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CRIME

Suspect in Custody in SSB Burglary

BY JUAN MENDOZA

A suspect is in custody and an investigation is still underway in a series of recent break-ins at the Student Services Building.

Per the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) which patrols the LACC campus, the name of the suspect has not been released yet.

The Student Services Building (SSB) has been the target of at least two separate break-ins within the last 30 days. The most recent incident occurred the weekend of Sept. 23 when the second floor of the building was burglarized.

Security cameras are located outside the offices of the International Student Office (ISO) and the sheriff's department has access to the surveillance footage.

An undetermined number of laptop computers were stolen from the offices of two departments on the second floor and the area ransacked. Personal belongings from the desks of staff and food from a refrigerator was strewn about.

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HIGHER EDUCATION

CHANCELLOR SHARES VISION FOR STATE WITH STUDENT REPORTERS

BY LAUREN PARKS

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office hosted a teleconference for student media Sept. 21, introducing the newest leader of the 116-campus system.

Sonya Christian is the 11th permanent and first female chancellor for the California Community College system. She started her three-decade career in the Kern Community College District as mathematics faculty, a division chair, and dean of science, engineering, allied health and math at Bakersfield College.

The teleconference also provided an opportunity to introduce the system's Vision 2030 program, which has a focus on those California community members who have a high school diploma but no college credentials.

"In Vision 2030, we are asking the question, if we are an open access institution, shouldn't we be doing something about the 6.8 million Californians? Shouldn't we take college to them if they have not found college yet?" Chancellor Christian said to student reporters representing community colleges all over California.



Chancellor Sonya Christian

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TRANSFER

LACC Scholars' Dreams Come True

BY TIA SHIPMAN

UCLA is bridging the gap for marginalized Los Angeles City College (LACC) scholars through its Center for Community College Partnerships (CCCP) pathway.

In partnership with California community colleges, UCLA streamlines student admission to its institution and enriches diversity from underserved communities.

CCCP welcomes diverse scholars, including undocumented students, those with disabilities, African American, Southeast Asian, Latino, first-generation and low-income individuals. The program offers tailored advising, guidance on maximizing academic programs at community colleges, detailed information on transferring to UCLA, and early access to UCLA resources.

"First-generation students represent nearly a third of admitted California freshmen and 46% of admitted community college transfer students," Director of Media Ricardo Vazquez stated in his article for UCLA's Newsroom.

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WAGES AND RENT

Protesters March for Higher Pay, Lower Rent

BY JUAN MENDOZA

"Sube los salarios, baja la renta," which translates to raise salaries, lower rent people chanted at Pershing Square as protesters gathered in Downtown Los Angeles, last Saturday.

Protesters arrived at Pershing Square and appeared swept up in the energy and eager to take their cause to the streets of Downtown Los Angeles on Sept. 30.

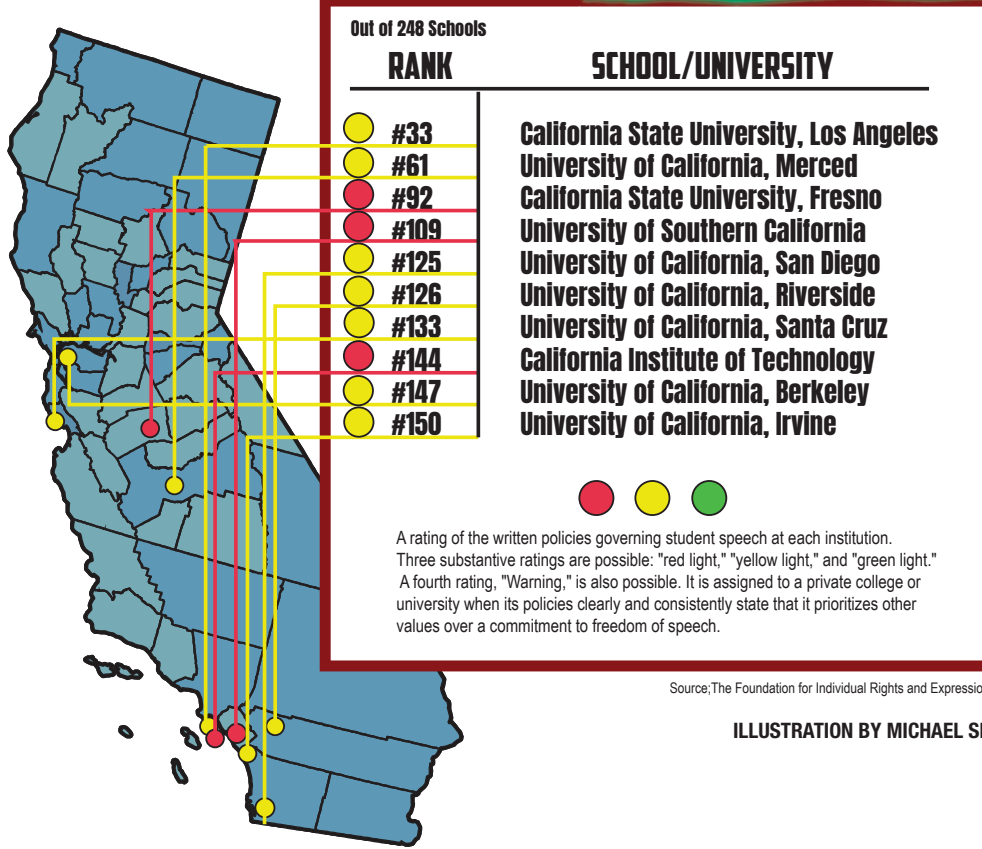
Los Angeles City Councilperson Eunisses Hernandez from District 1, and fellow Councilperson Hugo Soto-Martinez from District 13 joined the march to support residents who are being evicted and hotel workers who are fighting for higher wages and better working conditions.

Organizers greeted participants with a cup of hot chocolate and a pan dulce, a traditional Mexican bread. Sounds of "Los Jornaleros del Norte" a band of musicians formed by working day laborers, added music and ambiance with songs that spoke of the struggles and challenges of migrant workers in the United States.

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CENSORSHIP

CALIFORNIA COLLEGES FREE SPEECH RANKINGS



New Rules for Student Press Could Prove Unconstitutional

BY ANTHONY FOLSOM II

Journalism students prepare to face the L.A. City College administration's proposed policy, which directly targets student media with new rules that would govern access and free speech at a public college.

The Collegian has followed the issues of censorship that have plagued journalism students at LACC since 2015, according to a report from the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE). Issues arose as recently as the spring semester of 2023 when a faculty member prevented a journalism student from attending a public event on a public college campus.

LACC Campus Public Relations Officer Shaena Engle spoke to the Collegian about the proposed "draft policy," on Sept. 22.

"It's not really a policy at this time, it's a draft of guidelines, and the president at the time, Mary Gallagher requested that I draft some media guidelines for all media, so I did, and then distributed it among some of our faculty," Engle said during the interview.

Engle shared the drafts with five departments that she asked to weigh in, including athletics, music, theatre, cinema & TV and visual and media arts.

Collegian reporters attempted to question several other departments regarding the policy, like the International Student Program, located near the Sheriff's Station. No one would comment. "Well, the guidelines were created to improve communication between student journalists and faculty on campus in order to allow our students to cover news and events on campus because we want clear communication," Engle said, "so if a student comes in, we want to make sure that they're allowed to cover the news."

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EDITORIAL

Time's Up on Burdens of Student Loan Debt

BY DELORIS CRENSHAW

As students, we find ourselves standing at a pivotal moment in our lives. With the end of the pandemic forbearance, looming student loan payments are set to burden many of us now that October has arrived.

The mounting pressure and financial strain demand our attention and collective action. It is in this context that we, the student newspaper staff, speak in one voice to address the challenges we face and advocate for change.

The burden of student loans has long cast a shadow over the pursuit of higher education. For too many of us, the dream of learning and growing in academia has been overshadowed by the fear of insurmountable debt.

It is unjust that our aspirations are held hostage by financial obligations. It hinders our ability to fully engage with our education and build a secure future.

In this editorial, we call for comprehensive reforms to alleviate the burden of student loans. It is time for policymakers and institutions to recognize the immense toll it takes on students. It hinders their ability to thrive and contribute to society. We urge our fellow students to join us in demanding change and advocating for the following measures:

First, we need increased transparency and accessibility in the realm of student loans. The complex maze of loan terms and repayment options must be simplified and clearly communicated to students. We should not be left in the dark about the long-term consequences of our financial decisions.

Next, we call for the expansion of affordable education initiatives and the reduction of tuition fees. The cost of education should not be a barrier to knowledge and personal growth. It is time for our institutions to prioritize affordability and ensure that education remains within reach for all students, regardless of their socioeconomic background.

Additionally, we urge the implementation of robust support systems to assist students in managing their loans. This includes comprehensive financial literacy programs, counseling services, and flexible repayment plans tailored to individual circumstances. Students should not be left to navigate the complexities of loan repayment alone.

Finally, we emphasize the importance of addressing the systemic issues that perpetuate the student loan crisis. By tackling the root causes, such as the rising cost of education and the lack of investment in higher education, we can create a future where students are not burdened by debt but empowered by knowledge and opportunity.

As students, we have the power to shape our own destiny and advocate for change. Let us rally together, raise our voices, and



ILLUSTRATION BY ANNA MOSOYAN

demand a fairer system that supports our educational aspirations without suffocating us under the weight of debt. It is time for our concerns to be heard and meaningful action to be taken.

In closing, we stand united in our call for comprehensive re-

forms to address the student loan crisis. We invite every student to engage in this crucial discussion, share their stories, and work collectively toward a future where education is truly accessible, affordable, and empowering. Together, we can forge a path

toward a more equitable and promising tomorrow.

Note: This editorial represents the sentiments of the student newspaper staff and speaks on behalf of the collective "we."

Unplug: Protect Kids from Harmful Online Content

BY MAYRA SALAZAR

Technology and Internet usage is more harmful to kids than it is helpful. I think that quarantine during the COVID epidemic sped up access to internet use because it was necessary for school and education to continue.

However, proper precautions were not taken to ensure that children were safe on the internet. The access to entertainment or content that is not suitable for younger children was limitless, as it was in the same place they would be learning from: the computer.

The rapid way that internet usage became necessary required children to become proficient in managing a computer and navigating the internet. Time spent alone with unlimited access to computer time and the internet meant that no one was monitoring the things their kids were seeing on screens. This led to children being exposed to inappropriate language, political propaganda, internet slang and mature content inappropriate for their age group.

Even activities that are deemed harmless, like video games can turn bad. Gaming can lead to addiction or bursts of frustration and anger caused by the game.

With streaming becoming so popular during COVID, even kids who did not know how to read or write began to copy the stream-

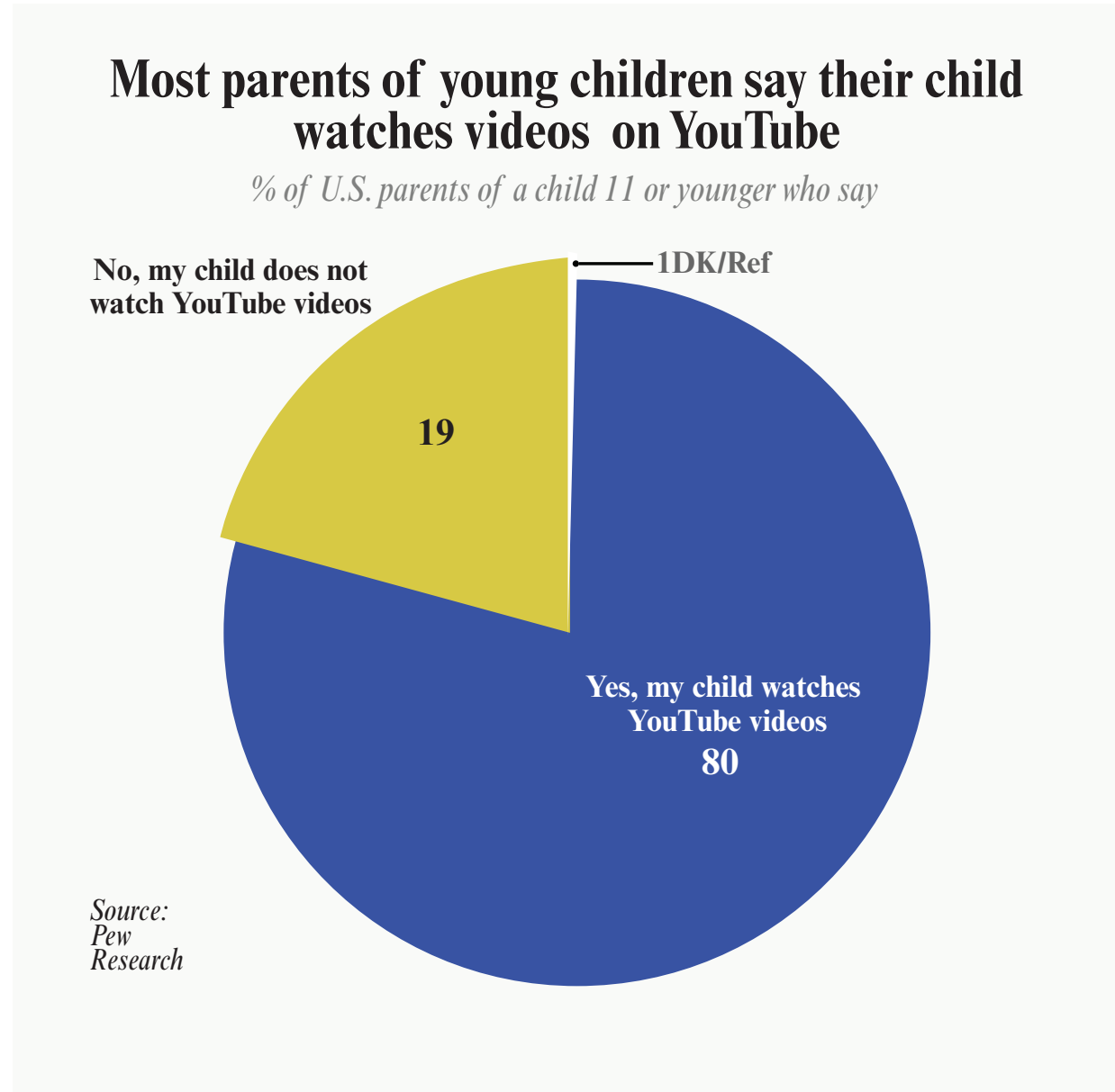


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ers' mannerisms. It is concerning because most streamers are in their teens or already adults who use colorful language and crude humor.

Consuming content that is not appropriate for a child's age

group or range is detrimental to how they socialize in the real world.

Two-thirds of parents in the United States say it is more difficult to parent now than it was 20 years ago thanks to technol-

ogy like smartphones and social media, according to a study from Pew Research. Many of the same parents say their children watch YouTube, a site that says it gets one billion hits every day. The site becomes a classroom of sorts

for children. Half of the parents questioned say their kids learn new things on YouTube according to the study. They also say it is a place where they encounter questionable content.

On other platforms, they may also become involved with bullying and name calling, which can be common online. Children who are impressionable are the most likely ones to copy what others do, no matter what it is.

They start communicating with people online, which is dangerous. They may also begin to interact with older individuals.

Although there are educational websites and videos all over the internet, that is simply

not what children are drawn to. They are curious, so they search for more. By the time an adult starts monitoring what their child is seeing online, it is already too late.

At that point, kids know how to hide what they are doing because they have had more time on a computer device than some adults. Yes, they become "tech savvy," but only to keep consuming inappropriate content.

Monitoring what children see online, and how they are then using it is what we need to do to ensure they stay safe. Give them a chance to develop properly and at their own pace. They do not need outside forces urging them to do inappropriate things that are beyond their years.

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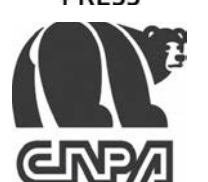
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CITY VIEWS

What Do You Think About Community Colleges Able to Offer B.A. Programs?

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ELLEN HENDERSON
MUSIC MAJOR

"That's awesome ... Well, it would be cheaper, probably faster. More access. It's harder to get into a U.C. ... I am doing a transfer program right now. I was going to try to transfer there ... I would prefer to go to UCLA because it would mean a little bit more than having a B.A. from here."



ROMAN RAYNES
FILM MAJOR

"I feel it would be a good opportunity, but maybe not correct for me. But I feel like at a good college like this, it could be good. But who knows, maybe I'll end up getting a bachelor's here. It's so far in the future. I'm a freshman here. I am not sure where I am going to go."



JESSE V. ARK
THEATRE AND MUSIC MAJOR

"I think it's a good possibility. However, I do believe that in theatre and in music, a community college is basically for transfer, if you are really serious about your major. And you can use a community college to transfer into a four-year college or a conservatory. So, I truly believe although the aspects of earning a four-year degree at a community college should be used for transferring and excelling in training."



MICHAEL VARNEE
MUSIC MAJOR

"That sounds pretty cool ... That's not already a thing, is it? ... That would be nice. This place already has like, a lot of resources. That would be something I would be interested in ... I know transferring to UCLA, there's a high transfer rate, and I think they have the same music school as the Herb Alpert here, so I need to compare the programs, and see which suits my needs."

Use Your Vote for Change

BY DIALAYSIA WHITTAKER

Longtime state and local politician, Kevin de León was called to resign last year after a racist conversation had been leaked between himself, City Councilman Gil Cedillo and former Los Angeles City Council President Nury Martinez. Instead of resigning, de León decided to hold his seat as city councilman while trying his best to make amends with the city and the people he swore to represent.

In the process, de León received death threats and even experienced protesters camped outside of his home, in an attempt to get him to resign over his remarks and the lack of regard for the comments made by Cedillo and Martinez.

Kevin de Leon represents District 14 in Los Angeles. District 14 encompasses Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles, El Sereno, and Northeast Los Angeles, according to the lacity.gov website. This is where the majority of Los Angeles' Latino population resides. To the community's surprise he is planning to run for his seat again in the 2024 election.

The question is will you be voting for him? And if you decide to vote for him what does that say about you? Are you racist as well? We are all aware that racism is still a major issue in our community and the truth of the matter is, we do not need someone in a position of power that is racist. What we need is someone that believes in equality; someone who will spread peace and uphold it.

De León did an exclusive inter-

view with Telemundo and issued an apology, however was he apologizing for what he said or was he apologizing because he was exposed in the leaked audio? I strongly believe that in times like these, people mean what they say. If they did not, it would not have been said in the first place. If de Leon cared about the community and people he promised to represent, not only would he have not made a remark, he would have stopped the conversation from going any further. Instead, he sat there, listened, chimed in, and allowed the conversation to continue.

I am not impressed with what he has done in the past for the community. If I am being honest, what he has done someone else can do better. It is time for him to lose his seat in the 2024 election just as Cedillo did in the 2022 election. If he does not resign, we should withhold our votes from him so that he has to give up his seat. Someone else needs to take his place and do what needs to be done.

California State Assembly Members Wendy Carrillo and Miguel Santiago are competing against de León in the March primary, according to Channel 7, ABC News. I'm not here to tell you who to vote for, but I would like to encourage everyone to do their research on both candidates and make a wise choice.

It is time to vote against de León! We do not need another proven racist in power. We need someone that knows how to conduct themselves. We need someone that is going to focus on the bigger issues, like the potholes that are tearing up our tires, the rent that keeps getting higher, or lack of clean parks where kids can play. Not someone that is wasting time in office while making racist remarks.

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Weekly Pantry Tackles 'Food Insecurity'

BY ALONDRA LEMUS

An array of snacks and fresh items await students who arrive at the Food Pantry located in front of the Student Union Building from 11 a.m., until the food is gone every Monday.

Students can choose from a variety of fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, drinks, snacks, dry foods and many more items. Students are encouraged to bring their own grocery bags and student ID. Each student is allowed to get two of each item and members from the community are free to grab things as well once all students have picked up their items.

Provided by City Cares, the Pop-Up Food Pantry, Food for Thought was created to offer free food to help students in need.

"To help support students that experience food insecurity in hopes of elevating barriers to their academic success," said supervisor in City Cares office.

Food Forward donates produce, while non-perishable items are donated by Costco. Anyone can donate to Food for Thought. A link is available on the school's website, through the LACC Foundation.

The Pop-Up Food Pantry is set up by volunteers. They invite students, staff and members of the community to volunteer for the weekly event. For more information on volunteering, the City Cares Network Program is in the Student Union Building on the

second floor.

At ASG Cubby's Closet located in the Student Union Building, students, staff and community members can drop off and donate items like gently used clothes, dry/canned food items and school supplies. For information on vendor donations, contact The Office of Student Life.

Celebrate Your Food

Some ideas to serve up with items distributed:

—Salad greens, canned chicken breast, chopped cucumber, chopped tomato, vinaigrette, or your favorite salad dressing.

—Fried Oreos! Make your favorite pancake batter dip the Oreos in batter, remove excess batter and fry in oil at 350 F until golden brown, make sure to flip in between!

—Make a fruit salad with chopped fresh fruit, squeeze lime and drizzle with honey!

—Vegetables can be drizzled in a bit of olive oil, spices like Cajun, herbed or your basic salt and pepper and roasted in the oven.

—Vienna sausage can be pan fried and served with a vegetable omelet for a breakfast or brunch.

Link for monetary donation: <https://donate.laccfoundation.org/food-for-thought>

Link for more information on volunteering and vendors: <https://www.lacitycollege.edu/student-services/spr/food-for-thought/how-to-help>



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Faculty at LACC Manners Art Show

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Once a year, faculty members of the Visual and Media Arts Department (VAMA) present their own work at the gallery in Da Vinci Hall. This year, "Manners - A Faculty Exhibition" took place from Sept. 7 - 21. Here's a look back at some of their works.



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1. Leo Eguiarte, Tobias The Overreacher, mixed media on paper.

2. June Edmunds, Pack Nene, acrylic on paper, 2023.

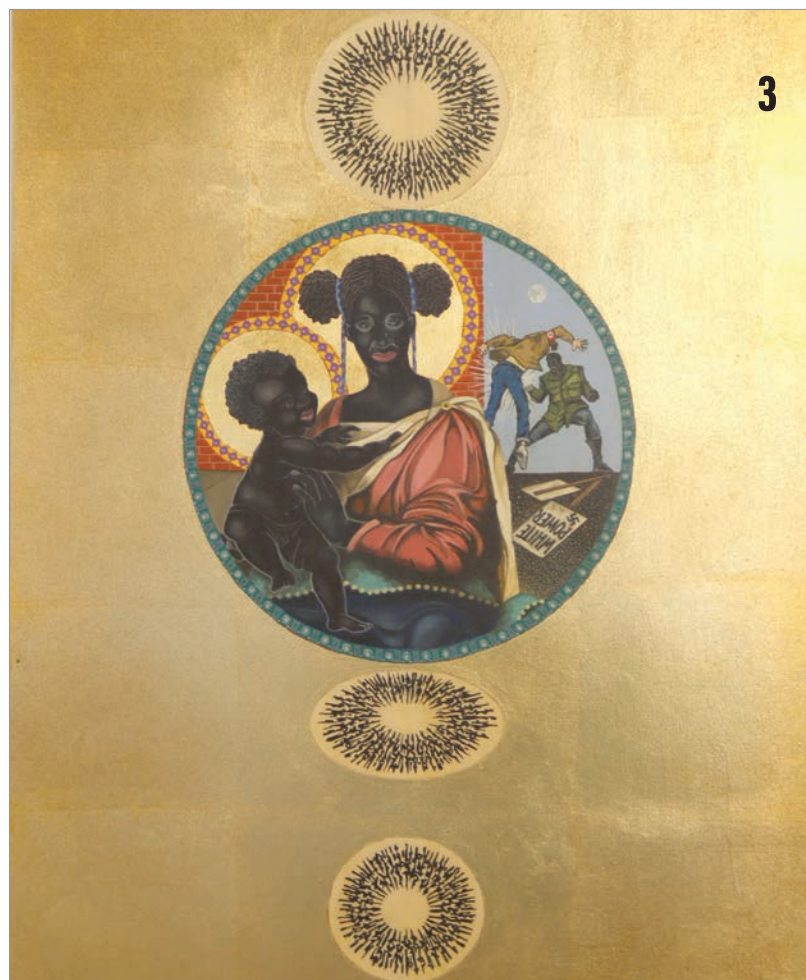
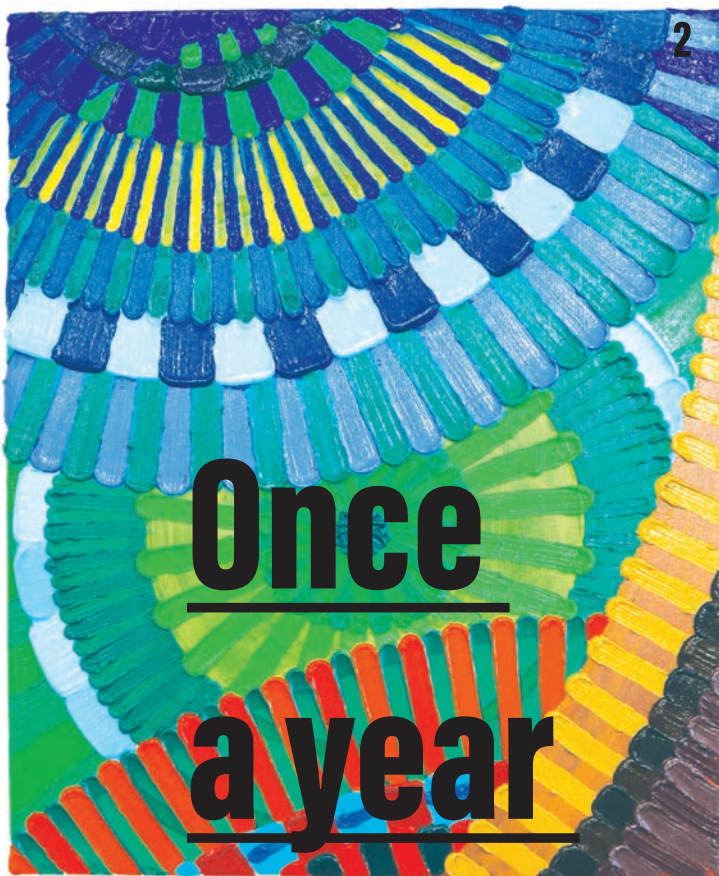
3. Mark Steven Greenfield, Consequences, acrylic and gold leaf on panel, 2018.

4. Victoria Loschuk, Earth and the Dome II, oil on panel.

5. Leo Eguiarte, Tobias The Overreacher, mixed media on paper.

6. Alexandra Wiesenfeld After the Fall 1 and 2, acrylic and oil on yupo.

7. Vi Ly, "Not Yellow," oil on canvas.



FROM "NEW RULES" PAGE 1

Free Speech Protects Rights to Record or Photograph Information Records

“State and federal courts have repeatedly affirmed that student journalists are journalists, with all of the press freedoms and legal protections that are so essential in our democracy.”

In a letter from the LACCD Board of Trustees

May 30, 2023

In a document addressed to LACC President Amanuel Geburu, FIRE reviewed the proposed policy.

“These overly restrictive requirements violate LACC’s constitutional duty as a public institution to protect students’ expressive and free press rights,” wrote Anne-Marie Tamburro, program officer, campus rights advocacy, student press representative with FIRE. “The right of the press to gather information is well-established and includes the right to publish lawfully obtained information, including videos or photography in circumstances in which there is no reasonable expectation of privacy. The First Amendment not only protects the spoken and written word but also encompasses ‘the right to photograph and record matters of public interest,’ including on public property (like many areas of LACC’s campus) and/or the actions of public officials (like LACC administrators).”

The right to “publish lawfully” was infringed upon for Louis White, a Black photographer as he took photographs of the hallways and common areas in the Herb Alpert Music Hall on May 19, 2023. Music Department personnel called the campus police on White. Three L.A. County Sheriff’s deputies confronted White and asked him why he was in the building. White has since

left the Collegian staff and was not available for comment for this story.

The Senior Legal Counsel at the Student Press Law Center in Washington D.C., Mike Hiestand, wrote to the Collegian about the concerns of free press and free speech.

“While the California Attorney General has said that school officials may be able to impose reasonable rules on outside (non-student media) news media, any attempt to apply those same rules to target student journalists -- individuals who are bona fide students who have a legal right to be on campus in the same way allowed any other student -- would be clearly unlawful,” he wrote.

Many staff members at the Collegian say they will not subscribe to rules that were created just for them and not all students. The proposed policy appears to punish journalism students for pursuing a field of study.

“Unless they are prepared to prohibit all students from talking to their classmates about news-worthy topics or ban the use of all student photos, video, or audio -- something they know they cannot legally or practically do -- they cannot single out students who are also journalists for disparate treatment,” Hiestand said. “Their proposed policy is constitutionally dead on arrival. I urge LACC officials to reconsider and avoid a costly legal battle that they cannot win.”

The Collegian attempted to contact the LACCD about the problems. Personnel in the Office of Equity Diversity and Inclusivity refused to comment, and staff at the Office of Anne Diga, who is the general counsel for the LACCD has informed the Collegian that Diga is unavailable for comment at this time.

A Collegian editor recently spoke with the new LACC President, Amanuel Geburu, about the proposed guidelines.

“And I want to let you know, I mean extremely, I really believe in students, and I believe in our students being in the spaces they need to be in,” Geburu said during an interview. “So, within the parameters, or whatever the guidelines may be, I want to assure you that I welcome our students to be in appropriate places that they should be, to be able to do their work or their journalism on campus.”

FROM "BURGLARS" PAGE 1

College Delays Crime Log Reports

Several requests were made for an incident report or daily crime log of the break-ins by Collegian staff. The requests went unanswered.

Students have a right to know about crimes that happen on their campus, according to the Jeanne Clery Act, which requires colleges to disclose crimes.

Failure to provide the campus incident reports in these most recent break-ins means the college is violating the Clery Act for the second time this year. The Collegian did not receive a report for the month of August, nor one for three weeks in September.

The Clery Act is a federal con-

sumer protection law that seeks to provide transparency regarding campus crime policy and statistics. Burglary is one of the crimes covered by the Clery Act.

Non-compliance with the Clery Act could jeopardize the federal financial aid of students at LACC.

Earlier in the month, individuals also vandalized the ISO on the first floor.

Dean of Student Services Outreach and Resources, Armineh Dereghishian advises staff who work in the SSB to secure their belongings and not to leave any valuables in offices overnight.

“Keep things out of sight or take it home,” Dereghishian said.

FROM "CHANCELLOR" PAGE 1

Vision 2030 to Bring More B.A. Degrees

The three main goals of Vision 2030 are equity and success, equity in access, and equity in support. The focus is on an increase in baccalaureate attainment with equity, an increase in transfer preparation, and an increase in community college baccalaureate degrees.

“In order to complete the baccalaureate we have two paths, one is the transfer pathway” and “another option is the community college baccalaureate,” Christian said during the 46-minute teleconference.

A few colleges that currently offer baccalaureate degree programs or will in the future include Cerritos, Los Angeles

Valley, Moorpark, Santa Monica and West Los Angeles Colleges. More information on colleges and degrees offered can be found at ccccc.edu.

Reporter Marco Guajardo represents City Times Media of San Diego City College. He asked the chancellor about the increase in CSU tuition and its impacts on transfer students.

“We are figuring out alternative supports for our students, because our intention is that students should not skip a beat as they move from one system to the other, and we must make sure this does not happen,” Christian said.

Nusaybah Al-Mansur reports for the Roundup at Pierce College in Woodland

Hills. He asked about the plan to increase bachelor’s degrees among Black and Brown students. He also asked the chancellor about available job-search resources, once students complete college.

The chancellor says she wants to create partnerships that will assist students to balance the complexities of their lives while they attend college.

Chancellor Christian says that California’s community colleges must fully engage in the development of AI - artificial intelligence. In addition to that, the chancellor said that she hopes the Vision 2030 plan will inculcate in students a sense of concern for the planet.

FROM "PROTEST" PAGE 1



PHOTO BY JUAN MENDOZA

Protesters carry a huge banner at the March with a message of Rent is too damn high and wages are too damn low in Downtown Los Angeles on Sep. 30, 2023.

Hotel Workers, Renters March for Higher Pay, Lower Rent

“Save our homes, no more homeless people for all our people, no more. Rent is to damn high, and that’s why we are here today to end it.”

A group of an estimated 1,000 marchers set out from Pershing Square and walked along Fifth Street to Temple and on to City Hall. LAPD officers escorted the marchers.

Rachel Carson Zuniga is a member of Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE) a statewide, multi-racial democratic group that works to empower and transform communities. Zuniga says she received her first harassment in the form of an eviction notice for an apartment where she has lived since 2019.

She says she made a complaint

to the Los Angeles Housing Department, but all they did was send a warning letter to the landlord. She says the landlord retaliated against her and some of the tenants who also filed a complaint to the city.

Zuniga describes her housing situation as the marchers move past the historic building where she lives in Downtown L.A.

“We have a massive water leak, like water pouring down floors from three to five floors,” Zuniga said. “The building is infested with rodents, mold, police had found methamphetamines laboratories. There is no security and the manager on site performed illegal lockouts.”

She demands that Los Angeles City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto to make a full investigation and implement the anti-harassment code enforcement of the law.

There were rain showers during the protest, but that did not stop the marchers. Instead, they danced and sang to the rhythm of Los Jornaleros del Norte and chanted to the songs, “Queremos trabajo, la migra al carajo,” which means “We want to work, to hell with the immigration police.”

The march reached its high point when protesters encountered a group of 15 to 20 hotel

workers at the corner of Main and Second Street in front of the DoubleTree, Hilton Hotel. It was a surprise as marchers walked inside the lobby of the hotel as they chanted.

“We are the workers, the mighty, mighty workers,” they said.

It was an unscripted moment that seemed to catch the LAPD and hotel security at the DoubleTree off guard.

“This is amazing, this is really amazing,” said Kenneth Padilla who has worked at the Double Tree in Little Tokyo for the last eleven years. “We are just fighting for our ourselves, for our families and for every other person that’s coming forward in the future to work for these companies.”

Patricia Martinez works at the Double Tree as a room attendant. She wants a fair contract with all the benefits and better working conditions without retaliations.

“I’m very impressed and very grateful for the support of the organizations and the protesters,” she said, “We are not alone in the fight for our cause.”

“I don’t think is fair to live like this where families are displaced and evicted ... It is an emergency matter to build more affordable housing. I cannot afford to pay rent of \$3,000 and utilities.” ---Maria Briones ACCE Action

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CCCP GRANTS MORE ACCESS

CCCP prioritizes historically underrepresented students, as reflected in their mission statement and public support for Black Lives Matter, Stop AAPI Hate and efforts to end community college stigma.

“The goal of the CCCP Scholars Program is to motivate, inform and prepare California community college students to transfer to a bachelor’s degree-granting institution. The program is grounded on academic excellence, social justice, critical race theory and educational equity,” according to a statement on the program’s website.

UCLA offers this pathway without any fees. To apply, students must complete an application on the CCCP website, providing personal details, academic information, an essay, and a Transfer Admission Planner (TAP). The website estimates a completion time of 50 minutes and advises students to finish in one session because of a “non-save” feature.

The program offers space on a first-come, first-served basis.

CCCP advises pupils at every level through the graduation process. Transfers accepted to UCLA receive peer mentors, as CCCP refers to “peer advisors,” for weekly check-ins. UCLA offers hosted events aimed at welcoming transfer students to the institution. Peer advisors succeeded in the pathway previously.

“It helps you not only navigate the UC system and Cal State system ... including private colleges ... You have a 70% or high chance of getting admitted because it shows that you know you were able to successfully complete this scholarship,” Bobby Reyes Men of Color SITE scholar Los Angeles Pierce College said on the UCLA CCCP Scholars program website.

This opportunity is offered in the fall and summer semesters. Students may learn more about the UCLA CCCP application process by visiting their site at:

<https://www.aap.ucla.edu/units/cccp/#tab-id-6>
<https://www.lacitycollege.edu/student-services/transfer-center/events/cccp-scholars>
<https://cis.ucla.edu/cccp/appform/>

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Rev. and Mrs. E B Dunbar Scholarship

Achieving your dreams isn't something that happens overnight. In order to be successful, students must overcome various obstacles in their lives, whether that be financially, in their home lives, or via other unique circumstances. Running away from these challenges doesn't get you any closer to where you want to be, and only in facing those challenges can you fulfill your goals. The Rev. and Mrs. E B Dunbar Scholarship will support a minority student as they overcome obstacles and pursue their dream careers. BIPOC high school and undergraduate students are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to single parents. To apply, write about obstacles you've had to overcome in your life and how you will use your education to give back to your community.

<https://bold.org/scholarships/rev-and-mrs-e-b-dunbar-scholarship/>

D'Andre J. Brown Memorial Scholarship

D'Andre J. Brown was a beloved husband and father who passed away too soon after a battle with cancer. As a result, D'Andre's children have had to persevere through the loss of their father while pursuing their studies. Many other students are held back by hardship, whether this comes in the form of homelessness, illness, or losing a loved one. This scholarship aims to honor the life of D'Andre J. Brown by supporting students who have overcome adversity or hardship in their lives. Any high school senior in California who has at least a 3.0 GPA may apply for this scholarship. To apply, tell us about a time you overcame adversity, what you learned from this experience, and how it has shaped you into the person you are today.

<https://bold.org/scholarships/dandre-j-brown-memorial-scholarship/>

Dedication for Education Scholarship

NekiBazaar's mission is centered on fostering social justice, alleviating poverty, and protecting the environment. We focus on supporting underprivileged children, women, and families globally through initiatives such as feeding, helping, and overall support. By promoting a strong sense of social responsibility, we

aim to empower individuals and communities, enabling them to become agents of change in their own lives and society at large. Education holds a special place in our hearts, and we recognize its potential to bring about economic and social mobility. As part of our vision, we created the Dedication for Education Scholarship to support first-generation students who dream of pursuing higher education. NekiBazaar strongly emphasizes prioritizing education for women and children, aiming to empower them and improve their opportunities in life. The California Dedication for Education Scholarship aims to support first-generation college students in California who show strong academic promise. First-generation college students who belong to underrepresented minority groups in California, with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, are eligible to apply. To apply, please share details about yourself and your vision for utilizing your education to create a positive difference in underserved regions of California.

<https://bold.org/scholarships/dedication-for-education-scholarship/>

Veterans Writing Group of San Diego Ernie Pyle Award

With the rising costs of college making higher education less accessible each year, many students take advantage of military tuition assistance to fund their college degrees. The Veterans' Writing Group of San Diego was started more than ten years ago as a way for veterans of all ages and all sorts of military experience to test their memories and their writing skills in hopes of seeing the value of their works in print. Our mutual experiences as writers have led us to compile and publish four books loaded with stories and essays by veterans. The sale of these books and other generous donations allows us to provide the books free to veterans in nursing homes, hospitals, clinics, and to veteran groups e.g., the USO. Ernie Pyle set an example during WWII, writing as a war correspondent about the common GI so that people back home could identify with the tragedy of war and connect to our soldiers, sailors, and airmen. He won the Pulitzer Prize for his descriptions of the "dogface" soldiers around him in the battlefields of Europe. Tragically, Ernie lost his own life in the battle for Okinawa in 1944. In honor of Ernie and the Veterans' Writing Group, this scholarship seeks to support military veterans and those who are active in the military pursue

their education and cover their college expenses. 1st place will receive \$1,000 and 2nd place will receive \$500. Any veteran or active military member who is an undergraduate student and willing to have their essay published may apply for this scholarship. To apply, submit an essay of approx. 250-500 words on "What my military service has taught me about the meaning of patriotism".

<https://bold.org/scholarships/veterans-writing-group-of-san-diego-ernie-pyle-award/>

Golden State First Gen Scholarship

Creating equality and proper representation in all areas of the workforce requires supporting first-generation and BIPOC students in their pursuit of education. For underserved students, getting an education can open unlimited doors to the future, which can make a permanent difference in their lives and the lives of their families. Accessing these opportunities can be difficult, as many BIPOC and first-generation students have limited financial resources and mentors. This scholarship aims to support first-generation BIPOC students so they can access higher education and pave the path to their futures. Any BIPOC, first-generation undergraduate student in California may apply for this scholarship opportunity. To apply, tell us what inspired you to pursue higher education and how your background has impacted your goals.

<https://bold.org/scholarships/golden-state-first-gen-scholarship/>

Pete and Consuelo Hernandez Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship aims to honor the life of Pete and Consuelo Hernandez by supporting underrepresented students pursuing higher education in California. Among college graduates, those who were first-generation have lower median income and wealth on average when compared to non-first-generation graduates. First-generation college students face an onslaught of challenges when pursuing their degrees and even after graduation. First-generation college students are less likely to complete their degrees, as just 26% of people whose parents don't have at least a bachelor's degree achieve their own degree as compared to 70% of people whose parents attended college. Any underrepresented minority high school student in California who

will be the first in their family to go to college (first-generation) may apply for this scholarship. First place winner will receive \$2,000, second place winner will receive \$1,500, and the third place winner will receive \$1,000. To apply, tell us your planned major, adversity that you have overcome and how doing so has helped you grow as an individual.

<https://bold.org/scholarships/pete-consuelo-hernandez-scholarship/>

Loreen K. Odemu Memorial Nursing Scholarship

This scholarship honors the life of Loreen K. Odemu by supporting the next generation of Registered Nurses. The goal is to encourage students to pursue their desire to help those in need. Loreen did her O-level education at Loreto Convent Valley Road and then proceeded to her A-level at Makini school in Kenya. She then furthered her education at Western Illinois University and continued to Mac Murray College where she completed her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. Loreen was a Registered Nurse at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Illinois. She moved to California where she worked as an Emergency Room Nurse at Regional Medical Center of San Jose. Students looking to become Registered Nurses will be given preference for this scholarship. To apply, tell us what inspired you to pursue a career in nursing and what you hope to achieve through your career. Please also write about how you plan to help solve health issues as a way of preventing future pandemics.

<https://bold.org/scholarships/loreen-k-odemu-memorial-nursing-scholarship/>

Faatuai and Fatilua Memorial Scholarship

Faatuaaitaua Silafau Satiu and Fatilua Satiu were loving parents, grandparents and great grandparents. She was a tough registered nurse from Papa Puleia, Savaii and He was a strict school teacher from Salimu-Musumusu, Fagaloa. From a small island of Western Samoa in the South Pacific, together they raised a family to serve God and to help others. Both determined to get their children to the U.S for a better future they embodied love, faith and the fa'asamoa. The push for education amongst the youth is a huge part of their legacy they leave behind. This scholarship is rewarded to a Pacific Islander who is determined to live up to their full potential. Faatuai and Fatilua's legacy live on through this recipient and those whose lives they've touched. Salamo 103:1 "Lo'u agaga e, ia e fa'amanu atu i le ALI'I, o mea uma fo'i o i totonu ia te a'u, ia fa'amanu i lona suafa paia." "O le ala i le pule o le tautua" The path to leadership is service. "E lele le toloa, ae ma'au lava i le vai" - A duck will fly away but will always return to its nest/ waters. Pacific Islander undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to apply if they have a 3.0 GPA. To apply, write about what it means to you to be a Pacific Islander attending college and why you think you are deserving of this scholarship award. <https://bold.org/scholarships/faatuai-and-fatilua-memorial-scholarship/>

Doan Foundation Arts Scholarship

Society often views creative careers as inferior to traditional jobs and deems art careers irrelevant in the workforce. However, art - whether it be music, dance, fashion, design, theater, or anything else - is a vital part of our world. Due to

the stigma around art careers, it takes courage and confidence to pursue them, especially for students from low-income backgrounds. This scholarship aims to support marginalized teens in California who are pursuing careers in the arts so they have the resources they need to achieve their dreams. Any low-income high school senior in California who has at least a 2.5 GPA and is pursuing the arts may apply for this scholarship. To apply, tell us how the arts have affected your life, if there were any challenges you had to overcome, and if so, how you overcame them. Optionally, you can add pieces of art you've created that you are proud of.

<https://bold.org/scholarships/doan-foundation-arts-scholarship/>

Coach Ray Memorial Athletic Scholarship

Coach Ray was a beloved father and high school basketball coach in San Diego, California who passed away in 2022. In 2016, after 52 seasons of coaching - 41 of which as a girls' basketball coach, Coach Ray retired from coaching. Throughout his career, Ray coached his teams to 567 wins and impacted the lives of thousands of athletes both on and off the court. This scholarship aims to honor the legacy of Coach Ray by supporting deserving athletes who excel in the classroom and in athletics. Any female high school senior in California who plays basketball and has at least a 2.8 GPA may apply for this scholarship. To apply, tell us why you deserve this scholarship.

<https://bold.org/scholarships/coach-ray-memorial-athletic-scholarship/>

Sallie Mae "No Essay" Scholarship

The \$2,000 Sallie Mae Scholarship is only open to legal residents of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia and any US Territory age 17 or older at the time of entry, and who meet one (1) of the four (4) following eligibility requirements at the time of entry: A parent who currently has a child enrolled in an accredited college or university located within the United States; A student who is currently enrolled in an accredited college or university located within the United States; A parent who currently has a child enrolled as a high school senior located within the United States; A student who is currently enrolled as a high school junior or senior who intends to enroll in an accredited college or university located within the United States, within a year of graduating high school. <https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/19706/sallie-mae-no-essay-scholarship>

Be Bold Scholarship

The "Be Bold" Scholarship is a no-essay scholarship that will be awarded to the applicant with the boldest profile. It takes less than 2 minutes to apply. To us, boldest does not mean "best", or "most accomplished". Being bold means being:

- A) Earnest
- B) Determined
- C) Moving

The scholarship will be awarded to the student whose profile is most bold, according to these characteristics. Furthermore, the scholarship will be unique in that it will favor students who apply earlier-who are bold and seize the day without procrastinating.

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/17251/be-bold-scholarship>

Big Future Scholarship

The Scholarship Program is open to seniors in high

school who meet the eligibility requirements. If you are an eligible student, by completing a college planning step using your College Board account, you will automatically earn a chance to win a \$500 scholarship and an additional chance to win a \$40,000 scholarship. There are no essay, minimum GPA, test score, or citizenship requirements. It's easy to enter scholarship drawings each month. Simply complete one of the steps before the deadline, and you'll be automatically entered to win \$40,000.

To be eligible for the Big Future Scholarship you:

Must attend a public, private, or home school, located in one of the fifty (50) United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, or any other U.S. territories and possessions, or are U.S. Citizens or residents who attend a U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity ("DoDEA") school outside of the United States and U.S. territories.

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/20593/big-future-scholarship>

ColleXpress Scholarship

Since 1995, our mission has been to help connect students with the right schools for them. Carnegie Dartlet, the organization that houses ColleXpress, is an educational publisher and higher education marketing agency. Every year, thousands of students across the United States and around the world discover their colleges using our websites, magazines, and services. This scholarship has an intake period every month until May 2023.

To be eligible for the ColleXpress Scholarship you:

A) Must be 13 years of age or older and a legal resident of the 50 U.S. or D.C.

B) Must be currently attending high school, college, vocational, or any other accredited post-secondary institution.

*Employees/officers/directors of Carnegie Dartlet entities and family/household members are not eligible.

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/19121/collegexpress-scholarship>

Niche \$50,000 Scholarship

Covering the cost of college expenses for four years without writing a single essay? Sounds too good to be true.

It isn't with Niche. We are giving one student \$50,000 (our biggest scholarship yet) to help pay for tuition, living expenses, books, and other educational expenses.

Who Can Apply

All high school and college students, as well as anyone looking to attend college or graduate school in the next year.

How It Works

The \$50,000 "No Essay" Scholarship is an easy scholarship with no essay required. Only one entry allowed per person. The winner will be determined by random drawing and then contacted directly and announced in Niche's e-newsletter and on the Scholarship Winners page.

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/20302/niche-50000-scholarship>

Lady Cubs Continue to Shoot Blanks

Head Coach Brian Molina proud of the team he's leading for the coming season.

BY JUAN MENDOZA

The Lady Cubs faced a challenging opponent in the Mustangs from Norco College on Sep. 26. The weather was picturesque for a soccer match with clear skies and temperatures in the low 80's. The lady's cubs were full of energy and ready to beat the Mustangs and hopefully end a six-game losing streak to start the season.

The Lady Cubs were moving and controlling the ball in the opening nine minutes of the first half. But at the 10-minute mark, Sabrina Bains from the Mustangs scored the only goal of

the contest with an assist from Izabela Truman.

The Lady Cubs played an intense and hard 90 minutes creating nine shots on goal while the Mustangs only had eight. However, it was not enough to overcome the one goal deficit falling 0-1 to the Mustangs from Norco College.

With the win Norco College improves to 3-5-1 (three wins, five losses, one draw) and the Lady Cubs drop their seventh straight game and currently sit at 0-7-0.

"The team was a little banged up, injuries and stuff like that, but overall, the girls have figured out the system. The score doesn't reflect the team's ability." Coach Brian Molina said. "It's been a great improvement in the right direction. So, I'm proud of the girls, I'm really excited for what the future holds in terms of our conference." Molina said.



PHOTO BY JUAN MENDOZA

Marisol Escarzaga, No. 15, from the Lady Cubs receives the ball in front of five Mustang defenders from Norco College who stopped Escarzaga on Sep. 26, 2023. The Lady Cubs soccer team lost 0-1.

SPORTS BIN



PHOTO BY JUAN MENDOZA

BY SOLOMON ENSLEYLEWIS

The Women's volleyball team began their first season this semester, adding fun and excitement to Los Angeles City College. They recently lost against Glendale Community College with the final score 3-0. Now, their current record can be discouraging. However, the Cubs possess an unwavering spirit to be victorious, regardless of if they win or lose.

It has been years since LACC had women's volleyball as a sport, so the team is starting from the beginning. The team is in their building phase, and the

student athletes are growing and learning from each practice session.

Also, with the training from a well-seasoned instructor, Coach Rodriguez, it is only a matter of time until the Cubs Volleyball team will be a force to be reckoned with.

There are many examples of sports teams that were perceived as weak and got better over time.

For example, the Denver Nuggets won their first NBA championship in June of 2023. They beat a formidable team in the Miami Heat. Then, the NBA's Chicago Bulls were not seen as a threat prior to Michael Jordan joining the team in 1984. However, the Bulls won their first NBA championship in 1991 with Jordan as the MVP.

The Cubs success is not dependent on one key player to increase their wins. Every

student athlete on the Cubs volleyball team is a star player. These young women have the tenacity, strength, and the teachability to become a powerhouse team.

Coaches, faculty and other student athletes, want to see the women's volleyball team flourish this season and in future competitions.

The goal is for the women's volleyball team to view its losses as opportunities to improve. Learning from their mistakes and continuing to coordinate as a unit will increase their chances of winning matches.

They will also become a solid team as they apply the lessons and guidance from Coach Rodriguez. As the Cubs Volleyball team learns from the past and focuses on remaining confident in their abilities, they will taste the victory that is soon to come.



PHOTO BY JUAN MENDOZA

From left to right, Jissel Ferruffino, Asst. Coach Nedyia Martinez, Marisol Escarzaga and Kimberly Ferruffino on Sep. 26, after the game vs. the Norco College Mustangs.