The Power of the Promise
The Los Angeles College Promise (LACP) serves first-time college students through a comprehensive strategy designed to support students to complete a higher education degree and/or a workforce certificate.

**Important aspects of the LACP are**
- Waived tuition for the first year of college
- Priority enrollment
- Dedicated support team providing a wide array of academic and student support services

The goal is to help students “start right” on their way to “ending right” with a degree, university transfer or workforce certificate in a timely and efficient manner.

The Los Angeles College Promise benefits Los Angeles, our region, and California by:

- Increasing the number and rate of college-bound high school seniors
- Stimulating the economy by responding to the workforce readiness gap in California
- Helping students achieve their dreams
Core Components
Early outreach & engagement for Los Angeles County students
- College info days
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completed in high school
- Priority registration
- Holistic assessment for strength-based placement
- Pre-enrollment in support services

First-year experience
- Summer transition (extended orientation)
- Free tuition (no enrollment fees) for 1st year
- 12 to 15 units per semester
- Structured schedule including required English and math
- Ongoing success coaching, advising, and mentoring

As compared to Fall 2016
- Full-time enrollments from LAUSD first-time college students are up 56% across the nine Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) colleges
- Overall enrollment for recent LAUSD graduates is up 24%, while statewide trends show decreases in enrollment due to downward trends in the population of high school seniors
- More students applied for financial aid because it was a requirement for participating in the L.A. College Promise
- All LACP students receive additional “wrap around” services such as tutoring, mentoring and counseling

Students by Ethnicity
- Asian, 2.0%
- Black, 3.5%
- Filipino, 2.0%
- Hispanic, 87.8%
- White, 3.6%

Student Data
- 4,731 currently identified as LACP students (additional 375 are CA Promise)
- 75% of 2017 LACP students persisted to Fall (50% persisted full-time)
- Approximately 25% of 2018 LACP students are not eligible for the state fee waiver (College Promise Grant – formerly BOG)
- Approximately 88% of 2018 LACP students identify as Hispanic
Full-time enrollment
Research shows that full-time enrollment is a key factor in postsecondary student success. California faces an estimated shortage of one million college-educated workers who are needed to sustain the state’s workforce.

The Power of the Promise
The L.A. College Promise is already demonstrating powerful results with the inaugural students enrolled in the program who are now attending classes at LACCD’s nine community colleges.

Los Angeles College Promise Initial Success
2017–2018 cohort

- 212 additional students completed College English and Math, which is a 71% increase
- 727 additional students completed at least 30 units in the fall, which is a 33% increase
- 428 additional students persisted to the next Fall semester, which is a 16.4% increase

The comparison group is first-time, full-time students in 2016 from LAUSD schools.

For more information, please visit

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