



LAS POSITAS

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Student Services Monthly Newsletter

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COMMON ASSESSMENT INITIATIVE UPDATE

In October 2017, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office announced that the creation of a common assessment instrument to be used by all California community colleges would be suspended indefinitely as a result of the state legislative mandate to implement multiple measures. Thankfully, Las Positas College has been proactive in implementing multiple measures in English and mathematics. Initial results from English for the past year are promising and we look forward to receiving similar results from the implementation of multiple measures in mathematics that began last month.

NEW COUNSELING WEBPAGE

The Counseling Department is proud to announce the launch of a new counseling website designed to better serve students and colleagues alike. The new webpage features information on how to make a counseling appointment, online counseling, workshops, career and transfer resources, and introduces our counseling and counseling support team. Many thanks to Gabriela Discua and Michelle Zapata for their leadership on this project.

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

The Las Positas College Disability Resource Center will be hosting an event titled, "Transition to College" on Thursday, November 30th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Building 2400, Room 2420. The event is designed to help prospective students and their families learn about Las Positas College and how the Disability Resource Center may assist them in their transition to college. Understanding the difference between high school and college resources is critical to the transition process. Information on early admission and course registration will be highlighted.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

The Las Positas College International Student Program will be hosting a series of events in recognition of International Education Week scheduled for November 13th through November 16th. More information will be forthcoming.



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- **November 3rd**
Last Day to Withdraw with "W" In-Person
- **November 5th**
Last Day to Withdraw with "W" Online
- **November 9th**
Honoring Veterans Day
- **November 30th**
California State University and University of California Priority Admission Deadline for Fall 2018



CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Effective spring 2018, concurrently enrolled students including those enrolled in Middle College will no longer be able to register in Kinesiology or Physical Education courses. The rationale behind this decision is that individual Kinesiology or Physical Education class or course section may not have concurrent enrollment that exceeds ten percent per California Education Code 76002(a)(4). Apportionment for concurrent enrollees may not be claimed for courses that exceed the limitation. Middle College officials have been informed of the change and options are being explored to help students meet high school graduation requirements.

BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION RESOURCE TEAM

The Behavioral Intervention Resource Team (BIRT) at Las Positas College was formed to record, assist, and respond to referrals of students who require mental health services or intervention. Stress, sleep disorders, depression, anxiety, and seasonal affect disorder have been on the rise especially for traditional college aged students (18 to 25 years old). Please report any student mental health concern to your immediate supervisor, Campus Safety & Security, or the Student Health & Wellness Center depending on the severity and day and time of the referral. Visit <http://lpcazure.laspositascollege.edu/birt/index.php> for more information.

DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION OF DEGREE WORKS

Although the implementation of Degree Works was delayed it did not mean that work on the initiative stalled. In fact, under the leadership of Dean Sylvia Rodriguez and Jesus Bravo-Morales, Degree Works is about to launch any day now. A new webpage is being developed to introduce the initiative to colleagues and students alike. Degree Works will allow students to learn of degree requirements, consider “what if scenarios” if they change majors, and determine how much time it will take them to graduate. Las Positas College is very excited about this initiative since it will put information at the fingertips of students.

FASTPASS EVENT

Las Positas College will be hosting a FastPass event from Monday, November 27th through Wednesday, November 29th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to help prospective students navigate the matriculation process from admission application through course registration. Attendees will have the opportunity to complete the online orientation, assessment testing, student educational plans, and financial aid application. All sessions will be available all three days on a first-come, first-served basis. All activities will take place in the Student Services & Administration Building. A big thanks to Miguel Alvarez for his leadership in making this event a reality.

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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