



LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE
FOUNDATION

Newsletter March 2025

Dear Friends,

The spring semester is in full swing! February has been full of exciting events, bringing both students and community stakeholders onto campus. Last week, the college celebrated the grand opening of the Rising Scholars and Veterans Resource Center. Rising Scholars is a new student support program at LAVC that provides assistance to students who are formerly/currently incarcerated, system impacted, and for those who were justice impacted as juveniles. The old Veterans Resource Center was re-imagined into a welcoming space for both LAVC's Veteran and Rising Scholar students to have a community space to study, seek counseling and academic support, and find community.

In addition, the college closed out Black History Month with a series of events inviting local youth to learn more about the Black Scholar experience at LAVC. Valley Young Black Scholars Day invited all LAUSD North high school and middle school students for a fun and informative day filled with informative sessions about the program, live performances and great food! This was followed by the first annual Sneaker Ball held in the Art Gallery.

Looking ahead, we are excited to invite the community to enjoy our Alumni Art Show celebrating the college's 75th anniversary. More information is below. Finally, keep an eye on our [athletics calendar](#) as baseball and softball season begin. Play ball!

Sincerely,

Andrea Schmitt
Executive Director

2025 Scholarships Now Open!

This year, The Foundation is offering
215 Scholarships with over **\$145,000** available!

LAVC Foundation scholarships are designed to assist and support students who will be continuing in their educational journey and are provided by the generosity of independent donors, LAVC alumni, and the campus community. All LAVC Students are encouraged to apply. Scholarships vary in amounts and eligibility requirements. We are proud of our program and incredibly thankful to those who support it, whether it be financially or in assisting to select the awardees.

Awards will be announced at our Scholarship Reception on May 15th.

For more information about scholarships available, or to establish a Scholarship, visit our [Scholarship Page](#).

Previous events

2025 AI-Cybersecurity Conference

On February 28, LAVC was the proud host of the 2025 CA AI-Cybersecurity Workforce Development & Education Summit. The event brought together California, Los Angeles and District Officials with private industry and students to address current and future California AI-Cybersecurity workforce capability and skills gaps.

Thank you to all of the event sponsors for helping LAVC pull off a fantastic event: [Ambient Program Management](#), [Cyber.org](#), [Cyberproud.org](#), [Fortinet](#), [Lexiglobal](#), [Okta](#), and lunch sponsor [Sycomp](#).



Edward Bombita, Commander, California Cybersecurity Integration Center for the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, speaks remotely to participants.



Left to Right: Nathan Vincent, CEO/Managing Consultant, EQL Consulting LLC; Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees President Dr. Kelsey Iino; Rosalinda Rivas, Apprenticeship Director, Moreno Valley College; Congresswoman Luz Rivas; Los Angeles Valley College President Dr. Barry Gribbons; and California Community Colleges Senior Advisor Don Daves-Rougeaux.

Upcoming events

Alumni Art Show



Brian Ramirez - *Huizilin Warriors* Stoneware, Underglaze, Gold Luster, Jade Carving 2023

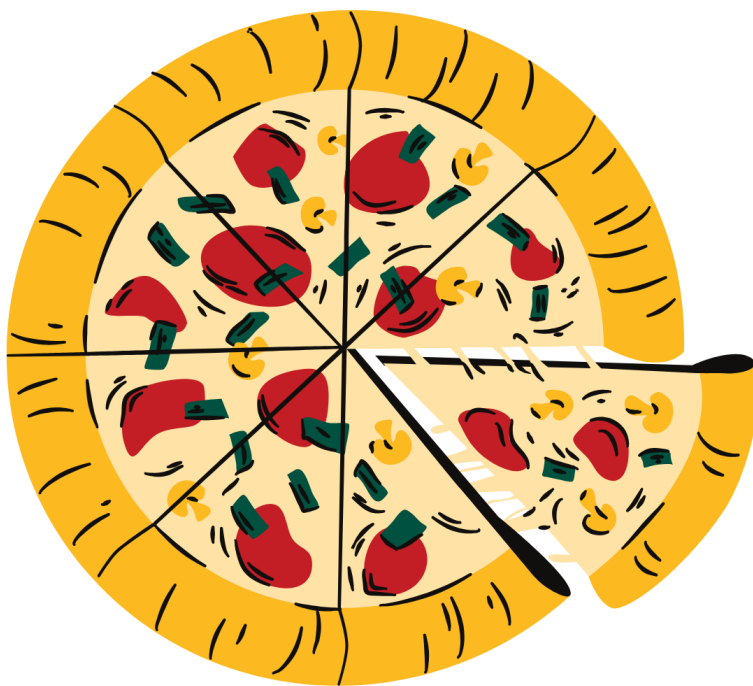
LAVC Art Gallery is pleased to present the Art Department Alumni Exhibition in celebration of the college's 75th anniversary. Included in the exhibition are works by artists currently working professionally in the field: Brianna Aguilera, Laura Molano (Filosa Bariolé), Wanda Bryant, Jillian Frederick, Brian Ramirez, and Jessica Till.

Spring Gallery hours are Mondays 1 - 5 pm, Tuesdays and Thursday 3:30 - 8 pm, and Wednesdays 2 - 5 pm. We hope to see you there!

Pi/STEM/MEC Day - March 13, 2025

LOOKING FOR SPONSORS! Help LAVC's MESA (Math, Engineering and Science Achievement) program raise **\$314** for STEM and Manufacturing, Electronics and Construction students to enjoy pizza and activities on Pi day!

JOIN US! And enjoy the activities with the students!



Pi Day provides LAVC students a chance to learn about MEC & STEM majors and careers, industries, programs and opportunities, as well as participate in demos and activities including 3_D Printing, Drones, Microscopy and much more!

To sponsor, visit our donation page and write 'Pi' in the memo.
To join for the day, contact Ronya Waters for more info and parking information. watersre@lavc.edu

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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