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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Los Angeles Southwest College professor receives prestigious NAACP honor**

Lance Robert recognized for leadership in youth development with 100 Black Men of Long Beach

Los Angeles Southwest College Professor Lance A. Robert has been named the President's Award recipient of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's (NAACP) Long Beach Branch for his leadership in youth development in the city.

Robert serves as a mentor in the 100 Black Men of Long Beach community organization, a monthly academic and life-skills program for males from eight to 18 years old. 100 Black Men of Long Beach looks to challenge young males to take control of their destiny by making healthy choices and working to succeed academically. Program leaders, such as Robert, provide young males with the tools that they need to become productive and community minded citizens through education, health and wellness, as well as economic opportunities.

"This is urgent and important work that I feel I have to do," Robert says. "I have a need and a desire to do it because I can see where it really helps."

A former high school teacher, Robert started working at Los Angeles Southwest College as an adjunct faculty member in 2010. He became a full-time faculty member in 2015.

Robert will be presented with the honor at the 2016 Long Beach Branch NAACP 37<sup>th</sup> Founders Gala Awards on Friday, December 2, at The Hilton Long Beach.

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#### **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 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Los Angeles Southwest College is part of the Los Angeles Community College District. For more information, visit [www.lasc.edu](http://www.lasc.edu).