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Student Services Monthly Newsletter

October 2020

ADMISSION APPLICATION UPDATE

The CCCApply admission application for summer term 2021 and fall semester 2021 will go live on Thursday, October 1, 2020. New and returning students should complete and submit the admission application as soon as possible to provide ample time to complete the online student orientation, complete the online guided self-placement, and obtain a student educational plan prior to course registration in April 2021. Students who complete the three core services of orientation, assessment, and student educational plan will receive priority registration.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION UPDATE

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) will go live on Thursday, October 1, 2020 for the 2021-2022 Award Year. New, continuing, and returning students are encouraged to complete and submit the financial aid applications prior to the California financial aid priority deadline of Tuesday, March 2, 2021. The financial aid applications are required for federal student aid, most state-based financial assistance, and institutional aid.

STUDENT SUPPORT HUB IN CANVAS

A new Student Support Hub has been launched for students directly within Canvas. The goal of the hub is to provide equal access to support services for students who are learning online. Students can access the hub by clicking the new icon in the Canvas global navigation menu. If you are an instructor, you can access the hub the same way or by entering a course, then clicking the icon in the Global Navigation menu. The Student Support Hub icon replaces the Library icon. The Library is now part of the hub, and the different links in the hub will direct students to corresponding support offices' websites. The hub also includes a link to the California Virtual Campus – Online Education Initiative (CVC-OEI) Wellness Central course. This is a free health and wellness resource created especially for California community college students. Please share this new resource with our students.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- **October 1st**
  Admission Application Goes Live for Summer & Fall 2021

- **October 1st**
  Financial Aid Applications Open for 2021-2022 Award Year

- **October 19th**
  Undocumented Student Action Week Begins

- **October 20th**
  The Market

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ASSESSMENT CENTER WEBPAGE REFRESH

The Assessment Center webpage has been updated to ensure compliance with Assembly Bill 540 that pertains to multiple measures and guided self-placement. Guided self-placement is now available for English, English as a Second Language, French, Mathematics, and Spanish through CLASS-Web. The assessment webpage features guided self-placement tutorials for students, links to academic discipline webpages, instructions on how to use CLASS-Web, links to standardized tests, and links to external resources. Prerequisite clearance information for Chemistry 1A and Math 1 has also been posted online.

FINANCIAL AID WEBPAGE REFRESH

The Financial Aid Office webpage has been updated to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations and to simplify the financial aid application process for students and parents alike. The new financial aid webpage features information on the financial aid applications, the different types of financial aid awards, financial aid related policies and procedures, instructions on how to use CLASS-Web and Zonemail, and disclosure information pertaining to the CARES Act.

NEW FINANCIAL AID OUTREACH BROCHURE

The Financial Aid Office in collaboration with the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District's Office of Public Relations, Marketing, and Government Relations created a new one-page, two-sided general brochure to help students and parents learn about financial aid. The new brochure features information on how to apply for financial aid, financial aid awards available from the federal and state governments, and six steps that pertain specifically to the financial aid application process through completion. This brochure replaces the Financial Aid 101 brochure. The new brochure has been posted online.

TECHNOLOGY LOAN REQUEST FORM

Las Positas College has created an online form for students to request technology – hardware, software, and hotspots (internet access) to participate in online instruction and solicit support services online. The Technology Loan Request Form is available from the "Plans for Fall Semester 2020" link on the LPC homepage at http://laspositascollege.edu/fall2020/. Technology is lent to students on a first-come, first-served basis. This service is being made available thanks to a collaboration between Information Technology Services, the Library, and the LPC Foundation.

TITLE V HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTION GRANT UPDATE

In September 2020, Las Positas College learned that the Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) grant proposal that was submitted to the U.S. Department of Education earlier this year was not approved for funding. While the grant proposal received a high score it was not sufficient to be awarded. This means that the current HSI grant will end on Wednesday, September 30, 2020. Please join me in thanking and congratulating Rafael Valle and Jared Howard on a job well done.

NEWS FROM THE TEAM

Do you have an upcoming event, a new initiative, or news that you would like to share with our Student Services team? I am happy to consider your recommendations for future editions of our newsletter.

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