

Bond Program Biweekly Report

ending June 19, 2026

Valley-Side Colleges

Concrete Poured in Place at the Industrial Technology Building



On June 10, 2026, approximately **450 cubic yards of concrete** were poured in the core and east wing of the 51,000-square-foot Industrial Technology Building. Beginning at 5:30am, concrete trucks queued on site to support a continuous, back-to-back pour sequence, allowing for efficient placement within the formwork and immediate leveling of the slab surface. The concrete was then left to cure overnight.

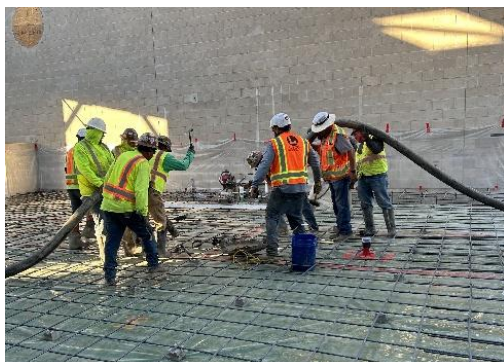
Over the course of 12 hours, a crew of approximately 26 men and women labored to place and finish the concrete slab-on-grade. In the East Wing, the slab thickness averaged 8 inches, with few areas only requiring a reduced thickness of 4 inches, based on design requirements. To maintain the project schedule, the team, led by general

contractor, **Icon West**, successfully executed a higher-than-average volume of concrete pour in one 24-hour period.

All work has been performed in compliance with the approved construction documents and safety protocols.

Designed by **PBWS Architects**, the project is 35% completed and anticipated to open for classes in the fall of 2027.

The project is funded by Measures CC and LA and State Capital Overlay funds. **SafeworkCM** is the College Leadership Project Team, led by the College Project Director **Soufiane Boudiaf**, Design Manager **Pavan Bhatia**, Project Managers **Juan J. Santana** and **James Neville**, Project Engineer **Sana Imran**, Relocation Project Manager **Kelly McCann-Miller**, and Regional Program Manager **Dora Lorente**.



City-side Colleges

2026 LATTC Graduate Kicks Off Career as Carpenter



Jose Morales, third from left

As a child, **Jose Morales** often shadowed his uncle and stepfather around the house, helping with small home improvement projects. He became fascinated by how simple tools and skilled hands could be used to build, repair, and create things. Those early experiences sparked a passion that would shape his future.

When it came time to consider college, Mr. Morales knew exactly what path he wanted to pursue – construction and the skilled trades!

Earlier this month, Mr. Morales earned his **Certificate of Achievement in Carpentry** from

Los Angeles Trade Tech College, bringing him one step closer to his academic goal! And he was hired by **Swinerton** and joined the **Western States Carpenters, Local 91** as a **First Period Apprentice**. Over the next months, Mr. Morales will be gaining hands on experience working on the **Nursing, Allied Health, & Public Service Building Project** at **East Los Angeles College**.

“The Local Worker Hire Program has impacted me in a positive way,” said Mr. Morales. “It provides a career path for students and people who may not know what to do next.”

Opportunities like this are possible through LACCD's **Project Labor Agreement**. For Bond-funded projects, the Local Worker Hire Program Coordinator, **Isabel Guillen**, works closely with construction contractors to ensure 35% of their workforce reside in LACCD's service area. The program also facilitates job placement in the trades for those interested in entering the industry. **Since 2014, over 230 young people have launched their construction careers through BuildLACCD!**



Program-wide

BuildLACCD's Internship Program Sweeps Three Awards at the LARC Employer Recognition Event



The Internship Program at BuildLACCD was celebrated at the second annual **LARC Strong Workforce Job Placement and Employment Success Initiative Employer Recognition Brunch** on June 18, 2026. Hosted by the Los Angeles Regional Consortium (LARC), a collection of 19 community colleges committed to accessible and affordable workforce training programs, the event recognizes organizations that consistently recruit community college students and provide meaningful career development opportunities for them.

BuildLACCD's impact across multiple colleges was in the spotlight at the event. As co-host and LATTC Dean of Pathway Innovation & Project Director, Dr. Marcia Wilson noted, "You know you're special when multiple colleges nominate you for awards." **BuildLACCD's Internship Program, managed by Mareta Zuniga, won three awards:**

- The **Emerging Employer Partner** award was endorsed by Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) for outstanding collaboration.
- Los Angeles Harbor College (LAHC) awarded an **Employment Pathway Connector** award to acknowledge BuildLACCD's relationship-building, demonstrated by holding weekly office hours on LAHC's campus.
- LAVC also nominated BuildLACCD for an **Employment Pathway Connector** award for its robust recruitment of students from technology disciplines.

BuildLACCD's awards were accepted in the School of Culinary Arts at Los Angeles Trade Tech College (LATTC) by Associate Vice Chancellor of Facilities, Planning and Sustainability **Peggy Quijada de Franke** and **Mareta Zuniga**.



Facilities Master Planning & Oversight Committee Re-cap – June 17, 2026

LASC Student Union "Cougar Den" Name Change



The proposed name change of the **Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC) Student Union** to the “**Cougar Den**,” presented by **President Dr. Anthony Culpepper**, highlights a focused effort to strengthen campus identity and student engagement. The Student Union is a new 31,000-square-foot, two-story facility designed as a central hub for student life, offering spaces for study, dining, social interaction, and essential student services, **with occupancy anticipated in Summer 2026.**

The primary reason for the renaming is to **reinforce the college’s branding by incorporating the Cougar mascot**, fostering a stronger sense of school pride and belonging. Planned features such as exterior Cougar imagery and a commemorative engraved pathway further enhance the building’s role as a recognizable campus landmark and community focal point.

The proposal emphasizes that the name change will result in no financial or schedule impact, aside from updating the building dedication plaque, and aligns with Board Policy 6620 governing

facility naming. **The committee approved the name change**, recommending it as a way to unify institutional branding and elevate one of the campus's most visible student-centered spaces.

LAMC Bio Science Laboratory Schematic Design



The **LAMC Bio-Science Laboratory Schematic Design**, presented by **President Dr. Armida Ornelas and BuildLACCD Project Director Karl Aldridge**, outlines a new facility to support Los Angeles Mission College's **Biomanufacturing Baccalaureate program**. The proposed **8,800-square-foot, one-story laboratory** is designed to replicate a real-world research environment, featuring specialized equipment such as biosafety fume hoods, air purifiers, and biowaste management systems. At the center of the building is a flexible **"Nucleus"** space that can function as both a teaching lab and collaborative student study area, emphasizing adaptability and hands-on learning.

The facility is strategically located on the **LAMC East Campus** and designed to integrate with surrounding buildings while enhancing campus access and infrastructure. Architectural features

such as a welcoming “Gateway” canopy and open exterior connections aim to create a modern, student-centered learning environment.

Sustainability is a key component of the project, with a goal of achieving **LEED Gold certification**. The building will incorporate energy-efficient systems, solar panels generating a significant portion of energy needs, and environmentally conscious materials. The total **construction budget is \$15.6 million**, with completion projected for **2029**.

The committee **approved the schematic design**, advancing the project as a critical investment in workforce-aligned education and expanding LAMC’s capacity to train students in advanced bioscience and biomanufacturing fields.

Recent Student Housing Engagement

Summary of Town Hall at LACC

“Choosing between housing or school is a false choice. Housing instability is by design, from redlining to moving resources out of communities. Our education shouldn’t be compromised because basic resources are hidden or gated.” -STAFF



The **Recent Student Housing Engagement** update, presented by **LACCD Vice Chancellor/Chief Facilities Executive Dr. Leigh T. Sata** and **Ann Volz, President of the Volz Company**, provided an overview of student and stakeholder input shaping the District’s housing strategy. The presentation highlighted feedback from town halls and engagement sessions emphasizing that student housing must go beyond providing beds to include **essential**

resources, support services, and community-building features. Students and staff consistently identified needs such as Wi-Fi, food access, mental health services, tutoring, and study spaces as critical components of successful housing.

A strong emphasis was placed on **equity and inclusion**, with stakeholders advocating for housing that serves diverse student populations, including low-income students, parenting students, foster youth, veterans, and those experiencing housing insecurity. Affordability emerged as a central concern, with recommendations for **income-aligned pricing, transparent costs, and expanded funding sources** such as scholarships, grants, and partnerships.