



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT

News of the Month - February 2025

Chief Viera Rosa Presents Global Plan to LA County Board of Supervisors



On February 18th, Chief Guillermo Viera Rosa presented his vision for the future of Los Angeles County Probation, realigning resources to make the department more efficient in our public safety and reentry mission. Please click the links below to view the presentation

[FACILITY PLAN UPDATE \(Power Point\)](#)

[FACILITY PLAN UPDATE \(TEXT\)](#)

LACP Celebrates Black History Month



The LA County Probation Department's MLK/Firestone Adult Area Office honored Black History with a Soul Food luncheon for Probation Officers and staff. The event highlighted the origins of various dishes and recipes, offering a deeper appreciation of their cultural significance. Attendees left with full tummies and newfound knowledge.

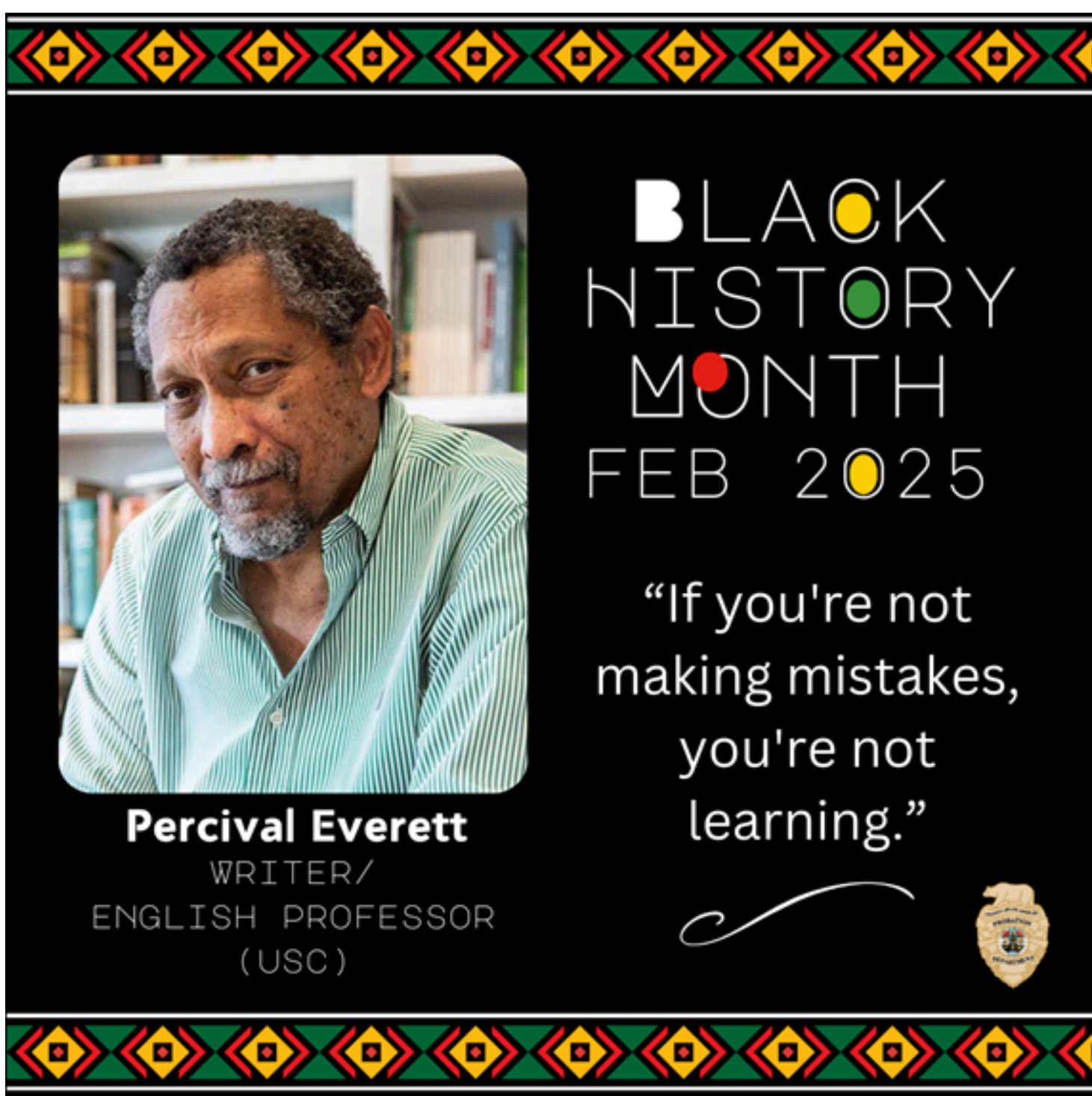


Pomona Valley Area office also celebrated with a week of history sharing the significance of the colors red, black, green and gold, the purpose of historically black colleges and universities, inventors of the Almanac, and much more.



Camp Joseph Paige honored Black History Month with a visit from Ms. Donzaleigh Abernathy —actress, author, activist, and daughter of civil rights leader Dr. Ralph David Abernathy— who spoke with the youth. The young men listened intently as she delivered an inspiring presentation, sharing powerful stories about Dr. Abernathy, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the Civil Rights Movement, accompanied by historical photos that brought history to life.

As the assembly concluded, Ms. Abernathy took the time to connect with each young person individually, addressing them by name and offering words of encouragement and affirmation, leaving a lasting impact on their hearts and minds. Thank you, Ms. Abernathy. Today is a day that these young men will always remember.



This year, the Los Angeles County Probation Department celebrated Black History Month with a series of social media banners featuring great leaders from Los Angeles County. We included politicians, athletes, business leaders, and educators like Percival Everett, above. See more on our social media pages, [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [Threads](#), and [X](#).

Los Padrinos Cosmetology Program



On Saturday, February 22nd, Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall, in partnership with the Divine Haircare Foundation, celebrated the achievements of 13 young ladies who participated in the Basics of Cosmetology program with a special commencement ceremony. Three youth successfully completed the 13-week course and received certificates, while all participants enjoyed a complimentary lunch in recognition of their dedication.

The program covered essential cosmetology skills, including product knowledge, sectioning, detangling, hair chemistry, washing, conditioning, braiding, and children's hair care. As an added bonus, participants also learned eyelash application.

"This program is facilitated in a calm and peaceful environment that allows the youth to redirect their minds, collaborate with a team, and build a sense of community while learning a skill they can use when they return home," shared Ms. Fatima, Founder of the Divine Haircare Foundation.

Reflecting on the experience, one participant expressed, "The program was fun, and I learned a lot. It was calming and helped me cope with a lot. I'm thankful. Before this program, I didn't want to do anything—now I can start my own business doing box braids and lashes."

Inspirational Programs at Dorothy Kirby Center



On February 22nd, youth at Dorothy Kirby Center enjoyed a mix of inspirational, fun and educational programming! Aqua Cottage explored the world of STEM with Vanessa Torres from Public Works, who shared insights into her role as a geologist. The youth were fascinated to learn about her career and the impact of public works!

Meanwhile, Amethyst Cottage welcomed Pastor Sonia Trujillo from Calvary Church South Los Angeles. She shared her powerful journey as a former probation client, inspiring youth to open up and share their own stories—all while enjoying a Chipotle dinner. A big thank you to the guest speakers for their time and wisdom!

Galentine's Day at Dorothy Kirby Center



On February 8th, the LA County Probation Department's Community Relations team hosted a special Galentine's Day event for the young ladies at Dorothy Kirby Center. LA County Youth Commissioner Brittianna Robinson joined as the guest speaker and generously donated hair care products to the youth.

The event was filled with love, empowerment, and delicious treats, including charcuterie cups and chicken bowls! A huge thank you to everyone who made this day extra special!

Date Night at Barry J. Nidorf SYTF



During Valentine's weekend, Barry J. Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility hosted "Date Night" for 25 young men who remained incident-free for 45 days! With the support of Healing, Dialogue and Action and Anti Recidivism Coalition credible messengers, and Probation Oversight Commission members Julien, Canales, and Terry as chaperones, the evening showcased the power of collaboration at its finest.

The youth had an amazing time dancing, enjoying sweet treats, and celebrating their positive progress. A huge thank you to all the BJN officers who made this a memorable and meaningful event!

LACP Attends “A Celebration of Piqui’s Law”



On February 15th, the California Protective Parents Association held “A Celebration of Piqui’s Law - Honoring Victims and Advocates,” at the Arboretum in the City of Arcadia. The event honored victims and advocates fighting to create a family court system which is better equipped to protect children in cases of child abuse and family violence. Speakers and attendees included SDPO Union President Torres, Assemblywoman Rubio, and Probation Director Yung.

Probation Department Collaborations



The LA County Probation Department’s Special Enforcement Operations (SEO) Unit collaborates with the LA Regional Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force to help keep our community safe.

Through their compliance checks, SEO works to ensure probationers convicted of sex crimes against children follow court-ordered conditions, including electronic device compliance and internet restrictions.

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Recruitment Team Joins Resource Hub



On February 6th, the Los Angeles County Probation Recruitment Team joined the Resource Hub in Compton, connecting with the community and offering support.

A huge thank you to Retired DPO II Fisher, Probation Director Yung, DPO II Newsome, and Councilman Andre Spicer for their dedication to this event, supporting 50 families impacted by the Altadena fires and currently housed at Crystal Hotel & Casino.

While it is February one can taste the full joys of anticipation. Spring stands at the gate with her finger on the latch.

— *Rosalie Muller Wright*

Los Angeles County Probation Department

The Los Angeles County Probation Department is committed to rebuilding lives and providing for healthier and safer communities for all 10 million residents of Los Angeles County. Through a variety of programs, community partnerships and services, the Probation Department's mission is to enhance public safety, ensure victims' rights and effect positive probationer behavioral change. The Probation Department comprises nearly 4,000 employees and has an operational budget of \$1.14 billion for fiscal year 2024-2025.