



LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

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Dear LACCD Colleagues:

The LACCD has received formal notice from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). I am pleased to report that eight of the nine colleges received the action of **Reaffirmed Accreditation for 18 Months on the Basis of a Comprehensive Evaluation**, which is the 'highest' rating currently being given by ACCJC. In 18 months, each college and district will submit a report addressing the various recommendations for improvement and compliance as necessary. As you know, all nine of our colleges went through a week-long formal accreditation review process this past March. A report will be given to our Board of Trustees at this evening's board meeting.

LACCD colleges that received reaffirmation are: Los Angeles City College, East Los Angeles College, Los Angeles Harbor College, Los Angeles Mission College, Los Angeles Pierce College, Los Angeles Trade Technical College, Los Angeles Valley College, and West Los Angeles College. Los Angeles Southwest College received a Warning, though it remains open and fully-accredited. A Warning is issued when the Commission finds that a college deviates from the accreditation standards. LASC's report will be accompanied by a team visit.

There were a number of commendations noted by the visiting teams at each college ranging from the commitment to student success and sense of community to new, innovative facility designs and resource conservation efforts. The district received commendations including forward-looking efforts in professional development of staff, effective use of technology, excellent internal audit functions and maintaining an environment of continuous quality improvement.

The full accreditation reports and ACCJC action letters are available on each college's website.

Each of our nine colleges and district are fully committed to meeting the high standards for institutional performance and view the accrediting process as an opportunity to affirm what is working well and to improve where necessary. Our accreditation is fundamental to providing public assurance of quality instruction and support services so our students may pursue and achieve their educational goals. Being accredited also means our students can receive federal financial aid and veteran benefits and be assured their course work will be accepted when they transfer or enter the workforce.

This was an historic event for the district on several fronts: LACCD is the first multi-college district to be reviewed under the new ACCJC standards, this was the first time all nine colleges simultaneously underwent the accreditation reaffirmation process, and the LACCD district office was also reviewed comprehensively as part of the process. Ten separate visiting teams consisting of more than 100 community college educators and administrators from throughout California and the Pacific region took part in the accreditation review.

The Board of Trustees and I congratulate our colleges and district on a job well done!

Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez