



LAS POSITAS
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Student Services Monthly Newsletter

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SMART SHOP SERIES

Beginning in fall 2017, various entities within Academic Services and Student Services came together to form the Smart Shop Series – a series of workshops designed to help students with academic preparation, transfer planning, and career exploration. Sample workshops include: “Time Management,” “Transfer 101: CSU,” “Career Inventory,” and “Library – Tools for Success.” Students who are interested in attending a workshop are encouraged to register online at www.laspositascollege.edu/smartshops. What a wonderful example of collaboration between Academic Services and Student Services to leverage resources in order to better serve students. Congratulations on a job well done!

GUIDED PATHWAYS

Guided Pathways is a statewide initiative that seeks to support community college students as they transition from high school or the workplace to earning a certificate, associate degree, and/or transfer to a four-year university with ease by removing institutional barriers that may interfere with their success or timely completion of their educational goal. Proactive and integrated academic and student supports will be explored, program requirements will be streamlined, alignment of learning outcomes will take place, and applied learning opportunities will be explored. Various Student Services employees have been invited to learn more about Guided Pathways and to help with its implementation at Las Positas College. Additional information to be forthcoming.

CLUB DAY

The Associated Students of Las Positas College (ASLPC) plans to host Club Day on February 14, 2018. Club Day provides the opportunity to showcase over thirty active student clubs that represent the diversity of the students we serve. The event also provides the opportunity for student clubs to recruit new members. Please join our student club leaders in celebrating the diversity of our college and help encourage students to get involved in student life at Las Positas College.



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- **February 6th**
LPC Scholarship Goes Live
- **February 9th**
Associate Degree for Transfer Deadline for Spring 2018
- **February 14th**
Club Day
- **February 16th**
Pass/No Pass Deadline for Full-Term Courses



SUPPORTING VETERANS

The Veterans First Program in collaboration with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and other California community colleges will be sponsoring an event at Las Positas College on February 9, 2018 titled, "Building Pathways to Support Veterans." The purpose of the event is to bring together practitioners from throughout the state of California to learn of best practices to better serve our veteran students. Over forty-four community colleges will be represented with approximately one hundred colleagues in attendance which will include college administrators, counselors, certifying officials, and other support personnel.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Las Positas College partnered with Chabot College to submit a joint application for the California Community College Mental Health Services Grant Program which was announced in late December 2017. The purpose of the grant is to help colleges expand their mental health services and form partnerships with local county behavioral health departments and community-based organizations. The maximum award amount of each grant is \$350,000. We are hopeful that both colleges will receive funding for this much needed service for our students.

LAS POSITAS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Las Positas College students who are interested in applying for scholarships for the 2018-2019 academic year are encouraged to apply beginning on February 6, 2018. The online scholarship application underwent major revisions during the past year to help facilitate the process for students and scholarship readers alike. Over \$400,000 in scholarship funds are available to students. For more information, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

The Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) Gateway to Success program is proud to announce that one of their students, Damien Machado, will be receiving the Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley's Latinos in Technology Scholarship. The scholarship amount is \$10,000 and it is renewable up to \$30,000 over a three-year period. The scholarship is presented to Latino(a) students who have a declared major in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) or related academic discipline. Damien is majoring in Computer Science at Las Positas College. Damien plans to transfer to a University of California campus in fall 2018. Please join me in congratulating Damien.

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.

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