



# LAS POSITAS

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## COLLEGE

## Student Services Monthly Newsletter

June 2018

### COMMENCEMENT 2018

On behalf of the Office of the Vice President of Student Services, I would like to thank all of you who assisted with the coordination and helped with the execution of this year's Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 26, 2018. It was a great success! We had 250 graduates participate in the ceremony which was a new record compared to our past Saturday graduation ceremonies. I especially would like to acknowledge Julie Thornburg, Miguel Alvarez, Amanda Ingold, and Monica Alvarez for truly going over and above to make this event memorable for our graduates, their families, and our distinguished guests. Congratulations on a job well done!

### STUDENT HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER

It's with a heavy heart I announce Dayna Barbero, Director/Coordinator of our Student Health & Wellness Center, has submitted her resignation effective June 15, 2018. Dayna has accepted the position of Director of Health Services at the University of the Pacific which has its main campus in Stockton and two regional campuses in Sacramento and San Francisco. Thankfully, Patricia "Tricia" Gonsman, Wellness Coordinator/Family Nurse Practitioner with Chabot College's Student Health & Wellness Center has accepted the opportunity to join us at Las Positas College effective June 18, 2018. Tricia has over 20 years of experience as a Registered Nurse (RN) and has a passion for working with college students. Please join me in welcoming Tricia.

### CLIP

Las Positas College is proud to announce that the following Student Services employees have been nominated and invited to participate in the third cohort of the Classified Leadership Institute for Professionals (CLIP) that is sponsored by the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District. Our colleagues are Jesus Bravo-Morales, Phat "Frank" Nguyen Le, and Daysi Valle. Please join me in congratulating them.



### IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- **June 8th**  
First Friday Off
- **June 13th**  
First Class Drop for Non-Payment for Fall 2018
- **June 19th**  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting
- **June 30th**  
End of Fiscal Year



## **TITLE V HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTION GRANT**

Rafael Valle, Director of the Title V Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) grant recently submitted a request for \$91,655 in supplemental funding for the 2018-2019 federal fiscal year from the U.S. Department of Education to provide financial resources to support a speaker series with an emphasis on financial literacy, knowledge of economics, and full understanding of higher education financing and repayment especially as it pertains to financial aid and student loans. The supplemental funding, if awarded, will also be used to initiate a student ambassador program to help support the new learning community facility within Building 1000 and assist with outreach efforts on and off-campus. And the funds will be used to revamp our online student orientation to include some of the above referenced elements plus additional information on academic integrity, campus safety, and other consumer information. Additional information is forthcoming, if awarded.

## **EVENT PLANNING MEETING**

Student Services will be hosting an event planning meeting on June 13, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon) in the Student Services & Administration Building, Room 1602, to start planning for the 2018-2019 Academic Year. All Student Services administrators, coordinators, and leads will be invited to attend and participate. Attendees will be asked to come prepared to share their confirmed or tentative plans for activities, deadlines, end of year celebrations, events, fieldtrips, student orientations, and other initiatives that should be shared with colleagues throughout Student Services. The goal of this meeting is to encourage early planning, avoid duplication, avoid date/time/location conflicts, maximize publicity and attendance, and collaboration.

## **SUMMER CLEAN-UP**

As we wind down from the 2017-2018 Academic Year and begin to plan for the 2018-2019 Academic Year, I would like to encourage all Student Services personnel to remove and update any flyers, posters, signage, and webpages that reference activities, deadlines, and events from this past academic year. Emphasis should be placed on updating bulletin boards, display cabinets, office doors, service windows, and television monitors. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER GRANT PROGRAM**

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office recently notified all California community colleges that the 2017-2018 State Budget appropriated \$5 million in one-time funding to help community colleges establish or enhance existing on-campus Veterans Resource Centers. Las Positas College plans to apply for \$200,000 in funding to help further support our efforts to serve our current and former members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

## **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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