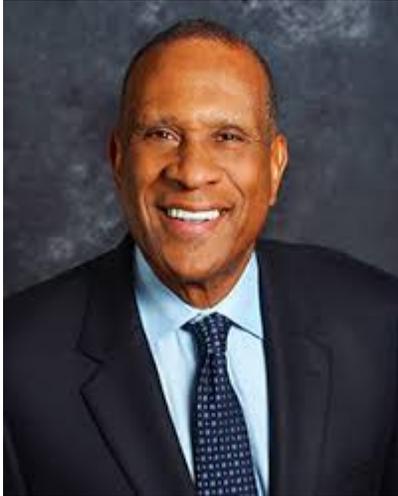




Welcome to our inaugural newsletter! We want to keep you updated on our initiatives as we serve our diverse and talented student body.

## **Message from LATTC Foundation Board Chair, David Crippens**

The Los Angeles Trade Technical College Foundation supports the educational programs of the college, helping to empower the school to attract and retain students and support those students so they may complete their Associate degrees and certificate programs.



Many Trade-Tech students face economic and life challenges more severe than any previous generation. Foundation support for students must help them *persevere* in their studies, so that financial emergencies, entry fees for student competitions in their chosen fields, and the cost of tools and supplies to enter their field, need not derail their success. That is why our scholarship are so vital to our student body, particularly our Tools for the Trade program.

When LATTC students are successful, they become essential members of the workforce who help to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles. When the LATTC Foundation is successful, we have not only helped meet student financial needs - we also serve as a catalyst for transformation in Los Angeles. The Foundation is an indispensable part of the “community” of this unique community college.

We appreciate the support of our current partners and look to expand our base so that we can reach our goals and contribute to overall student success.

I'd like to thank our board members, who work tirelessly to serve the students at LATTC.

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## President, LA Trade-Tech College Laurence "Larry" B. Frank

Thank you for your support of the Los Angeles Trade-Technical College Foundation. The work of our college is so often critical to the lives of our students. More than half come from households that live below the federal poverty line. Nearly two-thirds of our students are from the first generation in their extended family to attend college. More than 75% of our students carry jobs in addition to pursuing an education. Over 2500 are themselves post-incarceration, over 1000 are former foster youth, over 700 are veterans. That is why the work of our Foundation in supporting student success is so vital to the future of our college and the families and communities we serve.



Our foundation offers support that changes lives and provides the funds to give these deserving students tools and scholarships.

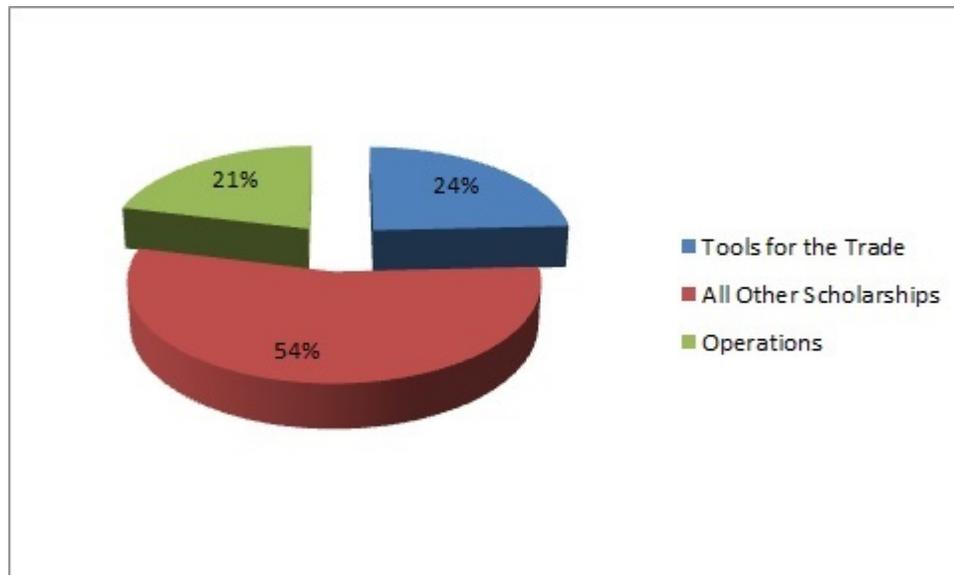
In the past six years, LA Trade Tech has doubled student completions (associate degrees, Industry-recognized certificates/credentials & transfers). The Foundation shares credit for our success by providing the support students need. I am confident that this positive trend will grow, with your help and support.

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### Our Giving Strategy:

Out of a budget of \$417,500, the below chart represents how that funds were allocated:



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## Dreammakers Dinner

Over 400 guests gathered at Los Angeles Trade-Technical School (LATTC) on Monday, October 11, 2018 to honor alumni Micky Dolenz of the legendary group The Monkees, along with Sylvia Castillo, Director of Foundation and Community Outreach, Union Bank; Brian D’Arcy, Business Manager, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 18 (IBEW), Deborah Flint, CEO, Los Angeles World Airports; and Todd Stevens, CEO, California Resources Corporation. Dolenz was presented with an honorary Associate of Arts (AA) degree as he had embarked upon an architecture degree just prior to auditioning for the acclaimed television show. The dinner was catered by students from the Culinary and Baking Program and raised \$500,000 in scholarships and emergency assistance for students, as well as funding for LATTC’s Tools for the Trade Program.



(Pictured l-r) David Crippens, Chair, LATTTC Foundation; Mike Wong, President, LACC District Board; Honorees Deborah Flint, Micky Dolenz, Todd Stevens, Sylvia Castillo, and Brian D'Arcy.

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## **Student Superstars**

**Abigail Cuevos - 3rd Semester - Architecture Technology**



When there are events on campus, you'll likely see Abigail Cuevas. She likely will be smiling and asking you to join in the fun at her college, and she is a twin so you might think it is her sister.

Abby is the definition of a Trade Tech baby. Her parents brought her and her sister to this campus when she was very young because it was haven for them. There was too much violence in the neighborhood parks, so her parents would bring them to campus to play and enjoy the safe environment.

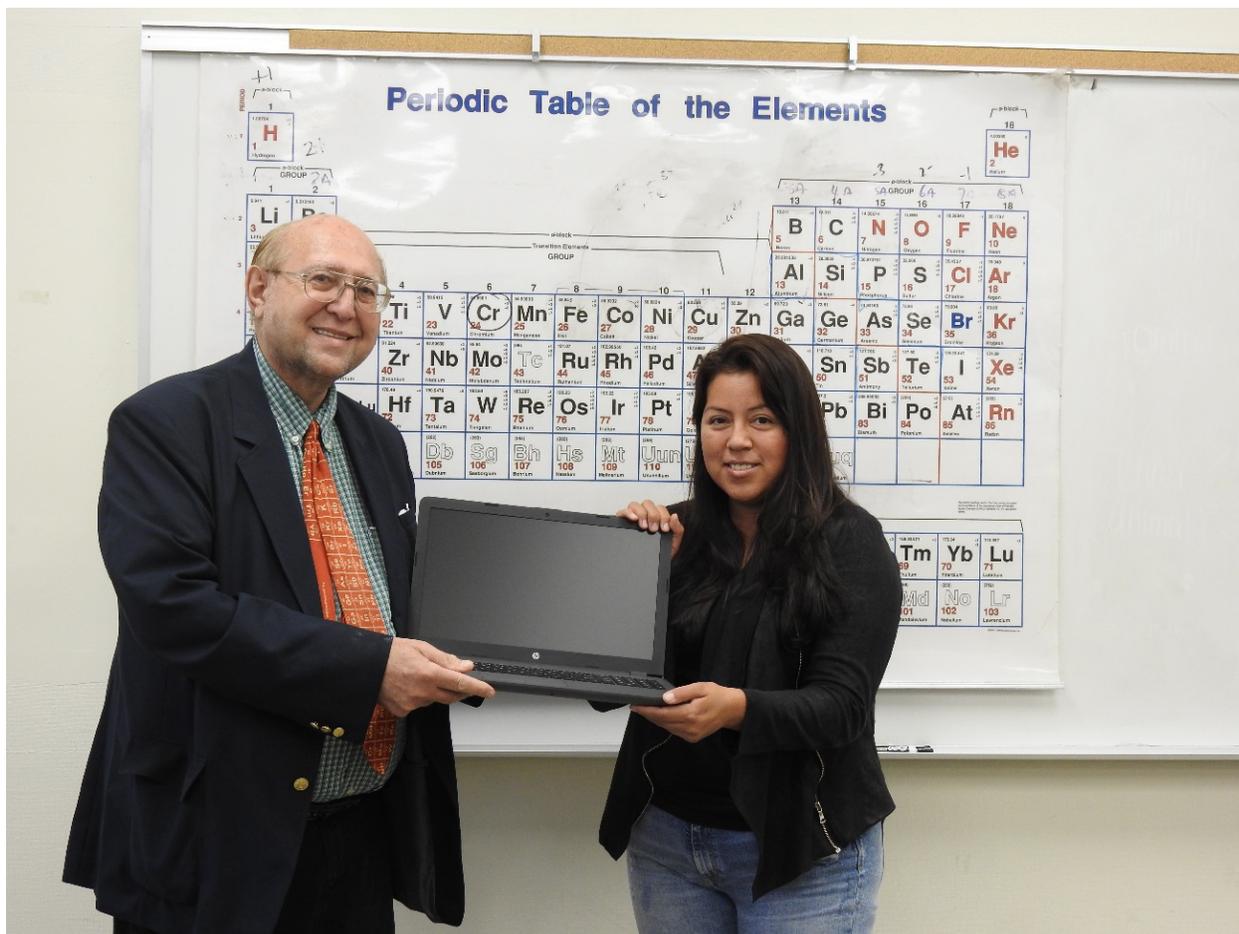
Abby's parents separated when she was 14, and immediately she knew she would have to take on more responsibility in order to help her mom keep the household together. She remembers her friends asking her to go out and have fun, and she had to spend lots of time helping her mom. Of course that didn't stop her from graduating from Wallis Annenberg High School with honors. And of course, she knew she would enroll at LA Trade Tech, because it was part of her childhood.

She enrolled in 2011 but had to leave school due to a serious illness. Abby did not return to school until 2016 when one of her close friends died. She was considering a career in administration of

justice but took a design class in architecture. It changed her life. She has blossomed in architecture and she and her sister were part of the Trade Tech student team that recently won the Junk Wars competition against some four-year universities, turning waste into usable energy.

She is student success at Trade Tech.

## Funders Spotlight



(pictured l-r) Dr. Miguel A. Moreno handing new laptop computer to Chem Tech student Jovanna Flores.

Students in the LATTC Chemical Technology program were overjoyed due to the generous support received from a grant through Edison International. Edison made it possible to provide 22 students with laptop computers, lab coats and goggles--the basic materials needed to excel in the program. Additionally, the grant provided textbooks for 13 students. Because many of our

students lack the resources to purchase such items, particularly a computer, having the tools to remain and actively participate in the curriculum can present challenges. Thanks to the scholarships received through Edison, there is a new and vibrant interest from our students to not only complete the training required for their Certificates, but also their Associates Degree and beyond.



Karen Amarawansa served in the LATTC Administrative offices. Her family has set up the Karen B. Amarawansa Emergency Fund in her memory, which is a life-line for many of our students. The fund provides emergency monies of up to \$300 for students in need, which can range from basic necessities such as shelter to tuition assistance and technical or educational tools to support their job search. We are grateful for their support to our community.

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