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# Los Angeles Community College District Creates Alex Godoy Scholarship Fund In Memory of San Bernardino Terrorist Attack Victim

The scholarship was created to fund the education of the son of Aurora Godoy who received her degree from Los Angeles Harbor College.

Los Angeles, CA — April 5, 2017, the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) received its first major donation to the Alex Godoy Scholarship Fund. Philanthropist Vicky Chang contributed the first \$10,000 for the Alex Godoy Scholarship Fund at Los Angeles Harbor College today. The scholarship fund was created in remembrance of Alex Godoy's mother, Aurora, who lost her life during the San Bernardino terrorist attack on December 2, 2015. Aurora Godoy was a student at Los Angeles Harbor College, and was just 26 years old.

LACCD Board President Scott J. Svonkin gave warm remarks and presented his own contribution at the occasion, "The scholarship fund was created at the suggestion of LACCD's Board of Trustees in May of 2016, where Dr. Otto Lee, President of Los Angeles Harbor College presented James Godoy with his late wife's Associate Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences. Aurora was just two classes shy of earning her degree at Harbor College when she tragically lost her life."

"This scholarship fund will go far to help support Alex and provide him with a better future, and I thank Vicky Chang for making the first major donation," said President Scott J. Svonkin, "I challenge our community members to join us in contributing."

"The Board of Trustees hopes that this scholarship fund will serve as a reminder to the Godoy family that the community will always be there for them," said LACCD Board First Vice President Sydney K. Kamlager, "I am happy that the scholarship fund will give Alex the opportunity to pursue his own educational goals, just as his mother did."

The scholarship is a part of the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges. The foundation helps support the Los Angeles College Promise Fund to help deserving students with the cost of attending any of the nine community colleges that comprise LACCD.

President Scott J. Svonkin recognized Vicky Chang was for her philanthropic contributions to the Alex Godoy Fund as well as her gifts to assist nursing students at all nine LACCD colleges. Over 100 members from the community attended the event and members from the LACCD and Harbor College that attended included:

- Scott J. Svonkin, President
- Sydney K. Kamlager, First Vice President
- Mike Fong, Second Vice President
- Mike Eng

- Andra Hoffman
- Ernest H. Moreno
- Nancy Pearlman
- Alexa Victoriano Student Trustee



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## **About Alex Godoy Scholarship Fund**

The Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges created a college scholarship fund for Alex Godoy's education. Alex Godoy's mother Aurora was one of 14 victims who lost their lives in the San Bernardino terrorist attack on December 2, 2015. James Godoy lost his wife and sweetheart of more than 12 years and was left to care for 22 month old Alex. Aurora was just 26 years old. A loving and devoted mother, Aurora was the youngest victim of the mass shooting that shook the nation.

## **About LACCD**

The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) is the largest community college district in the country, spanning 36 cities in Los Angeles County and serving nearly 250,000 students per year at its nine colleges. Drawing 80 percent of its enrollment from historically underserved populations, LACCD offers affordable and accredited higher education that empowers students to transfer to four-year institutions, earn associate's degrees, and obtain training and job skills that open doors to lifelong opportunities.