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Student Services Monthly Newsletter

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WI-FI ACCESS IN COLLEGE PARKING LOTS

Las Positas College is working on providing free Wi-Fi access in college parking lots to help students who require a hotspot or access to the internet to complete the Six Steps to Success, engage in coursework, and access academic and student support services. Campus Safety & Security, College Technology Services, and Maintenance & Operations are taking the lead on this project. Additional information is forthcoming.

DSPS COUNSELOR RECRUITMENT UPDATE

Thankfully, Disabled Student Programs & Services (DSPS) was approved to proceed with the recruitment for one tenure-track, DSPS Counselor. It is anticipated that the hiring will go before the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees for review and approval during the July 2020 board meeting. If approved, our new DSPS Counselor will begin in August 2020 in preparation for the fall semester. Thank you to the members of the selection committee for their hard work, dedication, and patience with this recruitment.

SUMMER PROJECT IDEAS

For those of you working this summer and may have some down time, I would like to recommend the following summer projects to help you prepare for the start of the fall semester 2020. Project #1 - Review your respective webpages and all links to ensure that the information posted is relevant and up-to-date. Project #2 - Work with Information Technology Services (ITS) to develop generic e-mail accounts if your entity includes more than one employee so that students may access services remotely even during summer vacations. Project #3 - Update brochures, flyers, and posters to prepare for the upcoming academic year and begin to share your exciting plans to serve students - consider producing videos to post online with closed captioning. Project #4 - Begin to brainstorm about activities, events, and programs your entity plans to host during the upcoming year - essential to think about how to transition to a virtual environment. Project #5 - Consider hosting a virtual staff meeting or a retreat to help prepare for the fall semester 2020.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- **July 4th**
Independence Day
- **July 21st**
The Market
- **July 23rd**
Second Drop for Non-Payment for Fall 2020
- **July 30th**
End of 4-10 Summer Work Schedule



GUIDED SELF-PLACEMENT UPDATE

The Student Services Division is working with the Arts & Humanities (A&H) Division and the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Division, along with academic discipline faculty to expand the guided self-placement for Chemistry, English as a Second Language (ESL), French, and Spanish. In the absence of a permanent, full-time Assessment Specialist and the physical college closure due to COVID-19, the Assessment Center is exploring ways to help students place appropriately into classes for fall semester. Additional information is forthcoming.

LPC STUDENT SERVICES EVENTS CALENDAR

On Thursday, June 25, 2020, representatives from all Student Services entities were invited to participate in creating the first draft of the LPC Student Services events calendar for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. The events calendar has been shared via e-mail with all Student Services employees and will be revised throughout the academic year. Thank you for your support with this project.

STREET BANNER UPDATE

Thanks to the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District's Office of Public Relations, Marketing, and Government Relations, the street banner project was completed in early June 2020. The previous street banners were replaced with pictures of six former students with the slogan "Invest In You" to complement the other marketing and outreach efforts by the college. The new street banners were posted on city light poles along Campus Hill Drive, Collier Canyon Road, and Portola Avenue. A special thanks to Mujeeb Dadgar for his tireless efforts and patience with this project.

THE MARKET UPDATE

The Market resumed at Las Positas College in May 2020. Since then, The Market has served hundreds of students, employees, and the community thanks to volunteers who have included students and employees. The Market will continue to operate with pre-bagged groceries and a drive thru model until further notice from the Alameda County Public Health Department and guidance from the Alameda County Community Food Bank. The Market takes place on the third Tuesday of each month from 12:00 pm through 3:00 pm or until supplies run out. Dates, times, and location are subject to change without prior notice.

COMPUTER CENTER UPDATE

The Las Positas College Computer Center is available to serve prospective and current students virtually via Zoom, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm during summer. The LPC Computer Center is available to help students with the following: Canvas; ConferZoom; Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, and Word; CLASS-Web; Zonemail; obtaining free Microsoft Office 365; and learning how to scan assignments using smartphones. Additional information may be found online at <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/computercenter/index.php>.

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.

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