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Los Angeles Southwest College signs memorandum of understanding with Charles Drew University Joint educational program will include collaboration in areas of mutual interest

Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC) has entered into an agreement with Charles R. Drew University (CDU) of Medicine and Science to establish a joint educational program that will include collaboration in areas of mutual interest.

A memorandum of understanding was signed Thursday, July 13, 2017 by Los Angeles Community College District Chancellor Dr. Francisco Rodriguez, LASC's Interim President Dr. Denise Noldon, LASC's Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Lawrence Bradford as well as Dr. Steve O. Michael, CDU's Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and Dr. David Carlisle, CDU's President and Chief Executive Officer. The ceremony took place in CDU's Life Sciences Research and Nursing Education Building.

The agreement establishes:

- A pathway program for LASC students to complete their undergraduate education at CDU in health professions of interest;
- Harmonization of CDU's first two-year undergraduate curriculum with the LASC two-year associate degree curriculum to ensure a seamless transfer of credits between the schools;
- A framework for student exchange and collaboration among CDU and LASC faculty and staff;
- Information exchange for developments in teaching, student success, faculty advancement, institutional management, and research activities;
- Joint academic programs such as certificate, short courses, and seminars of interest to both institutions;
- Exploration and promotion of other intellectual and academic activities and ventures of mutual interest to the two institutions; and
- Leveraging the talents and resources of both institutions in transforming the economic, cultural and social environment of Los Angeles, California, and the nation.

“We want to make sure there is a complete pathway or pipeline for students,” Carlisle said. “This relationship with LASC is especially meaningful because LASC is the community college that is closest to us.”

To achieve these goals, CDU and LASC will promote institutional exchanges of faculty and staff to participate in teaching and/or research activities and professional development at the other institution; encourage and sponsor student participation in research and student extra-curricular activities; and organize and participate in symposia and conferences of interest to faculty and staff at both institutions.

“We are celebrating our 50th anniversary at LASC and it means a lot to us that this historic occasion will be one of the things that will be a hallmark of this year,” Noldon said. “This will be truly beneficial to our students.”

CDU is a private, nonprofit, nonsectarian, minority-serving medical and health science institution in the Watts-Willowbrook area of South Los Angeles.

About Los Angeles Southwest College

Founded in 1967, Los Angeles Southwest College serves more than 8,000 students with associate degree programs in 34 disciplines, occupational certificates in 47 disciplines, community services and ESL/citizenship classes. Coupled with a strong focus on student success, the campus has undergone a massive expansion and technological upgrade that will make it a model for community college education in the 21st Century. Los Angeles Southwest College is part of the Los Angeles Community College District. For more information, visit www.lasc.edu.