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Student Services Monthly Newsletter

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PLANS FOR DSPTS

Las Positas College is currently in the process of hiring a new Director of Disabled Student Programs & Services (DSPTS). The position closed on Friday, August 30, 2019 and if all goes as planned with the recruitment, we plan to welcome our new Director in January 2020. In addition, Las Positas College plans to initiate a recruitment for a full-time DSPTS Counselor in December 2019. If all goes as planned with the recruitment, we plan to welcome our new DSPTS Counselor in fall semester 2020. In the meantime, the DSPTS program will continue to rely upon the expertise of our Classified Professionals and part-time Counselors, along with the help of Heike Gecox, Counselor/Instructor, who has played an instrumental role in helping serve our disabled students and colleagues alike.

RESTROOM UPDATE

Many colleagues have asked about the status of the single stall restrooms within the Student Services & Administration Building, Building 1600. Working in collaboration with our Project Planner/Manager and the Maintenance & Operations Department, the single stall restrooms are being relabeled to more accurately reflect their multiuse by diverse students, colleagues, and the public. The single stall restroom on the second floor of the building will remain a “staff only” restroom. We also acknowledge that the door locking mechanisms that were recently replaced are less than ideal and we are working to address this concern. Your patience and understanding is very much appreciated.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

The Faculty Hiring Prioritization Committee (FHPC) is accepting request forms for full-time faculty for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. Faculty request forms are due to division deans by Wednesday, September 11, 2019. Resource Allocation Committee (RAC) Instructional Equipment request forms are due to division deans on Friday, September 13, 2019. Classified Professional and Administrative position request forms are due to division deans on Friday, October 11, 2019.



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- **September 11th**
9/11 Remembrance
- **September 16th**
Transfer Day
- **September 17th**
Constitution Day
- **September 17th**
The Market



NEW DIRECTOR OF STUDENT EQUITY & SUCCESS

I am happy to announce that Shawn Taylor has been offered the position of Director of Student Equity & Success pending board approval in September 2019. Shawn began his career in education as a teaching artist and author focusing on middle and high school students in the East Bay. Shawn has also served as a Lecturer at San Francisco State University where he has taught interdisciplinary study and writing, cultural and creative aesthetics, and the shift from multiculturalism to transculturalism. Most recently, Shawn has served as the Director of the Gateway to College program at Laney College that serves alternative high school students concurrently enrolled at the college. Shawn earned his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Religion from John F. Kennedy University and his Master of Arts in Humanities from San Francisco State University. Please join me in welcoming Shawn.

NEW ONLINE STUDENT ORIENTATION

Cynosure, our new online student orientation provider, was on-campus during the first three days of fall semester 2019 taking photographs and videotaping students and employees alike to showcase and introduce the college to new, continuing, and returning students. The new online student orientation will be available in both English and Spanish. The plan is to make the new online student orientation available on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 as we roll out our new admission application for the summer and fall semester 2020. Please join me in thanking Rafael Valle, Director of the Hispanic-Serving Institution Grant, for his leadership on this project.

NEW VETERANS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Todd Steffan, Veterans Program Supervisor, recently announced the launch of a new mentoring program designed specifically for new student Veterans. The veteran's mentorship program will be modeled after the Puente Project mentor program. Mentors have been solicited from the college and greater community to help pair Veterans with peers and professionals that closely align with their educational or career interests. The official launch of the new mentorship program took place on Thursday, August 29, 2019 with the hosting of the first networking event. If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please contact Todd. Congratulations on a job well done!

PLANNING FOR FASTPASS

Our next Fastpass is scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2019 through Thursday, November 21, 2019. The purpose of Fastpass is to help our new and returning students complete the Six Steps to Success that includes the admission application, financial aid application, online orientation, assessment, student educational plan, course registration, and payment. Additional information is 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 editions of our newsletter. Please e-mail your information to wgarcia@laspositascollege.edu.

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