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West Makes Commuting Easier



NEW 1000-SPACE "GREEN" PARKING LOT

As enrollments swell at community colleges due to the economic downturn and lesser seats being available at California State University campuses, West Los Angeles College has opened a new 1,000 space parking structure to meet rising demand.

"Prior to the recent economic troubles, West was already experiencing marked growth," said WLAC President Mark W. Rocha. "With one of the largest online class offerings in the state and evening, weekend and other degree programs tailored for busy adults, we are becoming the educator

of choice for people who want to enhance their skills or completely retool. That degree that was 'nice to have' is becoming essential to stay or get employed. We also offer training in more recession proof areas like pharmacy, computer science and early child education. And, students can turn to us for just a class or two that will give them a competitive edge including a second language, computer softwares, public speaking and the like."

While made of concrete and steel, the new parking lot, built with voter approved bond funds, is making the campus "greener." Solar panels adorn the roof of the four-story structure making it an impressive 300 kilowatt photovoltaic farm.



WEST STUDENTS CAN SAVE \$200 WITH NEW 6-MONTH METRO PASS

West Los Angeles College Students can now purchase a 6-month Metro Transit Pass for only \$15 when they register for 12 or more units in the coming Spring semester. This is a savings of \$200 as a regular college student pass costs \$36 per month.

The pass, valid from January through June, may be used 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on all Metro buses, Metro Rapid and Metro Rail. The pass may not be used on Metrolink trains

or DASH/LADOT or the Culver City Green Bus. Students using the new I-TAP (Institutional Transit Access Pass) must have their WLAC student ID.

The I-TAP may be purchased at the WLAC Business Office with proof of registration.

To apply and register for classes for the Spring Semester which begins February 9, 2009 visit: www.wlaac.edu

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.wlaac.edu.

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