



LAS POSITAS
COLLEGE

Student Services Monthly Newsletter

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CREATION OF A WELCOME CENTER

The Associated Students of Las Positas College (ASLPC), Outreach, and Student Life have come together to create a Welcome Center at Las Positas College. The Welcome Center is located within the Student Life Office located in the Student Services & Administration Building, Room 1643. The goal of the Welcome Center is to serve as a starting point for prospective students, their families, and campus visitors. I would like to acknowledge Scott Miner and Mike Alvarez for making the Welcome Center a reality on our campus.

ADMISSION APPLICATION NOW OPEN

The Las Positas College admission application for spring 2018 became available on September 20th – approximately two weeks earlier compared to recent years. All new and returning students are encouraged to apply for admission as soon as possible so that they may complete the core services of orientation, assessment testing, and student educational plan in preparation for course registration to begin in November 2017.

COURSE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

In an effort to provide maximum opportunity for students to enroll in classes for spring 2018, Open Enrollment is scheduled for December 1st approximately ten days earlier than originally scheduled. Open Enrollment is for all students regardless of the completion of core services. Priority registration for state mandated groups is scheduled for November 7th. The complete registration schedule may be found online on the Admissions & Records Office webpage and will be included in the class schedule.

FINANCIAL AID FILING PERIOD BEGINS

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) will become available on October 1st for the 2018-2019 Award Year. Federal and state-based financial aid and select scholarships require the completion of the financial aid application. All students should be encouraged to apply for financial aid at their earliest convenience.



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- **October 1st**
Financial Aid Filing Period Begins
- **October 1st**
CSU Admission Filing Period Begins
- **October 4th**
Club Day
- **October 16th**
Program Reviews Due



STUDENT MOBILITY FEE

The Associated Students of Las Positas College (ASLPC) recently approved an initiative to create a Student Mobility Fee (transportation fee) in order to continue the partnership with Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) to offer free Wheels bus ridership for all students. If approved, students would pay \$8 if enrolled in less than six units and \$9 if enrolled in six or more units for fall and spring semester beginning in fall 2018. A campus student election will be scheduled the week of November 13th. More information to be forthcoming.

ONLINE COUNSELING FOR ALL STUDENTS

The Counseling Department is now offering online counseling to all LPC students. As of summer 2017, the Counseling Department offers “Live” web-based appointments for students who cannot meet in-person with a counselor. This service is available to currently enrolled students and prospective students. Appointments may be made in-person at the Counseling Department. The Counseling Department will continue to offer E-Counseling services which are e-mail based services. Please share this information with students. I would like to recognize Gabriela Discua and Chris Lee for their leadership on this initiative.

NEW CAREER CENTER

It is with great excitement that I announce the reintroduction of the Career Center at Las Positas College. Angella VenJohn has graciously accepted the responsibility of reestablishing our Career Center with the aim of helping students with resumes, cover letters, career exploration, and career counseling. The Career Center will be tasked with working collaboration with the Tri-Valley One-Stop Career Center and with the LPC Work-Based Learning Initiative. The Career Center is collocated with the Transfer Center in the Student Services & Administration Building, Room 1604. Please join me in thanking and congratulating Angella for assuming this vital role.

NEW COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMPLETION GRANT

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office recently announced the creation of a new state-based financial grant titled, Community College Completion Grant (CCCG). The new grant is aimed at financially supporting students who have a comprehensive education plan developed by an academic counselor, who are enrolled in at least 15 units per semester, and are on pace to complete their declared educational goal or program. Grants will begin to be awarded and disbursed in fall 2017. More information to be 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 issues of our newsletter. Please e-mail your information to wgarcia@laspositascollege.edu.

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