



STUDENT SERVICES

Quarterly Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, MAY 28TH

COMMENCEMENT

Volunteers Needed

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Student Services Spring 2022 Hours

	In-Person Hours	Online Hours
Monday	9 AM – 5PM	9 AM - 1 PM
Tuesday	9 AM - 7 PM	2PM - 7 PM
Wednesday	9 AM – 5PM	9 AM - 1 PM
Thursday	9 AM – 5PM	2PM – 5PM
Friday	9 AM - 1 PM	

*Hours may vary slightly by department. See Department websites for details

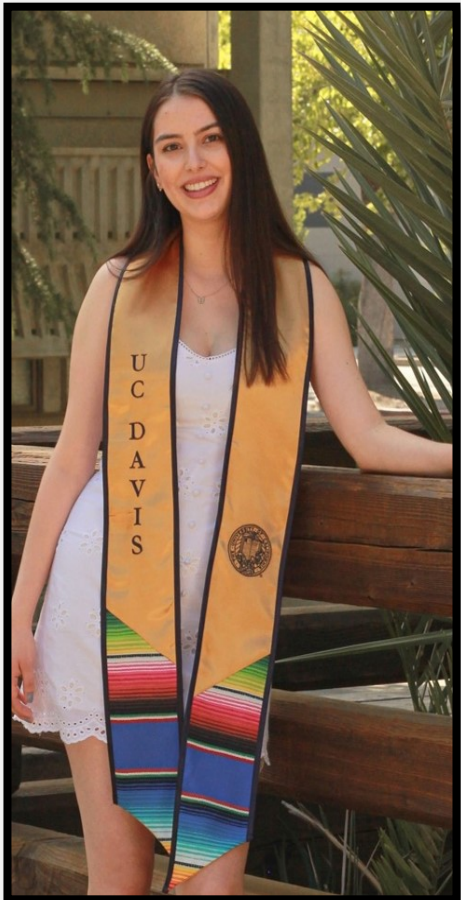
Welcome to LPC

Sarah, Gaby, Katelyn & Joel!

Sarah Bettencourt, replaced Mike Alvarez as our new *Outreach Specialist* here at Las Positas College. Sarah grew up in the Tri-Valley and graduated from Granada High School. She is a proud graduate of Las Positas where she was involved in various clubs and outreach activities on campus. From LPC she transferred to the University of Nevada Las Vegas and received a Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management.

She is happy to be back at Las Positas and looks forward to helping students reach their educational goals.

Fun Facts About Sarah: She is an identical twin, and she will be getting married next year! Congratulations Sarah!



Gabriela 'Gaby' Lozano is the new *Financial Aid Advisor I*, replacing Nalan Smith who was promoted to a Financial Aid Advisor II position.

Gaby recently graduated from B.S. /UC Davis in May where she double majored, and earned a BS in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, as well as a B.A. in Chicana/o Studies.

While at UC Davis, Gaby worked as student assistant in the Student Recruitment and Retention Center where she helped with the recruitment and retention of minoritized students at UC Davis.

Gabby says she is proud to be a first generation, low income, minority student who understands the impact of economic hardships and has a clear understanding of the many challenges faced by our diverse populations on campus. She has great communication skills and is bilingual in Spanish.

Fun Facts About Gaby: She loves to listen to music, hike, read and she loves going out with friends to get Boba.

Katelyn Cortez is our new *Counselor Assistant I in General Counseling*.

She is a proud first-generation, Filipino American, and just graduated from UCB in 2020 with her Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Psychology, Sociology, and Ethnic Studies.

Having graduated from a community college before transferring to UCB, Katelyn was a mentor to other community college students through the Starting Point Mentorship Program and is looking forward to helping LPC students thrive and achieve their transfer dreams as well.

Fun facts about Katelyn: She enjoys traveling, tending to her plants, and building Legos!!



Joel Gagnon is our new *Dean of Student Services*.

Joel has been counseling in the CA Community College system since 2008, and started working at Las Positas College in 2011. He has counseled student athletes and general students regarding their personal, academic and career related issues. He has taught a range of Psychology-Counseling courses from Theories and Concepts of Group Process, to Multicultural Issues in Contemporary America.

He has also been a coordinator for both the Guided Pathways project and the Counseling program since 2019.

Fun Facts About Joel: When he's not working he enjoys spending time in the outdoors, tending to his vegetable garden, fruit trees, and relaxing with his family.

We are thrilled to have Sarah, Gaby, Katelyn and Joel as the newest additions to our Student Services Family



2021 – Holiday Staff Appreciation!



GRAND OPENING

Black Cultural Resource

Center (BCRC)

Building 1726

~UMOJA

~Brother2Brother

~Sista2Sista

~ConnectUP



BLACK HISTORY MONTH
TUESDAY, February 8, 2022
2 -3:30 pm