Dear CalWORKs Students,

Welcome back to what will surely be a bountiful and exciting fall semester. The change of seasons is in the air and this means we are right in the middle of fall semester and the opportunities of this academic year. I am certain that each of you will rise to the challenges and potential of this new semester.

For the CalWORKs program this time of year also signifies the beginning of new programs and services to complement your academic experience. Our focus for this year in the CalWORKs program is building community and student leadership. We are addressing this focus in a number of ways. To begin, the CalWORKs office will be hosting monthly community building workshops. This is an opportunity to create some new friendships, get to know your colleagues and peers in the CalWORKs program and have space to enjoy a shared luncheon together. We hope you will join us for the two luncheons we have scheduled for this fall, October 14th and November 12th.

Additionally, Jill Oliveira is creating and shaping our new Student Mentoring program. As the semester progresses keep your eyes open for ways that you can help new CalWORKs students benefit from your experience, your guidance and your leadership. We will kick off our Student Mentoring Program in the Spring of next year. More information is coming.

The CalWORKs/CARE Student Recognition/Holiday Celebration is quickly approaching. Each year the CalWORKs and CARE programs partner to recognize our mutual students and to provide some holiday assistance for our families through a gift card program. This event happens every year through the dedication and commitment of students who are willing to help us organize, fundraise, create awareness and give back of their time and energy to the CalWORKs program. Please join us in planning for this year’s event. Our planning meetings will be held every other Wednesday, beginning Oct. 22, 12-1 in the CalWORKs Center. Additional information will be forthcoming for both planning and participation. As this program also enables participants to receive gift cards for families it is important to register your participation.

With the changes in the economy and the rising cost of food and gas prices, we recognize that this creates excess burdens on our students, please use the resources of our office for car repair, gas cards, bus passes and extra services for tutoring. As always we want to ensure that you have work study opportunities to meet your core requirements for the county, adequate childcare and assistance with advocacy at the County. Please find out about each of these programs if you are uncertain how they may serve your needs. As always we are here to support you through your educational process, so please let us know how we might serve you better.

Warmly,
Kimberly Tomlinson
CalWORKS Coordinator
Community Building Workshop

Join us this semester for monthly gatherings at the CalWORKs Office.
Take advantage of this opportunity to get better acquainted with CalWORKs staff and students as we build CalWORKs community on our campus.

Please join us as you are able on:
Wednesday, November 12th, 1:00-2:00pm
Lunch will be provided.
The gathering will be held in the CalWORKs office, Building 900
Dates for spring will be forth-coming.

Priority Registration: Nov. 3-4

All current CalWORKs students are eligible for priority registration. This means that you have the opportunity to sign-up for Spring Semester classes before most other students.

Now is a great time to meet with Jill, our CalWORKs Counselor, to discuss your educational goal and plan your next set of classes. This is your chance to get the classes that you need most and that fit best with your schedule! Register Early!

Monthly Progress/Attendance Reports are due to the CalWORKs office during the first week of each month. The CalWORKs assistants, Vince and Jessica, are available to help you complete the forms. The earlier you get your report in, the sooner you may get your transportation funds from the county.

If you are receiving off-campus work-study or childcare from our office, be sure to turn in the monthly reports to ensure that your providers are paid on time.

Tutoring is available from the CalWORKs office for students who need extra assistance in their most challenging classes. This program is intended to supplement services offered by the LPC tutoring center.

CALWORKS CONNECTION
CalWORKs Transportation Assistance

As the cost of getting around rises, the CalWORKs office has funds to assist with your transportation needs. During the semester, each student is able to get up to two $25 gas cards from our office. Single-ride bus passes are available as well.

We also have funds to help students with auto repairs. For students who are enrolled in six or more units and have at least a 2.0 GPA, we can cover up to $300 of an auto repair. This offer is first-come, first-served as funding is limited.

Career/Transfer Workshops—Bldg. 900

Planning to transfer to a CSU or UC next fall? If so, the time to file your application is now. The Career/Transfer Center will be offering one-on-one assistance with application completion throughout October and November. Stop by building 900 to check and sign up for appointment times.

For those planning to work now or after graduation, a strong resume is a vital tool. The LPC Career Center will be offering special appointments for resume assistance during the following times: Thurs., Oct., 30 @ 10:00am-2:00pm & Thurs., Nov., 13 @ 1:00pm-4:00pm.

To best use your time, you can bring job descriptions that interest you and resumes that you have used in the past. This information will help to make your resume the most effective.

Vince, our CalWORKs Assistant, is also happy to help with resumes, job applications, and other work-study-related information.

PSCN 40—Personal Finance

PSCN 40—Life Skills: Personal Finance
CRN: 22586
Instructor: Jill Oliviera
October 22nd—December 10th
This course will help you learn more about:
* Credit History  
* Consumer Loans
* Savings & Interest  
* Consumer Rights
* Personal Budgeting  
* Banking Services
* Managing Credit Cards and Debt
* Renting vs. Owning a Home

Free Children’s Theater Show

The LPC theater department is offering a free on-campus children’s show called Flashback! by Alice Wilson. This is a 35 minute series of comedic sketches about events in the lives of children. There will be two showings in the Activity Room—601:

Friday, October 24th at 7pm
Saturday, October 25th at 2pm
Every year the CalWORKs & CARE programs recognize our student achievements through a Student Recognition and Holiday Celebration. Now is your opportunity to help create this year’s celebration! Additionally, we provide gift cards for our families to help with holiday celebration. We need your assistance to create a successful event.

Please join us for any of the upcoming planning meetings:

- **Wednesday, October 22, 2008**
- **Wednesday, November 5, 2008**
- **Wednesday, November 19, 2008**
- **Wednesday, December 3, 2008**
- **Wednesday, December 10, 2008**
  - 12:00pm-1:00pm
  - CalWORKs/Career Center—Bldg. 900

For any questions, contact Vince at 925-424-1459.