



LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE
FOUNDATION

Newsletter October 2024

Letter from the Director

Dear Friends,

As we approach the midway point of the fall semester, our Foundation is grateful for the support we continue to receive from members of our community. Recently, staff from [Los Angeles Supervisor Lindsey Horvath](#)'s office visited the college and toured LAVC's Mosaic Village, a welcoming space that houses student support programs including the Basic Needs Center, Dream Resource Center, Next Up/Guardian Scholars, Puente Program, Rainbow Pride Center, and Umoja Black Scholars. We are grateful for their partnership in serving the Eastern San Fernando Valley. It takes a village indeed!

In addition, I recently attended the [Golden Globes Foundation](#) Grantee mixer where I was able to participate in thought-provoking workshops about the future of media and journalism with fellow foundation grantees. It was a great opportunity to collaborate with like-minded organizations and we are grateful to have had the opportunity.

Last but not least, make sure you are following our social media pages so that you can participate in the conversation our alumni and supporters are having online! Links to our LinkedIn page, Facebook Group and Instagram are below.

Sincerely,

Andrea Schmitt
Director, Los Angeles Valley College Foundation

LAVC Hall of Fame BBQ



Left to right: Wayne Quigley, Mike Wagenbach, LAVC President Dr. Barry Gribbons, Fred Grimes, Paul Sabolic.

The Athletics Hall of Fame BBQ was held on September 21st. Athletics alumni, honorees and guests enjoyed a barbeque before LAVC Football faced off against Victor Valley. Special thanks to the Hall of Fame Committee and Athletic Director Dave Mallas for supporting this event. The Monarchs defeated the Rams 55-35. For upcoming athletic schedules for all LAVC teams, visit [LAVC Athletics](#).

Grant Spotlight



The Foundation was excited to receive a grant from the [National Board for Respiratory Care](#) to support LAVC's Respiratory Therapy Program. Respiratory therapy is a field of treatment that helps individuals optimize their respiratory function, breathe more easily, and live more comfortably. Respiratory therapists help diagnose, monitor, and treat conditions that affect the lungs and breathing in people of any age. Read about LAVC's program that supports both AA and BA degrees

[here.](#)

Spotlight: Dr. Larry Resendez



Photo: Courtesy of LAVC

New Vice-President of Student Services joins LAVC

Dr. Resendez joined LAVC in August after serving as Vice President of Student Services for five years at LA Mission College. He earned his master's and doctorate in clinical psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology and a bachelor's degree in psychology from UCLA. His professional journey includes roles as a staff psychologist, counselor, learning disability specialist, director of disabled student programs and services, and associate dean and dean of Student Services. Dr. Resendez has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to cultivating an accessible, inclusive, equitable, student-centered learning environment that has contributed to timely completion of certificates and degrees, transfers to 4-year universities, career success, and life-long learning. Dr. Resendez has been a welcome addition to the Monarch family!

Upcoming LAVC Community Events

Exhibit in LAVC Art Gallery

And this, too...

Exhibition by Miguel Rodriguez, Ben Jackel & Dirk Hanner



"And This Too" invites viewers to engage with the visual interplay between popular culture, politics, and personal narrative. Curated by Katie Queen and Nikki Lewis of Q&L Projects, this exhibition features the didactic works of artists Dirk Hagner, Ben Jackal, and Miguel Rodriguez, who utilize print media, clay, and mixed media to spark critical conversations about societal forces shaping our collective identities. Rodriguez, Jackal and Hagner are akin, constructing works that offer critical commentary on science, politics, environment, and popular culture. Each artist creates artworks that are a lens of our role and participation in history. Through their art, these artists challenge viewers to reflect on their own feelings and beliefs regarding charged topics often avoided in public discourse. "And This Too" is an exhibition that calls for self-examination and dialogue, urging audiences to question their presence in a complex world. The exhibition runs from November 4 - December 6, 2024.

Estate Planning Seminar



SAVE THE DATE! The LAVC Foundation will be hosting a free Living and Trust Estate Planning Seminar conducted by [Oak Crest Law Group](#) on Wednesday January 22, 2025. All community members, alumni, faculty and staff are welcome to attend. Learn how to create an Estate Plan and enjoy a meal courtesy of the Foundation.

Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) is a two-year community college in Valley Glen, CA and part of the nine-college Los Angeles Community College District. It serves a student body of over 18,000 students each year from some of the most disenfranchised communities in the San Fernando Valley. **The Los Angeles Valley College Foundation's** mission is to enhance the education of its students through community involvement and to provide additional financial resources to Los Angeles Valley College.

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