



WE ARE THE  
*Community's  
College*



# ADAPTING TO YOUR

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC) has prioritized the safety and security of our students and employees, but has also adapted to the needs that we see in our community. Our goal is to meet our community's needs by providing integral services so everyone can find success.

That is why we successfully applied for funding to build a Family Resource Center on our campus to support families by reducing barriers to graduation and livable wage careers. That is why we successfully applied for a Predominantly Black Institution grant through the United States Department of Education totaling more than \$1.7 million so we can enhance the Black student experience inside and outside of the classroom. That is why we opened the Cougars Cupboard on our campus, a food pantry that provides necessary meals and snacks to students so they can complete their studies hunger-free.

These innovative new programs and support efforts are all meant to ensure our responsiveness to meet our community's needs. This approach extends to our classrooms where students have many options to find success. On-campus and online classes. Full-term or short-term classes. Day or night classes. No matter where you may feel you will have the most success, we will be there for you.

We have so many resources that will meet you where you are and support you all the way from the registration process to your honored walk across the graduation stage. We are here to ensure your success. This is our vision, this is our commitment, and this is your community's college.

## NEW SUPPORT SERVICES

### Welcome Center

One-stop location where students and the community can learn about academic programs, access information to apply to LASC, and complete necessary steps to enroll.

Student Services Building, Room 118

### GATEWAYS

The Gaining Access Through Education, Work, and Yielding Stability program, or GATEWAYS, supports students who may be encountering barriers such as homelessness or housing insecurity along their academic journey.

Student Services Building, Room 218

### Cougar Retention Center

Students are welcome to meet with our retention team members for guidance, advice, or to get their questions answered about succeeding academically, socially, or professionally.

Student Services Building, Room 204

# Needs



*"After being out of school for nine years I was afraid and each day was challenging, but with the help of the staff, my professors, and my peers, I was able to accomplish my goals and even more. Thank you LASC, because of you I am a new me!"*

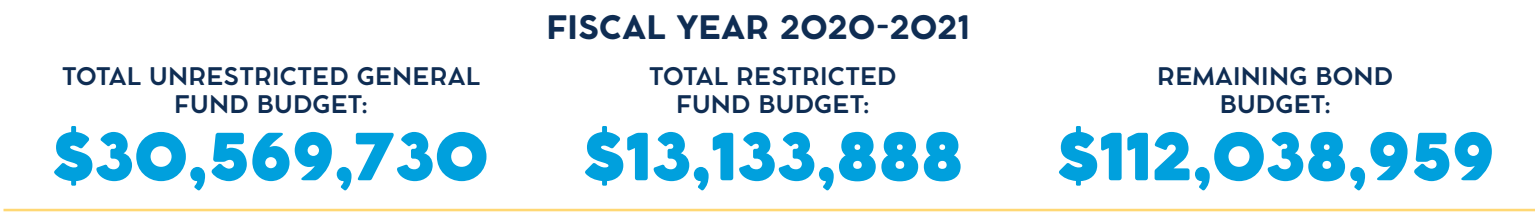
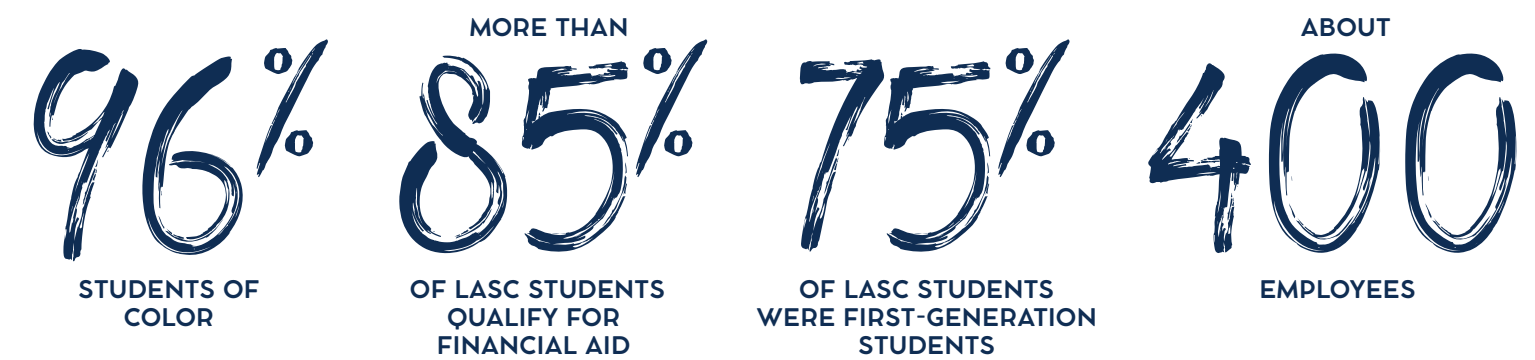
**Tahirah Unique Chance**  
transferred to Cal State Dominguez Hills



# Who WE ARE

*"LASC teachers are patient, kind and considerate and the counselors understand the pressure of being a student."*  
**Kofi Ahinasi**  
transferred to Cal State Dominguez Hills

## OUR DEMOGRAPHIC MAKE-UP



Top degrees are for 2020-21

Transfer degrees provide guaranteed admission to California State University system.

# New MISSION STATEMENT

In honor of its founding history, Los Angeles Southwest College is committed to providing a student-centered and equitable learning environment designed to empower a diverse student population and the surrounding community to achieve their academic and career goals by:

- 1 Attaining certificates and associate degrees leading to transfer and workforce preparation
- 2 Becoming a model educational institution for the success of students of color
- 3 Eliminating systemic racism and exclusion

## 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)

## Dream RESOURCE CENTER

LASC's Dream Resource Center embraces and celebrates diversity in all its forms and aims to be a resource for all undocumented immigrant students and their families. The center empowers and supports students to achieve educational and personal success. LASC has a strong network of campus and community members committed to helping undocumented students achieve academic excellence. All students are welcome at LASC! For more information, visit [lasc.edu/dream](http://lasc.edu/dream)



"LASC provided me with resources that allowed me to succeed in life. I appreciate the kindness of the people at this college who helped me on my journey."

**Dulce Ramirez Bamaca**  
transferred to Cal State Northridge

## 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)

## SEVEN STEPS TO BECOMING AN LASC STUDENT

- 1 **Submit College Admission Application** at [lasc.edu/enroll](http://lasc.edu/enroll)
- 2 **Assessment Placement and Orientation** Complete online orientation via the student portal at [MyCollege.laccd.edu](http://MyCollege.laccd.edu)
- 3 **See a Counselor** Visit [lasc.edu/counseling](http://lasc.edu/counseling) to make an appointment and view our certificate and degree options at [programmap.lasc.edu](http://programmap.lasc.edu)
- 4 **Register for Classes** at [MyCollege.laccd.edu](http://MyCollege.laccd.edu)
- 5 **Apply for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)** at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) or the **Dream Act** at [dream.sac.ca.gov](http://dream.sac.ca.gov)
- 6 **Pay your Health/Parking Fee** at [MyCollege.laccd.edu](http://MyCollege.laccd.edu) and **Pick Up Your Parking Permit** at the Business Office in Student Services Building, Room 103.
- 7 **Take your Student ID Picture** in the Welcome Center in Student Services Building, Room 118.

## 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.

### 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.

# 2021 Highlights

- LASC garnered accolades in early 2021 from the Kennedy Center American College Region VIII Theatre Festival, following the stellar production of "The Threat" in which students confronted recent cases of police brutality against African Americans. Watch the performance at [tinyurl.com/TheThreatLASC](http://tinyurl.com/TheThreatLASC)
- LASC in partnership with Kroger Health hosted one of the earliest COVID-19 vaccination centers in the region in early February. Thousands of individuals received a vaccine at the college throughout the year.
- To support students experiencing inequities due to technology needs, LASC provided loaner laptops for one academic year for students actively enrolled.
- LASC launched its Program Pathways Mapper, a customizable online tool that details academic opportunities at LASC in a concise manner and provide students with a clear road map of classes needed to graduate. Learn more at [programmap.lasc.edu](http://programmap.lasc.edu)
- LASC celebrated Black History Month throughout February with several great events, such as a Memorial Circle, Read-In, Kemeti Yoga, talks that celebrated LASC community members and so much more. Watch the events at [tinyurl.com/LASCBHM2021](http://tinyurl.com/LASCBHM2021)
- KVIE-PBS's program "Inside California Education" highlighted LASC's Theater program and the work they have produced with their unique brand of Social Justice Theater. Watch the report at [tinyurl.com/LASCTheater2021](http://tinyurl.com/LASCTheater2021)
- More than 300 students who worked hard to reach graduation had their accomplishments celebrated virtually June 8 at LASC's Virtual Graduation Ceremony. Watch the ceremony at [tinyurl.com/LASCGrad21](http://tinyurl.com/LASCGrad21)
- Prior to the 2021 Virtual Graduation Ceremony, LASC's President Dr. Seher Awan dropped off a cake and gifts to well deserving graduates at their homes and thanked them for their dedication to their studies and to LASC. She was joined by Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator Johnel Barron and Counselor Juan Camacho. Watch the visits at [tinyurl.com/LASCgradVisit2021](http://tinyurl.com/LASCgradVisit2021)
- LASC showed its dedication to all who wanted an education at its Welcome Back Open House on August 7. LASC informed hundreds of people why it was all in to help the surrounding community reach their educational goals. Watch a video of the event at [tinyurl.com/LASCWelcomeBack21](http://tinyurl.com/LASCWelcomeBack21)
- In an effort that provided LASC's Spring 2021 graduates the opportunity to personally receive their diplomas and/or certificates, the college had its "Cougar Drive-Thru Diploma Distribution Day" event on-campus on September 17. See photos at [tinyurl.com/LASCdiplomas2021](http://tinyurl.com/LASCdiplomas2021)
- LASC was awarded a Predominantly Black Institution (PBI) Grant through the United States Department of Education that totaled more than \$1.7 million. Funding will support LASC's transformational efforts to increase college enrollment and success among Black students.
- LASC's Associated Student Organization and Student Services offices celebrated the hard work of students at the college's annual "Food For All" event on November 18. Students who stopped by received a free gift box and gift card. See photos at [tinyurl.com/FoodForAll2021](http://tinyurl.com/FoodForAll2021)



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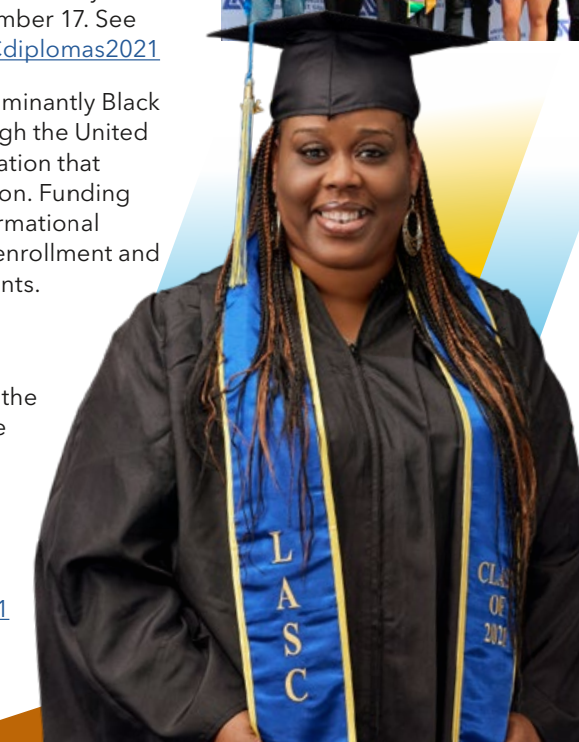
CAKE FOR GRADS



OPEN HOUSE



DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



SOCIAL JUSTICE THEATER

"LASC has taught me discipline and staying focused and it has led me to my goal of graduating. All my teachers have given me the tools to help me succeed."

**Trina Jones**  
transferred to Cal State Los Angeles



CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT



CONSTRUCTION

## FIND A CAREER you love AT LASC

### GET SKILLS WITH OUR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

#### Administration of Justice

Whether your goals involve working in law enforcement, social work, forensic science, or law, the Administration of Justice program will prepare you to use your influence well and build a promising career doing so.

#### Certified Nursing Assistant

Our 10-week program offers everything you need to become fully eligible for state certification as a Certified Nursing Assistant and Home Health Aide.

#### Chemical Dependency Counselor

Through our addiction counseling program, you will learn the root causes of addiction and the motivations for recovery.

#### Cloud Computing With amazon

Our Computer Science Information Technology program has entered a partnership with Amazon Web Services to create an exciting and innovative Cloud Computing Certificate Program.

#### Coding With Apple

Apple has inspired our curriculum and trained our faculty to best prepare you to compete in today's global economy as a web developer. Our credit and noncredit classes will show you how to write code and best understand Apple's operating system's applications and their functions.

#### Construction

The 8-week HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program will equip you with the exact skills and knowledge for in-demand, entry-level construction positions in both the public and private sectors.

"LASC has challenged and inspired me to keep fighting even when it seemed most difficult. I am grateful to have been a part of the LASC family and I will take these lessons with me into all my future endeavors."

**Bernardo Cortez-Paniagua**  
transferred to University of California, Irvine

#### Cybersecurity

Through LASC's Certificate of Achievement Programs in Homeland Security and Computer Networks and Homeland Security Network Administration, you will learn to identify threats to our nation and create controls to counter those threats.

#### Entrepreneurship

In our new Global Entrepreneurship Certificate Program, we will provide you with the essential skills and resources to expand your business—from cutting-edge computer technology and managing finances to building your brand and much more.

#### New Technologies With Microsoft

LASC has formed a game-changing partnership with Microsoft that will help you master the most innovative tech skills and bolster your future career readiness.

#### Phlebotomy

Our nationally accredited and state licensed Phlebotomy Program has been specially designed to launch you into this high-demand and promising healthcare career. From drawing blood to specimen prep for medical diagnostic testing, specialized phlebotomy technicians serve a vital medical role.

#### Real Estate

Learn the industry around buying and selling houses and properties, furthering the dreams of your family, friends and future clients. Studying real estate opens doors to limitless opportunity.

Learn more about all of these programs at [lasc.edu/get-skills](http://lasc.edu/get-skills)

## ATHLETICS ARE BACK

Before COVID-19, our men's basketball team won a share of the South Coast- South Division championship and our powerful women's team was on the brink of becoming a force in their own right. Now that the new season is upon us we can't wait to see how the Cougars do. Stop by the Lakin Fitness and Wellness Center to check out one of their games. Also, get ready for the return of our legendary football team in fall 2022. With time off to recruit some of the community's best athletes, we have no doubt that the team will be ready to compete in their upcoming season.



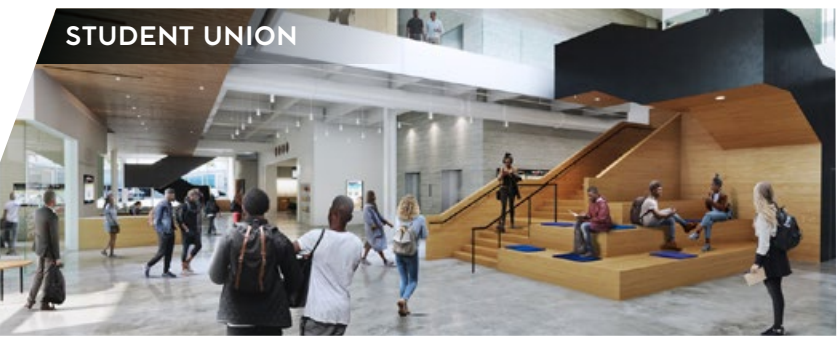
STUDENT UNION

## PRESIDENT'S PRIORITIES

The LASC President's Office has several priorities aligned with the College's Strategic Education Master Plan. We encourage the community to check back each month on the progress of different initiatives being pursued including the ongoing fiscal recovery; inclusion, diversity, equity, and antiracism (IDEA) initiatives; enrollment growth and more. Learn more at [lasc.edu/priorities](http://lasc.edu/priorities)

## STUDENT UNION TO BE HEART OF STUDENT LIFE

2023 will see the expected opening of our Student Union. This building will serve as a destination point for students at LASC with student lounge spaces, a gaming room, conference spaces and more. This two-story, 31,000-square-foot building will enable social interaction, provide flexible and contemporary spaces to work, study and play. In addition, it will add dedicated spaces to vital student services like the Campus Food Pantry.



## OUR LASC FAMILY IS all in

We'd like to dedicate this Annual Report to our LASC administrators, faculty and classified professionals. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, LASC's employees have worked tirelessly to support the campus and the surrounding community. We look forward to everyone's return to campus in our post-COVID-19 world.

"I am extremely grateful for the environment and the amount of support I was rewarded during my time at LASC."

**Abeni Coleman**  
transferred to Cal State Northridge



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# THE *College* IN YOUR *Community*

As we slowly exit the COVID-19 pandemic, I hope you and your family and friends are healthy. It has not been easy for any of us recently and I'm sure you are a bit uncertain about your future. Please know all of us at Los Angeles Southwest College are focused on your personal and professional success.



I hope that our 2021 Annual Report helps you understand the spirit of our college and its administrators, faculty, classified professionals and students as well as answer questions about who we are and what we stand for. This college is a special place full of opportunity for all who visit it on-campus or online. Whether you are a newcomer to college or a returnee, perhaps after a break, you will find you are not at all alone as you set out to pursue your goals. Here at LASC, your dream is our dream!

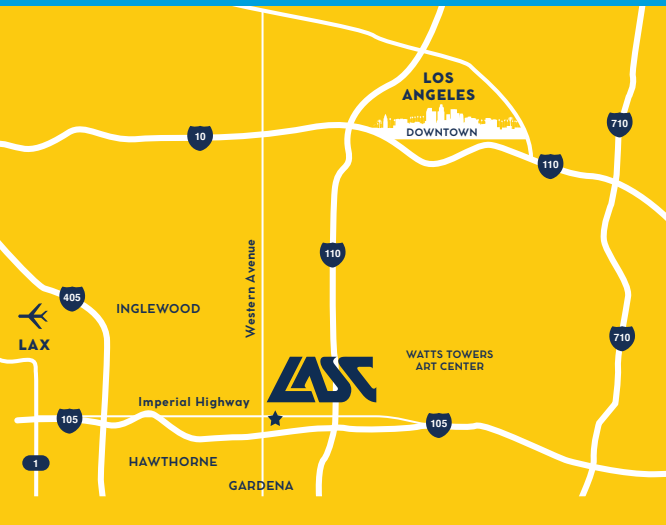
I hope most of all that this report encourages you to visit us here at LASC. No matter where you are, we will meet you, and guide you throughout your journey to graduation and beyond.

**DR. SEHER AWAN, PRESIDENT**    @LASCPRZ    @SEHERAWAN13



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