

SPECIAL POST GALA NEWSLETTER
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The mission of the LACC Foundation is to complement and enhance Los Angeles City College efforts to promote and provide education and career services higher in quality than afforded through state and federal support; to optimize student access to educational programs and services; to provide professional development and technical support to faculty and staff; and to cultivate, enhance, and grow strategic partnerships with community, business and government stakeholders for the benefit of the College.

LACC FOUNDATION HOLDS RECORD BREAKING FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, October 20, 2007, The Los Angeles City College Foundation gathered along with 500 supporters to celebrate three champions of education that have made Los Angeles a better community for a black tie dinner at the Globe Theatre at Universal Hollywood. These community leaders have supported LACC and its students who will build the Los Angeles of tomorrow.

Celebrants were greeted by "paparazzi", a string quartet and a red carpet entrance to the outdoor cocktail reception which featured a Glenfiddich tasting bar along with a premium bar serving champagne and a full array of beverages both soft and hard. White gloved waiters circulated with trays of delicious hors d'oeuvres ranging from mini cheese burgers to potato galettes with caviar. There was a silent auction with items beyond compare - everything from TV and movie memorabilia, vacation items, luxury for the home and even one of honoree Jerry Goldsmith's conducting batons. Guests made their way inside the ballroom festooned with

stars to tables draped in shimmering black cloths with white roses accented with red apples echoing the theme that had been set back in June with the Save-the-Date card.

WHO'S WHO OF WHO WAS THERE

Co-chairs Laurie Goldman and Jerry Neuman welcomed guests, and thanked the generous event sponsors. They introduced the elected officials in the audience: LA City Council President Eric Garcetti, West Hollywood City Council Member Sal Guarriello, California Assembly Member Paul Koretz along with LA Community College Trustees Georgia Mercer and Nancy Pearlman. Also present was the new LACC Interim President Dr. Jamillah Moore, a huge contingent from the LACC Music and English Departments, along with dozens of other LACC Faculty, Staff, students and Alumni. Weighing in via video were three stellar LACC alumni who were unable to attend but wished to send personal greetings and congratulations to the honorees: Academy Award Winner Morgan Freeman, Council Member Tom LaBonge (who joined us later in the evening) and US Representative Diane E. Watson. Ms Goldman then introduced LACC Foundation Executive Director David Ambroz, calling him an extraordinary young man who has recreated and reimagined the Los Angeles City College Foundation, transforming it into a leader among college foundations. She described how in just a year as Executive Director, he has increased awareness, increased financial support and most importantly in-



Gala Co-Chairs Laurie Goldman and Jerry Neuman



Left to Right — English Department Chair Dr. Tammy Robinson, LACC Foundation Executive Director David Ambroz, Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti, (Winner of the Visionary Leadership Award), 2007 Valedictorian Tanisha Washington, Emcee Cindy Williams, Interim President Dr. Jamillah Moore, Foundation Board Member Edward Dilkes

2007 Fall Gala

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LACC Professors Christine Park and Daniel Marlos
They're having some fun now!

created the number of scholarships granted to those wishing a college education. We're fortunate to have someone of David's caliber leading the foundation; someone who, due to his own background in foster care, realizes more than most the power of education. Mr. Ambroz thanked the host committee and volunteers for their extraordinary work which made the evening such a success. Next up to the podium was the evening's emcee and LACC alumnus, Cindy Williams. After telling us about her days at the LACC Theatre Academy, Ms Williams wished us bon appetit and described the entertainment which would begin right about the time that the unbelievably delicious chocolate cake arrived at the diners' tables.

ENTERTAINMENT AND AWARDS — JERRY GOLDSMITH

The entertainment was a fabulous performance by the Young Musicians Foundation Orchestra conducted by Abel Delgado featuring the music of Outstanding Alumnus Honoree Jerry Goldsmith – a medley of some of his most memorable film and television scores accompanied on the huge screens flanking the room with clips from the films. When the performance ended, Cindy Williams returned to the stage and presented Mr. Goldsmith's award, in memoriam, to his family.

COOPROATE PARTNER — KAISER PERMANENTE

The next award went to one of LACC's most important Community Partners. Seven Years ago, LACC looked around the community and saw a great need: the need for new nurses and other healthcare professionals. With aid in planning, implementation and most importantly with funding, Kaiser Permanente enabled the regeneration of the LACC Nursing Program. Mark Costa, Executive Director of Kaiser Permanente's Los Angeles Medical Center, accepted the award for Kaiser Permanente to the cheers of their employees in attendance, some of whom were graduates of the LACC health science programs.

Our next speaker represented a visit from the recent past. Our 2007 LACC Valedictorian, Tanisha Washington, reminded us that as she had said in her



Luxury items at the silent auction just waiting to for you to sign the bid sheet – Cartier
Fragrance package, Oliver Peoples sunglasses, fine vintage wine and oh, so much more



Guests applaud the Young Musicians Foundation Orchestra

graduation speech, "If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it." Tanisha is now attending California State University Long Beach studying computer science.

VISIONARY LEADERSHIP—HON. ERIC GARCETTI

Last, but by no means least of the evening's honorees was Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti, honored with the Visionary Leadership Award. As a City Councilman, he has made education, housing and economic development, the environment, community engagement, neighborhood beautification, and international diplomacy his main issues. As chair and member of the Housing, Community, and Economic Development Committee, he was instrumental in creating a 100 million dollar housing trust fund. He has also worked to revitalize the Hollywood area and reform the city business tax, an impact that can be felt throughout the LACC neighborhood. He helped found the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, and he created the Neighborhood Leadership Institute which has trained hundreds of constituents to be active citizens. He has used the idea of engaging citizens to increase neighborhood beautification, seen throughout our community. A prime example is his successful UNTAG program, Uniting Neighborhoods to Abolish Graffiti, a volunteer program which has reduced graffiti in his district over 50 percent in its first year.

His work as an elected official resulted in his being awarded in November 2006 with the John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award, given to one elected official under 40 who best embodies the ideals of service and leadership of President Kennedy. We are fortunate to have such an advocate working on behalf of the Community Colleges and our students.

THANK YOU AND GOODNIGHT!

The evening wrapped up with Joshua Poole of Starwood Hotels and Resorts drawing the winning lottery ticket for a trip to Fiji...and the lucky winner...none other that Robert Courtney of the LACC Foundation Board of Directors.



Young Musicians Foundation Orchestra Conductor Abel Delgado and LA Community College District Trustee Georgia Mercer



Lucky auction winners!

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- Jason Woodward



The Young Musicians Foundation Orchestra performed a moving tribute to the film and television scores of LACC Outstanding Alumnus Award winner Jerry

**YOUR DONATIONS CAN BE THE KEY TO
A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR STUDENTS**

The net proceeds of the October 20 Gala dinner will directly benefit the Scholarship Fund of the Los Angeles City College Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising scholarship and other funds to support the students, faculty and campus as a whole so that it may fulfill its mission to educate any and all that desire to walk through our doors. The Foundation has raised and granted millions of dollars since 1968. This year's gala dinner not only created increased awareness in the Los Angeles business community, it netted over \$160,000 for the Foundation's scholarship funds.



The benefits that can be reaped by the students, faculty and community at Los Angeles City College are limited only by your generosity. Your help now, as we head into 2008, is critical.

Please help us continue that work. We are happy to accept your donation over the phone, by mail, or via the web – visit us online at www.laccfoundation.org.

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YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Did you attend LACC? You're in good company! Among our distinguished alumni are our 2007 Outstanding Alumnus winner, Jerry Goldsmith (in memoriam), US Representative Diane E. Watson, Los Angeles City Council Members Tom LaBonge & Bernard Parks, James Coburn, Angela Dorian, Clint Eastwood, Morgan Freeman, Frank Gehry, Albert Hughes, Lawrence Klein, Songwriters Jerry Leiber & Mike Stoller, Whitman Mayo, Odetta, Gene Roddenberry, Leonard Slatkin, Robert Vaughn, Cindy Williams, and John Williams to name a few.

We currently have over 3,000 names of recent graduates in our database. Our goal is to double that number in 2008. By joining the Alumni Association, you will have the opportunity to network with other alumni, and be part of a growing contingent of City College Alumni who desire to support the college and stay connected. We will be offering discounts on selected items at the LACC Bookstore, and special programs created just for alumni.

Join the Alumni Association for only \$10.00 per year or \$150 for a lifetime membership.