

LATTC Faculty Embrace Downtown L.A.



David Rattray, President of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, being interviewed by Dr. Denise Fairchild, Director of Community Planning and Economic Development. Photo by Mario Villegas from ELAC.

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Christina Almada, counselor, chatting with colleague, Leslee Koritzke.

by Lorraine Megowan

Our first event, the Faculty Convocation, also known as Mandatory Flex Day, drew interest and participation from adjunct as well as full-time faculty. We gathered with our colleagues to break bread

and to rejuvenate ourselves for the new school year. David Rattray, President of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, was the keynote speaker. The program was restructured to allow Department meetings in the morning when our bodies were rested and our energy at its height. President "Chip" Chapdelaine encouraged the Academic

October Calendar

Oct.3 - EAP Workshop "Today's Top Health Threats" 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. LRC 110.

Oct.2 - Podcast Training 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. L 265.

Oct.11 - EAP Workshop "Stress reduction" 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. LRC 110.

Oct.11 - Moodle: Learn how to do quizzes 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. TBA.

Oct.22 - EAP Workshop "Back and Neck Pain" 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. LRC 110.

Oct.23 - Staff Development Committee 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. L 265.

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Entering the Cathedral de Los Angeles.

Senate and the office of Staff Development to invest in an off-campus activity designed to bring colleagues together from multi-various programs and to inspire each of us to greater creativity in our classrooms.

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Roger Dunn, Tom Vessella and Dorien Grunbaum, at the morning session.

Chini Johnson, Academic Senate President, Lorraine Megowan, Staff Development Coordinator, and Dr. Denise Fairchild, Director of Community

Outreach and Economic Development, worked together to design the convocation. The plan culminated in a combination of mobile bus tour field trips, allowing the faculty to experience the surrounding downtown community in a new way. Each tour offered an emersion experience available to the community

and the possibility of tying it into our students' curriculum here at Los Angeles Trade Technical College.

Each of the five tours was facilitated by at least one faculty member from LATTTC, with added professional docents at some of the locations. Tour #1- Exposition Park and

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LATTTC Faculty admiring the Dance Door created by Robert Graham at the Music Center.

Museums was led by Diana Jackson, Thurman Robinson, Alicia Rodriguez-Estrada, and Xenia Wright. Tour #2 – Downtown Economic Development was led by Dr. Denise Fairchild and the Honorable Councilwoman, Jan Perry. Tour #3 – Architecture and Gardens was led by Marcela Oliva and Lorraine Megowan. Tour #4 – Art Galleries was led by Carolee Parker. Tour #5 Educational Challenges and Opportunities was led by Benjamin Torres.

Faculty was asked to evaluate the day's activities. The responses were overwhelmingly positive. Several respondents requested that we offer the bus tours again next year. Many said that they would like the opportunity to participate in another one of the activities next fall.

To view more photos taken on the morning of the Faculty Convocation, go to the LATTTC Staff Development website and click on "pictures". You will find candid shots as well as portraits of your colleagues. Look for yourself. You just might be there!

Below is an excerpt from Benjamin Torres, the facilitator of tour #5.

"...Our construction technology, fashion and design, welding and machine shop faculty (to name a few) immediately connected with many of the faculty at these campuses and conversations and connectio ns began to happen about equipment usage, skills and teaching techniques and potential projects..."

In order to read Mr. Torres' entire report, please go to the Staff Development website and click on "Newsletter".

Congratulations to Bill Woo, Automotive Instructor! He is the first to turn in his required flex obligation!

Automotive Instructor, Bill Woo, is keeping up with automotive technology by attending yearly conferences offered by (NACAT) North American council of Automotive Teachers. He has also taken an online course offered by Honda (IST) Individual Skills Training program.

To read Mr. Woo's description of his most recent training, go to the Staff Development website and click on "Newsletter".