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PRESIDENT'S  
NEWSLETTER

## OUR FOCUS ON TRANSFER PAYS DIVIDENDS

Sacramento and the many state agencies based there put out a great many reports and studies. So many, in fact, that most are overlooked. I want to bring to your attention one report that was issued last month, a report that brings great news to us about our efforts here at Mission College.

The report, released by the California Postsecondary Education Commission, tracks the number of students at community colleges who went on to enroll at four-year campuses in the UC and CSU systems. The specific numbers are reported in a separate story in this newsletter (see page 3), but the key figures are these:

- From the 2000-01 academic year to 2001-02, the number of LAMC students who transferred to UC schools increased by 100%;
- From the 2000-01 academic year to 2001-02, the number of LAMC students who transferred to CSU schools increased by 27%.

The figure that jumps right out, of course, is the 100% increase in the number of transfers to UC. This is indeed a significant accomplishment. But because it is based on an increase in transfers to UC from 11 (one of our lowest figures) in 2000-01 to 22 in 2001-02, I would argue that we need to sustain this progress in

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coming years before we pat ourselves on the back too enthusiastically. Having noted that, let me point out two things: the 22 transfers to UC are the most Mission College has ever boasted in a single year; and the increase came in a year when UC was deluged with applications, and admission to the system became harder than ever. However you view the numbers, this breakthrough in transfers to UC is truly a success on which we can build.

I am delighted with the figures as they relate to transfer to California State University. As in the case of UC transfers, our 213 transfers to CSU in 2001-02 are the most this college has had in a single year. You begin to see the significance of this number when you compare it to CSU transfers recorded by other community colleges with enrollment numbers similar to ours. In nearly every case, our 200+ transfers exceeded those of similarly enrolled colleges.

It's not coincidental that our increases followed the funding of a Transfer Center counselor position in January 2001. I commend Darcel Bowles, our Transfer Center director, and Gwen Walker, our counseling department chairperson. Their dedication to putting our students on track to transfer is really paying dividends.

## DEDICATION HELD FOR STUDENT SERVICES EXPANSION

With more than 100 guests in attendance, Mission College's Student Services Expansion was dedicated at a ribbon cutting ceremony held on the campus on October 9.

Members of the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees – led by President Warren Furutani – Chancellor Mark Drummond, students, employees and guests were on hand for the ceremony, held in front of the completed building.

Dr. Adriana Barrera, college president, hosted the festivities and led the ribbon cutting.

The expansion is the first project completed in the district with funds from Proposition A, the voter-approved initiative for the renovation and revitalization

of the nine colleges in the Los Angeles Community College District.

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Members of the Board of Trustees took part in the ribbon cutting ceremony to dedicate Mission College's Student Services Expansion. Shown left to right are trustees Georgia Mercer, Nancy Pearlman and Sylvia Scott-Hayes, President Barrera, Chancellor Mark Drummond, and trustees Warren Furutani, Mona Field and Michael Waxman.

# DEDICATION HELD FOR STUDENT SERVICES EXPANSION (continued from front)

"We're very proud to open the first completed Proposition A project in the district, and to share the experience with friends," said Dr. Barrera.

"This is a defining moment for Mission College," said Dr. Drummond. "It's a symbol of what's to come for the other colleges in the district from Proposition A."

Following the ribbon cutting, guests toured the completed expansion and were treated to a demonstration of the information computers that will be available to students inside the center. At a touch, the state-of-the-art computers will provide student records, as well as information about financial aid, classes, and college programs. Students also will be able to use them to make counseling appointments.

The \$1.3 million expansion adds more than 3,000 square feet of space to the formerly overcrowded student services area. In addition, the 6,000-square-foot office space that existed prior to expansion has been completely remodeled.



## Dedication ceremony

LAMC's dedication of the Student Services Expansion took place before an audience of more than 100 guests. Photos show **1** a demonstration of the computer information system that will be available to students inside the center; **2** Board of Trustees President Warren Furutani addressing the audience; **3** Sea Cadets Color Guard from the Encino Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Station; **4** the Prop. A signed that adorned the front of the building; **5** Chancellor Drummond at podium; and **6** the crowd of well-wishers taking in the ceremony just before the ribbon cutting. Shown in the lower right corner of the page is an ad that appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, *Los Angeles Daily News*, *La Opinion* and *The San Fernando Sun*, in which Dr. Barrera thanked voters for Proposition A and their support of community colleges.




## ■ A BUSY MONTH AHEAD FOR LAMC

The next few weeks promise to be an extremely busy time, with a number of major campus events and activities scheduled.

On tap are a women's conference, a job and career fair, the annual Veterans Day ceremony, the fall honors ceremony, an exhibit sponsored by MECHA, an Interior Design Open House, and several trips planned by EOP&S and the Transfer Center.

See the "Calendar of Upcoming Events" in this issue, and visit [www.lamission.edu/news](http://www.lamission.edu/news) or [www.lamission.edu/athletics](http://www.lamission.edu/athletics) for information about campus and athletic events.



## LOS ANGELES MISSION COLLEGE

# THANK YOU, VOTERS!

IN APRIL 2001, VOTERS IN THE LOS ANGELES Community College District approved Proposition A. You overwhelmingly gave your support to the renovation and revitalization of the nine community colleges in the Los Angeles area.

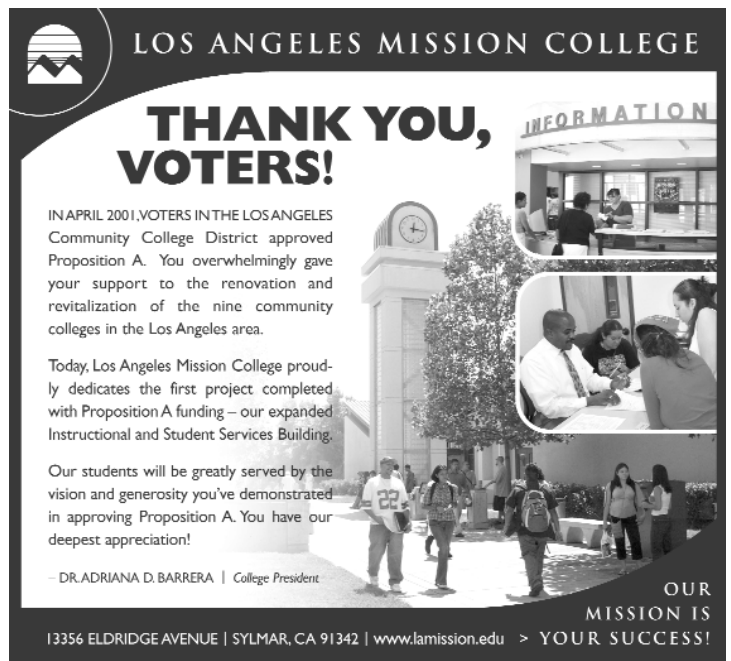
Today, Los Angeles Mission College proudly dedicates the first project completed with Proposition A funding – our expanded Instructional and Student Services Building.

Our students will be greatly served by the vision and generosity you've demonstrated in approving Proposition A. You have our deepest appreciation!

— DR. ADRIANA D. BARRERA | College President

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## L.A. MISSION COLLEGE POSTS BIG TRANSFER GAINS

A report released by the California Postsecondary Education Commission shows Mission College making great strides in the number of students transferring to four-year universities.

Between the 2000-01 and 2001-02 academic years, the number of LAMC transfers to the University of California leaped by 100%. In the same period, the number of LAMC transfers to California State University campuses jumped by nearly 27%.

While transfers to UC and CSU were up throughout the community college system, Mission College's increases were significantly higher than the gains reported statewide and within the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD):

### Transfers to UC and CSU: % Increase 00-01 to 01-02

	TO UC	TO CSU
<b>MISSION COLLEGE</b>	100%	26.8%
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	9.6%	5.4%
<b>LACCD</b>	20.9%	8.3%

In 2001-02, 22 Mission College students transferred and enrolled at UC, and 213 LAMC students transferred and enrolled in CSU. Both figures represent the greatest number of LAMC transfers in a single year to those two systems, respectively.



UC Berkeley recruiter Ana Fimbres Rafferty (seated) was among the more than 20 university and college representatives who met with students during the recent Mission College Transfer Fair.

"We're seeing the tireless efforts of our counseling and transfer staff starting to pay dividends now," said President Adriana Barrera. "It's no coincidence that our numbers started going up after we created a counseling position dedicated to transfer."

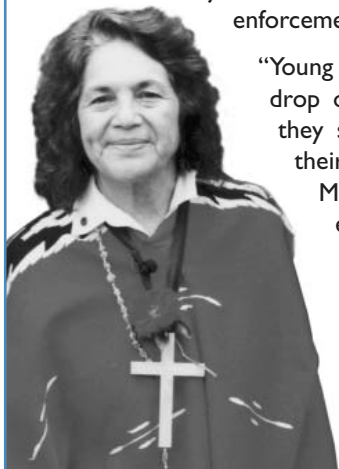
Transfer Center director Darcel Bowles was assigned in January 2001. Since then, she has energized the transfer effort by bringing a number of college recruiters to LAMC, arranging student trips to four-year schools, leading counseling sessions with students, producing materials about transfer, and scheduling workshops on transfer-related issues.

## DOLORES HUERTA TO SPEAK AT LAMC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the United Farmworkers of America, will give the keynote address when Mission College plays host to a conference aimed at directing young Latinas into higher education and careers.

"Adelante Mujer Latina," sponsored by the San Fernando Valley chapter of Comision Femenil, will take place this Saturday, October 26, at various campus locations. More than 350 people are expected to attend the event, which is co-sponsored by LAMC.

Following Huerta's keynote address in Campus Center, the conference will offer workshops led by professional women. They will discuss careers in medicine, law, social services, journalism and the media, politics, education, law enforcement, engineering, and the arts.



Dolores Huerta

"Young Latinas are the group most likely to drop out of high school, and even when they start college, most never complete their studies," said conference organizer Maria Reza. "That's what this conference is all about: to inspire and motivate young women to finish their education and fulfill their dreams."

One workshop will be devoted to college admission, said Reza, who is also a member of Mission College's Citizens Oversight Committee for Proposition A.

The resilient Dolores Huerta, who has been fighting for the rights of farm workers since the 60's, will have an inspirational effect on conferees, Reza predicted. Huerta is scheduled to speak in Campus Center at 9 a.m.

Most of the conference attendees are expected to be young women in high school or college, but women of all ages are welcome, said Reza. She strongly recommends that interested persons pre-register by calling (661) 259-3938. There is no cost to register.

### ■ FCCHN PLANS HOLIDAY EVENT

The Los Angeles Mission College Family Child Care Homes Network (FCCHN) is off to a good start in collecting funds for its December holiday program.

FCCHN recently received \$600 in donations from two sources. The San Fernando Women's Club donated \$500 for the second consecutive year, and California National Bank contributed \$100. The contributions will go toward funding a holiday celebration for families being served through the FCCHN. The event will include a dinner, toy distribution by Santa Claus, and entertainment for the families who have attended the most parent education meetings throughout the year.

If you wish to contribute or participate, contact Julie Ruelas, FCCHN director, (818) 364-7881.



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calendar of  
UPCOMING  
EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
10/25-11/5	"Dia de Los Muertos" Exhibit Continuous - South Atrium
10/26	"Adelante Mujer Latina" Conference 8:30 am-2 pm - Various campus locations
10/30	Focus on Careers & Job Fair 9:30-11:30 am - Campus Center & Quad
11/1	EOP&S trip to Reagan Presidential Library - 10 am-3:30 pm
11/6-8	Interior Design Open House 10 am-2 pm - South Atrium
11/7	Veterans Day Commemoration 10 am - Quad
11/11	Veterans Day - College closed
11/12	EOP&S trip to Autry Museum of Western Heritage - 10 am-3 pm
11/13	Transfer/TAP trip to UCLA 9 am-3 pm
11/14	LAMC Foundation meeting - 8 am CC 4

For sports events, visit [www.lamission.edu/athletics](http://www.lamission.edu/athletics)

focus on  
MISSION PEOPLE

**Dr. Rick Scuderi**, director of Disabled Students Programs and Services, has been installed as president of the California Association on Postsecondary Education and Disability (CAPED). It's a fitting honor



for Scuderi, who over the past decade has helped convince the state Legislature to increase funding for disabled students' programs and for architectural barrier removal. Working with CAPED,

his efforts also led to passage of legislation insuring electronic access for disabled students on the UC, CSU and community college levels. CAPED has been instrumental in establishing and developing services for disabled students in California for the past 28 years.

How do you say "curveball" in Italian? Just ask **Sandra Durazo**, assistant coach for the Mission College women's softball team. Durazo has just returned from playing women's professional softball in Italy, where she was voted the best foreign pitcher in an Internet poll. Durazo, who competed for seven months in Italy, said the language barrier was "a little bit" of a problem, but not on the field. Durazo will help coach **Kelly Lovato** prepare the Mission College team for competition this spring. Durazo holds near legendary status locally, where she has been a pitching stand-out since high school. She amassed many awards while pitching for Kennedy High School (1994-97) and San Diego State University (1998-2001). Among her honors: All-City player 1995-97; Times Player of the Year in 1996; and Times Pitcher of the Year in 1997. While at SDSU, Durazo was named to the all-con-



ference first team in 2000 and '01 and was the conference Pitcher of the Year in 2001.

The National Council for Marketing and Public Relations has honored LAMC'S "Graduation at Mission College" television commercial (shown in photo) for



outstanding achievement in communications. The spot earned a first place Gold Medallion Award at the recent NCMPR conference in Redondo Beach. "Graduation at Mission College" depicts a young Mom picking up her diploma at graduation, to the delight of her toddler son and family. The spot was directed by **Mark Borchetta**, program director for digital media production in LAMC'S Community Extension program, and produced by **Eduardo Pardo**, public relations specialist.

**Cheryl Ann Throckmorton** has joined the Mission College staff as an office assistant in Academic Affairs. **Lourdes Villanueva** also joins the staff as an office assistant in counseling.



■ AN EVENT FOR ALL

The Los Angeles Mission College Foundation raised more than \$8,000 for student scholarships when it hosted a twilight "Dinner by the Fountain" earlier this month. More than 250 college employees, their guests and friends of LAMC attended the tropical-themed dinner, which was catered by the college's Culinary Department. Among those attending were Alice Lal, Child Development Center director, and nine-year-old Vickielynne Crisosto, daughter of Upward Bound director Vickie Morales.