

# Student Services Monthly Newsletter

September 2020

#### **ADMISSIONS & RECORDS OFFICE UPDATE**

The Admissions & Records Office partially reopened to serve the public on Monday, August 10, 2020. The Admissions & Records Office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The two essential services that are being provided in-person is the issuance of student identification cards and the acceptance of cash payment for fees owed to the college. All other services continue to be provided online or remotely by assigned personnel. Students are encouraged to visit the Admissions & Records Office webpage at http://laspositascollege.edu/admissions/index.php or e-mail lpc-admissions@laspositascollege.edu.

## DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE

The Disability Resource Center (DRC) partially reopened to serve the public on Monday, August 10, 2020. The DRC is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm to see students on an appointment basis only. Appointments may be made by calling (925) 424-1510 or by e-mailing lpc-dsps@laspositascollege.edu. DRC personnel are only meeting with students in-person for services that are not available online or remotely. Students are encouraged to visit the DRC webpage at http://www.laspositascollege.edu/dsps/index.php for additional information and resources.

### STUDENT LIFE OFFICE UPDATE

In accordance with the current state and county public health orders, the Student Life Office will not be reopening to serve the public. This means that the Student Life Office will be unable to administer the Textbook Loaner Program, will not distribute free green books and scantrons, and will host all Las Positas College Student Government (LPCSG) and Inter-Club Council (ICC) meetings online or virtually. Students are encouraged to visit the Student Life Office webpage at http://www.laspositascollege.edu/studentlife/index.php for additional information and resources.



# IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- September 1st
   Admission Application
   Goes Live for Spring 2021
- September 7th
  Last Day to Add/Drop
  Online for Full-Term
  Classes
- September 8th Census Date
- September 17th Constitution Day



# **MAXIENT UPDATE**

Chabot College and Las Positas College are proceeding with implementing a new software program called Maxient in coordination with Information Technology Services (ITS). The new software will enable the colleges to centralize reporting and recordkeeping as it relates to student discipline (including academic dishonesty and plagiarism), student grievances, student mental health referrals, and student Title IX cases. The new software will enable all college employees to submit a uniformed and streamlined online referral or reporting form for all matters noted above. To learn more about Maxient, please visit https://www.maxient.com/. Training for assigned personnel is scheduled for early September 2020. It is anticipated that full implementation will take place in mid-fall semester.

# TITLE IX UPDATE

The U.S. Department of Education recently announced changes to federal regulations as they pertain to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681) an all-encompassing federal law that prohibits discrimination based on the gender of students and employees of educational institutions which receive federal financial assistance. The major changes include: (1) historic recognition of sexual harassment as sex discrimination; (2) affirms support for complainants and respect for complainants' autonomy; (3) non-discrimination as it pertains to free speech and due process; (4) affirmation for a fair grievance process for all parties; (5) redefines a school's education program or activity; (6) revises requirements for live hearings and cross-examination for colleges; and (7) expands the number of college officials who assist the Title IX Coordinator with investigative matters. The LPC Title IX webpage at http://www.laspositascollege.edu/title-ix/index.php has been updated to reflect these changes.

### ADMISSION APPLICATION UPDATE

The Admissions & Records Office, in collaboration with Information Technology Services (ITS), has revised the CCCApply admission application by removing all unnecessary supplemental questions and by updating the auto e-mail responses generated when applicants click on checkboxes inquiring about academic programs and support services. The admission application for spring 2021 will become available online on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. The admission application for both summer 2021 and fall 2021 will become available online on Thursday, October 1, 2020.

# COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS

Campus Safety & Security has been tasked with helping the college comply with the state and county public health orders. Campus Safety & Security has taken the lead on creating and posting new road, campus, and building signage relating to COVID-19; reading a COVID-19 related announcement over the public address system for two weeks in August 2020; assisting individual offices to provide for a safer physical teaching, learning, and working environment; and placing social distancing flyers on exterior tables and benches throughout the college. All employees are asked to contact the Office of Campus Safety & Security to report individuals who do not comply with public health orders in effect.

### **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.



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