Judith Valles Named President

With over 40 years experience in the field of education, Judith Valles was recently named President of Los Angeles Mission College. In announcing the appointment, LACCD Chancellor Drummond praised the new President’s diverse experience and knowledge of the education system.

Valles brings a combination of academic and government experience. She served as Interim President of Oxnard College in Oxnard, California, President of Golden West College in Huntington Beach, California, Interim President at Coastline Community College and President of the Board of Trustees for San Bernardino Community College District. Most recently, she served for eight years as Mayor of San Bernardino, California.

President Valles is ready for the challenge—the challenge to educate the residents of the community in the San Fernando Valley!

New Buildings Coming Soon

Center for Child Development Studies

The construction of the 20,000 square foot Center for Child Development Studies (CCDS) is near completion and expected to open this Fall. The new CCDS will provide a combination of services for the community and academic training for students who wish to become professionals in the field of Early Childhood Education. The two-story center will include class rooms, faculty offices and observation rooms to provide students with practical knowledge of child growth and development.

The main facility will house the new child care center. The child care center will support parents in their educational goals by providing Mission College’s students affordable child care while they are either attending class or at work. The new Center is expected to triple its child care capacity and serve about 90 children.

“The existing child care center provides quality care in a safe and stimulating learning environment for young children,” said Vice President of Administrative Services Dr. Karen Hoefel. Licensed by the State of California, the child care center is staffed by credentialed teachers and highly qualified professionals. Parents interested in enrolling their children may pick up an application form in person in the child care center office or by calling 818.364.7865.

More about new buildings on page 4.
On Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., Los Angeles Mission College Veteran Affairs Program held a Memorial Day Invocation Ceremony dedicated to all the brave service men and women who have served and/or are currently serving in the United States armed forces. Mission College honored veterans for their outstanding contribution to the Veteran Affairs Program.

MISSION COLLEGE SALUTES ALL OF THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY.

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Students were also introduced to the basic fundamentals of dusting for latent or hidden fingerprints on tile surfaces. Shows such as “CSI” often make it look very easy; however, students quickly learned it can sometimes be difficult to detect and lift fingerprints off a given surface. The process can also be very messy if not careful. Several of the students in the course demonstrated a natural talent for this type of work and are thinking of going on to study in forensics.

For more information about the Administration of Justice program, log onto www.lamission.edu/aj or call (818) 364-7610.

Roxanna Marina Rodríguez is 20 years old and was born in Mission Hills, California. She is the second eldest amongst three siblings. She is family oriented and aspires to continue her family’s strong commitment to community service.

Roxanna attended Santa Rosa De Lima Catholic Elementary School where she participated in various activities such as softball, basketball, and volleyball. She served as an altar server at her church for six years and was involved in all aspects of her Catholic church’s sacraments. Roxanna was student council secretary and received the Principal Scholastic Honor Student scholarship in June 2001.

In the fall of 2001, Roxanna enrolled at John F. Kennedy High School where she was accepted into the Magnet Program. She was a member of the softball team and team captain for three consecutive years. She was selected as the team’s most valuable player and was recognized multiple times for her prowess on the athletic field.

Roxanna was selected to the All League softball team as a sophomore, junior and senior. She was awarded the Gold Glove award her junior year. Roxanna also volunteered as a volleyball coach for junior high students. She graduated with honors from Kennedy High School in June, 2005 receiving the distinguished gold medallion of the Magnet Program.

Roxanna has always had an interest and aptitude in the law-enforcement field. She is currently an Administration of Justice major at Mission College maintaining a 3.00 GPA. She will be graduating with an Associates of Art degree in June, 2009 and will be pursuing a bachelor’s degree from California State University, Los Angeles in Criminal Justice.

Roxanna has been employed as a Cadet with the Sheriff’s Office at Mission College since June, 2006. In addition to working 30 hours per week as a cadet she also worked an additional 20 hours per week in the food services industry while maintaining a full time school curriculum. Regardless of her school and work demands, Roxanna excels in all of her endeavors. This past Spring she was selected as the Cadet of the Semester and Cadet of the Year for 2007 at Mission College.

Roxanna has received numerous commendations for her leadership role as a cadet at Los Angeles Mission College. Her diligence to duty has been a contributing factor in Mission College’s reputation as a safe and friendly campus. Roxanna has also repeatedly volunteered in the active shooter training program for the Sheriff’s Community College Bureau.

The Information Technology Department is proud to announce the availability of the LAMC Wireless Network, which makes Internet access possible for faculty, staff, and students from almost anywhere on campus. For connection instructions, wireless signal map and FAQs, visit the Wireless Information page http://www.lamission.edu/it/wireless.aspx located on the IT Department website.

Mission Goes WIRELESS!

Veterans Honored At Ceremony

CADET OF THE YEAR

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As we prepare to educate the students of our community, Mission College is upgrading its facilities with state-of-the-art buildings and classrooms. "I am proud that Mission can provide our students with a great education for a career in technical or other specialized fields," said Mission College President Judith Valles. "More programs are being offered and curricula based on new technology will help prepare students to fill the high-skill jobs in today's market."

Our future plans include the construction of a Media Technology and Arts building and a Center for Applied Sciences and Technology building. Our campus is growing right along with our students!

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Why I Enjoy Attending Mission College...

"As a student at Mission College I really enjoy what this campus has to offer. There are many resources and a variety of programs available to help students such as financial aid assistance and career planning to name a few. In addition, as an EOP&S tutor I have had the opportunity of meeting wonderful students and staff. Attending Mission College has been a great experience for me!"  
- Karina Barbosa

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Heart warming events are taking place at Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC). Special thanks to the LAMC Robotecas Club and EOP&S/CARE Counselor, Jose Luis Ramirez. Collaboratively, both are creating and representing an atmosphere of conscious giving. “It is amazing to see students helping other students in greater need,” said Counselor Ramirez. It was precisely the case in regard to Maria Guerrero.

During a counseling appointment this past spring, EOP&S and ESL student Maria Guerrero mentioned the challenges she faced in conjunction with her progression as an ESL student. She complained that it was very difficult to comply with her instructor’s request for typed assignments. Obligation to her young daughter and disabled husband does not allow the time frame for her to utilize the computer lab offered on campus. With much concern and compassion, Counselor Ramirez consulted with faculty advisor, Eric Rettke and student and Robotecas Club member, Gary Smith.

With the help of Gary Smith and Robotecas Club member, Patrick White, a computer arrived on Counselor Ramirez’s desk in less than three weeks. The computer consisted of a tower, monitor, mouse, keyboard, printer and software. Maria Guerrero took a while to retrieve the computer due to her husband’s ailment, so transportation services were provided by the EOP&S department. The Robotecas Club was founded by Bob Martinez over 10 years ago and is ten members strong. The Club meets every Monday on campus. The Club specializes in upgrading and repairing computers donated by San Fernando Valley Social Security’s Office, Los Angeles Mission College, and various donors in the community. Robotecas does not charge for their services, but may require a minimal fee for parts if one should choose not to supply their own. The refurbished computers are donated to the San Fernando Battered Women’s shelter, disadvantage families, disabled students and students in need on campus. Proceeds from the repairs go toward the purchase of ice cream or donuts that the Club shares with the entire student body, faculty and staff free of charge.

This is a prime example of how the missions that seem impossible are being made possible by the close-knit family we have on campus at Los Angeles Mission College. This is yet another story of why we all prefer to attend or to be employed at Mission College. We continue to see and make a difference.

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Age: No Barrier To College Success

Fifteen year-old Mark Kang is like other boys his age playing video games and enjoying the company of his friends. But quite different from other teens, he just graduated from college.

On June 3, Mark donned a cap and gown and received an associate’s degree in Business Administration from Los Angeles Mission College. “I’m ready for new challenges,” said Kang. No surprise he was the youngest graduate in his class. At age 14, Mark started taking classes at Mission after attending Portola Middle School in Chatsworth.

He took two buses to get to Mission and almost two hours to get home every day. Mark fit right in enjoying college life with his older classmates. He chose not to tell his classmates his age because he did not want to be treated differently.

College administration and counselors have been very supportive since Marks start at Mission. He visited with counselors during the past year to discuss transferring to a university.

Mark plans to transfer to California State University Northridge in the fall to study Management, and later obtain his master’s degree.

Yolanda Ryan 63, was the senior graduate of the Class of 2008. Yolanda came to the United States from Peru over 30 years ago.

Yolanda began taking classes at Mission in 1998. She first enrolled in ESL classes. Then she took photography, Chicano studies and child development classes. She decided to attend Mission College because she wanted to be able to communicate with her 4 children and 15 grandchildren.

One particular person who holds a special place in Yolanda’s heart is her husband – Robert Ryan. Robert encouraged Yolanda to take classes at Mission. Robert studied at Mission College for several years in spite of several disabilities and health problems. Yolanda said that while her husband passed away two years ago, she felt it was important to accomplish the dream they shared.

Yolanda graduated with a degree in Chicano Studies and is prepared for her next challenge and whatever life has coming. ■
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DATE    DAY    OPPONENT    LOCATION    TIME
Non-Conference
L August 19  Tuesday  Harbor (Scrimmage)  Birmingham HS  2:00 PM
L August 29  Friday  Moorpark  Birmingham HS  4:00 PM
W September 2  Saturday  Coll of Sequoias  Birmingham HS  2:00 PM
L September 5  Friday  Santa Barbara  Santa Barbara  1:00 PM
W September 9  Tuesday  Taft  Taft  1:00 PM
L September 12  Friday  Antelope Valley  Antelope Valley  4:00 PM
L September 16  Tuesday  Oxnard  Oxnard  4:00 PM
L September 19  Friday  East L.A  Birmingham HS  4:00 PM

Conference
September 30  Tuesday  Canyons  Birmingham HS  4:00 PM
October 3  Tuesday  Bakersfield  Bakersfield  4:00 PM
October 7  Tuesday  Glendale  Glendale  7:00 PM
October 10  Tuesday  Citrus  Citrus  4:00 PM
October 17  Tuesday  Santa Monica  Birmingham HS  4:00 PM
October 21  Tuesday  Valley  Valley  4:00 PM
October 24  Tuesday  Canyons  Canyons  4:00 PM
October 28  Tuesday  Bakersfield  Birmingham HS  4:00 PM
October 31  Tuesday  Glendale  Birmingham HS  4:00 PM
November 4  Tuesday  Pierce  Pierce  3:00 PM
November 7  Friday  Citrus  Birmingham HS  3:00 PM
November 11  Tuesday  Santa Monica  Santa Monica  3:00 PM
November 14  Friday  Valley  Birmingham HS  3:00 PM

W=Win  L=Loss  T=Tie  For all scores and schedules please check out the Athletics Web Page at www.lamission.edu/athletics

Regional Playoffs: Round #1 November 22, Round #2 November 25, Round #3 November 29, Finals December 4-6
LAMC plays all home games at: Birmingham High School  17000 Haynes Street  Lake Balboa, CA 91406

WOMEN    MEN
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