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ACT Program Recognized by Campaign for College Opportunity

The West Los Angeles College ACT (Accelerated College Transfer) Program, under the direction of Patricia Siever, was recognized by Campaign for College Opportunity as outstanding in a press conference held in Sacramento on Wednesday, October 24. The organization considered submissions from 120 programs around the state. Fifteen were selected to be highlighted. Only two were from Los Angeles, the WLAC ACT program and a mentoring program run by the University of Southern California. Long Beach and Pasadena City College had programs recognized as well.



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ACT started at West just a few years ago and has experienced great success. In fact, it has become a model for other Los Angeles Community College District campuses. Classes are geared toward the needs of busy working adults and run in eight-week sessions year-round. Motivated students can complete the courses needed to transfer to state universities in less than two years. Additionally, a more cohort experience for students contributes to their retention and advancement.

Former student Noah Kauffman said, ***"I have been working full time while attending and can honestly say that without the ACT program providing the classes I need in the evening eight-week format, I do not know how I would be able to transfer."*** Kaufman recently transferred to UC Davis.

West Los Angeles College, a community college located just east of Sepulveda and Jefferson, has been providing excellent university transfer and career training programs to the community for nearly 40 years. For more information on "West," visit www.wlaac.edu. The ACT program can be found at <http://www.wlaac.edu/act/act1.htm>

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