Welcome to East Los Angeles College

The Spring Semester is an especially exciting time of year. East will be offering more classes to students than in recent years. So please look at what is available, and I wish you much success. The resource centers (Writing Center, Math Lab, and Learning Assistance Center) are available to support your success. I encourage you to visit the resource centers and take advantage of the many workshops they have to offer.

East is home to a variety of arts programs located in the Performing and Fine Arts Center. It is extraordinary that we have an on-campus museum housing a permanent collection of fine art. The Vincent Price Art Gallery has had a presence on campus for more than 50 years. In the Theatre Department, the campus now has two stages and a black box to host a robust schedule of recitals as well as theatre performances by your fellow students and faculty. I encourage you take an opportunity to walk through the Vincent Price Art Gallery or visit one of the many music, dance or theatre performances.

The campus launched the First Year Completion Program (FYC) that is focused on having students be transfer-ready in English and math within their first year on campus. The FYC is one of several pathways for students to participate. Please discover the right pathway to build on your success. Educational pathways include the Puente Program, Honors and the Trifecta Program in Life Sciences. Please visit Academic Affairs or the Counseling Department to learn more about any of these pathways.

The center of campus is still under construction. The front of campus is finally open, and the Helen Miller Bailey Library is the focal point from Cesar Chavez that we all have been anticipating. The Math Complex is moving forward, and the Student Center should be complete by 2015. We look forward to the Student Center being the living room of the campus for students.

Explore what ELAC has to offer and join the many clubs and organizations that the campus supports. No matter what you plan to achieve, we are here to help you achieve your goals.

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