



LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE  
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## Newsletter November 2024

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### Letter from the Director

Dear Friends,

Today is Election Day! You can cast your vote or drop off your mailed ballot at LAVC's Vote Center until 8 pm tonight. Voting is located in the student services building next to the cafeteria.

As we head toward the Thanksgiving Holiday, please remember that many members of our community, including students here at LAVC, suffer from food insecurity.

In order to address this need, LAVC is grateful for the [Premier America Foundation](#) for continuing their generous grant supporting our Basic Needs Center and food pantry.

You can support the LAVC food pantry by bringing non-perishable food items to our **Homecoming Tailgate and Football Game** this Saturday, November 9th. More information about Homecoming is below.

Last but not least, our Farmer's Market is here to support your holiday shopping needs. See you on Sundays!

Sincerely,

Andrea Schmitt

Director, Los Angeles Valley College Foundation

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## New Sponsorship Announcement

# THANK YOU



for sponsoring  
LAVC FOOTBALL and LAVC ASU



We are excited to announce our new partner, Raising Cane's, who donated **\$3,000 for LAVC Football** and another **\$1,000 to support LAVC ASU** for their upcoming Homecoming Event. Look for Raising Cane's banners on our Athletics Fields. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, or know of a company who may want to advertise with a banner at Athletics, contact Ronya Waters at [watersre@lavc.edu](mailto:watersre@lavc.edu) for more information.

## Join us for a Homecoming Tailgate on November 9th!



Students, community, alumni, faculty and staff are welcome to join us for our 75th Anniversary Homecoming Tailgate! Come show your Monarch pride before the big game with music, games, and plenty of

school spirit. Get ready for an epic pregame celebration with food, fun, and awesome giveaways!

- Date & Time: Saturday, November 9 from 3-5:30 p.m.
- Location: Parking Lot E (next to Monarch Stadium). [View map](#)
- Tailgate burger meals are a \$10 donation per plate.
- Bring a can of food for the Basic Needs Food Pantry!

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## Legacy Gift Spotlight: Cecelia Freilich



Recently, the Foundation received a generous donation in memory of Cecelia Marie (Mariani) Freilich that will establish an endowment benefiting LAVC's [Nursing Program](#).

Cecelia was born in Braddock, PA on December 15, 1936, the youngest of eight children. She graduated from St. Thomas High School in 1954. She attended the three-year Braddock Hospital Nursing Program and worked at this hospital until she moved to Los Angeles, CA in 1959. In Los Angeles, Cecelia worked at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital (before it merged to create Cedar Sinai Medical Center) and then worked with Dr. Howard R. Bierman for many years as his nurse treating cancer patients. She passed away on February 21, 2024 at the age of 87. To honor her memory, her family has established the **Cecelia M. Freilich Memorial Scholarship**, benefiting first generation nursing students.

"Many students in the LAVC nursing program juggle multiple roles and responsibilities," said Sarah Flores, a mental health nurse instructor for LAVC. "The program is rigorous, requiring intense focus and dedication to be successful. This nursing endowment provides meaningful assistance by helping to reduce the financial strain often associated with the student experience. It allows recipients the leeway needed to direct more time and energy toward their studies, thereby helping to build the

next generation of nurses. Our faculty and students are thankful for this incredibly generous gift."

Britney M., a nursing student who received aid last year, said, "Receiving the nursing scholarship allowed me to focus on my studies and less on my financial concerns. Having that ability to not worry contributed to my success in the nursing program and I can now proudly say, I am a registered nurse."

If you are interested in learning more about legacy gifts to the Foundation, please contact Ronya Waters at [watersre@lavc.edu](mailto:watersre@lavc.edu), or sign up for our free planned giving seminar in January 2025.

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## Recent Events



Last week, the Foundation and LAVC's [Rainbow Pride Center](#) honored the memory of Tracy Bachman, who was a beloved adjunct faculty member in LAVC's English Department. To commemorate LGBT History Month, family, faculty and former students celebrated Tracy's life and memorialized her with a plaque in the Center. Donations made in Tracy's memory will support LGBTQIA+ students.

To make a donation to the fund, please contact Andrea Schmitt at [schmitag@lavc.edu](mailto:schmitag@lavc.edu).

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## Upcoming LAVC Community Events

# Ceramic Art Sale



Start your holiday shopping by visiting LAVC's annual Ceramic Sale! These unique and one-of-kind art works created by LAVC students are highly coveted and sell quickly.

The event will be held on Wednesday, December 4 from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on the Art Gallery Patio. [Map & Parking | LAVC](#)

## Estate Planning Seminar



### PROTECT YOUR FAMILY WITH ESTATE PLANNING

Estate planning is about making a plan for what happens to your money, property, and personal belongings when you pass away or if you can't make decisions yourself. Estate planning helps you avoid legal hassles, minimize taxes, and ensure your wishes are followed.

**IS YOUR FAMILY PREPARED?**

Please join the LAVC Foundation for this complimentary seminar on

Estate Planning and learn more about what to consider when creating a personal plan to protect your family's future. The event will be held on **January 22, 2025, from 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm**. Lunch will be provided.

For more information, email [Foundation@lavc.edu](mailto:Foundation@lavc.edu).

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**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.

**Remember LAVC this holiday season!**

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