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Los Angeles Southwest College celebrates 48th Commencement

Hundreds of students take part in ceremony themed "Remember the Time"

Los Angeles Southwest College celebrated its 48th Commencement ceremony on May 28 as hundreds of students walked the graduation stage at the college's football stadium.

LASC, part of the Los Angeles Community College District, has 152 graduates who received Associate of Arts degrees in the Fall 2014 Semester and 314 candidates for graduation from the Spring 2015 Semester.

The theme of the ceremony was "Remember the Time," which was meant as a reflection of students' time at LASC, specifically when they first started their venture toward a college degree and transfer. Valedictorian Nnenna Ekejiuba of Inglewood touched on the theme during her speech at Commencement.

"We have proved to be individuals that used our time wisely. We did not betray the trust placed in us by the founders of this college," Ekejiuba said.

"This graduating class includes responsible leaders, critical thinkers, and empowered human beings who have promised to keep the dreams of our founders alive."

Ekejiuba graduated in December 2014 with an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts: Natural Sciences and a 3.809 grade point average. While at LASC, she took a full slate of classes, worked more than 40 hours a week, and raised her two children. She is currently enrolled at Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles.

"Our hard work has been rewarded, and our community is once again enriched with individuals who have the potential and capacity to contribute to its well-being," Ekejiuba said at Commencement.

Salutatorian Honvo Kayode of Gardena graduated in December 2014 with an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts: Administration of Justice and a 3.772 grade point average. He is currently enrolled at Cal State Dominguez Hills in Carson.

“Los Angeles Southwest College has provided me with an ideal learning experience,” Kayode said prior to Commencement. “With wonderful staff, good instructors and friendly students, one cannot expect anything but the best from LASC.”

Dr. Lanette Jimerson, the program director for the Multicultural Urban Secondary English Credential and Master’s Program at the University of California, Berkeley, was guest speaker at Commencement.

The Commencement ceremony was the first at LASC for college President Dr. Linda Rose.

For more information on Commencement, visit <http://www.lasc.edu/commencement2015.html>.

For profiles on several LASC graduates, visit <http://www.lasc.edu/CommencementProfiles.html>.

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.