



Press Release

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Los Angeles Trade-Technical College Kicks Off 100th Anniversary Celebration

College marks centennial with student scholarships and celebratory events to honor 100 years of student success

(Los Angeles—December 5, 2024) On December 5, 2024, Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC) announced the launch of the 100th Anniversary celebration campaign: **“100 Years of Student Success and Pathways.”** To honor LATTC’s founding year, 1925, the LATTC Foundation and the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges will collaborate to award at least \$192,500 in scholarships and other grants to LATTC students in the coming year.

“The LATTC Foundation is thrilled to celebrate the college’s centennial to build unity, inclusiveness and achievement for all students, inspiring a new era of visibility and pride for the next 100 years,” says Bonnie Tseng, LATTC Foundation Board Co-Chair. “We are inspired by the dedication of our students and the 100th anniversary initiatives reflect the Foundation’s ongoing commitment to bringing the community together to support our students’ journey.”

In addition to student scholarships, the college will honor its 100th anniversary with a year-long series of celebrations, including an alumni mixer and basketball game event on February 5, 2025, which will highlight alumni success stories and strengthen connections with former students. Later in the evening, guests are invited to show their Beaver pride and stay on to support the college’s women’s and men’s basketball teams who will face off in home games against Rio Hondo College. Additional events will be announced soon.

“Our 100th anniversary is a milestone achievement that serves not only as a reflection of our college history but a renewed promise to empower future generations through innovation, opportunity, and excellence,” says Dr. Alfred McQuarters, President of LATTC. “We’re thrilled to announce new scholarship opportunities and a series of special events that will empower the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and innovators. Together, we will continue to build on a legacy that has shaped countless lives over the past 100 years, ensuring that the next century is one of even greater achievement and impact.”

LATTC History

The history of LATTC began in the wake of World War I, during a pivotal moment when the city of Los Angeles was rapidly evolving. Members of the Los Angeles Board of Education, the Chamber of Commerce, and leaders from business and labor sectors recognized the growing demand for skilled workers and convened to address the need for a centralized vocational training hub. These discussions planted the seeds for what would become LATTC.

By 1924, LATTC's innovative spirit had begun to take root with training programs in "beauty culture," printing, plumbing, and building trades scattered across the city. These courses briefly found a home at 8th and Grand Avenues before outgrowing the space, leading to the establishment of the Frank Wiggins Trade School in 1925. Named after a visionary member of the Chamber of Commerce, the institution relocated to 1646 South Olive Street in 1926. By 1948, LATTC had expanded its mission to include offering Associate of Arts degrees in both vocational disciplines and academic fields, meeting the needs of a booming, post-war Los Angeles.

In 1957, the college settled into its current campus location, occupying the site of the former Polytechnic High School. The merger with Metropolitan College in 1966 further broadened its programs, enhancing its already diverse offerings. In 1969, LATTC became one of the nine colleges in the newly formed Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), cementing its role as a vital part of higher education in the region.

In 2025, LATTC will celebrate its centennial. Throughout its 100 years, the college has remained true to its founding mission of career education, while expanding to provide transfer programs, adapt to rapidly changing technologies, and remaining responsive to the needs of the surrounding community. As it looks to the future, the college continues to honor its legacy by fostering innovation, inclusivity, and student success, preparing the next generation of leaders, professionals, and engaged citizens. With a commitment to excellence and a vision for the years ahead, the college stands poised to shape the future of education for the next century and beyond.

100th Anniversary Celebration Events:

Celebrating 100 Years: Alumni Mixer & Basketball Game Event

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

E5/Culinary Arts Building at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College

400 W. Washington Blvd, Los Angeles

3:30 pm–5 pm: Alumni mixer; 5 pm–7 pm: Women's basketball game versus Rio Hondo College; 7 pm–9 pm: Men's basketball game versus Rio Hondo College

More 100th anniversary events will be added to the calendar soon. Please visit us at lattc.edu.

Those who wish to donate to the 100 Years of Student Success and Pathways campaign may do so via the [LATTC Foundation Centennial website](#).

LATTC alumni who wish to reconnect with the college are encouraged to visit the [LATTC alumni webpage](#).

About LATTC

Located just south of downtown Los Angeles, Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC) is one of nine public community colleges in the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). Established in 1925, the college offers more than 80 career-technical programs that move students into careers in two years or less. In addition to an unmatched selection of quality career programs, LATTC prepares students for transfer, with 18 CSU transfer degrees, and transfer guarantee programs with the University of California and local private and independent colleges and universities.

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About the LATTC Foundation

The LATTC Foundation endeavors to secure financial support and resources for the promotion of Los Angeles Trade-Technical College as a unique educational center focused on creativity, critical thinking, and experiential curricula. The Foundation provides support through scholarships, faculty grants, capital improvements, and other development deemed vital to the spirit, purpose, obligations, and aspirations of the College and its community. The Foundation assists in promoting and continuously improving the College as a valuable community resource for students seeking vocational and technical education, career advancement, and life-long learning opportunities.

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