2.8 GPA.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND THE PROMISE OF NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

National Student Nurses Association, Inc.
Attn: NSNA Foundation
555 W 57th Street, Suite 1327 New York, NY 10019
<http://www.forevernursing.org/> (718) 210-0705
Award: Varies by scholarship; please visit website for details.
Deadline: Application typically opens in September and closes in January; please visit website for details.

Requirements:

- Students currently enrollment and matriculated in a state-approved nursing program leading to an associate degree, baccalaureate, diploma, direct-entry master's degree; or enrolled in an RN to BSN completion, RN to MS completion, or LPN/LVN to RN program: Matriculation means the student has applied to and has been admitted into a state approved nursing program. (Students in a 16-18 month accelerated program must graduate after July 1, 2023, to be eligible.)

- Pre-nursing students taking courses to prepare for matriculation into a nursing program.
- Attending classes and taking no less than six (6) credits per semester.
- Involvement in student nursing organizations and/or community health activities.
- Document academic achievement.
- Establish financial need.
- S. Citizen or Alien with U.S. Permanent Resident Status/ Alien Registration Number.
- High school students are not eligible to apply.
- Funds are not available for graduate study unless it is for a first degree in nursing.

COLLEGE ASSISTANCE MIGRANT PROGRAM (CAMP)

Support@MigrantStudent.org
<https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/922>
Migrant Students
305 Prospect Ave. Suite 4 Lewiston, ID 83501 (509) 368-7132
Award: Varies by scholarship; please visit website for details.
Deadline: Please visit website for details.
Requirements:

- Students must be both of the following:
 - Migratory or seasonal farmworkers (or children of such workers).
 - Enrolled in their first year of undergraduate studies at an institution of higher education.

AUTOMOTIVE HALL OF FAME SCHOLARSHIP

21400 Oakwood Boulevard Dearborn, Michigan 48124
eva@thedrivingspirit.org
<http://www.automotivehalloffame.org/scholarships/>
Award: Varies by scholarship; please visit website for details.

Deadline: Typically closes between February and June; please visit website for details.
Requirements:

- Must submit a form indicating a sincere interest in an automotive career.
- Must have received an acceptance letter from an accredited college, university or trade school and will be a full-time student.
- Students attending a technical training school may also apply (trade school should equal a two-year associate program).
- Must provide official transcript and two letters of recommendation.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or in the U.S. on a student visa.
- Must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION: DENTAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

<https://www.adea.org/studentawards/>
Award: Varies by scholarship; please visit website for details.
Deadline: Varies by scholarship; please visit website for details.
Requirements: Varies by scholarship; please visit website for details.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES/ RECURSOS ADICIONALES

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RESOURCE GUIDE: SUPPORTING UNDOCUMENTED YOUTH

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/overview/focus/supporting-undocumented-youth.pdf>
This resource released by the U.S. Department of Education in October 2015 is an extensive guide aimed at helping educators, school leaders, and community organizations better support undocumented youth, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

UNIDOSUS

<http://www.unidosus.org/>
View the “Keeping the Dream Alive: Resource Guide for Undocumented Students” for tips on resume writing and fundraising for college.

IMMIGRANTS RISING

www.immigrantsrising.org
This website provides a list of scholarships for qualified undocumented students. The organization provides free legal case-analysis services or undocumented youth. To inquire, contact Jesus Flores, Legal Services Coordinator at legalintake@immigrantsrising.org.

LATINO COLLEGE DOLLARS

www.latinocollegedollars.org
Visit this website for a database of scholarships for Latino college students, and information on how to plan and pay for college.

CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS INSTITUTE

SCHOLARSHIP DATABASE
<https://www.chcnextopp.net/>
Visit this website for scholarship opportunities for Latino students with a history of performing public service-oriented activities in the community. opportunities, fellowships, and links to other useful websites.

ESPORTS



Education Levels UP

BY HENRY LOPEZ

"Watch my six. They are absolute." "We need to do more damage per second or DPS."

These are phrases overheard more often in college classrooms but not in a chemistry lab or in an engineering class. These are common terms for electronic sports or esports, as it is known around college campuses.

Esports is competitive organized video gaming. That is correct, playing video games. "What? That's a thing? Why don't we have one?" said Joshua You, a student at ArtCenter College of Design who is majoring in game design.

Esports is one of the fastest growing collegiate sports in the nation. The National Education Association reports that in 2020, more than \$16 million in esports scholarships were awarded to students by colleges. Over 200 colleges have esports teams. Scholarship support provides an incentive for prospective students.

"That would make so many of my friends want to attend school, here [ArtCenter] or any school actually," said game design major Anthony Segovia. One of the first colleges in the nation to create an official esports program is only an hour away at the University of California Irvine.

"Plenty of our students on campus come to UCI because of the esports program," said UC Irvine head coach of esports Ronald Ly. "Some students are recruited directly



UCI eSports Arena Grand Opening
September 23, 2016

to play on part of our teams."

The UCI program began in the summer of 2015 as the Computer Game Science major, and by spring of 2016, the university would field its first varsity esports team for League of Legends. In September of 2016, they would open the UCI Esports Arena where the teams play and practice.

Currently, UCI fields three varsity level esports teams: one each for League of Legends, Overwatch 2, and Valorant. All three games are played on PC. Coach Ly describes a typical practice.

"Over the course of a week,

our scholarship teams typically practice 3-4 times a week and participate in matches on weekends," Ly said. Practice is composed of review, in-game routines, and formal scrimmages."

Prospective students and the community can get a taste of what an esports arena is like at UCI. Their esports arena is open to the public, Monday through Friday from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. For a fee of \$4 to \$15, anyone can get the opportunity to play on any of the 32 competition-level PCs that are offered by the campus.

Revenue from esports topped

the \$1.38 billion mark in 2022, according to demandsage.com, a group that collects sales and marketing data. Experts say esports helps colleges increase enrollment and engagement as students join esports clubs.

In 2022, there were more than 500 million esports viewers worldwide. The future is bright at colleges and universities for esports.

"Esports in colleges are already popular," Ly said. "The majority of students are gamers, and although not all of them are competitively inclined, having a space to service them is a boon to campus life."

SPORTS BIN

Sports Are Coming Back to Campus!

BY MATTHEW CAMPOS

For almost a decade, there has been a drought of sports on campus at L.A. City College, but all that is coming to an end in the fall of 2023.

This fall, the administration at LACC has decided that four sports teams will be returning to campus. This includes Men's and Women's soccer, Women's volleyball, and Men's basketball. The impact on the campus will be immense, as there will now be buzz and excitement among the student body to root on their Cubs. Sports are unique in their ability to unify people from all over campus and bring them together in one place to cheer for their team to achieve success.



I am a student of Los Angeles Harbor College, and personally, I can tell you from experience that there is nothing like the excitement of having an athletic department. Relating to the administrators and players from the other sports programs is a great opportunity for networking and stability. The support system and all-around positivity that comes from your peers is a special feeling and something that students at LACC will be very excited to experience.

Having a sports team on campus gives the students something to be excited about. Four teams across three sports allows them to be more involved on campus. Many things go into supporting a sports team, such as coaches, trainers, and ultimately the fans.

One of the most important people to be a part of the sports program at a community college is the athletic trainer. With several sports now returning to LACC, athletic trainer Erick Chen must prepare his staff to take care of team injuries and maintenance. There are so many different things that an athletic trainer brings to a sports team because they provide care for the players in times of injury, health examinations, and most importantly help the players rehabilitate, so they can get back on the field and represent their school.

Having new teams on campus also allows for much more promotion for the school. Being a part of the South Coast Conference, Athletic Director for LACC, Rob McKinley has an opportunity to promote his teams to thousands of students and hope for strong representation with each event among the fans.

There's nothing quite like watching your favorite team play and root for players that represent your school. There is a sense of pride that the campus community is going to feel during every sporting event, and ultimately that will increase morale around campus and create new excitement.

Before the decision to bring back men's and women's soccer in 2021, the only option for students to get involved in athletics was intramural sports. The level of play in intramural sports is not as competitive as California Community College Athletic Association sports.

This may have been a reason why many athletes coming out of high school did not choose LACC as an option. It is possible they were looking to attend a community college with opportunities to transfer after two years to a university.

With sports now returning to campus, recruiting for coaches at LACC will become a new experience. Athletes will begin to consider LACC because it offers the potential for student athletes to transfer.

Overall, this is great news for L.A. City College, and even though I am not on campus myself, I am extremely excited for what is to come in the next school year. I am overjoyed for the thrill that will be felt around campus for the new athletics.

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