The East Los Angeles College Commencement Ceremony is fast approaching. This year’s ceremony is set to take place on Tuesday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. in Weingart Stadium. This year’s graduation theme is “We are the generation that holds both the present and the future.”

This newsletter contains essential information for you to use in both your preparation for graduation and your future.

**CONGRATULATIONS GREAT AND WONDERFUL PEOPLE!**

On behalf of the faculty, staff and administration of East Los Angeles College, we congratulate each of you on your recent academic accomplishments. You are the generation that holds both the present and the future. You have overcome the personal challenges as well as maneuvering through campus construction. You did it! Finally, you have reached this great day and your family and friends are here to celebrate with you the hard work and accomplishments you have achieved.

We are confident that the academic and analytical skills you have received will be the foundation in helping you to accomplish anything you attempt to do in life. As Alumni, you represent ELAC and our Community; remember “only you can better yourselves, continue to grow in wisdom and never give up”!

My personal prayers are with you and your families. You make us proud and always give the best in everything you endeavor. May the almighty shine on each of you.

Sincerely,

Oscar Valeriano, Jr.
Vice President, Student Services

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**Commencement Dates to Remember**

**June 5**
June 5 is the last day to petition for graduation. Students who submit petitions by March 27 will be listed in the graduation program.

**June 9**
6:30 p.m.
Commencement Ceremony

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**Graduation and Commencement Ceremony 2015**
Honors Graduates to be Recognized

Students who have earned academic honors will be recognized in the Commencement Program. Those recognized in the program will have achieved one or more of the following distinctions:

Summa Cum Laude
The Summa Cum Laude award is granted to the student who has achieved the highest grade point average and has taken all courses at East Los Angeles College. The accomplishment of this person is recognized by a designation of honor on the Associate in Arts degree.

Magna Cum Laude
The Magna Cum Laude award is granted to the student who has achieved the second highest grade point average and has taken all courses at East Los Angeles College. The accomplishment of this person is recognized by a designation of honor on the Associate in Arts degree.

Cum Laude
The Cum Laude award is granted to those students who have completed a minimum of 24 units of course work and who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average or higher in all college work attempted at East Los Angeles College and all other colleges. Students graduating Cum Laude are recognized with distinction on their Associate in Arts degree.

Academic recognition for commencement purposes is based on cumulative grades for all college work completed through the Fall 2014 semester.

Participant Information!

Mandatory Rehearsal, 10:00am
Mandatory rehearsal is required for all graduates. The rehearsal will begin at 10:00am on Tuesday, June 9. Rehearsal line up starts behind the G8 Building.

Eligible Participants
Eligible students who have filed a petition with the Admissions and Records Office for the following terms: Summer 2014, Fall 2014, and Spring 2015

Arrival Information – 5:00 p.m.
Graduates: Every graduate will need to pick up a name card prior to the graduation ceremony. Distribution of name cards will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the G8 Fire Lane.

Guest Admission: Gates to Weingart Stadium will open at 5:00 PM. Family and guests are encouraged to arrive early. Admission is free and there is no limit to how many people you can invite. Parking will be available in the Weingart Stadium parking lot and the ASU parking structure (see map).

Disabilities/Special Needs
Students with special needs should contact the Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS, Building E1-160) at 323-265-8787 as soon as possible. Family and guests with wheelchairs or special needs can use Tunnels 6 and 7 in Weingart Stadium. There will be a Sign Language Interpreter at the ceremony.

Please silence cell phones during the graduation ceremony!

ELAC’s Support Services can be Your Best Exit Strategy!

As you prepare to leave ELAC, we can help you plan your next move, either to a university or to the job market.

Counseling (E1-127)/Career & Job Services (E1-176)
The counseling department provides an extensive program of individual counseling assisting students in achieving their educational goals. Campus appointments are scheduled each Friday morning in person starting at 8 a.m. or by telephone request, (323) 265-8751, beginning at 9 a.m. Planning ahead each semester and seeing a counselor early in the semester is highly advisable. The department is open from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Career & Job Services offers many services and resources to assist students in the process of career exploration and employment opportunities. Appointments are booked for 1 hour for career assessment interpretations, resume writing, and/or interviewing skills. Appointments are scheduled Friday mornings at 8:00 am for the following week. Hours are Monday – Thursdays (8:00AM – 7:00PM) and Fridays (8:00AM – 3:00PM). For more information call (323) 415-4126.

University Center/Transfer Student Reception
Congratulations on your acceptance to a four year institution!

Please join us for the Transfer Student Reception on Monday, May 18, from 6:00-8:00PM.

Transfer students will receive special recognition, an achievement award, and a special cord to be worn at graduation. To participate, please bring your college/university acceptance letter(s) to the Transfer Center (E1-176), April 13 - May 11.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Please call:
General Graduation Information .................................................. (323) 265-8742
Graduation Regalia ................................................................. (323) 265-8729
Graduation List ................................................................. (323) 265-8810
*Information can also be seen on the ELAC website
Graduation Clerks A – F .................................................. (323) 265-8959
G – L ................................................................. (323) 265-8696
M – Q ................................................................. (323) 265-8686
R – Z ................................................................. (323) 265-8188
All Nursing .................................................. (323) 265-8650 ext. 8525

Final evaluation of graduation petitions will be processed six weeks after the end of the semester. Diplomas will be mailed out eight to ten weeks after the end of the semester.

*All information provided is subject to change without prior notice.
Graduation Portraits

Grad Images will be creating your graduation portraits this year. Picture proofs will be emailed to each graduate 48-72 hours following the ceremony. A paper proof will also be delivered to the graduate with ordering information via the U.S. Postal service. Below is a list of some of the packages Grad Images offers. California tax and shipping will be added to your final cost.

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Family members or other special loved ones may be photographed with the graduate if desired. Graduates must call (323) 265-8742 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are for June 5 from 11AM – 3:30PM and June 8 from 11AM – 6PM at the Student Activities Office (G8-119). Please bring your cap and gown pressed and ready to be photographed.

Grad Images accepts credit cards, PayPal, debit cards, and checks. All orders will be received and sent to their home office in Tallahassee or one can order online. Finished prints are mailed directly to your residence.

For more information, visit their website: www.gradimages.com

Commencement Regalia and Class Rings

The custom from our first commencement asks all graduates and faculty who expect to participate in the commencement exercises to appear in academic Cap and Gown. Caps, gowns, and college hood will be available to graduates through the college Bookstore.

The Bookstore will have a package containing: Cap, gown, hood and tassel. Students can buy the package for $48.95 (plus tax), or the items can be bought separately. On May 7 from 2pm-6pm and on May 19 from 10am-2pm, you will get the opportunity to save $15.36 and purchase this package for only $38.00 (no tax). This event will take place by the D7 Bookstore.

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You can purchase your cap and gown beginning April 13th until June 9 at the college bookstore, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays.

Now that you’re graduating, you may be thinking about buying your class ring! A representative will setup by the lunch truck on April 23 from 12:00-2:00PM and you may also buy your rings at the Graduation Sale On May 7th from 2:00pm – 6:00pm or May 19th from 10:00am -2:00pm.

Contact the bookstore for further information, (323) 265-8720.
Student Speaker Auditions

Student Speaker Auditions for graduation will be held on April 20 and April 27 in F3-210 from 12:00 – 1:30pm. Please prepare a three minute original speech based on this year’s graduation theme and have five copies available for the committee.

Please Call (323) 265-8742 for more information.

Student Reception

ASU will be hosting a student reception for all graduates and their family members on June 9 at 3PM in the ELAC Garden. Join us for free refreshments and for memorable pictures with your friends and families in our photo booths. Graduates get the advantage of picking up their name card before 5pm.

Please R.S.V.P. at the Student Activities Office in G8-119 by June 2.