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## **LACC Students Win Big at Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival**

*Eleven Awards Presented to LACC*

(April 24, 2023) Los Angeles City College students returned to campus with top awards from this year's Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) National Awards. The April 17-22 festival, held in Washington D.C., welcomed approximately 125 outstanding theater students from eight regions and presented awards in the design, performance, directing, playwriting, stage management, dramaturgy, arts leadership and theatre criticism categories.

"I am extremely proud of our students and the recognition they received at this year's awards," said Professor Eddie Bledsoe, LACC Theater Department Chair. LACC's National Costume finalist, Maria Catarina Copelli, was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place in a separate competition and workshops.

"Melancholia," a LACC production, was honored with the following awards:

- Distinguished Production of a Play
- Distinguished Director of a Play (Jose Luis Vanenzuela)
- Distinguished Performance and Production Ensemble
- Citizen Artist Award
- Distinguished Production Design
- Distinguished Achievement in Stage Management (Melanie Hatzenbuhler, Cristian Venegas, Sophia Marcos-Jeronimo, Emma Baker)
- Distinguished Sound (John Zalewski)

- Lighting Design (John A. Garofalo)
- Costume Design (Maria Catarina Copelli)
- Distinguished Achievement in Movement Direction
- Distinguished Performance by and Actor (Valerie Vega, Arnol Zepeda)

### **About Los Angeles City College**

Established in 1929, Los Angeles City College is one of the oldest of the California Community Colleges. Located in the heart of Hollywood, LACC provides an innovative learning environment offering more than 100 vocational and professional programs including degrees, transfer programs, and certificates to more than 18,000 students. In the past decade, a total of 6,651 students have transferred to four-year colleges and universities, including 4,040 students attending Cal State universities and 1,086 students transferring to UC campuses. The campus provides a wide range of professional and vocational programs at a fraction of the cost of state and private colleges. LACC provides students and adult learners vital pathways to more advanced education and enhanced employment.