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UCLA Chancellor Makes Unprecedented Visit to WLAC



UCLA Chancellor Gene Block speaks to a full theater of West Los Angeles College students at West on October 30, 2008. "We're here to recruit you," he told them



WLAC President Mark Rocha and UCLA Chancellor Gene Block observe a West physiology class in session. "If this is the level at which physiology is being taught here at West," said Block, "the students should have no problem transitioning into UCLA."



Culver City Mayor Scott Malsin greets West's faculty, staff and student leaders at the UCLA Day reception as UCLA Chancellor Gene Block (far right) looks on.

UCLA Chancellor Gene Block brought UCLA to West Los Angeles College on October 30, marking the first time that any UCLA chancellor has visited the campus in Culver City.

"We're here to recruit you," Block told an assembly of students during the half-day of activities. "Transfer students are a big part of our community. Hopefully I'll see some of you walking around our campus in a few years."

Block has made one of his goals to develop a closer relationship with the region's community colleges. His visit to West, organized by UCLA's Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools office and the Center for Community College Partnerships at UCLA, included a presentation to students; a luncheon with faculty, staff and student leadership; and a tour of the campus. The tour made an impromptu stop in a physiology class taught by Professor Steven Fink. Block later remarked, "if this is the level at which physiology is being taught here at West, the students should have no problem transitioning into UCLA."

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West President Mark W. Rocha, who escorted Block around the burgeoning campus, said it was an historic day for the college, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

"This is about the partnership between UCLA and West Los Angeles College moving forward," Rocha said. "It's been an absolute mission accomplished."

Other special guests included Culver City Mayor Scott Malsin and City Manager Jerry Fulwood. UCLA Admissions representatives met with students throughout the morning, providing information and answering individual questions.

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

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