



LAS POSITAS

COLLEGE

Student Services Monthly Newsletter

June 2020

LPC CLASS OF 2020

Las Positas College students asked the college not to host a virtual or online commencement ceremony but instead postpone the ceremony until it is safe to host. To celebrate and honor our graduates, a newly created webpage was developed to feature student graduate pictures, congratulatory videos, and musical vision board by our EOPS students, along with other helpful links. Thank you to Julie Thornburg, Tim Druley, Mujeeb Dadgar, and Guisselle Nunez, for their support and leadership on this project. For more information, please visit <http://laspositascollege.edu/classof2020/>.

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE REOPENING

The Office of the Vice President of Student Services at Las Positas College is taking proactive steps to prepare for the reopening of the college to employees, students, and the greater community. Thus far, we have purchased personal protection equipment (PPE) to include cleansing wipes, face masks, face shields, gloves, and sanitizers. We have also worked with Maintenance & Operations (M&O) to install plastic barriers at service counters and windows. We have also ordered floor stickers to help with social distancing, we have purchased stanchions to help better coordinate student lines, and we are exploring a new electronic queuing system. Campus Safety & Security is exploring new road and campus signage to inform every one of the requirement to wear face masks, adhere to social distancing, and remind those who are sick to stay home.

THE MARKET UPDATE

Las Positas College resumed hosting The Market on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 with the support of the Student Life Office, Campus Safety & Security, Student Health & Wellness Center, and Maintenance & Operations (M&O). The Market featured a drive thru with pre-bagged groceries in compliance with the county's public health order and in alignment with the guidelines provided by the Alameda County Community Food Bank. The next free food distribution will be hosted on Tuesday, June 16, 2020.



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- **June 1st**
First Day of Summer Term
- **June 5th**
First Friday Off
- **June 16th**
The Market
- **June 30th**
End of Fiscal Year
2019-2020



EMPLOYEE TUBERCULOSIS TESTING

Las Positas College employees that require Tuberculosis (TB) testing for continued employment with the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (CLPCCD) may opt to be tested by the Las Positas College Student Health & Wellness Center. Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare, the entity that administers our Student Health & Wellness Center, is willing to perform TB testing per established guidelines and health protocol. Testing arrangements are made on an individual basis by calling (925) 424-1830 or e-mailing pgonsman@laspositascollege.edu.

DREAMER RESOURCE LIAISON

Catherine Alfaro Gomez, Financial Aid Outreach Specialist, has agreed to serve as our college's first Dreamer Resource Liaison beginning in the 2020-2021 Academic Year. In her role as Dreamer Resource Liaison, Catherine will serve as a resource for undocumented students and will assist and refer students for financial aid, social services, state-funded immigration legal services, internships, externships, and academic opportunities. The designation of a Dreamer Resource Liaison is an unfunded state mandate that means the college is not going to receive any additional funds to comply with the new state law. While Las Positas College does not currently have physical space available to serve as a Dream Resource Center, we remain hopeful that a future Student Center facility may accommodate such an important venue. Thank you to Catherine for accepting this important and vital responsibility to serve our undocumented students.

LPC SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

We are pleased to announce the 2020-2021 Academic Year Las Positas College student scholarship recipients! The list of student scholarship recipients have been added to our scholarship webpage at <https://www.laspositascollege.edu/financialaid/>. Las Positas College awarded 140 scholarships totaling \$230,000. Thank you to the many donors in our community who supported our students and made these scholarships possible. The Financial Aid Office would like to extend their appreciation to the scholarship committee for the countless hours that they dedicated to reading and evaluating the scholarship applications especially during these difficult times. Please join me in congratulating our student scholarship recipients.

SUMMER WORK SCHEDULE

Per the memorandum issued by the Human Resources Office, Las Positas College will begin to operate on a 4-day, 10-hour workweek beginning on Monday, June 1, 2020. This means that our first Friday off from work will be Friday, June 5, 2020. Employees are reminded that they are expected to work 10 hours per day unless other arrangements are made with their immediate supervisor. Please refer to the memorandum or contact the Human Resources Office for additional information.

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.

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