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LMU and West LA College Sign Guaranteed Admissions Pact for Business Pathway Students



At the December Board of Trustees meeting for the Los Angeles Community College District, West Los Angeles College and Loyola Marymount University signed an agreement that will enable West students to receive guaranteed admission to LMU's College of Business Administration after meeting specific requirements.

"West students will feel at home at nearby LMU, both share a small campus feel with

scenic surroundings and a supportive, warm environment for learning. This partnership provides outstanding opportunities for our students to fulfill our motto of 'Go West. Go Far.'" said WLAC President James M. Limbaugh.

"LMU is proud of its commitments with West and other Los Angeles-area community colleges, which serve talented students from diverse backgrounds who bring new perspectives to LMU," said Executive Vice President and Provost Thomas Poon. "We look forward to welcoming the first cohort of LMU-WLAC Business Scholars as LMU Lions."

The LMU-WLAC program is one of several partnerships WLAC has with public and private universities. These programs make the universities even more accessible, explained Michelle Long-Coffee, WLAC Public Relations Director.

"Already students could save thousands of dollars by starting their bachelor's at West. But now with our Promise programs that make tuition free for first-time freshmen, the savings is even greater. Plus, many of our students qualify for fee waivers in their second year, textbook vouchers and other financial support for living expenses," said Long-Coffee. "Additionally, by starting the bachelor's degree at West, students typically experience more interaction with teachers and support services which allows them to build their confidence and understand how college works before transferring to universities as juniors."

LMU-WLAC Business Scholars will receive personalized counseling support and also have access to LMU facilities and activities, including career expos, workshops and coaches, athletics events and more. Students are eligible if they complete requirements for an Associate in Science for Transfer

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degree from West: maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA; earn certain course minimum grades; and maintain full-time enrollment status of 12 units or more per fall/spring semester. More information can be found www.WLAC.edu/Transfer-Programs .

About Loyola Marymount University

Loyola Marymount University, the University of Silicon Beach®, is ranked in the top 15 percent of higher education institutions nationally by The Wall Street Journal. Founded in 1911, LMU is a Catholic, Jesuit, and Marymount university with more than 6,100 undergraduate students and more than 3,000 graduate and law students. LMU offers 61 undergraduate majors and 55 minor programs, along with 49 master's degree programs, three doctorate programs and 13 credential/authorization programs. LMU's intercollegiate athletics teams compete in the West Coast Conference with 21 Division I and varsity sports.

LMU news and events are found at: www.lmu.edu/news.

About West Los Angeles College

West Los Angeles College, founded in 1969, is an ACCJC accredited California community college offering nearly 100 associate degree and career certificate programs. Full-time, part-time, online, evening and weekend paths to completion are available. West is one of only 15 community colleges in the state authorized to offer a Bachelor's degree in a subject. The campus, located in Culver City, has panoramic views of the Westside and is just minutes from LMU.

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