



# LOS ANGELES SOUTHWEST COLLEGE

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## ATHLETIC FIELD HOUSE & STADIUM Fact Sheet

**OVERVIEW:** Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC) opened in 1967. LASC is currently undergoing a massive transformation funded by the **LACCD Bond Construction Program**. Through Propositions A (2001) and AA (2003), the District allocated **\$205** million to LASC for a major campus expansion that includes a Student Services Education Center, Child Development Center and Education Complex, student quad, amphitheater and (set to open in early 2009) a Student Services Activity Center. LASC's transformation is making a positive impact on the local economy by increasing the demand for skilled workers in the community and throughout Los Angeles County. It currently serves more than 7,000 students.

**FIELD HOUSE:** A two-story, 18,160-square-foot, design-build Athletic Field House and Stadium opening on November 15, 2008 during LASC's homecoming celebration. It will mark the first time the LASC football team has truly played a "home" game at its home campus. The Field House includes offices for coaches, men's and women's locker rooms, a weight room, meeting rooms and shower facilities.

**STADIUM:** The Stadium is comprised of approx. 95,950-square-feet of field turf accommodating regulation football and soccer field configurations; a competitive, eight-lane running track; a long jump track and sand pit; two concession stands; and a Press Box. The Stadium has 4,000 seats, including a wheelchair access section and spectacular views of the field. The President's Press Box offers prime viewing and also includes rooms equipped for the media, catering and opposing teams. A full-color, Cougar head illustration is prominently centered on the athletic field to instill LASC's "Cougar Pride."

**'GREEN'** The Field House is targeting the prestigious LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for New Construction by employing several green building strategies such as: Low-emitting

materials (paints, carpets, adhesives, etc.), indoor air quality performance and natural day-lighting, and controllability of systems (lighting and thermal), Storm water management, water use reduction and storage and collection of recyclables. The location of the building also qualifies it for numerous LEED – Sustainable Sites credits.

**TURF:** Approximately 95,950 square feet of Fieldturf “Prestige” Turf system, equipped with a cooling and drainage system, has been installed to accommodate both a regulation football field as well as a regulation soccer field configuration. The synthetic grass fibers are treated with a UV coating, which has been shown in laboratory testing to provide twice the resistance to ultraviolet rays as that of other fibers. The fiber is more resistant to foot traffic, yet remains silky and non-abrasive. In addition, the Fieldturf eliminates the use of harmful pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides and fungicides, while at the same time removes thousands of tires from landfill sites. It requires no mowing, fertilizers, or reseeding, or watering. Its impact absorptions comes from the technique used to infill the turf: sand and recycled rubber granules. **Fieldturf’s** reused rubber content and water use reduction, among other factors, can contribute numerous points towards **U.S. Green Building Council LEED** certification.

**ATHLETIC PROGRAMS:** LASC has intercollegiate athletics and competitive team sports for football and men’s and women's basketball. Coach Henry Washington is Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. The Athletic Department is housed in the Thomas G. Lakin Physical Education Center, a 70,000-square-foot sports complex with a state-of-the-art, three-court basketball gym seating 3,000 fans. The Lakin Center also has an Olympic-size outdoor pool, physical therapy pool, racquetball courts, a fitness center and a dance studio. LASC – home to the Cougars – also boasts the Dennis Gilbert Baseball Field and fields for soccer and women’s softball.

**FOOTBALL AT LASC :** The first LASC football team debuted in 1970. Coach Henry Washington joined LASC as Head Football Coach in 1982, from Los Angeles Jordan. Currently, the football team numbers 61 student-athletes. Football alumni include New England Patriots offensive lineman Oliver Ross, a 10-year NFL veteran originally drafted by the Dallas Cowboys; Mark Fields, whose nine-year NFL career began as a first-round draft pick to the New Orleans Saints; and the late Chris Mims, an All-American and first-round draft pick who played for the San Diego Chargers and Washington Redskins.

**TRACK AND FIELD FACILITIES** The competitive running track is an eight-lane, synthetic surfaced track constructed with the latest **Mondo Super X Performance** Technology consisting of a firm rubber surface for speed, with a compressible bottom layer for comfort to meet all **NCAA** and other competitive requirements.

The high-content, natural rubber in the surface is shock absorbent, allowing the surface to recover almost immediately after indentation from point landing. This design provides the most consistent and safe training surface while maintaining competition caliber performances. It also provides maximum elasticity and unparalleled durability.