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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2012 LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE!

Dear LACC Family,

As we begin a New Year, I wanted to say Thank You for your continued support and hard work in helping our students. While we have, and will continue to face difficult budgetary times, we have still managed to achieve so much of which we can be proud. I would like to take this opportunity to recap some of our important accomplishments over the last year as we move into 2012:

- **Balanced a \$3 million budget deficit Fiscal Year 2011**
- **Received approval for two SB 1440 degrees (Speech and Child Development)**
- **Successfully obtained \$7 million in grant funds through The Office of Economic and Workforce Development to operate 19 campus programs.**
- **Renewal of the AA to BA Child Development Program**
- **Renewal of the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program**
- **Became an Achieving the Dream (ATD) Institution**
- **Home to a Nationally Recognized Theatre Program**
- **Home to a number one ranked Math Team**
- **Achieved ABA Accreditation of the Paralegal Law Program**
- **Awarded a \$4 million Title V Grant**
- **Dental Tech Graduates for two-years have ranked number one in the nation on licensure exams**
- **Radiology Technology graduates ranked in the 90th percentile on licensure exams**
- **Radiology Technology Program Awarded \$350,000 dollar grant**
- **Nursing graduates ranked in the 90th percentile on licensure exams**
- **First-Annual OSS Disabled Comedy Showcase (Fundraiser)**

I am proud of what we have done and want to thank everyone for their hard work this past year in making these accomplishments possible. It is only through the combined efforts of all campus units that such accomplishments are possible. Thus, I would also like to highlight some of the other excellent work being done on campus:

- **The Office of Administrative Services has done an outstanding job in putting our fiscal house in order and has been busy working really hard to save the college money and assisting us in addressing audit findings**
- **Faculty continue to find ways to increase student success and improve our ARCC numbers**
- **The college is working diligently on its accreditation and will be holding open-forums over the next two months to bring the campus up to speed**
- **Workshops have been held on Student Learning Outcomes (SLO's) and there is sharing among faculty and staff on ways to accelerate completion of our SLO goals**
- **LACC Foundation has provided over \$550,000 in awards, stipends, scholarships and emergency loans.**
- **The college is working with SunGard Higher Education on implementation of Degree Works (the degree auditing system already purchased by the district) to meet one of its many ATD benchmarks**

In accordance with **SB 1440** all colleges must have two transfer degrees developed. I would like to thank Academic Affairs, the Curriculum Committee and the Speech and Child Development faculty for helping LACC meet this critical deadline. While, the state will continue to make cuts through workload reductions, LACC continues to meet its FTES targets while sustaining quality programs for our students. I am happy to report the college is on target to meet its Faculty Obligation Number (FON) and will continue to work with the district to ensure compliance.

For the third straight fiscal year since the initial 40% to 64% cuts to Categorically Funded Programs such as EOP&S, OSS, and Matriculation, in addition to general fund reductions this past fall of 20%, The Division of Student Services continues to meet the needs of students. During the fall 2011 semester, more than 19,000 students were served across the division in such offices as Admissions and Records, the Career Center, Counseling, EOP&S/CARE, Financial Aid, Foster Care and Kinship, Guardian Scholars, the Health Center, International Student Center, Outreach and Recruitment, Matriculation, the Student Assistant Center, Student Life, Trio, Upward Bound, and Veterans Affairs.

Toward the end of 2011 the district implemented a bond moratorium. LACC is working with our Construction Program Manager (CPM) to provide written justification to remove key projects from the moratorium. As information on this matter comes forward we will share it with the campus.

As we prepare to serve many more students this coming spring I would like to say a special thank you to the classified staff for all of their hard work. They are an integral part of the day-to-day operations of the institution. Congratulations to Cristi O'Connor for obtaining the retail certification license for the LACC Bookstore.

As we move into the New Year there is a lot for us to be proud of. While, under difficult conditions, the LACC Family has come together to make sure we continue to do all we can to serve our students. Considering all that we have accomplished, I would like to give all of you a hand for making 2011 an extraordinary year. In the spirit of collegiality please take a moment to thank your colleagues for the work they do to make the campus a better place. Happy New Year, I wish all of you continued success in 2012!

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