Dear Students,

We hope you are enjoying your classes and having a wonderful semester so far. The International Student Program (ISP) welcomed a record 41 new students from 24 countries including 12 from Korea, 4 from Brazil, 2 each from China, India and Vietnam, and 1 from Australia, Ecuador, Ghana, Honduras, Hungary, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mali, Pakistan, the Philippines, Serbia, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Kingdom and Venezuela.

Our new students attended a successful 3 day New International Student Orientation from August 6—8. Students were warmly greeted by Chancellor Joel Kinnamon, Las Positas College President DeRionne Pollard, Vice President of Student Services Pam Luster, the Dean of Student Services, Jeff Baker, and Interim District Executive Director of Public Relations and Governmental Affairs, Laura Weaver. We were thrilled to have them meet and speak to our students and happy for the extra help they provided, even preparing and serving lunch! Please visit our website at http://www.laspositascollege.edu/international and click on the “Photo Gallery” tab as we have some photos from our New International Student Orientation.

We are honored that you’ve chosen to study at Las Positas College. We hope that you find the information contained in this newsletter enjoyable and helpful. As always, the ISP welcomes your feedback, questions, and story ideas.
Last Day to Apply for Credit/No Credit—September 26

For classes in the Class Schedule listed in the “Codes” column as “OP”, you have the choice to take the class for a letter grade (A, B, C, D, F) or as Credit / No Credit. In Credit / No Credit classes, a grade of C or better counts as “credit” but does not affect your Grade Point Average (GPA). This is a good option if you are not prepared to do as well as you would like in a particular class and don’t want to lower your GPA. There are limits however to the amount of classes taken as Credit/ No Credit that are transferrable. Please see Gilberto Victoria, Counselor in Building # 700 for more information.

Payment of Fees

Tuition fees are due during the first 2 weeks of the semester. If you have not yet paid your fees, it is very important that you come see Cindy or Sean in the ISP Office as soon as possible. Failure to pay your fees on time results in an automatic “Administrative Hold” on your LPC record and will prevent you from registering for classes, obtaining transcripts and may affect your ability to transfer in a timely manner. You may pay your balance online on CLASS Web at http://banner-web.clpccd.cc.ca.us:700/

Health Insurance Coverage

The health and safety of International students at Las Positas College is our primary concern. To protect you from the high cost of medical care in the U.S. for unforeseen injuries and illnesses, medical insurance that includes repatriation and medical evacuation is required for all International students. If you have not done so already, please submit proof of insurance to the ISP Office as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding your health insurance, or need a recommendation of a good plan to purchase, please contact Sean in the ISP Office.
Day on the Glen Festival—September 20 & 21

The 8th Annual Day on the Glen Festival takes place at Emerald Glen Park on the corner of Tassajara Road and Gleason Drive in Dublin from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday and Sunday, September 20th and 21st. This family focused, fun-filled festival with an International Theme includes activities for everyone. “A World of Fun” allows participants to explore and learn about different cultures, enjoy a wide variety of international entertainment and sample delicious culinary delights from around the world. Get your own passport to keep track of the various “countries” you’ve visited and take home an international flag as a souvenir.

Besides carnival rides and jump houses, magicians and clowns, there will be several animal exhibits where kids can learn all about baboons, the African several, and leopards. The Petting Zoo will feature animals from around the globe. There will be over 100 commercial vendor and craft booths and non-profit groups, including Las Positas College. Be sure to stop by and say hi to Jenna Heath and our Student Ambassadors. Dublin City Hall will also have a booth to answer questions about Dublin.

The International Entertainment State will feature music and dance from India, Poland, Brazil, Africa, Ireland and Korea. Saturday evening at 6 pm, there will be a FREE concert featuring world renowned Latin Jazz artist, Pete Escovedo. For more information, visit http://www.dayontheglen.com

Club Day—Wednesday, September 17

Want to have fun and meet new people with similar interests? Then come to Club Day on Wednesday, September 17 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and visit the booths of many of the student clubs here at Las Positas College. Be sure to stop by the World Cultures Alliance table, as this is the club for International students and all those who are interested in celebrating our diverse cultures.

Flex Day—October 7—no instruction until after 4 pm

Tuesday, October 7 is Flex Day for faculty and staff to attend workshops for professional development. The campus will be closed and there will be no classes for daytime courses starting before 4:00 pm. Classes beginning after 4:00 pm will meet as regularly scheduled.
September Birthdays

Kattrim Ferreira—September 1
Jeerapat Kaewpratoom—September 4
Mee Lim—September 7
Sung Young Lee—September 8
Youngeun Choe—September 13
Irene Moshi—September 23
Yojiro Sudo—September 27
Sean Day—September 27
Amanda Locatelli—September 29
Rebecca Healy—September 30

Heri ya sikukuu ya kuzaliwa (Swahili for Happy Birthday)

Birthday Tradition in Kenya
A mother straps her baby to her back and carries it to a thorn enclosure used to keep the cattle. The husband and the villagers who waits there christens the child.

Transfer Day—Thursday September 18

Meet with university representatives from a wide variety of schools and learn about your transfer opportunities from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the lower Quad. Learn about admission, majors, housing and cost. Ask about the guaranteed admissions process. Some of the colleges attending the transfer fair include, CSU East Bay, San Jose State, San Francisco State, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC San Diego, UC Santa Cruz, Holy Names University, Golden Gate University, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, University of the Pacific, St. Mary’s College, and the University of San Francisco. For a complete list of schools or for more information please visit http://www.laspositascollege.edu/transfercenter/workshops.php or visit the Transfer Center in Building # 900.
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