The East Los Angeles College Commencement Ceremony is fast approaching. This year’s ceremony is set to take place on Tuesday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Weingart Stadium. This year’s graduation theme is “Building a better tomorrow one generation at a time.”

Congratulations 2014 Graduation Candidates!

Congratulations Great People!! With all the challenges you have had to face these few years from personal and environmental, like maneuvering through the campus with all the construction obstacles, you finally have made it as the graduation theme states, “Building a Better Tomorrow One Generation at a Time”.

For some of you have finally received the certification you sought, for others you’re on the right path for transferring and accomplishing your dreams for a higher education. We, your ELAC campus family, including classified, certificated and administrative staff are very proud of each and every one of you. We know that the education you have received will enable you to “Build a Better Tomorrow”, for a brighter future for us all. We are confident that the academic skills you have received will be the foundation of problem solving skills that will help you to accomplish anything you attempt to do in your life.

As alumni when you return you will see a campus transformed into one of the major educational institutions in California, both academically and in appearance. As you have maneuvered through the campus to get to classes, when you return, you will see it was well worth it. We all congratulate you for the sacrifices you made here at ELAC.

Always remember that others, especially your families, have been in this long journey with you. Just look at their faces as you walk with them at the end of the ceremony and you will see the pride and hope they have in each of you. Be sure to thank them not only for their invaluable support, but also for putting up with you! My personal prayers and well wishes are with each of you, and as one of our great leaders Cesar Chavez said, anything is possible in your lives. You can do it, Si Se Puede”.

Oscar Valeriano, Jr.
Vice President, Student Services

Commencement Dates to Remember

June 6
June 6 is the last day to petition for graduation. Students who submit petitions by March 28 will be listed in the graduation program.

June 10
6:30 p.m.
Commencement Ceremony
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 2013 semester.

Need more information?
Please call:
- General Graduation Information: (323) 265-8742
- Graduation Regalia: (323) 265-8729
- Graduation List: (323) 265-8801
- Graduation Clerks A–G: (323) 265-8959
- Graduation Clerks H–O: (323) 265-8696
- Graduation Clerks P–Z: (323) 260-8118
- Nursing: (323) 265-8650 ext. 8525

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

Participant Information!

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

Eligible Participants
Eligible students who have filed a petition with the Admissions and Records Office for the following terms: Summer 2013, Fall 2013, and Spring 2014

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 S2/P2 Quad.

**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 bring. 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 Wednesday, May 21, 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 (E1-178), April 15-May 9.
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 make an appointment. Appointments are for June 6 from 11AM-3:30PM and June 9 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 card, pay pal, debit card, and checks. All orders will be received by sending it into their home office in Tallahassee or ordering online. Finished prints are mailed directly to your house.

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

Student Speaker Auditions for graduation will be held on May 6 in G1-301F from 12:15-1:15pm. 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 10 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 3.

Video Streaming and Recording

To view the live video stream at ELAC’s media website, go to: http://media.elac.edu/

Our site will also have recorded videos of the ceremony for those who cannot view it live.

This event is being videotaped for broadcast on the World Wide Web. By attending or participating in this event, you are giving your consent to be videotaped and waiving any and all claims regarding the use of your image by the Los Angeles Community College District/East Los Angeles College.