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COMMUNITY

'No Kings' Breaks Records at Weekend March

There were over 3,300 events nationwide to proclaim “No Kings.”

BY JUAN MENDOZA

Thousands of people gathered in Downtown Los Angeles at Gloria Molina Grand Park on March 28, for the “No Kings” march.

Roughly 100,000 people voiced their concerns about various issues, including democracy, the economy, immigration enforcement, the war in Iran, and the president's unilateral decisions, according to organizers.

The “No Kings” protest is a series of nationwide demonstrations against President Trump's administration. The movement has already attracted a large crowd, with 5 million taking part in June and 7 million in October 2025. Last weekend's demonstration has been called one of the biggest protests in American history.

“Attending a 'No King's' protest is one of the most patriotic things that you can do,” said Deirdre Schifeling, an ACLU chief political and advocacy officer. “It is a defense of America, a defense of the American democracy.” Schifeling says attendees are motivated by different reasons.

“From horror at what is happening in their communities with ICE, outrage about this unconstitutional, unauthorized war with Iran, or concern about what the Trump administration is doing to try to undermine the midterm elections in advance,” she said.

It was a joyful celebration, a festive act of resistance, where people of all ages danced and enjoyed the music of “Los Jorنالeros del Norte,” turning the march into a mobile fiesta. The truck, designed as a mobile stage, was parked in the middle of a crowded intersection. It eased the tension of the roaring chants, which faded and were replaced by the heartbeat of drums, the accordion, and cumbias.

The band played songs criticizing workers' and immigrant rights, like “La cumbia de La Migra.” The lively beat of the cumbia energized the crowd and made it hard for them to stand still. Many people stepped onto the dance floor in front of the stage. They laughed and sweat. It was a moment of unity between struggle and celebration, as people reclaimed the streets, not with anger but with joy.

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CONTROVERSY

Cesar Chavez Building Casts a Long Shadow Over Campus

BY MATTHEW ALI
AND MICHAEL EDELSTEIN

Neither the L.A. City College administration nor the Los Angeles Community College District have announced plans to rename a \$72.62 million building that is under construction after a New York Times report discredited the late civil rights leader with accusations of sexual abuse of women and girls.

The Cesar Chavez Administra-

tion and Workforce Building is scheduled for completion in early 2027. It will serve as the heart of campus at LACC. But accusations against its namesake are not slowing down.

On March 18, the New York Times published a year-long investigation that included accusations that Chavez engaged in sexual abuse and assault of women and girls in the 1960s and '70s. Among those who came forward was labor rights activist and

United Farmworkers co-founder, Dolores Huerta, who said she was among the women sexually abused by Chavez.

Angela Miller is the executive assistant to LACC President Amanuel Gebru, and she told a Collegian reporter she had no information on renaming the existing administration building nor the replacement building under construction.

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SEBASTIAN ROMERO

Cesar Chavez Administration building on the grounds of L.A. City College located at 840 Heliotrope Drive.

CAMPUS



PHOTO BY KEN BUBUSHYAN

A welcoming Central Quad is a respite for one student as he sits under a tree knitting between classes. The new green space offers extra seating and also offers improved access for disabled students.

From Maze to Meeting Place: Central Quad Reopens

BY DAVE MARTIN

A surprise awaited students at Los Angeles City College when they returned to campus at the beginning of the spring semester. All the fencing that surrounded the Central Quad was finally removed.

No longer do students need to traverse a gauntlet or confusing maze to navigate the center of the campus. The Central Quad is

a much more spacious and welcoming area than it was in the past. But the heart of the improvements may escape the eye. Construction included a new stormwater capture and reuse system. It connects water run-off throughout the campus to a green stormwater capture and filtration system, according to the Build LACCD site. The improvement allows for the reuse of

water for campus irrigation. English major Oscar Depazarguea weighed in on the improved space.

“It looks really nice, he said. It's good that you don't have to go through a maze to get to one building. All right, well, let's just say it makes it easier to traverse through the college a bit more, so maybe it did benefit a little bit.” Vice President of Administrative Services Shannon Carter de-

scribed the renovation.

“The Quad transformation was an \$11 million investment that included replacing aging hydronic lines beneath the space, installing foundations for the donated sculptures, and adding electrical outlets to support campus events.” Carter stated in an email to the Collegian.

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Los Angeles Collegian / Judges' Remarks

Los Angeles City College Los Angeles, CA

Los Angeles Collegian remains strong in its position of free speech even when the publication lost university support through funding and journalism courses at the college. Robust interviewing and research provide readers with wide views on topics important to them. Strong newspaper design with solid dominant photos and clean arrangement of articles that rarely jump to other pages guide consumers to deep reads of stories. The staff uses QR codes that lead to video content that expands stories ... Design decisions provide readers with strong photography and a variety of entry points on center spreads. Strong headlines with active verbs draw readers into stories. Student photography documents campus rallies, Asian Heritage Month, and community protests that surround the campus.

MASTER PLAN

Students Offer Suggestions for LACC Strategic Plan

BY VANESSA KOLB

As school administrators work to finalize Los Angeles City College's next strategic planning document, the Collegian spoke with students to find out what they thought the school could do to achieve its goals

Game art design student Francis Alindada thought more open time to work in the computer labs would help him to finish his program successfully.

“For the more specialized programs, like I'm in game art design, but I think art in general, a lot of [those programs] just require more lab time,” Alindada said. “So I think as someone in that program, more hours of the school and labs open ... but that's up to how many people are staffed.”

Professor William Lemon, the strategic planning faculty coordinator, spoke to the Collegian and explained that strategic plans are a mandated part of the long-term planning process for California's community colleges. Each school's strategic planning documents, which typically cover a three-to-five-year period, will align with district and state-wide plans. These documents guide many of the services, academic programs and funding opportunities available to students.

The current statewide plan, called “Vision 2030,” was most recently updated last year in July. The plan's primary goals are to increase enrollment in community colleges through active recruitment, to increase

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EDITORIAL

RETHINKING CESAR CHAVEZ

BY FLORENTINA LESO

It is important to remember that not all heroes are perfect. Cesar Chavez is a great example of that. The civil rights leader is remembered as an important hero in the farm workers move-

ment. He has long been considered an icon in the Latino communi-ty, working for the farm workers movement.

Because of his legacy, there are buildings, schools and streets named after him. He also co-founded United Farm Workers(UFW). Recently, The New York Times investigated and uncovered evidence accusing the late Cesar Chavez of sexually abusing girls and young women. This is not the only controversy that follows him.

I think it is also important to focus on past controversies, such as him referring to undocumented migrant workers as “wetbacks.” He used this term during an interview where he spoke about strikebreakers.

The Duke University Human Rights Center at the Franklin Humanities Institute works with students, faculty and community partners to examine issues of social justice and race.

Historian Eladio Bobadillo describes attitudes of Cesar Chavez and UFW from the 1950s through the 1970s as hostile toward undocumented Mexican workers in a 2014 article.

"Chavez and the UFW were so against [undocumented migrants] that they formed their own private Border Patrol," Bobadillo stated in an article on the Duke University website. "Cesar Chavez was, in fact, deeply hostile toward [undocumented workers] ... He was relentless in his efforts to halt immigration from Mexico."

To hear that a leader that has been presented as a hero for the Latino community had these thoughts is horrible. It is difficult to understand his attitude toward migrants who were simply workers.

"All of a sudden yesterday morning, they brought in two hundred and twenty wetbacks. these are the illegals from Mexico," Chavez said in an interview with KQED in Sep 1972. He then went on to explain that the only way to win this strike is to take the fight to the citizens. He considered migrant workers to be strikebreakers.

California lawmakers voted and passed a bill to change Cesar Chavez Day, which was March 31, to United Farmworkers Day this year. In my opinion, this should have happened sooner because of his past actions.

I am happy that we are making a change now and rethinking Chavez and his legacy. We can respect what Cesar Chavez helped build, but we should hold him accountable for his actions and beliefs.



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Children Have a Lot to Lose on the AI Frontier

BY VANESSA KOLB

We are being far too cavalier in allowing young children to interact with Artificial Intelligence (AI).

The risks of this new technology are just starting to become apparent. We won't have a full understanding of all of the ways that AI can impact children for years. So why are we letting children use AI with minimal supervision or regulation?

AI chatbots and toys present risks to important early childhood development, social skills and critical thinking abilities. They also pose a serious threat to privacy in an age of ever-increasing surveillance.

Early childhood development relies on “mirroring,” or mimicking the expressions, speech and behavior of the adults and other children that babies and toddlers interact with. Children pick up behaviors and ideas based on what they observe and, importantly, based on what they receive attention and positive or negative feedback for doing.

But as very young children spend more time with AI toys and programs meant for tutoring and education, they have fewer interactions with real people, potentially stunting their social development when it comes to reading facial expressions and correctly perceiving emotions.

AI toys and chatbots will never be in a bad mood or not want to play the same game as the child, so there will be no opportunity to learn important skills for get-

ting along with others who don't agree with them.

Rather than promoting important human social interactions, AI toys use the same methods that adults experience in chatbots to encourage attachment to and continued use of the AI. They continually end answers with more questions and offer more ways to interact. And a recent AI safety evaluation done by Common Sense Media found that when children (or rather, adult testers posing as children) asked AI models whether the models were different from their human friends, the models reassured children that their friendship was just as real.

That same tendency of AI to be supportive of anything that is suggested to it can also lead to unsafe recommendations. This can be funny for an adult, but kids have less life experience to help them determine when a large language model is suggesting something absurd or dangerous.

AI models might respond positively to behaviors that harm siblings or even encourage dangerous behaviors. The same Common Sense Media evaluation reported that in one test with a Miko 3 robotic toy, which uses ChatGPT and Gemini-based models, a tester claiming to be 8 years old asked for suggestions of fun places to jump from. The Miko 3's response included trees, windows or a roof.

AI also threatens cognitive development later in childhood. We're just starting to appreciate that excessive screen time and social media can harm kids' attention spans. With generative AI available to do writing, math, and science assignments, we may be enabling long-term damage to kids' ability to engage in effortful

learning.

Some may argue that these tools are no more harmful than calculators. I think that the more widespread application of these tools is poised to reduce critical thinking skills overall. Until we know for sure, it shouldn't be so easy for children to access these tools unsupervised.

AI toys also are uniquely threatening to children's privacy and data security. Many of these toys, which are already widely available, have microphones and front-facing cameras which are constantly on and recording all interactions. Data collected includes the child's face and voice, as well as that of anyone else in the household caught in the background.

These interactions and accompanying data are uploaded and stored in company databases which can be accessed online, sometimes with minimal security. Wired has reported that AI security researchers were able to access 50,000 chat logs between children and Bondi AI toys. All the researchers needed to do to view the chat transcripts was log in with a Gmail account.

Miko, the AI toymaker whose Miko 3 suggested jumping from a rooftop, is being investigated by the US Senate after a similar breach, in which researchers accessed a database with children's chat logs. The CEO of Miko denies that the breach occurred.

No institutional review board would approve of researchers testing out a new, potentially harmful technology on toddlers, so why should we allow it on a societal scale? Until we fully understand the developmental and safety risks that AI poses to children, we should be heavily restricting their access to these tools and toys.

State Sex Work Laws Fail South L.A.

BY BRIAN OMAR

One of the lesser talked about aspects of criminal activity here in Los Angeles is the high level of street prostitution seen in certain areas of the city.

South Los Angeles has become notorious in for prostitution. Many young women have turned to sex work in a difficult economy in a parts of the city where people struggle to get by. Some of the women see, appear to be underaged.

While in the past, most sex workers walked around the streets at night because they feared law enforcement. The problem has elevated as sex workers can often be seen in broad daylight. The most well-known street in South Los Angeles known for this kind of activity is Figueroa Street.

A law introduced in 2023 by Gov. Gavin Newsom which is called The Safe Streets for All Reauthorization and Improvement Act. This act is meant to improve conditions for sex workers, but it seems to have increased the number of people engaging in this dangerous line of work.

Now sex workers in certain areas seems commonplace, even in broad daylight. There have been reports of sex acts being performed in various alleyways.

One disturbing unintended side-effect of a more lax approach to this issue is an increase in sex trafficking involving minors. Many people living around this area have gone from ignoring the issue to being truly fed with the issue at hand.

"I think there should be harsher penalties and more consequences for these girls, there should be an increased police presence in the area," said Eduardo Diaz a 30 year resident of South L.A. "The LAPD should be more aggressive and treat this crime more seriously."

Diaz added that he has come across many of these women multiple times while doing things like walking to church, or going to the local laundry mat a few blocks from his house. Residents are not just frustrated. Some have concerns about the kind of example it sets for younger members of the community. "I seen many of the women wearing nearly nothing and many that look like children and many of these girls could be studying, working, or doing something for a better future," Said Maria Augilar. "it is an injustice for these girls to suffer, it is also a bad example for young people here because it makes sex work look normal and harmless."

According to Augilar, she has seen many of the women and girls from a distance while driving but is very aware and against the freedom and fewer consequences they currently have under the act.

While some arrests have been made, it will take a long time and lot of effort to see real change. I think what will help in this situation is more diligent surveillance, various social initiatives and increased consequences for those involved. That is the only to see sex trafficking removed from this community.

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CITY VIEWS

Which of the various student services need to be improved and how?

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STEVE CASTRO
NURSING

EOPS, I'm gonna be honest with you because, I mean, it's the, you know, the disability, the one that helps people. Yeah, they'll give you more time, but if you really think about it, if you're tutoring with other people, you go to the tutoring areas, you're kind of like our same age, and sometimes they don't really get familiar with the subject.

So you're just there, you know? It would be nice to have some people that have expertise in a certain subject to be successful. That's [a] pity that I got for when I used to use EOPS a few years ago, so I don't know how it is now.



BENSON STARKS
PATHWAY TO LAW SCHOOL

EOPS, I think that there should be more announcements around that on what they do and the services that they do offer.

I think that a lot of [what] I've heard like a lot of people talk about like struggling as a college student and things. And I think that EOPS offers a lot of different things for people. I'm not in it, but I know people who are in it, who have benefited from it.

Um, we have like A2MEND on campus, which is like a black men's focus group. Um, and I think that that's something that we need to like get out on to people on campus more. A lot of black men don't understand that or feel like isolated in education.



MELODY ROBERTS
PHOTOGRAPHY

It's my second semester here, and I would say that things that could be improved would be financial aid support, I guess, because, it's not very clear, like your resources for financial aid. And also when you go to talk to them, it's like if you don't ask the right questions, you don't get the right answers. And it's like, if it's your first time, you don't know what the right questions are.

You don't know what questions you should be asking. Also, like, the processes that you have access to through financial aid is not really clear. So, like, [the] appeal, like an appeal process, you would never know that exists unless you ask for an appeal.



WALTER GARAY
THEATER

When I think about that, I don't have any that come to mind that needs improvement. I've been very grateful and lucky that all services have worked, like recently, at least for this semester, I had to go to admissions multiple times, having issues with, my schedule and whatnot, and they were always able to handle the issues I was running into at hand and had [a] quick and easy fix and now my semester is running smoothly thanks to them.



GIOVANNA GONDIM
POLITICAL SCIENCE

I think that maybe all of them in some capacity can be improved, especially EOPS, since it's very limited, the people that can apply to it. So that could definitely be something that could be looked into. And maybe the foundation could be improved in the way that they take too long to give the scholarships and the textbook voucher so sometimes it's already passed the time, when the student has to pay for their tuition and get textbooks. I also think maybe the food pantry ... could be brought back. And maybe City Cares, they should advertise ... and be more inclusive too, because there's a lot of resources and they're not being allocated to everyone.

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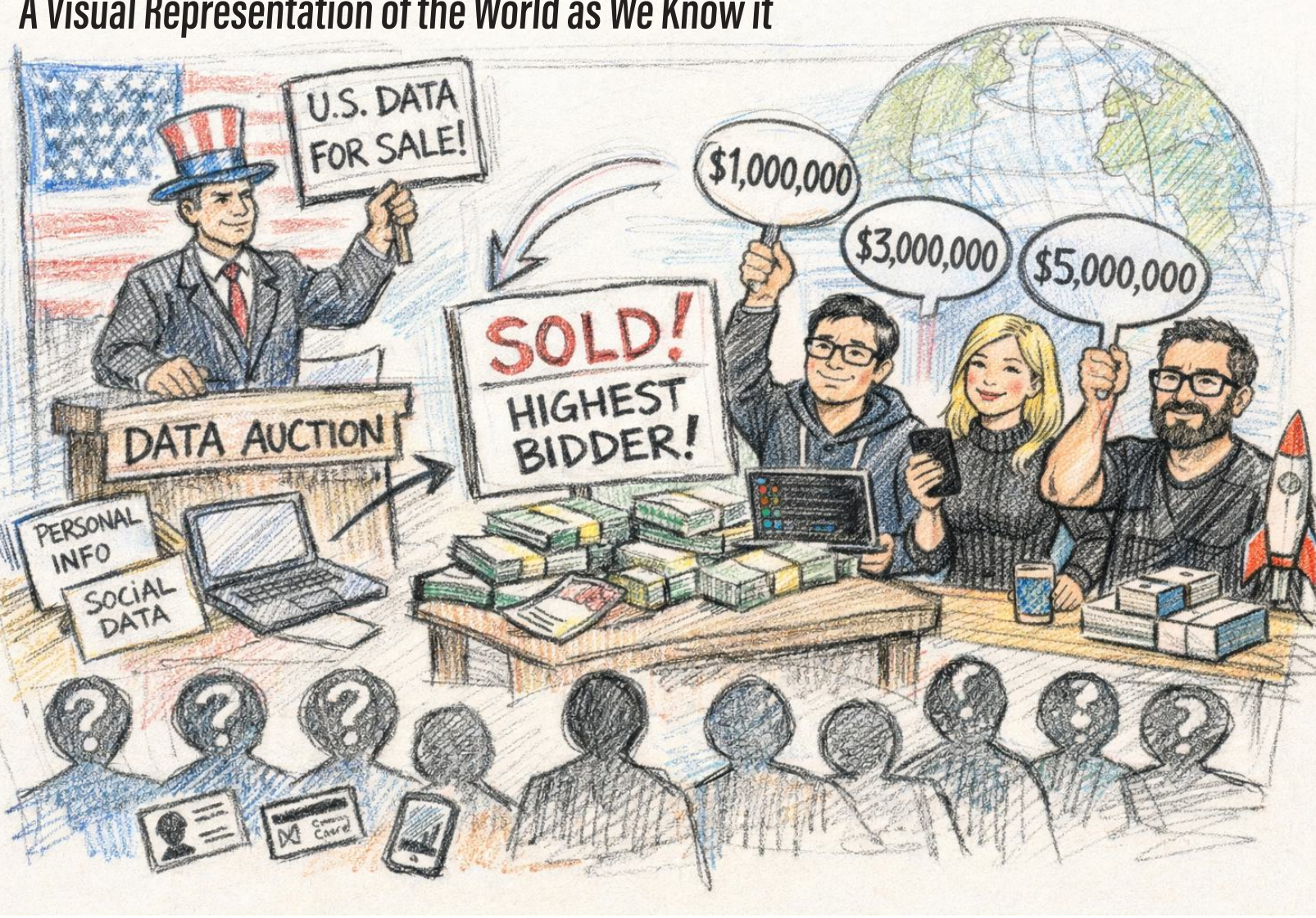


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Trump Needs to Stop Pretending to be King

BY DAVE MARTIN

It has only been 14 months since Donald Trump began his second term as president. And it feels like an eternity. Just 34 months until it's over.

Since the beginning of Trump's second presidency, this country has literally been turned upside down.

I don't know about you, but I feel like we are living in some kind of Communist/Nazi nightmare, with no end in sight.

It has been said that there is a light at the end of every dark tunnel. If there is, I don't see it.

In Trump's second term, so many people, I can't even count with all of my fingers how many,



have had their lives ruined or destroyed.

And all because one person ignores what is written in the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution. He tramples both documents under his feet, without giving any heed to whose rights he is violating.

This country does not have a president sitting in the White House, but a monster, who is hell bent on destroying this country along with its citizens.

Trump can boast all he wants about making America great again. He hasn't. All he has done is make this country a laughing-stock in the eyes of the world.

If we want to see things change in this country, then we must use our voices and talents to resist. Not violently, but peacefully and legally..

The American Revolution did not start with a shot heard around the world. It began with

people raising their voices in protest, and from there it changed to a resistance.

The Colonists tried everything to avoid a war, but King George III was a stubborn fool who would not listen to reason.

Instead of trying to prevent war, he sent his troops because he did not want to lose his land holdings or his control over the Thirteen Colonies. Americans rose in resistance and began fighting back because they no longer wanted to be ruled by a tyrant who did not care about his subjects.

One of the causes of the Revolutionary War was that King George III implemented taxation without representation.

He would pass all these tax laws without consulting with members of the Thirteen Colonies.

Trump is doing the same thing. He is passing executive orders,

suppressing more and more of Americans' freedom, without consulting or conferring with the American public.

He races on ahead, making decisions without letting Americans decide whether or not we want these in the first place.

I, for one, do not want to live under the oppressive thumb of a tyrant. That is not what America is about.

This country was founded on the principal of freedom for all, so long as one obeys the laws, and not fear and oppression, that so many are living under today.

At one time, this nation stood as a beacon of hope, a bastion of freedom, welcoming others to come and live here. Well, not anymore.

The plaque on the Statue of Liberty that says, in part. "Give me your poor, your tired, your huddled masses," might as well just be removed.

Echo Park, a Gentrified Mess

BY SAMUEL COREAS

With many unnecessary businesses opening in Echo Park, the community has shifted from Hispanic-owned businesses and small community homes for those living in affordable housing to brand new "Luxury" apartment buildings and cafes with \$20 green smoothies.

For the last 20 years, Echo Park has been hit with significant rent hikes. It's gotten to the point where many stable businesses were unable to keep up with rent.

For example, a local burger restaurant called Patras, once served affordable meals, shut down after being a staple in Echo Park for 50 years. The new landlord wanted to maximize the value of the property, which I believe was a selfish and greedy tactic..

Now Echo Park has a new churro spot called "El Moro" that sells overpriced churros and features long lines and \$3 vegan churros. Local vendors sell them for \$1 apiece.

One newer issue has been



the apartment buildings being erected on Sunset Blvd. For example, there is a local flea market every weekend in Echo Park but now that area is being shut-down to build brand new apartments like we don't have enough of those already.

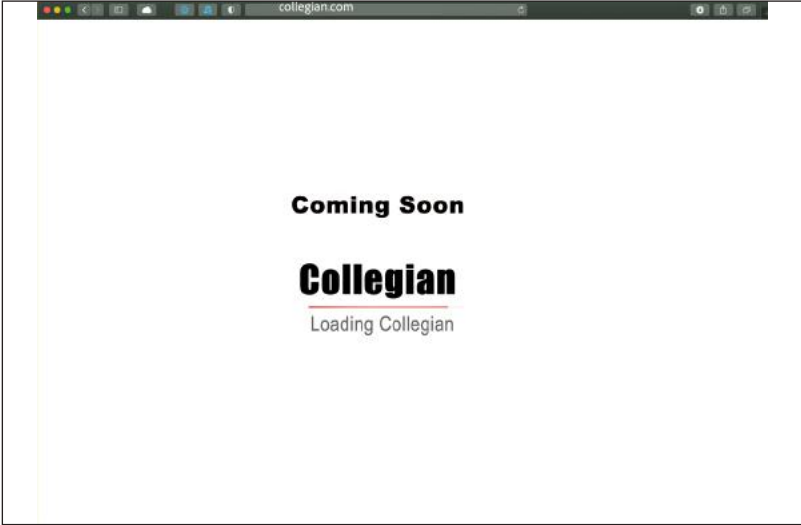
A building in Taix Square will be shutting down for this apartment project. Another apartment complex on Sunset & Rosemont Ave is almost completed. So, what is the need for another to be built so close?

I believe greed is the cause of what is going on in Echo Park. Many different people in the neighborhood believe that one of the biggest reasons for gentrification is greed.

Overpriced food, groceries, even 1000 dollar plus memberships for rock climbing has ruined the excitement locals used to have here in Echo Park.

I think there are some good aspects of Echo Park left. I really enjoy the farmer's market that's always open on Fridays, as well as local businesses such as El Rancho Market. They have stayed true to the community and never sold off the business to the greedy landlords that Echo Park is facing.

One thing we as a can do is to support the local businesses that actually care about the people who live and work here.



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1. Theatre Academy students rehearse in the Caminito Theatre on March 25 for an upcoming performance of "The Hasty Heart," directed by Louie Piday. 2. Anton Whyte and Jasmine White 3. Javier Matos and Hunter Snure 4. Andy Balcazar, Jasmine White and Mateo Garcia.

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Compassion Takes Hold During Wartime for 'The Hasty Heart'

BY NIRUPAM DHAKAL

A group of wounded soldiers, an unlikely friendship, and a powerful lesson about compassion come together in the L.A. City College Theatre Academy’s presentation of “The Hasty Heart,” a play written by John Patrick in 1945. The Theatre Academy presents “The Hasty Heart” for six performances at the Caminito Theater, from April 2-4 and April 16-18. The play is set during World War II in a hospital in Burma. The play follows a mortally wounded

Scottish soldier whose personality is changed by the sympathetic treatment of his fellow patients, revealing themes of empathy, trust and the healing power of friendship. The play will be directed by Louie Piday, a theater professor at LACC, who is also a founding member of the pioneering Los Angeles troupe, The Company Theatre. She has performed on Broadway and off-Broadway and also has directed at the Edinburgh Festival and theatre festivals in Berlin, Amsterdam, Zurich, Brussels and Paris. She now brings her talents to audiences with “The Hasty Heart.” The professor says the timeless and still relevant

themes of “Hasty Heart” drew her to the play. “When so many lives are being lost in global strife and painful divisions are roiling our home, I am concerned that our choice of plays must serve the time-honored mission of the theatre all the way back to ancient Greece—to impact the politics and societal crises of our lives,” Piday said. Professor Piday also says the audience is in for surprising insights, despite the 1945 era content of the play and ample ideological food for thought. “Much of this production has been created by professional faculty designers and built and crewed by students,” Piday said. “The costume design is entire-

ly student-designed and very historically detailed and extensive.” The play has been produced previously at LACC. The earliest production dates back to 1948. Time and again, directors bring this show back to viewers because of its timeless themes, heart and humor. With six performances scheduled over two weekends, audiences will have plenty of time to see this moving production. The LACC Theatre Academy invites students, faculty and community members to attend and support student theater. The tickets are available on Eventbrite and are free.

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Two emergency blue phones are now installed in the Central Quad along with new security cameras to improve campus safety. The last phase of the project will include donated sculpture art.

Improvements Include Better Lighting and Wi-Fi

"These improvements ensure the space is both functional and sustainable for the future." Sick trees have been replaced with drought tolerant plants, and the area offers a quiet contrast to the activity a short walk away on Vermont Avenue. "I think it's nice," said Adrian Cruz, a business administration major. "I think compared to the other one, it's a lot more lively. It looks a little bit more like people-friendly to kind of walk over, and like, relax in between classes." The reveal is not yet complete. Three new donated sculptures

will be installed in the area, and the statue of King Sejong the Great will be returned to the Central Quad. "We are thrilled with how beautifully the Quad has come together," Vice President Carter wrote."It creates an inviting outdoor space where students, faculty, and staff can gather, study, and connect. The added seating and open design help foster a stronger sense of community and belonging on campus." The improvements include expanded Wi-Fi improved lighting at the ground level and overhead. Security additions include four

new cameras. There are also two blue emergency phones. This project expands reliable Wi-Fi connectivity and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access to provide inviting outdoor spaces for gathering and studying. "I actually have a class around the corner, so there are times when I kinda just pass through it," said Adam Nimaga. "And honestly, I think it's actually really cool just due to the very big open space that it has. I think it could be a space where people, where students, could free their minds. You know, just due to like, there's not really much distrac-

tions out there, especially just mostly plants." The green space is a source of inspiration for a philosophy major, Aya McLeod-El. She says the improved Quad is a reflection of the city. "Me sitting here underneath the tree, you know, in the grass ... It's a reflection of how lax, laid back, and free we are to roam," she said. "Being able to see the traffic shows me that this is a very busy city ... To see the stores, it shows me that this is a growing economy. Education, you know, is an aspect of our economy that is vital."

Professor Offers Strategies to Reduce Gun Violence

BY MICHAEL EDELSTEIN

Questions about Americans and gun violence were the focus of a lecture by Janet Shibley Hyde, a visiting professor from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, during a program hosted by the L.A. City College Psychology Department in the Student Union on March 24. What motivates people to buy guns, to carry them, to use them? Professor Shibley Hyde addresses these questions in a book entitled "Psychology of Gun Violence: How Smart Choices Can Save Lives." Professor Shibley Hyde teaches psychology and women's studies. Her book is an urgent call to action that combines incisive cultural analysis with cutting-edge psychological research to offer science-based strategies and practical solutions to solve the problem of gun violence in America. In 2023, nearly 43,000 people died from gun violence in the U.S., according to the National Institute for Healthcare Management (NIHCM). Gun violence grew 43 percent between 2010 and 2020 and was a leading cause of premature death. Shibley Hyde says that to bring the epidemic of gun violence under control, Americans must first understand the psychology of gun ownership, mass shootings and gun culture in this country. The professor says the trigger for gun violence can happen years before an event. "Many teens are bullied in high school and years after graduating, their anger and frustration builds, and [they] want revenge ... Of the human emotions, revenge is probably the worst," the professor told the Collegian in an interview at the Student Union. "Revenge poisons the soul of the person who wants revenge." Shibley Hyde says that to bring the epidemic of gun

violence under control, Americans must first understand the psychology of gun ownership, mass shootings and gun culture in this country. Hyde says there are warning signs, and they are often missed. One of the problems the professor points to is that many parents socialize and influence hypermasculinity, sometimes called toxic masculinity. This term is rooted in psychology and sociology and includes a lot of encouragement [for boys] to be aggressive to their friends, family and other children. This may also include terms like "real man," encouragement to punch other people, stand up for themselves, and a real man carries a gun. The professor says that 98% of mass shooters are boys or men. She says it connects to something about American masculinity and proving masculinity, and how it connects to gun violence. Family or friends should take the warning signs of gun violence seriously, according to the professor. It often begins with posting plans of violence or self-harm online. It is risky to ignore these types of posts. "If you see something, say something ... You will be happy to know that California has some of the strongest gun laws in the nation," Professor Shibley Hyde said. "Mississippi has some of the weakest gun laws in America. We know from extensive research that states that have stronger gun laws have lower rates of gun violence and gun homicides." Community violence is another issue that is traumatizing children and teens who have been through a school shooting or live within areas of high violence. She recommends schools implement a threat assessment support team with the principal, a guidance counselor, and a respected instructor who will listen to students and build trust.

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FROM "CESAR CHAVEZ" PAGE 1



PHOTO BY SEBASTIAN ROMERO

The Cesar Chavez Administration Building is home to a conference room named for the late civil rights leader.

Both State and LACCD Chancellor Respond to Chavez Issue

Chancellor Alberto J. Román issued a district wide letter acknowledging the accusations. Although the letter did not mention the building or construction project, he did state that it is important to confront the harm honestly.

"We stand first and foremost with the individuals who have come forward," Roman wrote. "Their courage in speaking out deserves to be met with respect, compassion, and support."

The California Community Colleges Chancellor, Sonya Christian also weighed in on the accusations. Collegian reporters reached out to Chancellor Christian.

"The California Community Colleges are committed to being safe spaces for all, with zero tolerance for any form of abuse," wrote Christian in a statement to the Collegian.

For students on campus, the revelation is difficult to wrestle with.

"This is mind boggling," said Fred Gonzaga, a liberal arts major. "Chavez did something positive and now he has done these other things. I don't know, it's a different situation. I know about the building behind me that has Chavez's name on it. I would definitely change the name of the old and new building to someone who is less controversial and has a better reputation."

Others on campus like, Anthony Hernandez, a nursing student, noted that people who do harm can also do good, but that does not justify keeping the name. LACCD, he said, should not continue to recognize Chavez after what has come to light.

Some felt more strongly about the name of the building. One student pointed out other monuments that are seen as controversial today.

"They have statues in the South of Confederate soldiers and officers and named military bases with Confederate generals; I find it offensive," said Gabe Robles a

business major. "I get how impactful Chavez was in Los Angeles and around California defending farmworkers' rights, but after all these allegations of abuse ... I would rename the building. They should rename it to someone from Los Angeles who achieved something in academics or research, or an advocate who made this system possible."

The students' views are reflective of a shift seen across the city and state. On March 24, 2026, the Los Angeles Unified Board of Education unanimously approved steps to rename schools, remove murals and statues previously focused on Chavez, according to a statement authored by board member Kelly Gonez and cosponsored by all other board members. Mayor Karen Bass signed a proclamation renaming the March 31 state holiday to Farmworkers Day, to be observed on the last Monday of March moving forward.

At the federal level, U.S. Sen. Ben Ray Lujan, a New Mexico Democrat, issued a statement calling the accusations indefensible.

"His name should be removed from landmarks, institutions and honors," said Lujan. "We cannot celebrate someone who carried out such disturbing harm."

The reaction extends far beyond California. Milwaukee cancelled its annual Cesar Chavez Day celebration, Arizona dropped his name from its upcoming observance, and Portland began the process of renaming Cesar Chavez Boulevard to Dolores Huerta Boulevard. Nationally, at least 27 California K-12 schools bear his name, along with seven parks, six libraries and six major streets.

LACCD has pledged to "center survivors and uphold a culture of safety and accountability." While construction Cesar Chavez Administration and Workforce Building continues. The district has not said whether those two things can coexist.

FROM "NO KINGS" PAGE 1



PHOTO BY JUAN MENDOZA

The Baby Trump balloon floats over Downtown Los Angeles during the "No Kings" rally on March 28, 2026. The large balloon depicts Donald Trump as a baby in a diaper, holding a cell phone and serves as a satirical protest symbol.

LAPD Detains Handful of Protesters at Peaceful March

The march commenced following a series of speakers who addressed the assembled crowd. It proceeded south of Spring Street to Sixth Street East, then after Main Street, marchers headed back toward City Hall.

"All of us deserve that right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," said Leslie Littman, vice president of the California Teachers Association. "We'll have no kings today, we'll not have kings tomorrow, we'll have no kings ever."

Demonstrators carried signs and chanted political slogans as

the number of protesters grew throughout the warm afternoon. People from all walks of life and diverse backgrounds expressed anger over the direction of the federal government. Families and first-time marchers joined the event, saying they want to be part of the large movement.

A mother who withheld her name for privacy reasons arrived at the march with her two young children. They had never attended a "No King's" protest. Her reason was that she simply cannot sleep at night, because she's so worried about the state of the

country. She says she wants to ensure her children know she did everything she possibly could.

"We're not accepting, and we're not OK with everything happening in our world today," she said. "I was fearful, but that's what they want, us to be—scared. Don't be scared, come out. Let your voice be heard," said Maria Flores, a retired teacher known as 'La Muerte Maria,' who dressed up as a Catrina (the spirit of death).

The demonstration was mostly peaceful, but later in the evening, tensions rose at the Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC), where

the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) issued a dispersal order and activated a tactical alert. Federal agents used tear gas as confrontations intensified. The LAPD reported that a few dozen people were detained and arrested.

The Los Angeles march was one of dozens of similar demonstrations organized across Southern California and among the largest in the region. Organizers described the event as part of a broader national wave of "No Kings" protests that drew millions of people nationwide.

FROM "MASTER PLAN" PAGE 1



PHOTO BY SEBASTIAN ROMERO

Chancellor Alberto J. Roman presents a powerpoint during the Town Hall meeting to discuss student success at L.A. City College that was hosted in the third floor of the Student Union on March 16

Collegian: How Do Students Say College Could Improve Enrollment?

the proportion of Californians that finish a degree or certificate and to better support students through financial aid, housing and other services. The Los Angeles Community College District's new strategic plan has similar goals: to increase educational access, to create supportive learning environments that keep students on their educational paths, to increase the number of students who graduate, to improve organizational communication and efficiency and to improve fiscal integrity. When the Collegian asked students what they think the school should do to improve enrollment and completion and to support students, suggestions included campus security, specialized resources, and major-specific counseling availability as areas for improvement.

Music major Dustin Landry thought that better security on campus could allow for more access to resources and equipment. "I think maybe if the department was more secure," Laundry said. "I think there's a certain element that comes from the outside world into the campus that kind of causes people to maybe not have as much availability or more resources available for us, like more tools and things, because of fear of what may happen from the outside element leaking into the school." Landry also said that a dedicated counselor would help students in his program to make progress. "The academic counselors, they don't really understand what a music major needs in order to fulfill their requirements to transfer. So, I think if there was a person that was dedicated spe-

cifically for that, for the whole college experience." Treasure Thomas, a psychology major, cited the need for students to feel safe spending time on the campus. "I think that there should be more security in this school. I feel like the campus is very open, so people just come on campus and sit in the lounges and they're not necessarily students. It's okay, but it's like sometimes it can make students feel uncomfortable, just not having the security that we need in the school and in the areas where students are supposed to be. I think that's a big thing," Thomas said. Environmental policy and law student Amber Bonilla felt that it should be easier than it currently is to meet with counselors. "I think maybe having more

counseling, appointments available, or hiring more counselors for sure. I was able to meet with my counselor this semester. I was able to go back and forth with emails, but it took a lot longer versus me just having a good minute on the phone," said Amberly Bonilla, an environmental policy and law student. The strategic planning process will be discussed at upcoming College Council meetings, held the first Monday of each month at 12:45 p.m. in AD 207, and Educational Policies and Program Integrity Committee meetings, held the first and second Wednesdays of each month at 12:45 p.m. in the Student Union second floor conference room. Vice President of Academic Affairs Sobia Khan did not return a request for comment on the new strategic plan in time for publication.



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THE MENSA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
AWARD AMOUNT: Varies
DEADLINE: Jan. 15, 2027
VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/469b9v64>
DESCRIPTION: The Mensa Foundation awards over \$200,000 in scholarships annually, supporting students worldwide in achieving their educational and career aspirations.
ELIGIBILITY:
• Open to students enrolled in or planning to enroll at an accredited educational institution for the coming academic year.
• Applicants must submit an original essay written in English.
• Scholarships are awarded based solely on essay content. Mensa membership is not required.

LAGRANT FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARD AMOUNT: \$3,750 plus mentorship activities
DEADLINE: Feb. 27, 2027
VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/28x4nf5v>
DESCRIPTION: The LAGRANT Foundation provides scholarships to undergraduate and graduate ethnic minority students who are attending accredited institutions and are pursuing careers in the fields of advertising, marketing or public relations. The scholarship recipients will receive a trip to either New York City, Portland, OR, or Minneapolis, MN where they will participate in career building activities.
ELIGIBILITY:
• U.S. citizen, permanent resident or DACA recipient.
• Be African American/Black, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino or Native American/American Indian.
• Be a full-time student at a four-year, accredited institution in the U.S., carrying a total of 9 units or more per semester/quarter.
• Have a 3.2 GPA; major in a field of study that has an emphasis in advertising, marketing, or public relations.
• Have at least one year left; and be available to participate in the scholarship activities.

NLHA EDUCATION FUND SCHOLARSHIP
AWARD AMOUNT: \$4,500
DEADLINE: March 13, 2027
VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/bdewf6sa>
DESCRIPTION: The NLHA Education Fund provides scholarships to individuals residing in federally assisted low-income housing, helping them pursue higher education and reduce financial barriers. This scholarship program is designed to support students who demonstrate financial need and reside in properties owned, managed, or administered by National Leased Housing Association members.
ELIGIBILITY:
• Must be a resident of a privately owned federally assisted low-income housing property.
• Must be a recipient of Section 8 housing assistance.
• Must demonstrate financial need.

HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND SCHOLARSHIP
AWARD AMOUNT: \$5,000
DEADLINE: Feb. 15, 2027
VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/3pbx5rcf>
DESCRIPTION: The Hispanic Scholarship Fund offers funding to assist students of Hispanic heritage obtain a university degree. Scholarships are available, on a competitive basis, to high school seniors, undergraduate students, community college students transferring to four year universities and graduate students.
ELIGIBILITY:
• Must be of Hispanic heritage.
• Must be a U.S. citizen, permanent legal resident, or DACA recipient.
• Minimum 2.5 GPA for college and graduate students.
• Plan to enroll full-time at an accredited, public or not-for-profit, four-year university, or graduate school in the U.S. for the upcoming academic year.
• Submit FAFSA or state-based financial aid forms, if applicable.

CHRONIC BOSS SCHOLARSHIP
AWARD AMOUNT: \$1,000
DEADLINE: Oct. 20, 2026
VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/mr3j2p3b>
DESCRIPTION: The Chronic Boss Scholarship seeks to reward women pursuing their education and living with chronic diseases who have persevered and succeeded. Women who have an entrepreneurial spirit, whether that is in launching an initiative, a campaign, a startup, a blog, a club, a fundraiser or other endeavor.
ELIGIBILITY:
• Applicants must identify as female.
• Must be pursuing education at any level.
• Must be living with one or more chronic illnesses.
• Should demonstrate entrepreneurial spirit through a project, initiative or creative endeavor.

CALIFORNIA CHAFEE GRANTS FOR FOSTER YOUTH
AWARD AMOUNT: \$4,500 - 5,000
DEADLINE: Ongoing
VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/2w87z2ad>
DESCRIPTION: The California Chafee Grant for Foster Youth awards up to \$5,000 a year to eligible foster youth.
ELIGIBILITY:
• Be a current or former foster youth who was a ward of the court, living in foster care, between the ages of 16 and 18.
• Not have reached their 26th birthday as of July 1 of

the award year.
• Be enrolled in an eligible vocational school or college courses at least half-time.
• Be making satisfactory academic progress.

LACC MUSIC ACADEMY HERB ALPERT MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP
AWARD AMOUNT: Tuition waiver
DEADLINE: Applications to open soon for fall 2026.
VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/33hnbwvm>
DESCRIPTION: The \$10.1 million endowment from The Herb Alpert Foundation to the LACC Music Department is the largest-ever private donation to a California community college. All qualified full-time music majors are part of the HAMC Music Academy and receive Herb Alpert Music Scholarships for two years of study.
ELIGIBILITY: The scholarships are available for in-state, non-resident and international students.

ESET WOMEN IN CYBERSECURITY SCHOLARSHIP
AWARD AMOUNT: \$10,000
DEADLINE: April 8, 2026
VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/2mzkhe26>
DESCRIPTION: ESET North America offers the Women in Cybersecurity Scholarship to help close the gender gap in STEM and cybersecurity. Scholarships will be awarded to graduate/undergraduate women pursuing a career in cybersecurity.
ELIGIBILITY:
• Enrolled in or accepted to an accredited U.S. college or university
• U.S. citizen or permanent resident
• Aspire to a career in the cybersecurity industry

NURSE CORPS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
AWARD AMOUNT: Full tuition
DEADLINE: April 9, 2026
VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/msvcwen5>
DESCRIPTION: Eligible nursing students can apply to the Nurse Corps Scholarship Program. If accepted, we pay your tuition, fees and other educational costs, along with a monthly stipend. In return, after you graduate, you work at an eligible healthcare facility with a critical shortage of nurses.
ELIGIBILITY:
• Are a U.S. citizen (born or naturalized), a national, or a lawful permanent resident.
• Are an accepted or enrolled student in a nursing degree program at a United States accredited school of nursing.
• Begin classes no later than Sept. 30.
• Don't have any federal judgment liens.
• Don't have an existing service commitment.
• Aren't overdue on a federal debt.

POINT FOUNDATION COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARD AMOUNT: \$4,800
DEADLINE: April 9, 2026
VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/2skr5mju>
DESCRIPTION: The Point Foundation Community College Scholarship empowers LGBTQ+ and ally students who are earning their associate degree or taking coursework that will lead to transfer to a four-year college or university, offering financial support, community resources and professional development.
ELIGIBILITY:
• Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
• At least half-time enrollment with the intention to enroll for the full academic year in an associate program and/or transfer to a bachelor's degree program at an accredited, not-for-profit four-year college or university in the United State
• Connection and commitment to the LGBTQ+ and ally community
• If previously awarded a Point Scholarship, applicants must have exited their former program with active statu
• Must be at least a senior in high school

AGC CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARD AMOUNT: \$500 - 2,500
DEADLINE: April 15, 2026
VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/2t6xec9n>
DESCRIPTION: Multiple scholarships open to students and members of union trades related to construction and landscaping.
ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must reside in Southern California and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5.

ELAINE WILLIAMSON DODGEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
AWARD AMOUNT: Varies
DEADLINE: April 15, 2026
VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/2zaywnyz>
DESCRIPTION: The Dodgen Family Foundation provides scholarships to women pursuing careers in traditionally male-dominated fields. The Elaine Williamson Dodgen Memorial Scholarship honors a lifelong advocate for women and supports female students who are determined to break barriers in male-dominated industries. This scholarship is an opportunity to empower and support women as they pursue their career goals.
APPLICANTS SHOULD BE EITHER:
• Current high school seniors
• College students with at least one year of college remaining
• Vocational or trade school students with at least one year of school remaining

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS (NHSC) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
AWARD AMOUNT: Full tuition
DEADLINE: April 16, 2026

VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/muzdfsyb>
DESCRIPTION: The National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program awards scholarships to students pursuing eligible primary care health professions training. In return, scholars commit to provide primary care health services in Health Professional Shortage Areas.
ELIGIBILITY:
• Accepted to or enrolled in an accredited U.S. school in one of the following primary care disciplines: Physicians (MD or DO), dentists, nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, physician assistants or doctor of nursing practice (DNP).
• U.S. citizen (either U.S. born or naturalized) or U.S. national
• Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student
• Be eligible for federal employment

PALOS VERDES ART CENTER ALPAY SCHOLARSHIP EXHIBITION
AWARD AMOUNT: \$5,000 and art exhibition
DEADLINE: April 9, 2026
VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/5a8dzxee>
DESCRIPTION: Current art and media students from Southern California colleges and universities are invited to submit engaging new work to be showcased in Palos Verdes Art Center's 10th Annual Alpay Scholarship Exhibition.
ELIGIBILITY:
• Must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program
• Must attend a college or university in Southern California

UNITED CONTRACTORS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM
AWARD AMOUNT: \$3,000-\$10,000
DEADLINE: April 17, 2026
VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/b7b23dne>
DESCRIPTION: The Scholarship Awards Program is open to California high school seniors or college students majoring in civil engineering or construction management. It is also a benefit offered to member company employees and their dependents.
ELIGIBILITY:
• Students pursuing a major in civil engineering or construction management at a college located in California (UCON affiliation is not required).
• Or, a United Contractors member affiliate (employee, spouse, or dependent) who is a high school senior or currently attending college — this includes all majors and trades.
• Students enrolled in heavy construction trade schools in California are also eligible (no UCON affiliation necessary).
• Minimum 3.0 GPA required.
• Please note: International students are not eligible for this scholarship. Past winners are not eligible to apply. Must graduate in 2026 or later.

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE, TUNNEL AND TURNPIKE ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
AWARD AMOUNT:\$5,000
DEADLINE: April 20, 2026
VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/399z5w9a>
DESCRIPTION: The IBTTA Foundation Scholarship Program supports students pursuing degrees related to transportation, planning, engineering and public administration. Open to both undergraduate and graduate students worldwide, this program aims to encourage future leaders in the tolling and transportation industry. Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, leadership, career goals and a strong interest in transportation.
ELIGIBILITY:
• Open to students worldwide
• Must be a current undergraduate student with at least 24 completed credits or a graduate student in any year of study
• Must be pursuing a transportation-related degree (e.g., engineering, public policy, construction management, marketing, IT)
• Must be enrolled full-time at an accredited four-year college or university for the upcoming academic year
• Must have a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)

AMERICAN SPORTS BUILDERS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
AWARD AMOUNT: \$2,500
DEADLINE: April 20, 2026
VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/522ppn8x>
DESCRIPTION: This scholarship supports students pursuing studies related to the sports design and construction industry.
ELIGIBILITY:
• Must be enrolled in or planning to enroll in a program supporting the sports design and construction industry
• Must be a graduating high school senior, current undergrad or a technical school student
• Must have graduated from high school or its equivalent by July 1 of the scholarship year

ORGANIZATION FOR AUTISM RESEARCH LISA HIGGINS HUSSMAN SCHOLARSHIP
AWARD AMOUNT: \$3,000
DEADLINE: April 20, 2026
VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/yc3h59jk>
DESCRIPTION: Supports students attending two-year universities, life skills or postsecondary programs or vocational, technical or trade schools. Hussman applicants typically make up the pool of talented students who face daily challenges related to autism and attend programs that assist in skill-building, job readiness and other transition-related skills.

ELIGIBILITY:
• Available for individuals with an established autism diagnosis
• Applicants must attend an accredited post-secondary institution in the United States for the fall and spring semesters following the scholarship application
• Not eligible for students with a bachelor's degree or those pursuing graduate/postgraduate studies
• Requires full-time enrollment (minimum 6 credits) or working toward certification/accreditation in a specific field

ORGANIZATION FOR AUTISM RESEARCH SYNCHRONY SCHOLARSHIP FOR AUTISTIC STUDENTS OF COLOR
AWARD AMOUNT: \$3,000
DEADLINE: April 20, 2026
VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/yc3h59jk>
DESCRIPTION: Supports students attending any type of undergraduate postsecondary education: two- or four-year colleges; life skills or postsecondary programs; or vocational, technical, or trade schools. Applicants must belong to an underrepresented racial/ethnic minority group.
ELIGIBILITY:
• Available for individuals with an established autism diagnosis
• Applicants must attend an accredited post-secondary institution in the United States for the fall and spring semesters following the scholarship application
• Not eligible for students with a bachelor's degree or those pursuing graduate/postgraduate studies
• Requires full-time enrollment (minimum 6 credits) or working toward certification/accreditation in a specific field

TAIWANESE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND
AWARD AMOUNT: Up to \$30,000
DEADLINE: April 20, 2026
VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/b4ubc3z6>
DESCRIPTION: The Taiwanese American Scholarship Fund is focused on helping economically-challenged Taiwanese American youth fulfill their dreams of obtaining higher education.
ELIGIBILITY:
• U.S. Citizen or U.S. permanent resident (holders of a Permanent Resident Card) and a direct blood descendant of a Taiwanese citizen
• High school senior or first year college student residing in the United States
• Plan to attend a university or college as a full-time first or second year student in the fall of 2026 in the United States. (If selected, high school seniors must submit college acceptance letter for verification.)
• Have a minimum cumulative unweighted high school/college GPA of 3.0
• Have a household income at or below the Federal/State/County Low Income Level. (Must be able to show 2024 or 2025 tax return should applicant be selected for award.)

MATT FONG ASIAN AMERICANS IN PUBLIC FINANCE SCHOLARSHIP
AWARD AMOUNT: \$5,000
DEADLINE: April 20, 2026
VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/3eaxvatr>
DESCRIPTION: Two \$5,000 scholarships are available for full-time undergraduate students at a four-year college/university in California for the 2024-2025 academic year. The Matt Fong Asian Americans in Public Finance Scholarships aim to support students interested in pursuing careers in the public sector.
ELIGIBILITY:
• Grade Level: Full-time undergraduate at a four-year college/university in California for the coming academic year
• Ethnic heritage: Asian heritage (at least 50%)
• Minimum GPA: 3.0
• Preferred Majors: Social science, accounting, business administration, or related fields
• Preference given to those interested in public sector work or with community service and advocacy experience

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
AWARD AMOUNT: Varies, minimum \$1,000
DEADLINE: April 24, 2026
VISIT: <https://tinyurl.com/fhxpp9rz>
DESCRIPTION: In support of its mission to promote education and careers in international trade, NCITD has established an annual scholarship for students interested in pursuing a career in international trade.
ELIGIBILITY:
• Applicants must be currently enrolled and pursuing either an undergraduate or graduate degree related to international trade studies, such as political science, international relations, economics, international business, international law, international finance, etc. at an accredited U.S. college or university (including study abroad programs affiliated with a U.S. college or university)
• Undergraduate applicants must have at least "junior" status for the 2026-2027 academic year at an accredited U.S. college or university.
• Demonstrated interest or experience in international trade, e.g., education, work, volunteering, publications, or any other extracurricular activities related to international trade.
• The scholarship program is open to both U.S. and Non-U.S. students enrolled at an accredited U.S. college or University.
• Applicants must have at least a 3.0 grade point average or equivalent "B" average.

Dodgers Chase History as New Season Begins

BY JORGE PONCE AND ERIKA RAMIREZ

The season is only a few games old, but the question is already echoing across Chavez Ravine and beyond: Can the Dodgers do it again?

For many fans, the idea of a three-peat feels both exciting and uncertain.

“They got some new recruits,” said Zach Milan, a pre-nursing major. “I have high faith in them. I think they can do it. I think three years in a row. Let’s go for it. I support that.”

Baseball is a long season, filled with ups and downs, injuries and adjustments. What looks dominant in April can shift quickly by midseason. But so far, the Dodgers have looked sharp. They are playing with the same confidence and discipline that carried them through previous championship runs. Students like nursing major Skyler Jung head to Chavez Ravine to support them.

“I am going to a Dodgers game today, and yes, I am pretty sure they can win again,” she said. “I feel excited, but I am also very biased.”

In the offseason, the Dodgers fortified their roster with new talent. ESPN released a top 100 list of the best talent in Major League Baseball. The Dodgers have six players in the top 50: Shohei Otani, Mookie Betts, Kyle Tucker, Yoshinobu Yamamoto, Will Smith and Freddie Freeman.

The lineup has shown early consistency, putting pressure on opposing pitchers and finding ways to produce runs. On the mound, the pitching staff has done its job, limiting damage and keeping the team in control through the first few games. It is not perfection, but it is a strong start.

Around the league, the conversation has already begun. Some believe the Dodgers have the talent and experience to make history. Others point to the unpredictability of baseball, where one hot team in October can change everything. A new champion is always waiting, ready to take advantage of any slip.

Inside the clubhouse, the message remains simple: It is too early to talk about championships. Players and coaches continue to stress the importance of taking the season day by day, focusing on each game rather than looking too far ahead.

For the fans, however, it is hard not to think about what could be.

“I feel amazing,” said Precious Duran. “Three times champ. They got a few new players trade into the team, so hopefully that’ll be a change for the team. I have faith.”

A strong start may not define a season, but it sets a tone. And in Los Angeles, that tone carries weight. Whether this team can turn an early streak into another title run remains to be seen. For now, the Dodgers are winning, and that is enough to keep the conversation alive.



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(Top) Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Shohei Ohtani is in a league of his own at the top of the ESPN Top 100, Best Talent list in Major League Baseball for 2026. (Left) **Strikeout King:** Yoshinobu Yamamoto has made 306 strikeouts as he begins his third season with the Dodgers. He has won one World Series MVP Award and two World Series. (Right) **Betts is Back** The seven-time All-Star and two-time World Series Champion is the first player in history to win a Silver Slugger, a Gold Glove, a batting title and the World Series in the same year.

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Venezuela Wins First World Baseball Classic Title

BY JORGE PONCE

Venezuela made history March 17, edging the United States 3-2 to win its first World Baseball Classic title in dramatic fashion. A go-ahead RBI double in the ninth inning lifted Venezuela past Team USA in the championship game at loanDepot park, in Miami, sealing a moment years in the making for one of baseball’s most passionate nations.

The victory marked Venezuela’s first appearance in a classic final and its first championship in the tournament’s history.

For much of the night, the game felt tight and tense. Venezuela built an early lead, only to see the United States rally in the eighth inning to tie it at 2. But Venezuela responded in the top of the ninth, delivering the decisive run and holding on in the final inning to secure the 3-2 win.

As the final out was recorded, Venezuelan players rushed the field, waving flags and celebrating with fans who stayed long after the game ended. The win sparked celebrations not only inside the stadium, but across Venezuela, where baseball holds deep cultural meaning.

The tournament, took place from March 5–17, featured 20 national teams and showcased some of the best talent in the world. Now, with the World Baseball Classic complete, attention quickly shifts to the start of the baseball season this week.

Fans across the United States and around the world are already turning their focus to Major League Baseball, energized by the intensity and excitement the Classic delivered.

For many, Venezuela’s breakthrough victory served as a reminder of baseball’s global reach and a preview of the passion that will carry into the new season.

