The Fall Semester is always an exciting time of year. Each fall East Los Angeles Colleges welcomes at least 4000 new students. We are glad that you have decided to “Start at ELAC and Go Anywhere”. Whether you are here to obtain your associate's degree, transfer to a four-year institution, or complete a certificate, your success is important and we will work with you to achieve your academic goals.

There are a number of student services available to support your success. These services include tutoring in one of the three lab resources located on campus, which are the Writing Center, the MENTE Math Lab and the Learning Assistance Center. I encourage each of you to visit any of these centers for assistance when needed. Each is staffed with talented students and professionals.

This fall, I am pleased to announce an exciting new partnership among David W. Griffith Junior High School, James A. Garfield High School, East Los Angeles College, and California State University, Los Angeles. All of these institutions have been working together to provide students a seamless transition from high school to ELAC to CSULA, including guaranteed direct access to higher education. GO ELAC is the pilot among these institutions and stands for Greater Opportunities at East Los Angeles College.

The GO ELAC Program includes early career exploration, early college advising, college classes and more. These opportunities are coupled with student and parent workshops to build student persistence and success.

Again, welcome to East Los Angeles College. Have a wonderful semester.

Marvin Martinez
President, East Los Angeles College