

LAX Community UPdates



COMMUNITY NEWS Job Shadow Day



In support of our youth, LAX hosted a day dedicated to giving young people real-life "job shadowing" experiences in aviation as part of Job Shadow Day on February 23. This type of experience provides students with the opportunity to "work" side-by-side with a workplace mentor as they go through a normal day on the job.

A combined total of 100 students from Orville Wright, Westchester High, and Monroe Middle Schools met at the Flight Path Museum to start their experiences. Those from Orville Wright and Westchester High have aviation and science magnet curriculums in place. Students shadowed professionals in the fields of engineering, environmental services, information technology, aviation services, air cargo, and human resources. To learn about future Job Shadow Days, contact Community Relations at (424) 646-7450.

New Staff Member

Community Relations welcomed a new member to the staff with open arms. Maria Graciano, a transfer from Engineering & Facilities Management, functions as a senior clerk typist and assists the division's director, processes invoices and timesheets, manages the office, and assists the facilitator of the LAX Area Advisory Committee with monthly meetings.



Maria is very much part of the airport's surrounding community. Currently a Hawthorne resident, she graduated from Bishop Montgomery High School and El Camino College, both in Torrance. Maria started her career with the City of Los Angeles in the Housing Department in 2002 and transferred to LAX in 2005. She joined the Community Relations team

in December 2011. In addition to her career, she is attending the University of La Verne in the evening and will be earning her bachelor's degree in the spring of next year. She is warm and friendly with a positive can-do spirit!

LAX Sponsorships

As an active and contributing member of the airport community, LAX is a proud sponsor of civic, educational, and community programs via its strong connection with chambers of commerce and service clubs. Sponsorship requests are managed by the LAX Community Relations Division. Upcoming sponsorships include:

- **9th Annual Walk Around the Block – April 28**
The fun-filled festival will help raise funds for music, arts, and nutrition programs benefiting students within the Wiseburn School District. For more information about the programs, visit www.wiseburnedfoundation.org
- **Rotary International District 5280 Conference – April 19 thru 22**
LAX participated in this year's networking session in San Diego promoting the much-anticipated, new and improved Tom Bradley International Terminal

DC-3 Update

A visitor favorite, the DC-3 aircraft on exhibit adjacent to the main gallery at the Flight Path Museum, was given a refreshed look. The California Science Center, legal owner of the historic aircraft, recently signed an agreement to keep the DC-3 at Flight Path. Following the lease renewal, a refurbishment crew was brought in to thoroughly wash and polish the aircraft including its two auxiliary ground vehicles, a tug, and fuel truck. To learn what else is new at Flight Path, visit the museum website at www.flightpath.us for more information.

PARTNERING WITH OUR CHAMBERS & ROTARY CLUBS Airport Police Recognized For Team Work

In support of public safety, the Inglewood/Airport Area Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Inglewood co-hosted the annual Police & Fire Appreciation Day on January 18 at the Proud Bird.

Among the fine group of honorees, Airport Police Sergeants Masis Sossikian and Dennis Lau, and Officer Pedro Uesugui, were also recognized for their due diligence and

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teamwork as members of the Airport Police Critical Infrastructure & Protection Unit. Their collaborative efforts in the planning, programming and execution of the new Digital Trunked Radio, License Plate Recognition, and In-Car Video systems contributed to the technological enhancement of public safety at LAX. To view additional information about Airport Police, visit www.lawa.aero.



It's a bird, it's a plane...no, it's the VIP van!

The VIP (Volunteer Information Professionals) van is up and running and looking for prospective volunteers. The VIP program was established to enhance customer service by providing assistance to arriving passengers ensuring a friendly and positive experience at LAX terminals.

The program is managed by experienced airport staff who train volunteers committed to customer service. For example, volunteers provide directions to various airport and community facilities, help find appropriate transportation and accommodations, meet and greet passengers, and provide sightseeing and hospitality resources in the Los Angeles area.

So the next time you see the decaled van with the LAX VIP logo and contact information, wave and consider joining the program! To speak to a VIP representative, call (424) 646-8471, send an email to vip@lawa.org, or visit the airport's website at www.lawa.aero.



**LAX CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
Terminal 6 Update**



In the name of comfort, convenience, and service improvements for Terminal 6 passengers, major state-of-the-art changes were completed in March. Renovations included a Central Service Counter and "Airport of the Future" ticketing lobby with customer-friendly islands of check-in kiosks and bag-check stations.

Expect to see a new in-line, checked-baggage inspection system and additional passenger security screening checkpoints to help streamline the process. Beyond screening, passengers will be greeted by spacious new boarding gate areas, a new airline club lounge, modernized information displays, specialty lighting, and other architectural elements reflecting Alaska Airlines' brand and design.

With the modernization of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility in Terminal 6, Alaska's arriving international passengers will no longer need to be processed at other terminals. For more information about other ongoing projects, visit the LAX Development website www.lawa.org/laxdev.

Behind-the-Scenes Look: Tom Bradley Int'l Terminal

Approaching the halfway mark of construction, LAX invited the media to participate in a "hard hat" walking tour of the construction site of the new Tom Bradley International Terminal. The impressive new terminal will span 1,531 feet and contain 45,000 tons of steel, enough to build five Eiffel Towers.

Among the tour highlights, the financial contributions being made to the local economy was also emphasized due to the \$4.1-billion in construction taking place at LAX. The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation reported that the new construction has an enormous impact on local employment; creating a

total of nearly 40,000 new jobs and helping the Los Angeles area recover from the ongoing economic downturn. To learn how the various projects are funded, visit the LAX Development page at www.lawa.org/laxdev.

As a valued member of the airport community, if you are interested in experiencing a behind-the-scenes look of the Tom Bradley International Terminal during construction, send your request to Community Relations at crelations@lawa.org or call (424) 646-7450 and ask about our monthly airfield construction tours.

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Questions about LAX?
Ask gpacheco@lawa.org



Q: What is the significance of the DC-3 displayed at the Flight Path Museum and where was the aircraft manufactured?

A: The historic aircraft, DC-3, was the mainstay of civil air transportation in the propeller era before World War II. The museum's DC-3 was manufactured at the Douglas Aircraft Co. plant in Santa Monica in 1941. After many years with Trans World Airlines, it was purchased by the Union Oil Company of California and used to transport the firm's executives. In "retirement," the DC-3 was acquired by the California Science Center and displayed first at Hawthorne Airport before finding a home at Flight Path. To learn more about aviation history in Southern California, visit www.flightpath.us.



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