



**OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
Los Angeles Community College District**

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Dear Esteemed LACCD Students:

Following Tuesday's national election, many students have expressed concerns and anxiety regarding the policies supporting your education. These concerns are completely understandable. Many of the details of the nation's leadership transition are unknown, despite the rampant media speculation. During this time of reflection and transition in leadership at our nation's capital, we are reaffirming and upholding to you our values as public institutions of higher learning. These values include justice, equity, diversity and inclusion. We are committed to ensure that all students have full access to our colleges, as well as providing you the support needed to succeed in your studies.

The Los Angeles Community College District is the "People's College" –students from every walk of life, every zip code, language and capability are here. And you are *all* welcomed at LACCD, without exception and without apology. We want you to know that our nine colleges and educational centers will remain as beacons of democracy and as safe havens for every student.

LACCD is also deeply committed to protecting the rights of our undocumented students attending our institutions and receiving state aid under the provisions of AB 540, enacted in 2001, and the California Dream Act, signed into law in 2011. These laws allow undocumented students to be exempt from non-resident tuition, and receive private scholarships and state financial aid, including community college fee waivers (BOGW), and Cal Grants. Click on this link for more information:

http://www.csac.ca.gov/pubs/forms/grnt_frm/cal_grant_dream_act_faqs.pdf

On behalf of the LACCD Board of Trustees and our entire college community at the nine colleges and at the Educational Services Center, you have our assurance to provide safe environments for our students and do our very best to ensure your success. We are proud to serve you.

Sincerely,

Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Los Angeles Community College District
President Kathleen Burke, Los Angeles Pierce College
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