



CalWORKs Connection

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Fall 2007

Las Positas College

Coordinator's Corner

Greetings CalWORKs Students,

As the semester continues to unfold, I am constantly reminded of how hard each of you work and how dedicated you are to the many areas of your lives that call for your time and attention. I am in awe of your ability to be present at school, tend to the varying needs of your families, large and small, and still find a place for you to ask what is best for yourself as you look toward your own future and envision new possibilities. When I first began as CalWORKs Coordinator seven years ago, I was drawn to this program because I believe so strongly in the opportunities that arise through obtaining an education. These opportunities far exceed the actual degree itself and include things like the opportunity to ask yourself what your hopes and dreams are for your future, the opportunity to experience success and acknowledge your accomplishments, the opportunity to be a part of a vibrant educational community, and the opportunity to give back. I still believe these are the most inspiring aspects of the CalWORKs program. They are the heart and soul of why you are here; to create meaningful opportunities for yourself and your families. It can be important at times to remember why you chose education and reconnect with the value of your hard work and long hours. The CalWORKs program is here to support you, so please let us know how we can continue to serve your needs.

Warmly,
Kimberly Tomlinson
CalWORKs Coordinator

Introducing CalWORKs Counselor: Dr. Dora Futterman

Please welcome our new Personal Counselor, Dr. Dora Futterman to the CalWORKs program for this year. Dora is available on Mondays, 9am-5pm in the Student Health Center to support you through life transitions, personal challenges or any other area of need. Dora comes to our program with much experience working with families and couples in transition. She enjoys the opportunity to explore with clients the richness of their own lives and to help them discover their own inner resources. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to support and care for yourself. Dora will be in the CalWORKs Center on Mondays from 1-2pm to meet informally with students. Please stop by and say hello.

Contact the CalWORKs office for a referral, 925-424-1432, or the Student Health Center to set up an appointment, 925-424-1830.

The Journey By Mary Oliver

One day you finally knew
what you had to do, and began,
though the voices around you
kept shouting
their bad advice—
though the whole house
began to tremble
and you felt the old tug
at your ankles.
“Mend my life!”
each voice cried.

But you didn't stop
You knew what you had to do,
though the wind pried with its
stiff fingers
At the very foundations—
though their melancholy
was terrible.
It was already late
enough, and a wild night,
and the road full of fallen
branches and stones.
But little by little,
as you left their voices behind,
the starts began to burn
through the sheets of clouds,
and there was a new voice,
which you slowly
Recognized as your own,
that kept you company
As you strode deeper and deeper
into the world,
determined to do
the only thing you could do—
determined to save
the only life you could save.



CalWORKs Office Reminders

1st week of every month: Student Progress Reports are due to the CalWORKs Office.

Submit a copy of your EOPS Progress Report to the CalWORKs Office. If you are not on EOPS, have your instructors complete the yellow CalWORKs Midterm Progress Report.

Spring 2008 Registration: Don't forget to sign up for your Spring Semester classes! As CalWORKs students, you are able to sign-up for your classes before the rest of the students! Register now to get the classes you want for next semester!

TANF-CDC Students — Next Meetings:
Wednesdays: 11/28 & 12/12 @ 4pm in 2401L
Contact Kimberly or Zina if you ever cannot attend a meeting.

Tri-Valley Housing Scholarship

The Tri-Valley Housing Scholarship Program provides rental assistance to low-income students who want to live in Livermore or Pleasanton.

Applicants must currently must:

- Be enrolled in a full-time educational or vocational program
- In good standing
- Have completed at least one full grading period prior to applying.

Staff will be available on campus in the CalWORKs Office on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 10:00am – 12:00pm

Please contact the CalWORKs Office for specific dates to make an appointment: 925-424-1459



Reminder from CalWORKs Counselor, Jill Oliveira

While I am part of the CalWORKs program, I am also an LPC general counselor and can provide you with any counseling service you might require. For example, I can complete a Student Education Plan (SEP), help you clear probation, or fill out any counseling-related paperwork. Many CalWORKs students find it advantageous to come in for a progress check. Furthermore, if you are a transfer student, come see me about having your general education certified. Although you are welcome to see any counselor here at LPC, you will often find less of a wait by taking advantage of my 10-4 office hours on Mondays. As always, I will try to serve you as quickly as possible keeping in mind your CalWORKs specific situation. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Women's Group

The CalWORKs program is excited to begin a women's group. The intent of this group is to provide a safe, supportive environment to connect more deeply with yourself and other students. We will explore, celebrate and engage each of our lives. Learning to listen to what has meaning and to connect with one's inner guidance allows each of us to make meaningful choices and support ones dreams and desires. This women's group will provide an opportunity to explore issues important to you, these could include women and women's lives, parenting, relationships, spirituality, identity and self awareness.

Multi-Disciplinary Building—Study Room: 2401L

Meetings will be held 10-11:30am on Fridays:

November 30

December 7

Spring Semester Dates: TBA

Contact Kimberly Tomlinson for more information
925-424-1432

Books & Supplies Money!

Collection of Books & Supplies paperwork will begin the week of Dec. 10th thru 14th.

Vince will lead several workshops to help students complete their paperwork and allow them to turn-in the completed forms on the spot. If you need assistance, please attend one of the following workshops to be held in the CalWORKs office:

Tues., Dec. 11, 4:00-5:00pm Wed., Dec. 12, 1:00-2:00pm Thurs., Dec. 13, 2:00-3:00pm

Be sure to bring recent documentation verifying current CalWORKs eligibility. The CalWORKs office will not submit completed paperwork until verification is received.

Examples of eligibility documentation include:

*Notices of Action *Welfare to Work Plans *CalWIN Screens

*Other stamped & signed eligibility verification from the county

Documentation must be dated within past month.



Micro-Bridge No-Interest Loans

Micro Bridge Loans take community based dollars and recycle them back to community members who are experiencing short-term financial crisis. Emergency assistance is issued in the form of non-interest bearing loans of up to \$500. Previous loans have been used to help people cover such immediate expenses as utility bills and auto repairs.

The Las Positas College CalWORKs program can work with each loan candidate to complete a simple application and screening process. Candidates must have completed at least one semester at LPC in good standing and must be currently enrolled and attending classes. Contact Jill for more info: 925-424-1432

Career Corner

CalWORKs Work-Study Opportunities

Vince is also working to link our CalWORKs students with local community employers providing both great job opportunities and financial benefits to both the student and the employer. The CalWORKs Work-Study program will cover up to 75% of a CalWORKs student's wage. CalWORKs staff can provide assistance with resumes, cover letters, and other employment preparation skills.

You are eligible for the program even if you already have employment.

For more info, contact Vince at 925-424-1459.

While raising families and furthering their education, these CalWORKs students are working hard in jobs on-campus and in the community:

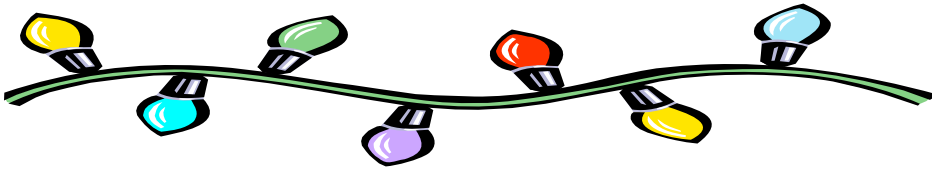
Brigette Bridgeman	Heather Clark	Christina Compton	Pauline Desamour
Carolyn Evans	Eleni Fanopoulos	Sarah Flores	Kim Gilmour
Leticia Herrera	Diana Lopez	Lakisha Neal-Chatmon	Melissa Ott
David Papazian	Jennifer Powell	Denise Rogers	Patrice Roof
Rashelle Rouzer	Celestine Rowe	Ronald Scheid	Fred Smith
	Robyn Sodbinow	Adrian Williams	

CARE/CALWORKS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION SIGN-UP NOW!

This year's CARE/CalWORKs Holiday Party will be about celebrating the successes of past and present CalWORKs students. Former CalWORKs students will share their stories and current CalWORKs students will be recognized for their accomplishments. There will also be holiday "gift card" support for CalWORKs students. You must sign up in the CalWORKs office to participate in the holiday gift card program and attend the reception. Gift Card Donations are collected throughout the community and distributed among families to assist with holiday gifts.

Please RSVP to Vince by Friday, November 26, 2007
925-424-1459 or vhamilton@laspositascollege.edu

Please join us for this fabulous annual event.
We look forward to seeing you there!
When: Friday, December 14, 2006
Time: 12:00-2:00 pm
Place: Building 1600, Staff Lounge



CARE/CALWORKS HOLIDAY PARTY SIGN-UP NOW!

Every year CalWORKs & CARE provide support for our students through a special holiday reception. Now is your opportunity to help create this year's Holiday Party!

Upcoming Holiday Party Planning Meetings:

Thursday, November 29, 2007

Thursday, December 6, 2007

11:00am-12:00pm

CalWORKs/Career Center—Bldg. 900

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



Staff & Hours

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CalWORKs Coordinator

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Monday: Out of Office

Tuesday: 9:00am—5:00pm

Wednesday: 10:00am—6:00pm

Thursday: 9:00am—5:00pm

Friday: 9:00am—1:00pm

Jill Oliviera

CalWORKs Counselor

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Monday: 10:00am—4:00pm

Vince Hamilton

CalWORKs Assistant

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