



LAS POSITAS

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Student Services Monthly Newsletter

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NEW FINANCIAL AID OUTREACH SPECIALIST

I am happy to announce that Catherine Alfaro has been offered the position of Financial Aid Outreach Specialist pending board approval in May 2019. Catherine has had various employment opportunities working with non-profit and community-based organizations focusing on helping clients with job preparation skills and advocating for students of underrepresented groups. Most recently, Catherine has worked as the Transfer Center Coordinator at Ohlone College in Fremont, California for the past nine months where she was responsible for hosting transfer related events and programs. Catherine earned her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of California, Santa Cruz. Please join me in welcoming Catherine.

NEW FINANCIAL AID ADVISOR II

I am happy to announce that Simmy Bains has been offered the position of Financial Aid Advisor II pending board approval in May 2019. Simmy began her career in higher education working for Wyotech and Heald Colleges working as a Financial Aid Advisor for approximately three and a half years. For the past three and a half years, Simmy has been working for California State University, East Bay as a Financial Aid Counselor where she was assigned to the study abroad program and responsible for serving as the Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) loan coordinator. Simmy earned various associate degrees from Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, California and her Bachelor of Arts in Human Development from California State University, East Bay. Please join me in welcoming Simmy.

EVENT PLANNING FOR 2019-2020

All program coordinators are encouraged to begin planning their events for the 2019-2020 Academic Year. The Office of the Vice President of Student Services will be scheduling a meeting in June 2019 to help foster communication and collaboration and help avoid any date, time, or location conflicts. Additional information is forthcoming.



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- **May 4th**
Best of the Best
- **May 14th-15th**
Prep 2 Pass
- **May 16th**
Scholarship Ceremony
- **May 25th**
Commencement 2019



NEW VETERANS PROGRAM SUPERVISOR

I am happy to announce that Todd Steffan has been offered the position of Veterans Program Supervisor pending board approval in May 2019. Todd began his career in higher education as a Faculty Intern, Instructor, and Financial Aid Customer Service Technician at California State University, Chico. Todd joined the team at Las Positas College in 2004 as the Student Service Specialist II assigned to the Financial Aid Office with an emphasis on student veterans and was hired as the Veterans Program Coordinator in 2009. In addition, Todd has also served as a college counselor and instructor for Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Contra Costa Community College District, and Peralta Community College District. Todd earned his Master of Arts in Counselor Education from San Jose State University, a Master of Arts in Social Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science from California State University, Chico. Please join me in congratulating Todd on his new position.

NEWLY ELECTED STUDENT LEADERS

The Las Positas College Student Government (LPCSG) hosted a student election from Monday, April 8, 2019 through Sunday, April 14, 2019. Over 300 students voted online via CLASS-Web. All officer positions had at least one candidate including the position of student trustee. The election results are as follows: President Blessing Nkrumah; Vice President Alina Verzi; Director of Legislation Sahna Das; Director of Events Shahaf Dan; Director of Communication Rodrigo Saucedo; Inter-Club Council Chair Shayari Saha; and Student Trustee Gee Moloi. Additional information may be found online on the LPCSG webpage. Please join me in congratulating our new student leaders for the 2019-2020 Academic Year.

ANTICIPATED POWER OUTAGE UPDATE

As a follow-up to last month's Las Positas College Student Services newsletter, the anticipated power outage is now tentatively scheduled from Friday, August 2, 2019 through Saturday, August 10, 2019. The reason for the power outage is to replace the electrical switchgear that provides electricity to the entire campus. It is anticipated that Buildings 100, 1600, and 1700 (partial list) will have electricity but may operate with no air conditioning for approximately one week. The administrative team is working on the logistics to prepare for this major upgrade. Additional information is forthcoming.

COMMENCEMENT 2019

Las Positas College will be hosting its 29th Annual Commencement on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Physical Education Complex, Building 2500. It is anticipated that approximately 300 graduates will participate in this year's celebration. Each graduate will be eligible to receive up to three (3) tickets for guests. Additional information and instructional videos will be posted online for graduates and their guests. This year, our Friend of the College will be Michael Tree, Executive Director of Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) that operates Wheels buses. Our Commencement Address will be given by former State Assemblywomen Catharine Baker.

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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