

# Student Services Monthly Newsletter

October 2018

# ADMISSION APPLICATION REMINDER

The admission application for spring, summer, and fall 2019 will "go live" on October 1, 2018. The admission application will also include new required supplemental questions to help the colleges obtain information to be utilized in future placements as part of multiple measures assessment. The earlier admission application filing date will align with the California State University (CSU) admission application-filing period and will coincide with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act (CADAA). Please share this information with prospective students and their families.

# **ELIMINATION - EARLY ADMISSION PROGRAM**

The elimination of the Early Admission Program at Las Positas College was announced at the last Student Services Division meeting. This decision was made given the earlier and extended admission application filing period and changes forthcoming in the matriculation process in response to changes in state law and the new Student Centered Funding Formula for California community colleges. Instead, emphasis will be placed on greater communication and enrollment yield events including, but not limited to, FastPass and other events designed specifically for prospective students. Additional information is forthcoming.

#### ACCUPLACER UPDATE

Las Positas College will continued to utilize ACCUPLACER as our standardized assessment test for the remainder of fall semester 2018 and for the entire spring semester 2019. Las Positas College is cognizant that ACCUPLACER will no longer be recognized by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office effective fall 2019. Prospective students should be encouraged to complete all of the matriculation steps including, but not limited to, admission application, financial aid application, orientation, assessment testing, student educational plan, and course registration. Additional information is forthcoming.



# IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- October 10th Club Day
- October 12th
   Housing Resources
   Workshop
- October 26th
   Deadline to Apply for Associate Degrees
- October 30th Health & Wellness Fair



# **NEW COUNSELOR ASSISTANT I - DSPS**

Ana Espana has been hired as our new Counselor Assistant I for Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS). Ana comes to Las Positas College most recently from Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, California where she worked in Admissions & Records. Ana has Student Services experience in a community college setting and over ten years of customer service experience in the private sector. Ana is a graduate of California State University, East Bay. Ana's first day of employment at Las Positas College will be October 1, 2018. Please join me in welcoming Ana to Las Positas College.

## **NEW SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - STUDENT SERVICES**

Kristian Raymo has been hired as our new Senior Administrative Assistant for the Student Services Division. Kristian comes to Las Positas College most recently from the City of Milpitas and TTM Technology where she served as an event coordinator and administrative support, respectively. Kristian is a graduate from El Camino College in Torrance, California and San Jose State University. Kristian's first day of employment at Las Positas College will be October 8, 2018. Please join me in welcoming Kristian to Las Positas College.

## FINANCIAL AID EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

As a result of the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 19, all California community colleges have been provided the opportunity to receive additional funding through the California College Promise program. Las Positas College has decided to hire three additional classified professionals for the Financial Aid Office – two Financial Aid Advisors II and one Financial Aid Advisor III. Our new colleagues will help the College meet the mandates outlined in AB 19 which include: (1) increasing the number of high school students enrolling at the College; (2) increasing the number of students who earn an associate degree or certificate; (3) increasing the number of students who transfer or obtain in-demand jobs; and (4) reducing achievement gaps for underrepresented students including, but not limited to, disabled, foster youth, low-income, and veterans. It is anticipated that our new colleagues will join us in January 2019.

## **OUTREACH CALENDAR**

The Outreach Services Office has developed an outreach calendar, which is now available on the Outreach Services Office homepage at http://laspositascollege.edu/outreach/. Employees, students, and community members alike will now be able to view the outreach activities taking place on and off-campus throughout the academic year. If you would like to add an outreach activity to the calendar, please contact Miguel Alvarez, Outreach Specialist. A big thank you to Miguel for making the calendar a reality and to Tim Druley, our Webmaster for his technical support.

## **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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