



# LAS POSITAS

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## COLLEGE

## Student Services Monthly Newsletter

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### COMMON ASSESSMENT INITIATIVE (CAI)

In June 2017, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office announced another delay with the rollout and implementation of the Common Assessment Initiative (CAI). According to the Chancellor's Office, "the Common Assessment Initiative is an ambitious project with the end goal of deploying a common assessment system for math, English, and English as a Second Language (ESL) that will benefit students. Once implemented, these tests will be used by California Community Colleges to enhance student access and success by providing state-of-the-art assessment to inform placement of students across the system." More information regarding this initiative is forthcoming. In the meantime, LPC will continue to utilize ACCUPLACER for testing.

### INTERIM DEAN OF STUDENT SERVICES

Las Positas College is currently working with the Human Resources Office to hire an Interim Dean of Student Services in the coming weeks. The Interim Dean will be responsible for the administrative oversight of academic scheduling, articulation, assessment, counseling, orientation, student discipline, transfer/career center, tutorial center, and will play an integral role in helping our learning communities - Puente Project and UMOJA. Additional information to be forthcoming...

### WELCOME WEEK

The Outreach Office and the Student Life Office will be collaborating on hosting informational tables for the start of the fall semester. The informational tables will feature campus maps, course information, Student Services information, and other pertinent information to help new and returning students. The informational tables will be stationed outside of the Student Life Office and at the Quad on Wednesday, August 16th; Thursday, August 17th; and Monday, August 21st. I would like to thank Scott Miner and Mike Alvarez for their collaboration on this initiative.



### IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- **August 4th**  
Last Friday Off
- **August 14th**  
Convocation Day at  
Chabot College
- **August 15th**  
College Day at  
Las Positas College
- **August 16th**  
Start of Fall Semester



## **WEBPAGE REDESIGN**

In the coming months, all Student Services entities will be asked to review their current webpages to ensure their accuracy and effectiveness to inform prospective and current students, our colleagues, and our community of the support services we offer. The goal of this project will be to streamline the delivery of information and ensure uniformity amongst all Student Services webpages. All employees are encouraged to get involved with this project.

## **REORGANIZATION WITHIN STUDENT SERVICES**

Effective July 1, 2017, Student Services implemented a minor reorganization. The reorganization includes transferring the reporting of CalWORKs, DSPS, and Workability III to Dean Sylvia Rodriguez. I am hopeful that this reorganization will allow the programs noted above to receive more personalized attention in order to improve communication and collaboration with other college entities to better serve our students and our community. Thank you to Dean Rodriguez for her leadership.

## **MIDDLE COLLEGE**

Las Positas College in collaboration with the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program is proud to announce the continuation of Middle College for the 2017-2018 Academic Year. Middle College provides high school students from Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton an opportunity to begin taking college courses while still enrolled in high school. Students take classes at Las Positas College (up to 11 units per semester) and their enrollment fees are waived. Middle College is an excellent opportunity for high school students to complete curriculum required for high school graduation, get started on their college education, and begin to prepare for the workforce. Many thanks go to the Admissions & Records and Counseling teams for their support of this initiative.

## **STUDENT EQUITY / STUDENT SUCCESS & SUPPORT PROGRAM**

Nessa Julian, Director of Student Success & Equity, has been hard at work to ensure compliance with state regulations that pertain to the Student Equity Program (SEP) and Student Success & Support Program (SSSP) for fiscal year 2017-2018. This work has included reviewing all past program expenditures including personnel compensation and initiatives. SEP and SSSP will receive the same level of funding for the new fiscal year and it is expected that all carry forward funds will be expended. Also in the works is an integrated plan with the Basic Skills Initiative (BSI) and the Strong Workforce Program (SWP) due December 2017. Thank you, Nessa.

## **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 issues of our newsletter. Please e-mail your information to [wgarcia@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:wgarcia@laspositascollege.edu).

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