

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: September 9, 2011

CONTACT: Michelle Long-Coffee, Dir. PR & Advertising
(310) 287-4597 | longcofm@wlaac.edu
9000 Overland Ave. - Culver City, CA 90230



Alumni Named LAFD Chief & to USC Hall of Fame

BRIAN CUMMING, NEW LAFD CHIEF

Brian Cummings, a Los Angeles Fire Department veteran, has been named the new chief of the LAFD. Cummings attended West Los Angeles College before transferring to UCLA. Cummings has been with the department for more than 30 years. He is best known for crafting the department's deployment strategy that puts more manpower into responding to medical emergencies.

KEYSHAWN JOHNSON, USC HALL OF FAME

Former football star and current sports commentator Keyshawn Johnson was recently named to the USC Hall of Fame. Keyshawn was one of the most prolific wide receivers in USC history. He was the No. 1 pick of the 1996 NFL draft and played for the New York Jets from 1996 – 1999. He later played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the Dallas Cowboys, and the Carolina Panthers. Of West, Johnson has said, "If it was not for community colleges across the nation and in particular here at West Los Angeles College, which is a few miles from my high school – Dorsey High School, the opportunity at that particular time would not have been in place for me to go ahead, get a scholarship to USC or any other university."

RASHIED DAVIS, NEW LIONS WIDE RECEIVER

Rashied Davis has moved from the Chicago Bears to the Detroit Lions this season. Davis had played little football prior to enrolling at West Los Angeles College. "I was tiny, about 140 pounds. Looked like a baby, probably talked like a baby," said Davis. He joined the football team at West only because his cousin dragged him to practice. From West, Davis went to play for San Jose State and then for the San Jose SaberCats of the Arena Football League. He then joined the Bears as a defensive back. With the Lions, he has already pushed up to No. 3 wide receiver.

West Los Angeles College, an accredited community college located just south of Overland and Jefferson, has been providing excellent university transfer and career training programs to the community for over 40 years. It is a recognized leader among Los Angeles community colleges in offering quality online courses. For more information on "West," visit www.wlaac.edu.

###