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Long Beach City College Alumni Newsletter *December 2018*

Message from the Assistant Director, Alumni Development



**"T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house,
not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."
- Clement Clark Moore**

Season's Greetings,

Finals are over and our campus has taken on the stillness of winter vacation. At the Alumni Association we are wrapping things up to take our break. Before we go we wanted to make sure that we spread some holiday cheer and good news from LBCC to you!

This month we are excited to feature alumnus Ángel Garcia, an award winning poet and frequent contributor to the College. Read about how LBCC shaped his career and then come to see him in January as the keynote speaker for the Upward Bound Annual Alumni Panel! Also, be sure to check out December's "Campus Community" newsletter where you can see some of the wonderful things that our students and faculty have been doing this month.

Please note that LBCC will be closed from December 24th through January 1st, returning on January 2nd. We wish you a happy and restful holiday and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Happy Holidays!

Paula Barrow

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ALUMNI ON CAMPUS

January 5, 12 PM

QQ112 on PCC Campus

UPWARD BOUND PROUDLY PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL ALUMNI PANEL With Keynote Speaker Angel Garcia



Please join us for a special Upward Bound event! Some of our amazing alumni are coming back to LBCC to share not only their achievements after graduating from the Upward Bound Program but the wisdom they have gained along the way. We strongly encourage ALL students to attend and parents and siblings are welcome to come, too!

Date: January 5th
Time: 12:00 PM
Where: QQ112,
LBCC PCC



ABOUT POET ANGEL GARCIA:

Angel Garcia was a member of the Upward Bound program, before going on to earn an A.A. in Creative Writing from Long Beach City College, a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Redlands, and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from the University of California-Riverside. He is currently working toward his PhD in Creative Writing/English at The University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Angel recently published: *Teeth Never Sleep*, a collection of his most brilliant poems!

(QQ112 is off of Walnut St. There is a parking lot in front of QQ, and we will have permits available. If you need more assistance, refer to the attached map.)

If you have any questions, please contact us at any time at:

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Viking Alumni Spotlight: Ángel García

In this month's Alumni Spotlight we meet



award-winning poet Angel García. Ángel began his journey as a student at Millikan High School. At Millikan Ángel was a part of the Upward Bound program. He wasn't ready for a four-year university, but he knew that he wanted to continue with his education, so he enrolled at Long Beach City College. As he began his career at LBCC, Ángel continued to participate in the Upward Bound program and found his passion in the many service opportunities that the College had to offer. He continued to tutor students in Upward Bound and as a part of Project

Launch. He flourished as a member of Puente, the Latino-focused literature program. His work with Man to Man, a mentorship program started by Sociology professor Janét Hund, also had a profound effect on him. This program paired LBCC students with LBUSD middle school boys, providing male role models and mentorship opportunities. It was here that Ángel began to explore the stereotypes of "manhood" and their impact, a frequent subject of his poetry.

Ángel's academic pursuits led him to the poetry workshops at LBCC. It was Frank Gaspar's Poetry Workshop that began to shape his ideas about what he wanted to do. As he describes it, half of the class were typical students and the other half were older members of the community. These older voices are what caught his attention. "There was a different kind of poetry being shared, a different narrative that came from different times and places and a lifetime of experience." After that he was hooked! Ángel finished his A.A. in Creative Writing at LBCC, a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of Redlands, and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from the University of California, Riverside. He is currently working toward his Ph.D. in Creative Writing/English at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. His recently published collection of poems, "Teeth Never Sleep" won the 2018 CantoMundo Poetry Prize.

After leaving LBCC, Ángel has maintained relationships with many of his professors and advisors and continues to explore opportunities to engage with the College and its students. In October Ángel returned to the College to speak at the Visiting Writers Reading Series. In January he will be the Keynote Speaker for the Upward Bound Alumni Panel. He loves working with LBCC and helping students to discover their career paths. He sees LBCC as a community that helps guide students in ways that extend beyond their academic life. It is this community-focused approach that Ángel has taken in his own career, modeling his teaching style so that he can "help to guide

students the same way that LBCC taught me."

Viking Award Winners for Fall 2018



Photo by Iman Palm
Viking News

Courtesy of Long Beach City College

Six Vikings were selected to receive the Viking Award for the Fall 2018 semester. This is the highest honor a student can receive at the College. Created roughly 20 years ago, the Viking Award is granted to students excelling in both leadership and service in the community. This semester's winners were:

- **Wayne Bergman**
- **Jan Paolo Canteras**
- **Jaren Leary**
- **John McKibben**
- **Lara Meintjes**
- **Timothy Schlock**

Ramon Knox, the Dean of Student Affairs, presented the awards in a ceremony held in the LAC Valhalla Room on November 29th. If you would like to know more about the event, [click here](#) to read the Long Beach City College Viking News article covering the ceremony.

Were You a Member of the 1975-76 Football Team?



If you or someone you know was on the 1975-76 LBCC Football team, please email Paula Barrow at pbarrow@lbcc.edu with your contact information. The Alumni Association is working with one of your teammates to plan a reunion for the Fall 2019 season and we don't want to leave anyone out!

Campus Community Newsletter

NEWSLETTER FOR THE LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE

CAMPUS COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 2018



IN THIS ISSUE:
TWO YEARS FREE @ LBCC!
FASHION STUDENT SPOTLIGHT
HOLIDAY PARADE PHOTOS
...AND MORE!

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Click the image above to view December's Campus Community Newsletter and learn about the announcement of College Promise 2.0 and some of the great things our students and faculty have been up to this month!

And just a reminder, the College will be closed from December 24 through January 1. We'll see you all after the holidays!

**36th Annual Viking Athletics Associates
Golf Tournament - Thursday, May 16**

SAVE THE DATE! MAY 16

Thursday, May 16, 2019
Recreation Park Golf Course 18
1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start



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YOU

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We'd love the opportunity to connect the dots between our alumni and our alumni-owned businesses!

Help us connect to your business by clicking the link below and telling us all about it.

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Be A Part of the "Walk of Honor"

The brick walkway in front of the LAC Auditorium provides you with an opportunity to make a unique and charitable imprint at LBCC. Your \$150.00 tax-deductible gift will get your name and special message, major, graduation date, etc. etched in a

brick, as well as support the LBCC Alumni Association. You can either download [this form](#) and return to the Foundation or select below to order online.

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