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## COLLEGE

## Student Services Monthly Newsletter

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### VALOR CROSSING

The Veterans First Program has proposed entering into an agreement with Eden Housing Resident Services, Inc. and Eden Housing Management, Inc. to provide support services to veterans at Valor Crossing Housing located in Dublin. The housing complex is made-up of affordable family units and is primarily for Veterans who meet specific housing requirements including those who were recently homeless. The Veterans First Program will provide workshops on college admission, financial aid, financial literacy, and college student support services. The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees will consider this opportunity at the September 2017 board meeting. Thank you to Todd Steffan for helping form this partnership to serve our Veterans and their families.

### FREE TRANSPORTATION

Las Positas College has proposed entering into an agreement with Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) for a second year to provide free transportation to students and employees with a valid college issued identification card for the 2017-2018 Academic Year. LAVTA provides public transit service every 15 minutes to and from Las Positas College with quick, convenient connections to Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) and Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) trains. The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees will consider this opportunity at the September 2017 board meeting. I would like to acknowledge Scott Miner and the Associated Students of Las Positas College (ASLPC) for their commitment to provide free and environmentally conscious public transportation for our college community.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES @ LPC

Las Positas College currently has the following employment opportunities within Student Services: (1) CalWORKs Program Coordinator; (2) Dean of Student Services; (3) Financial Aid Advisor II; and (4) Veterans Specialist. The job announcements may be found on the college district website under Human Resources. All interested Student Services personnel are encouraged to apply.



### IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- **September 6th**  
9/11 Remembrance
- **September 18th**  
Constitution Day
- **September 21st**  
Degree Works Launch
- **September 25th**  
Transfer Day



## **LPC BOOKSTORE**

Did you know that our bookstore sells office supplies, furniture, electronics, and much more? In fact, our bookstore sells over 23,000 items to students, employees, and the general public. The bookstore through a program titled, Central Supplies is ready to provide assistance to departments, offices, and programs that want to purchase items below suggested retail prices especially for larger quantity orders. More information may be found online at <http://www.iteminfo.com/> or by contacting or visiting the bookstore.

## **LAST DAY OF A&R AFTER-HOURS SERVICE CENTER**

The Admission & Records After-Hours Service Center will cease their operation for the summer/fall 2017 on September 28, 2017. The initiative began on May 9, 2017 with the goal of providing real time after-hours support service to prospective and current students. The Responders who worked each evening throughout the initiative were able to make and receive thousands of telephone calls and were able to help students navigating the matriculation process. Please join me in thanking Dean Sylvia Rodriguez and her team for providing stellar service to our students.

## **YEAR-ROUND FEDERAL PELL GRANTS**

The U.S. Department of Education announced the return of the year-round Federal Pell Grant for the 2017-2018 Award Year. Students may receive up to 150% of the Federal Pell Grant scheduled award for an award year meaning that students who enroll in summer may be eligible for a third Pell Grant disbursement contingent on their enrollment status and satisfactory academic progress. At Las Positas College, the award year for the disbursement of federal student aid begins with the fall semester (header) and concludes with the summer term (trailer). Additional information is forthcoming. I would like to thank Andi Schreiber and the rest of the financial aid team for their dedication and hard work to provide financial assistance to our students.

## **THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS**

I would like to thank all Student Services employees for their commitment to ensuring a successful start of the Fall Semester 2017. Thanks to your hard work and dedication, the College is poised to serve over 8,000 new, continuing, and returning students this semester. Congratulations on a job well done.

## **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](mailto:wgarcia@laspositascollege.edu).

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