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More than 100 Nurses and Medical Assistants Pinned Tonight at Long Beach City College at 7:30pm

Long Beach, CA, June 4, 2013 – The Long Beach City College Nursing Program graduates will celebrate their achievements tonight at the “Nursing Pinning Ceremony” at 7:30pm at the Auditorium, 4901 E. Carson, Long Beach, adjacent to Harvey Way. There will be a total of 101 graduates to be pinned: 55 Registered Nurse graduates, 19 Vocational Nurse graduates, and 27 Medical Assistant graduates.

“The Nursing Pinning Ceremony is one of my favorite days of the year, where we congratulate every one of our hard working nursing students for their accomplishments,” said Paul Creason, Dean of the School of Health, Science and Mathematics.

The graduates come from all walks of life, many of them overcoming challenging obstacles. Shalon Easley, who became pregnant at 19, is now a St. Mary Nurse Scholar who has a Registered Nurse position secured in early August. Easley is on the President’s Full Scholarship to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at Cal State University, Dominguez Hills.

Laura Marmar is a graduate from the Registered Nurse program at LBCC with a Bachelor of Health Science. She serves as an ambassador for OneLegacy, a transplant donor network serving Southern California. Marmar is deciding between Sacred Heart University and Loyola University New Orleans for her Master of Science in Nursing.

Erin McCoy, Medical Assistant graduate, plans to apply to the Registered Nurse program in the near future. Department Head Patty Bucho describes McCoy’s leadership as one that “motivates everyone to get things done and to try it first.” Bucho adds: “Erin loves the medical assisting program here at Long Beach City College.”

The common goal among all these graduates is that they are all committed to continuing their nursing education.

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About Long Beach City College

Long Beach City College is one of the largest single college districts in the California Community College System. LBCC is a comprehensive college which provides quality educational programs and related students services to nearly 30,000 students pursuing a wide range of degrees, certificates, transfer and other courses of study. LBCC is recognized throughout California and the nation as a leader in efforts to improve college preparation, access and success through the Long Beach College Promise Partnership, with the Long Beach Unified School District and California State University, Long Beach, and its Promise Pathways initiative. The College has received several important recognitions including: finalist for the 2013 Exemplary CEO/Board Award of Excellence from the American Association of Community Colleges, winner of the 2012 RP Group's Excellence in College Research Award for development of a predictive placement model, recognition by the White House Initiative for Excellence in Hispanic Education in 2010 and recipient of the California Community College Chancellor's Office Student Success Award in 2009.

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