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#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Office of Outreach Recruitment program helps area high school students reach higher education goals**

The Los Angeles Southwest College Office of Outreach Recruitment has rolled out its “South L.A. Commitment” program at area high schools to show the college’s dedication to making sure that any student who attends LASC will have the necessary tools to continue their education at a four-year college or university.

High school seniors receive guaranteed enrollment at LASC if they go through the proper matriculation steps and then, as long as they complete the appropriate units, will have the opportunity to acquire a certificate or two-year degree at LASC or transfer to a four-year school. The South L.A. Commitment aims to make sure that students are prepared for all these next steps in higher education, says Johnel Barron, Los Angeles Southwest College Outreach and Recruitment coordinator.

“Our commitment is to get every student into college who wants to go college,” Barron says. “As the vehicle to higher education in South L.A., Los Angeles Southwest College and its dedicated team at LASC wants to drive everyone toward their goals and dreams.”

Barron and his team are showing their commitment to local students by conducting on-site enrollment, orientation and assessment sessions at high schools in South Los Angeles. LASC counselors are also visiting the schools to meet and provide students with education plans to ensure that they have an educational roadmap to success. The South L.A. Commitment is being implemented at LASC’s local feeder schools. The high schools include Locke, Crenshaw, Fremont, Jordan, Washington Preparatory, Dorsey as well as many others.

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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).