

# WELCOME TO EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE

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Welcome students, faculty, staff, and administration! As we enter the spring semester, it's wonderful to feel the effects of our upgraded campus environment.

In the latest of our completed building projects, the Science Careers and Mathematics Center provides up-to-date labs, classrooms, and faculty offices. The adjacent construction site will, when finished, house Physics, Anthropology, Geology, Earth Science, and Oceanography. Thanks, as always, for your patience as construction projects proceed. This is an exciting time for all of us as our campus transformation continues.

New and returning students, please visit the recently dedicated Campus Center, located just north of the Helen Miller Bailey Library. There you will find not only the bookstore, food, and a great study area, but also mental and physical health services. Your health fee covers these services, so take advantage if you need them. There is nothing wrong with needing to talk to someone. Sometimes burdens that seem overwhelming become lighter when shared with a trained counselor. I also encourage you to get involved in the Associated Students Union, which is also located in the Campus Center. Run for office or get involved in one of the many clubs.

I'm particularly proud that we have hired many new full-time faculty members. They are already bringing us the benefit of fresh perspectives and new energy.

Regardless of our role on campus, each one of us is a stakeholder in this great college. It's an honor for me to be part of our ELAC family.

Again, welcome! Have a wonderful semester.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marvin Martinez', written in a cursive style.

MARVIN MARTINEZ  
*President, East Los Angeles College*