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#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Los Angeles Southwest College to present "LASC Veterans Resource Center Speaks"**

Exhibition consisting of ceramics and mixed media will run April 27-May 4<sup>th</sup> in LASC's Art Gallery

Los Angeles Southwest College's Art Gallery is pleased to present "**LASC Veterans Resource Center Speaks,**" a group exhibition inspired by the work of art therapist Melissa Walker and her work "Healing Soldiers" with the National Intrepid Center of Excellence.

Walker's work with veterans involves creating masks with images that symbolize personal themes of death, pain, and patriotism. LASC's veterans were inspired to create their own masks and collaged elements to create a thought-provoking exhibition addressing their personal voice and experiences. LASC students and veterans featured in the exhibition include Nyja Clayter, Michael Crutchfield, Roberto Heard, Keilon Strong, Vickeisha Sterling, Vaughn Williams and Donald Wilson.

The exhibition also aligns with the center's mission statement: *The mission of the LASC Veteran Resource Center is to advocate, educate and empower veterans, service members, and military families. The VRC's objective is to support the veteran student to navigate the transition from military life to campus culture and academic success.*

The Art Gallery is on the second floor of the Cox Building and is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday or by appointment. An opening reception will be from 4-6 p.m. April 27.

For more information on the Healing Soldiers, visit [www.nationalgeographic.com/healing-soldiers](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/healing-soldiers).

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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).