

# ATD Details



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**West's Student Success Committee (a committee of the Academic Senate) has adopted the Achieving the Dream framework to accomplish its goal of increasing student success.**

Upcoming Events

**Student Success/ATD Core Team Meeting**

June 3 | 3:00 pm | GC 210K

**ATD Data Team Meeting**  
Resumes Fall 2015

**LACCD ATD Summit**  
May 29, 2015 @ City

**Graduation**  
June 9, 2015

**BSILI**  
June 14-19 2015

*Achieving the Dream uses a student-centered model of institutional improvement focused on creating a culture of evidence in which data and inquiry drive broad-based institutional efforts to close achievement gaps and improve student outcomes overall.*

**ATD College Priorities**

- Successful completion of the English sequence from English 21 through English 101
- Successful completion of Elementary Algebra through Intermediate Algebra
- Successful achievement of degrees and certificates

**Intervention Strategies**

- Enhanced Tutoring
- Professional Development
- Navigating West (Enhanced Communication with Students)

**View the full Proposal at**

[http://www.wlac.edu/studentssuccess/atd/atddocuments/West\\_ATD\\_Implementation\\_Proposal.pdf](http://www.wlac.edu/studentssuccess/atd/atddocuments/West_ATD_Implementation_Proposal.pdf)



**5th Annual Student Poster Showcase**



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## COREspondence Core Team News

**Clare Norris and Mary-Jo Apigo, Core Team Leaders**

West sent seven team members to the May 29th LACCD Achieving the Dream retreat at Los Angeles City College where we identified goals from our college plans: Student Success and Support Plan, Equity Plan, Basic Skills Plan, Educational Master Plan, and ATD Implementation Plan. There was a panel of speakers – Pamela Burdman, Karen Givvin, and Michael Harner – who discussed Policy, Practice, and Evaluation.

We will submit our Annual Reflection to ATD in June where we get to reflect on how we have implemented our ATD interventions this academic year. The Student Success Committee will discuss the Reflection at its June 3rd meeting. Feel free to join us. We welcome your input!!

**NAVIGATING WEST.** This year the Student Success Committee took on close examination of the Semester Kickoff. After much discussion among ourselves and with ATD coaches, the Committee plans to scale back the Kickoff to focus on the elements that

had the biggest draw for students: program orientations, information sessions, and campus tours. We will discuss this new iteration of the Kickoff at the upcoming June 3rd Student Success Committee meeting.

**ENHANCED TUTORING.** After considering the history, strengths and weaknesses of West's current Instructional Support offerings at multiple meetings, the Instructional Support Workgroup settled on a recommendation to submit to Student Success Committee, and at its May 6th meeting, the Student Success Committee discussed and passed this recommendation:

1. Restore Learning Skills into the Library & Education division with the Student Success Committee considering a Viability Study of Instructional Support in one year.

The recommendation was passed at the following Academic Senate meeting and now will go to the college president. The Committee is committed to following up with the Learning Skills discipline and Learning Center next year to

review the analyses and considerations that emerged from the Workgroup to see how we can best serve our students with Enhanced Tutoring and other instructional support.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.**

West is sending a team to the upcoming BSILI: Leadership for Curricular and Institutional Transformation Institute June 14-19 at the UCLA Conference Center in Lake Arrowhead. They will get support with building West's One Book initiative and tying it to a First Year Experience program.

Remember to get your copy of West's "One Book" choice: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. The library still has copies that can be checked out by faculty.

Under Nancy Sander's leadership the Reading Apprenticeship (RA) Focused Inquiry Group (FIG) will continue to meet in the fall semester. Please keep an eye out for future RA events, and contact Nancy Sander for more information [310-287-4584/sandern@wlaac.edu](mailto:310-287-4584/sandern@wlaac.edu)



## West's 2015 Student Poster Showcase

**By Arnita Porter, Showcase Director**

"It never rains in Southern California." During this time of year at West, students are putting the finishing touches on their research posters and digital projects. Preparations are being made for faculty judges and ISLO raters, and the Plant Facilities team is busy finalizing details to set up the big event in the MSA/B Quad. It's time for the Annual Poster Showcase Fair, where students' research and creativity are beautifully displayed in the California sunshine. This year, however, Mother Nature had other plans. Rain. Did we need it? Yes. But did we really need it on Showcase day? Apparently so.

Completely at the mercy of the rain gods (and Plant Facilities), we focused on Plan B and set up shop on the 4th Floor of HLRC with a DJ and a panoramic view of the storm. We then waited for our students to find us, hoping the bucking of tradition or rain would not deter them from attending. Guided by Michelle Long-Coffee's signage, one by one, they started strolling in...classmates, family members, instructors, and administrators. The DJ provided the perfect soundtrack as students stood proudly by their posters, discussing their chosen topics and creative process with poise and confidence.



A crowd of over 200 visited our indoor Fair of 110 posters from various disciplines, including English, Communications, Dental Hygiene, Medical Assisting, Environmental Science, Astronomy, Hospitality, and Theater. Over 30 faculty members used rubrics to judge the posters, rated for ISLOs, and selected the winners. As President Abu-Ghazaleh, Showcase Founder, Professor Holly Bailey-Hofmann, and ASO President, Matthew McCracken, announced the contest winners, we could see everything had worked out beautifully. We had survived the storm.



Thanks to the Student Success Committee, Student Project Showcase Committee, SLO Committee, ASO, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh, Fran Leonard, Holly Bailey-Hoffman, Clare Norris, Mary-Jo Apigo, Mary Hardy, Bruce Hicks, James Lawrence, Eric Atkins, Leo Calderon, the Distance Learning staff, Patsy Brown, faculty, administrators, student workers, volunteers, and everyone who rolled up their sleeves to make the event successful. We're grateful to have been given the opportunity to help showcase the hard work and talent of our amazing students. Next year, we look forward to the 6th Annual Poster Showcase Fair in the MSA/B Quad. We just hope the rain gods get the memo.

See the complete list of winners at [wlapostershowcase.weebly.com](http://wlapostershowcase.weebly.com).



### West's Third Annual Spring Happy Hour

Thursday, June 4  
4:45 - 7:15 pm

Rush Street in Downtown Culver City

All West personnel are invited to celebrate our retirees and the opportunity for some of us to work in new divisions.

## Professional Learning

**By Kimberly Manner, Professional Development Coordinator**

### Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning

The four West LA College trainers for Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning (CRTL) have been selected. The two staff members who will be leading this effort are Antoinette Simpson and Susi Dovlatian, and the two faculty who will be on the leadership team are Mary Hardy and Arnita Porter. They will attend a four-day training at Harbor College in July with teams from Harbor and Pierce. After the training, they will design workshops for our campus and will collaborate with our sister college teams on district-wide workshops. Look for announcements of their workshops when you return to campus in the Fall!

### Professional Learning (formerly FLEX) Week

Mark your calendars: Professional Learning Week will be held August 24 to 27. All full-time faculty are contractually obligated to attend Professional Learning Day on August 27. Faculty are encouraged to get a head start on meeting their FLEX obligation for 2015-16 by attending other workshops August 24 to 26, including an interactive presentation on meeting the needs of former foster youth, a look at the Quality Focus essay for Accreditation, informative sessions on the Online Education Initiative and on Etudes, multiple opportunities to learn about Reading Apprenticeship and the One Book FIG, and a special session on the student discipline process and classroom management techniques. Professional Learning Week will culminate in a reception welcoming new full-time faculty to our campus following the division meetings on August 27. Plan to end your summer by re-engaging with West, re-connecting with your colleagues, and meeting the people who will help us transform our campus and our students' lives.

