



*West*  **Foundation**  
Los Angeles College

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA**

November 7, 2023

# PROGRAM

## WELCOME REMARKS

Sal Gonzales Chairman, Gala Committee

## BOARD PRESIDENT REMARKS

Caroline Kelly

## COLLEGE PRESIDENT REMARKS

Dr. James M. Limbaugh

## DINNER SERVED

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT REMARKS

Susan Mendoza (Dental Hygiene)

# PROGRAM

## AWARDS PRESENTATION

### ALUMNI ROLE MODEL

Aracely Aguiar '80 | Interim President, Pierce College

### NON-PROFIT EXCELLENCE

Los Angeles Regional Food Bank

### EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Vered Mirmovitch, Ph.D. | Associate Professor of Biological Sciences

### CORPORATE PARTNER AWARD

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### CLOSING REMARKS

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# AWARDS



## ARACELY AGUIAR '80 | Alumni Role Model

Aracely (Ara) Aguiar is the Interim President at Los Angeles Pierce College. President Aguiar began her career as a Dental Hygiene adjunct faculty at West LA College, culminating in her role as Vice President of Academic Affairs. While at WLAC President Aguiar supported the development of several programs including Certified Nurse Assistant, Pharmacy Technology, Medical Assisting, Dental Assisting, and the first Registered Dental Hygienist and Alternative Practice in the state of California. President Aguiar was instrumental in developing and implementing the baccalaureate program in Dental Hygiene.

Since 1990, President Aguiar has had an appointment as lecturer at the UCLA School of Dentistry. In 1996, she served as the Marketing Director of the UCLA Periodontics Information Center and developed distance learning continuing education courses for the UCLA School of Dentistry. She is also a Foundation Board Member for Hollywood Cinema Production Resources (Hollywood CPR) and served as an Executive Board Member of YMCA, Culver City.

President Aguiar earned an Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene from West Los Angeles College (WLAC), Bachelor of Science in Public Health at the University of California, Los Angeles and a Master's in Business Administration from Pepperdine University.



# AWARDS

## LA REGIONAL FOOD BANK | Nonprofit Excellence Award

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The Food Bank is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and since its founding in 1973, the Food Bank has been a crucial source of support for families and individuals struggling with food insecurity.

# AWARDS



## VERED MIRMOVITCH, Ph.D. | Educator of the Year

Dr. Vered Mirmovitch is a Professor of Biological and Environmental Sciences at West Los Angeles College. Her prior teaching experience includes teaching at California State University, Los Angeles, University of California, Riverside, and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Dr. Mirmovitch's research focused on the social behavior of animals in varied conditions. Her early research explored the effect of food distribution on the social organization of feral cats in an urban environment, while her later experimental work included a large-scale food manipulation to evaluate effects on California ground squirrel social interactions, dispersal, and home range configuration.

Dr. Mirmovitch is committed to finding ways to support students through the development of hands-on experiences, leadership skills, and exposure to new opportunities. Towards this goal, she has been a member of the Student Success Committee since joining the Science Division at WLAC, and served as the committee chair in the last four years.

# AWARDS

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Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D.,  
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DR. VERED MIRMOVITCH  
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# CREATING LEGACY

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**Diane Goldenring**

# Congratulations to Tonight's Honorees!

And to the West Los  
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We are proud to support our  
students who will be  
tomorrow's leaders.

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*Cara & Erik Moreno*





**Sterling C. Franklin, Trustee of the  
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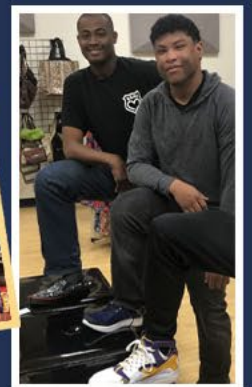


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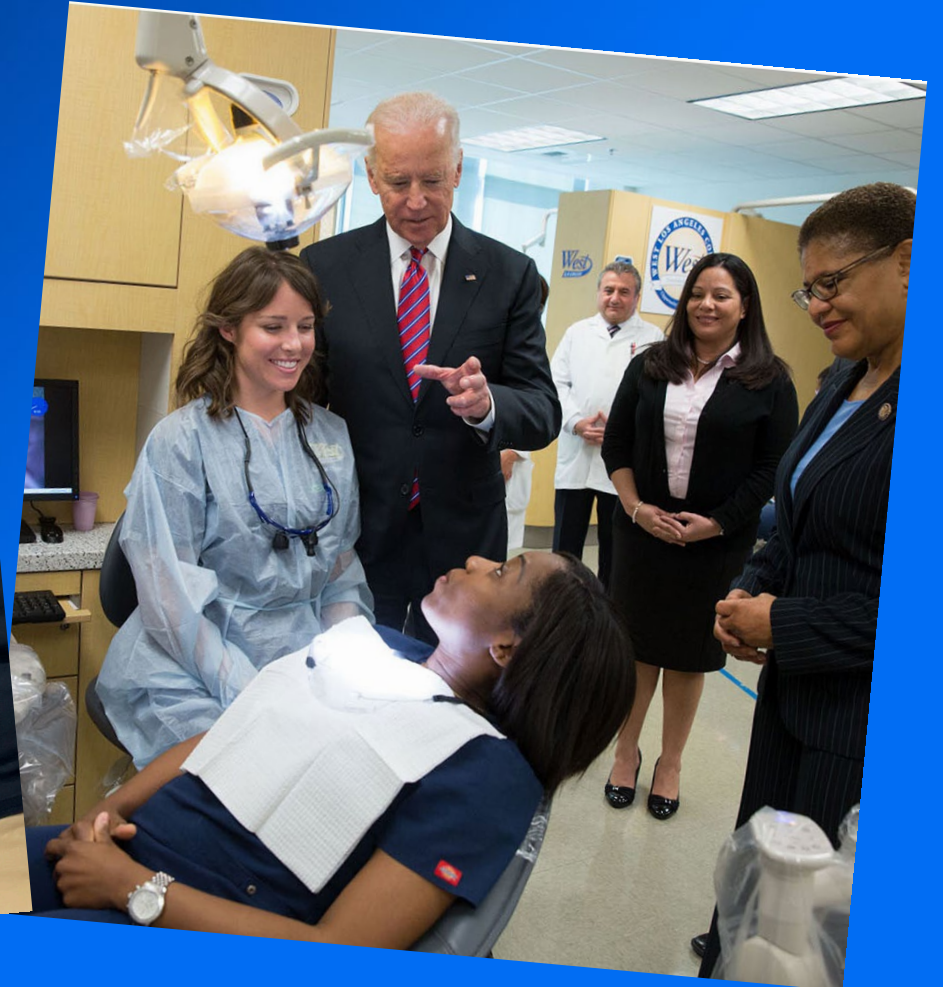


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**Foundation** Celebrating **50** Years!

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**GO WEST. GO FAR.**