



Happy Summer! We want to keep you updated on our initiatives as we serve our diverse and talented student body.

Excitement Abounds for Tools of the Trade

On May 29th, the LATT C campus was buzzing with anticipation as we presented the Tools for the Trades scholarships to 26 first-place winners and 44 runners-up at an awards dinner catered by our Culinary Arts students. Tools for the Trades represents the Foundation's largest scholarship allotments, as each 1st place winner is given \$2,000 and runners up are given \$1,000 in "tools" for their respective trades. The event generates much excitement among the students and faculty as for many of the students, "Tools" is the first scholarship they have ever

received. Also, this reward for a “job well done” sets students on a trajectory for success by supplying the necessary materials required for their course of study.

The Tools program is unique—in fact, we don’t know of another program like it in the country. Over the past 28 years, the LATTC Foundation has given approximately \$1.75 million dollars in scholarships to the Tools program. We’re so proud to provide this much needed support to get our students off to the right start.

Below is a bit of history on the scholarship program.

History

In 1991, Miller Brewing and Los Angeles Trade-Technical College partnered to provide much-needed tools for our students through an innovative Scholarship Program called “Tools for Success”. Students in various career and technical disciplines were selected through a rigorous process to receive tools in their respective field to be used upon their graduation. The program gained so much success and eventually became nationally recognized during the 14-year run. The program not only provided opportunities for students but also an opportunity for the companies who supplied the tools to brand their name as a proud supporter of this worthy program.

The program was renamed Tools for the Trades in 2007, allowing a new group of students to benefit from the program. Many people don’t realize that in order to secure a job or apprenticeship in a trade, one must be prepared to begin work with the specific materials required for that industry, such as a beauty kit for beauticians, a set of knives for those entering the culinary profession or a tool belt and specific tools for construction, auto mechanics, for example. The cost of purchasing those items can be extremely high—and for many out of reach.

To overcome these challenges, the LATTC faculty administers an annual essay competition for third and fourth semester students or those students who have

completed 50% or more of their program of study in seven out of the nine College Pathways. After the essays are evaluated by the staff, winners and runners up are selected.

A series of events surrounding the awards includes a rally where the winners are announced and culminates with an dinner award show, where the students are given their supplies in the presence of family, friends, and faculty. This event has proven to be an inspiration to future participants and an exciting opportunity to celebrate the program.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2019 TOOLS FOR THE TRADE AWARDS CEREMONY



Student Spotlight

Tools for the Trades 1st Place Winners

Each of these students won a \$2,000 scholarship in tools for their respective trades.

Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanics

Henry Flores



Even as a child Henry was curious and fascinated by how things work mechanically. When he was a kid, he would take broken things apart and try to fix them and even took apart watches to see how they worked. It is not surprising then that he chose the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanics Industry as his field of study - a field he points out is rapidly growing. He feels privileged to have had such amazing professors with great knowledge and passion for teaching and he feel he could not have gotten better training anywhere else. Henry's instructors

describe him as engaged and outstanding, and as a student who always had a positive and sincere attitude. Henry's goals include getting his associates degree, becoming a chief engineer and after buying a house and starting a family, to one day come back to LATTC as an instructor so he can share his knowledge just as his professors shared theirs with him.

Digital Media

Steven Mungarro

Steven originally planned to just take a couple of courses in digital media over the summer since it was a personal interest of his, however, he was so intrigued by the coursework, he decided to enroll in the Design and Media Arts Pathway. He believes that the faculty at LATTC was key to shaping and preparing him for the job market. He aspires to find a position in the entertainment industry where he can utilize the skills he has learned at LATTC, particularly in sound design and video editing. One of Steven's instructors wrote that he was "blown away" by his excellent work and his strong, creative, artistic instincts that he demonstrated through his assignments. They are confident he will be an asset to the profession.

Culinary Arts

Marisela Hernandez

Marisela had an affinity for the kitchen since childhood. Since enrolling in LATTC Culinary Arts program, she continues to have an emotional connection to cooking. She has also learned vital skills such as working a hot line, catering for events and mass production. At the end of the program she would like to get a job in the industry and put her skills to action. She hopes to own a small business that specializes mainly in breakfast foods. Her instructors have expressed that they are impressed with her talent and her spirit.

Click [here](#) to watch a video from Marisela at the announcement rally.

Computer Information Science

Mario D. Flores Martinez

Mario's interest in computer information systems started in high school where he learned his first programming language. However, circumstances got in the way of pursuing college right away. After moving back to the USA and becoming proficient in English, Mario was ready to pursue his education at LATTC. His dream is to become a full stack developer and LATTC has given him the confidence and the skills to do so. His instructors describe him as courteous, inquisitive and enthusiastic. They too believe that Mario has what it takes to have a thriving career in Computer Information Systems.

See the video of Mario's excitement after he learned he won top honors [here](#).

Fashion Design

Lilian Wu



Lilian points out that fashion is everywhere - from simple furniture designs at home decorations to more intricate clothing styles. She states “We as designers get inspirations from everywhere such as home, the streets, artists’ paintings, architecture and many other creative outlets. Lilian’s intense passion for the fashion design industry originate in her childhood when she and her siblings played hide and seek at her grandmother’s production factory. She is most comfortable when she is sitting at sewing machine, reminiscing about her childhood; it is then she is at peace. Lilian states she is delighted she chose LATTC because it has the best fashion design program, excellent professors and it leads to a lot of opportunities in the industry. Lilian plans to transfer after finishing her Fashion Design program because she really wants to work for higher education to one day be able to support her parents.

Rail Transportation Technology

Zachary Love

Zach was a former ASA Master Technician, with a CA Smog License and previously worked for Porsche and Audi. However, he was away from the industry for several years and felt his skills had suffered due to lack of use. However, the training at LATTC has rejuvenated his interest in the automotive industry and he has chosen to pursue his career in Rail Transportation Technology since the opportunities for gainful employment are vast. Zack plans to obtain both his certificate and A.S. Degree. Zack's instructors describe him as eager, knowledgeable, well-rounded and passionate.

Watch Zach after he was announced a winner [here](#).

Message from LATTC Foundation Board Chair, David Crippens



The 2018-2019 school year has wound down and we at the LATTC Foundation have had an extremely busy, yet highly successful year. Our partners have been very generous in helping to uplevel the scholarships and assistance we provide, particularly since we have revamped our funding mode. Our goal is to ensure that students persevere during their tenure at LATTC. Our very successful and unique Tools for the Trades scholarship program is no exception. For the past 28 years, the Foundation has invested its resources into ensuring success for our students. We have invested over \$1.7 million into the Tools for the Trade program. LATTC's major purpose is help our students successfully establish careers and find employment. However, many people don't realize that in order to secure a job in a trade industry, applicants have to have the tools that it

requires, such as knives for culinary arts, a beauty kit for cosmetology or tools and a tool belt for construction. The Tools for the Trades program gives deserving students an opportunity to compete for jobs in their industries by providing them with these necessary supplies.

LATTC Foundation has been offering support that changes the lives of deserving students through scholarships and innovative programs like Tools for the Trade for many years. Our primary objective is ensuring career success.

This year, on the evening of May 29th, guests saw the remarkable Tools Scholarships chosen by faculty, laid out by trade and awardees on tables surrounding the students and their families. This year, 26 first place winners and 40 runners up were chosen with work tools valued between \$1,000-\$2,000 each. For many of these students, this was their first scholarship. The Tools program has become a trademark of “hope” for our hardworking students who truly need the support and we’re proud to be able to provide it.

As an added bonus, the dinner was prepared by LATTC’s historic Culinary Arts program, the oldest culinary training program at a community college in the country.

We’re proud of the work we do here. As the only Los Angeles Community College whose mission is to prepare our students for careers in the trades, we know that our partnerships help us to succeed. Thank you to all of you who help us prepare our students for success.

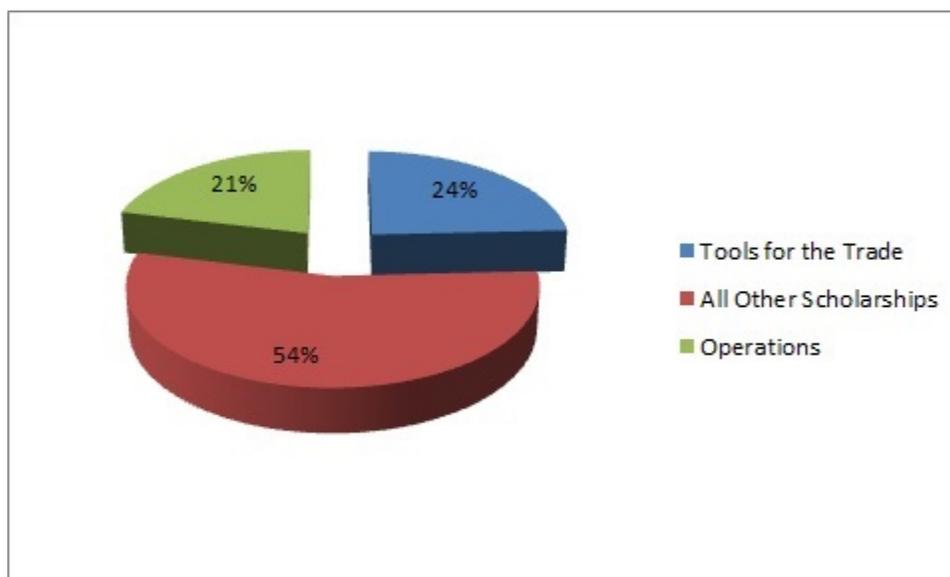
I'd like to extend a special thank you to Laurence "Larry" Frank, who served as President of LATTC for the past six years. AS of September 1, 2019, Larry will become the Interim Vice Chancellor for Workforce and Education at the Chancellors Office of the Los Angeles Community College District. With Larry's support, we were able to raise the visibility and outreach of the Foundation, resulting in additional scholarships monies, emergency grants and more

partnership funding for our student body.

I'd also like to thank our Board members who work tirelessly on behalf of our students.

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