

Lodi Appellation Inclusion Collective (LAIC)

Annual Summary Report to Members

Reporting Year: 2025

Dear LAIC Members,

Thank you for your continued support of the Lodi Appellation Inclusion Collective. This year marked an important phase in LAIC's growth as we strengthened partnerships, expanded student impact, and deepened our commitment to equity, access, and opportunity within the Lodi community.

Our work this year reflects a growing recognition that meaningful inclusion requires sustained collaboration, intentional programming, and accountability. I am proud of the progress we have made together and grateful for the trust and engagement of our members and partners.

2025 Impact at a Glance

- ❑ **100+ students positively impacted**
- ❑ **Multi-day enrichment programming**
- ❑ **New higher education alliance with UC Davis**
- ❑ **Expanded focus on college access and persistence**
- ❑ **LAIC Auction Items Yielded \$5,000 for the IYT Sneaker Ball**
- ❑ **We are piloting a new adult internship with SJ+ and the county for adult internships paid in full by the county.**

Programs, Partnerships & Student Impact

In 2025, LAIC partnered closely with **San Joaquin A+** and **Improve Your Tomorrow (IYT)** to deliver meaningful, student-centered programming that expanded access to education, mentorship, and exposure to higher education pathways.

Enrichment Trips

LAIC supported and conducted **Enrichment Trips consisting of three consecutive days per trip**, designed to provide immersive educational experiences and broaden students' understanding of college and career possibilities.

A significant milestone this year was the formation of a new **alliance with UC Davis**, which now serves as **one full day of each Enrichment Trip**. This partnership offers students direct exposure to a leading public research university, helping normalize college attendance and strengthen aspirations for higher education.

Key Partner Contributions

- **San Joaquin A+:** Supporting academic enrichment and student success across San Joaquin County
- **Improve Your Tomorrow (IYT):** Mentoring young men into and through college, with a strong emphasis on leadership development, accountability, and long-term success

Through these collaborations, LAIC helped positively affect **more than 100 students**, reinforcing our belief that early exposure, mentorship, and access are critical drivers of long-term educational outcomes.

Equity Through Partnership

LAIC's model is rooted in collaboration. Rather than duplicating efforts, we work alongside organizations with demonstrated success, aligning resources and networks to maximize impact while maintaining mission clarity.

Our partnership with UC Davis with a focus on viticulture represents an important step in connecting local students to world-class educational institutions and creating visible, attainable pathways to higher education.

Challenges & Organizational Growth

As a growing nonprofit, LAIC continues to navigate challenges common to early-stage organizations, including:

- The need for sustainable funding
- The need to expand and grow membership
- The need for more members to get involved and participate in the Enrichment Trips

These challenges have sharpened our strategic focus and reinforced the importance of partnership, transparency, and measurable impact.

Looking Ahead: 2026 Priorities

In the coming year, LAIC will focus on **expanding both reach and equity** through the following priorities:

Expanding Mentorship Pathways

LAIC is actively working to add a **new partner organization whose mission mirrors Improve Your Tomorrow**, with a key distinction:

- While IYT focuses on **young men**, this new partner will focus on **young women**, mentoring them **into and through college**.

This expansion reflects LAIC's commitment to inclusive impact and gender equity, ensuring comprehensive support for students across identities.

Strategic Goals

- Increase the number of students served
- Expand enrichment and college-access programming
- Secure sustainable funding and grant partnerships
- Deepen engagement with higher education institutions
- Establish a network coalition with other wine regions in western states

Gratitude & Call to Action

LAIC's work is made possible by the commitment of our members, partners, and supporters. Your belief in inclusive opportunity helps turn vision into action. You will notice that last year we suspended membership due and this year we are only asking for **200 dollars** as we are aware of the challenges we all are facing right now. I hope we can each contribute that much.

As we look ahead, we invite you to:

- Remain engaged and informed
- Participate in programs and discussions
- Share LAIC's mission within your networks
- Support our work through partnership and philanthropy

Together, we are shaping a more inclusive future and a pool of talent for Lodi and beyond.

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Sincerely,

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