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Student Services Monthly Newsletter

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DEGREE WORKS UPDATE

It's official. Degree Works launched campus-wide at Las Positas College on January 16, 2018. Degree Works is a comprehensive computer software program that provides support for academic counseling, transfer articulation, and degree audit. Counselors will be able to draft student educational plans online. Students will be able to view their educational plans online and consider "what if" scenarios to consider changes to their declared majors or programs. Evaluators will be able to utilize the tool to help with graduation and transfer eligibility. Thank you to Jesus Bravo-Morales, our Counselors, and our Evaluators who played a vital role in the successful rollout of Degree Works.

ELLUCIAN RECRUIT UPDATE

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Office of Public Relations, Marketing, and Governmental Affairs recently announced the "soft launch" of Ellucian Recruit, new computer software to help create communication tracks with prospective students from inquiry through course registration. Ellucian Recruit will help college employees and entities communicate vital and timely information throughout the matriculation process. The International Students Program, Outreach Office, and Veterans First Program will be the first Student Services entities at Las Positas College to help launch this initiative beginning later this spring in preparation for summer and fall 2018.

HBCU COLLEGE TOUR

A group of twelve students and two faculty chaperones from Las Positas College will be taking a college tour of Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU) in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC during spring break 2018. The HBCU college tour is financially sponsored by the Student Equity Program and is being coordinated in collaboration with the Transfer Center and Umoja. Thank you to Kimberly Burks, Nessa Julian, Terrance Thompson, and Michelle Zapata for their advocacy and hard work to provide this opportunity to our students.



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- **March 2nd**
California Financial Aid
Priority Deadline
- **March 11th**
LPC Scholarship Deadline
- **March 14th**
Honoring Women
Veterans Event
- **March 15th**
International Student
Program - St. Patrick's
Day Reception



FASTPASS EVENT FOR SUMMER & FALL 2018

The Outreach Office is coordinating a second FastPass event from Monday, April 30 through Thursday, May 3 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Student Services & Administration Building to help with student enrollment for summer and fall 2018. The event will feature personalized assistance to prospective students to complete the admission application, orientation, assessment testing, student educational planning, course registration, and financial aid application. All new and returning students are welcome to attend. If you would like to help with FastPass, please contact Miguel Alvarez.

COMMENCEMENT 2018 SPEAKER CONFIRMED

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Office of Public Relations, Marketing, and Governmental Affairs recently confirmed that California State Senator Steve Glazer who represents the California Senate 7th District, which includes the Tri-Valley, will serve as our Commencement 2018 speaker. Senator Glazer was first elected to the California State Senate in a special election in 2015 and won reelection in 2016. We look forward to welcoming Senator Glazer to Las Positas College.

PLANNED REORGANIZATION

Student Services will be undergoing a minor reorganization that will go into effect on July 1, 2018. The Bookstore will report to Administrative Services. CalWORKs, CARE, DSPS, and EOPS will report to the Dean of Student Services. Articulation and the Tutorial Center will report to Academic Services. Middle College, Puente Project, and Umoja Program will be a shared administrative responsibility between Academic Services and Student Services.

PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT UPDATE

Student Services currently has two concurrent personnel recruitment underway with another recruitment to begin very soon. Student Services is recruiting for a Dean of Enrollment Services to begin on or soon after July 1, 2018 and a Disabled Student Programs & Services (DSPS) Counselor to begin in August 2018. We anticipate the recruitment for the DSPS Director to begin within the next week or two. Thank you to those of you who are serving on the hiring committees for these very important positions.

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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