



# LAS POSITAS

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## COLLEGE

## Student Services Monthly Newsletter

December 2017

### ADMISSION APPLICATION UPDATE

The Las Positas College admission application for summer and fall 2018 will become available on January 2, 2018. Prospective students may submit an admission application online via CCCApply or may submit a hard copy admission application directly to the Admissions & Records Office. Current high school seniors that graduate from high school by July 1, 2018 will not have to apply as concurrently enrolled students for summer 2018 given a change recommended by the statewide CCCApply steering committee that updated the CCCApply Standard Application Data Dictionary in March 2017. This information is contrary to what was presented at the last Student Services Division meeting.

### VENDING MACHINE

The Follett Corporation, the operator of our college bookstore, has agreed to provide Las Positas College with a vending machine. The vending machine will sell school supplies such as blue books, highlighters, pencils, and pens. The vending machine will be placed on the first floor of the Student Services & Administration Building adjacent to the Counseling Department. The vending machine is scheduled to be installed following the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for December 5, 2017 since board approval is needed to amend the current contract between the college district and Follett. A big thank you to Nolan Howe for securing the vending machine.

### END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Student Services will be hosting an End of Year Celebration on December 12, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Room 1726. The celebration will include light food and refreshments and will also include a white elephant gift exchange. Attendance and participation is optional. Additional information to be forthcoming.



### IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- **December 6th & 7th**  
Prep 2 Pass
- **December 7th**  
Las Positas College  
Holiday Breakfast
- **December 8th**  
CalWORKs Program  
Winter Celebration
- **December 12th**  
Last Day of Tutoring for  
Fall Semester 2017



## **UNDOCUALLY TASK FORCE**

Las Positas College has initiated an UndocuAlly Task Force to provide a framework to introduce the challenges and realities that undocumented students face while pursuing a higher education. The task force is comprised of faculty, classified professionals, students, and administrators who are committed to learning about how to best serve undocumented students and providing appropriate on and off-campus resources to help meet their educational and personal needs. Colleagues have also been asked to serve as an “ally” to provide support to undocumented students. All college employees are encouraged to join the task force. Many thanks to Rafael Valle and Michelle Zapata for leading the effort.

## **BOARD OF GOVERNORS FEE WAIVER UPDATE**

Earlier this semester, the California Community Colleges Board of Governors approved changing the name of the Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGFW) to the California College Promise Grant. The change was made to support the statewide effort to create college promise programs and to help make it clear to students of the type of financial aid that is available to those who qualify. The Board of Governors Fee Waiver currently provides “free tuition” to approximately half of all California community college students.

## **FACULTY HIRING PRIORITIZATION UPDATE**

Student Services has proposed hiring seven new full-time faculty positions for fall 2018 through the Faculty Hiring Prioritization Committee. The seven positions in no particular order are: two general counselors; one athletic counselor; one Middle College counselor; one non-credit counselor; one Disabled Student Programs & Services (DSPS) counselor; and a Tutorial Center coordinator. Student Services is optimistic that we will receive funding to hire our much needed counselors.

## **RESOURCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Student Services has proposed hiring eight non-instructional positions for fall 2018 including seven classified professionals and one administrative position. The seven classified professional positions in no particular order are: one administrative assistant; one counseling assistant II; one financial aid advisor I; one financial aid advisor II; two student services assistants; and increasing a program coordinator position from 75% to 100%. The administrative position that was submitted for consideration was a full-time Disabled Student Programs & Services (DSPS) director. Student Services is hopeful that additional classified support will be attained to better serve our students.

## **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](mailto:wgarcia@laspositascollege.edu).

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