



# LAS POSITAS

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## COLLEGE

## Student Services Monthly Newsletter

February 2019

### **NEW FINANCIAL AID ADVISOR II**

I am happy to announce that Shema Khidir has been offered the position of Financial Aid Advisor II pending board approval in February 2019. Shema began her career in financial aid as a Financial Aid Peer Advisor while attending College of Alameda in Alameda, California. During the past seven and a half years, Shema has worked in various financial aid positions including most recently as a Financial Aid Manager for Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts in San Mateo, California. Shema earned her Bachelor of Science in International Business from San Francisco State University. Please join me in welcoming Shema.

### **NEW FINANCIAL AID ADVISOR III**

I am happy to announce that Lydia Penaflor has been offered the position of Financial Aid Advisor III pending board approval in February 2019. Lydia began her career in the banking industry and worked approximately 22 years in human resources in various positions including Human Resources Manager for the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District. For the past two and a half years, Lydia has served as a Financial Aid Advisor II at Las Positas College. Lydia earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Management from the University of Phoenix. Please join me in congratulating Lydia on her new position.

### **FASTPASS**

Our next FastPass series is scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2019 through Thursday, April 11, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Building 1600. Please mark your calendars. During FastPass, prospective students will be able to complete the admission application, apply for financial aid, complete the online orientation, take the assessment test or utilize multiple measures for course placement, have a student educational plan developed, and obtain priority registration for summer and fall 2019. If you have any questions or would like to help host the event, please contact Miguel Alvarez, Outreach Specialist.



### **IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES**

- **February 15th-18th**  
President's Weekend  
Holiday
- **February 19th**  
The Market
- **February 19th**  
LPC Student Services  
Meeting
- **February 27th**  
Club Day



## **LPC TO SERVE AS SAT TEST SITE**

In December 2018, Las Positas College was approved by The College Board to serve as a Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) site. SAT testing will take place on Saturday, March 9, 2019. Las Positas College has agreed to invite up to 500 students to take the SAT test. If you are interested in serving as a test proctor or would like to help host the event, please contact Frances De Nisco, Community Education Program Coordinator. Thank you for your time and consideration.

## **2018 FACILITIES MASTER PLAN**

The proposed 2018 Facilities Master Plan (FMP) for Las Positas College will be made available during the month of February 2019. The plan will be presented during the February 2019 Town Meeting and feedback will be solicited throughout the month. Please be prepared to share your thoughts and opinions about the plan. Included in the 2018 Facilities Master Plan will be a proposed Student Center to include the Bookstore, Copy Center, Student Health & Wellness Center, Student Life, Student Union, Veterans Resource Center, and general event space. Please join me in advocating for a Student Center.

## **CURRICULUM ALIGNMENT MEETING**

The Las Positas College English and Mathematics Departments have agreed to host a High School Curriculum Alignment meeting on Friday, February 22, 2019 in the Student Services & Administration Building, Room 1602. English faculty will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and math faculty will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. for all participants. The purpose of the meeting is to help align our curriculum with Dublin Unified School District, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, and Pleasanton Unified School District. This is particularly important given the recent changes to English and math curriculum and the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 705. Counselors have been invited and encouraged to attend the event. Please work with your respective deans to make arrangements to attend and participate.

## **CAMPUSLOGIC**

The Financial Aid Offices at Chabot College and Las Positas College in collaboration with Information Technology Services (ITS) have agreed to partner with CampusLogic, a third party vendor to assist with financial aid. Once implemented, it is anticipated that CampusLogic will help the Financial Aid Offices improve awarding efficiency, reduce processing time, and increase financial aid verification completion. This is particularly important given the new Student Centered Funding Formula, which compensates colleges for the number of students awarded and disbursed Federal Pell Grants. We hope to begin our partnership with CampusLogic for the 2019-2020 Award Year. Additional information is forthcoming.

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

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