

## **Sonia Ghani and Monica Hyon Math Award**

- Year Established:** 2009
- Purpose:** The award will be given based on achievements in math and science. There is a strong preference for female candidates; the next most important preference for candidates are strong backgrounds in math and science.
- Sponsoring Department:** LACC Foundation and Mathematics Department
- Contact:** LACC Foundation 323.953.4011 or Mathematics Department
- Award Amount:** \$500 each for two (2) students
- Criteria for Applying:**
1. Completion of **30** units at LACC, at least half of which are in **math** courses
  2. Must be a full-time student at LACC (12 units minimum)
  3. Must have at least 3.5 GPA in both all **math** units completed at LACC and for the comprehensive GPA
- Requirements:** One-page, typed self-profile (approximately 500 words) that includes applicant's educational and career goals
- Semester Awarded:** Spring
- Deadline to Apply:** March 26

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### **Sonia Ghani and Monica Hyon Story**

Los Angeles City College holds a very special place in our hearts. This is an institution that shaped both our professional and personal lives for better. It is here that two immigrant teenagers started their educational journey with the dream of becoming professional engineers. It is also here where Monica and I formed our lifelong friendship. And it is here where we met our role models who inspired us to become who we are today.

Monica and I started at LACC in 1995. During our time at LACC, we valued not only the good education we gained, but also the scholastic awards that provided financial and moral support. In 1997, we both transferred to University of California where we received BS degrees in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. Since graduation, we have both been working as software engineers in the IT industry. We always felt fortunate to have achieved professional success, which was made possible by the strong educational foundation we built at LACC.

As a token of our appreciation for LACC's priceless contribution to our lives, we are establishing this award for current LACC students. Our hope and wish is that it will inspire, encourage, and assist students who aspire to become pioneers and professionals in the field of math and science.