



LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE
FOUNDATION

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Dear Friends,

The LAVC Foundation has provided vital support to Los Angeles Valley College and its students for more than 30 years. We are proud of this legacy that has benefited so many students, and in turn our greater community.

As you know, it's an uncertain time in higher education. Many department budgets do not have the purchasing power they once did. To meet this growing need, last year the LAVC Foundation launched a **Microgrants Program**. Microgrants allow every LAVC department and program the opportunity to seek additional funds to meet those unplanned needs that pop up during an academic year.

Needless to say, the response was swift. Once word got out, requests for funding increased every month. [And now we are asking you to help us meet this need.](#)

Today, the LAVC Foundation is launching the **Monthly Monarch Giving Campaign in order** to benefit the Microgrants Program. We're asking you to [give a monthly donation](#) to help our departments with the unanticipated 'extras' that make such a difference to LAVC students.

Every donor who becomes a Monthly Giving Monarch will receive a monthly report on a recent Microgrant, so you can see what a difference these gifts are making.

Please help us continue to be fully responsive to LAVC students. The nice thing about Microgrants is that we don't have to guess how we can truly make a difference. The need is right in front of us.

So please [join](#) the Monthly Monarchs today and help today's students experience the best LAVC has to offer! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cinema/Media Arts Alumni: Sarah Bach and David Pacheco



Post-production coordinator Sarah Bach and VFX coordinator David Pacheco both agree the skills and experience they received at LAVC's Cinema/Media Arts program were top tier. But they may be biased, because they are now married! The couple originally met participating in the LAVC Film Club. "I was already treasurer of the Cinema Club," explains David. "And then Sarah came in one day, and I was like 'Oh, hey! You're in my class!' and then we just started talking." Both David and Sarah agree a core advantage of LAVC's program was the hands-on opportunities it provides students. "You get a lot more freedom at Valley, you get to be creative. You're not competing with as many people to finish your project. It was such a great experience to be there." With the new Valley Academic and Cultural Center opening next year, the couple is excited for future and current LAVC students. Any parting advice? "I wish I'd networked more with the people that were there," says Sarah. "But it's not too late to start!"

Join the Cinema/Media Arts LinkedIn Alumni Group!

Are you an LAVC Alumnus who works in Film, Television, Gaming, or another media industry? [Join our LinkedIn Alumni Group!](#) The

Cinema/Media Arts Group is a place for alumni to share job opportunities, updates about their career achievements, and more. Visit it here: [LAVC Cinema/Media Arts Alumni | Groups | LinkedIn](#)

LAVC awarded Grant for Cybersecurity Career Pathway



LAVC has been awarded a \$657,538 grant from the U.S. National Science Foundation to establish "A Pathway to Cybersecurity Careers in California." This new initiative will develop a comprehensive curriculum and training program to address the urgent demand for skilled cybersecurity technicians in the state. The project directly addresses the significant workforce gap in California, where an estimated 36% of cybersecurity jobs are currently unfilled. The grant will enable LAVC to develop a credit-bearing certificate in Cybersecurity and Network Support, which will serve as a foundational step for students to enter the workforce or continue their education towards an Associate of Science degree.

Mark your calendars for Homecoming!



The Monarchs kick off their 2025 season on Saturday, August 20th at West Los Angeles College. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, October 9th's 6 p.m. Homecoming Game against Compton**. The complete schedule can be found at [LAVC's Athletics Page](#). Go Monarchs!

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.

Join the Monthly Monarchs today!

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