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## MEDIA ALERT

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## **Congresswoman Diane E. Watson To Be Honored by WLAC for Her Leadership Role in Securing \$2.5 Million in Grants**

**WHAT:** West Los Angeles College will honor Congresswoman Diane E. Watson at a reception for her leadership role in securing two U.S. Department of Labor “career prep” workforce development grants totaling \$2.5 million for the college. The grants will fund the expansion of WLAC’s entertainment industry job training programs and fully establish West as the “career factory” in Los Angeles for men and women seeking a career in the entertainment trades. Rep. Watson is Chair of the Congressional Entertainment Industry Caucus.

West L.A. College President Dr. Mark W. Rocha, said “We are deeply grateful for Congresswoman Diane Watson’s steadfast and continuing support of West Los Angeles College and our campus’ diverse and growing student population. She understands that our sound local economy is built on our ability to provide top notch education and training for the high-skilled, high-wage jobs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.”

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 – 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
Reception/Refreshments: 3:00pm    **Program/Presentation: 4:30pm**

**WHO:** Speakers and guests to include Congresswoman Diane E. Watson; Michael Miller, West Coast President of IATSE (International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees) other entertainment industry leaders, LACCD Chancellor Marshall Drummond and WLAC President Dr. Mark Rocha.

**WHERE:** West Los Angeles College, Fine Arts Gallery  
9000 Overland Ave (between Jefferson & Slauson), Culver City 90230  
Free Parking available in Lot 7.