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Los Angeles Southwest College, Local District South to Offer Dual Enrollment Pathways to College Agreement to be commemorated April 28 at signing ceremony on LASC campus

To increase awareness of pathways to higher education while increasing college preparedness and reducing costs, Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC) has entered into a dual enrollment agreement with Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), Local District South.

“We are so pleased to partner with LAUSD in this effort to create early college opportunities for middle and high school students,” said Dr. Denise Noldon, Interim President at LASC. “We are hopeful this effort will advance college preparation and increase college-going in the LD South area.”

The agreement between LASC, which is part of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), and LD South will be commemorated Friday, April 28, at 8 a.m. in the Little Theater at LASC. The day’s festivities will culminate with a ceremonial signing including Noldon, Dr. Francisco C. Rodriguez, LACCD Chancellor; Michelle King, LAUSD Superintendent; Dr. Richard Vladovic, LAUSD Board Member-District 7; Dr. George J. McKenna III, LAUSD Board Member-District 1; and Christopher Downing, Local District South Superintendent.

Students participating in this ambitious union between selected LAUSD Local District South secondary schools and LASC could potentially earn as many as 27 college credits while still attending LAUSD. Starting in spring 2018, interested 8th grade students from Bethune, Curtiss, Drew, Edison, Gompers, Markham, and Peary middle schools may select from the following courses: college preparatory English and mathematics, counseling, and health. Commencing in fall 2017, students from the Diego Rivera Complex, Dymally, Fremont, Jordan, and King/Drew Medical Science Magnet high schools will begin dual enrollment at LASC. Interested students may choose from courses in child development, communications, computer science, counseling, English, foreign language (American Sign Language, French, or Spanish), health, history, and mathematics.

“By partnering with Los Angeles Southwest College to offer Local District South students a broad array of classes prior to graduation, we not only prepare them for further college coursework, we help reduce the overall cost of their education,” Downing said. “Cost should not limit opportunity, and assuring our young people the opportunity to participate in this trailblazing agreement is critically important to us.”

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.