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Visit the *Student Success Newsletter* on the web at [http://www.lasc.edu/students/studentsuccessnewsletter.html](http://www.lasc.edu/students/studentsuccessnewsletter.html)

*On The Cover: View of LASC Campus outside the Cox Building*
Below is a summary of the findings that the Accreditation Visiting Team presented on Thursday March 15, 2012. This is the first phase of presenting the recommendations to the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). The commission will make final recommendations which will be reported to LASC in late June 2012.

COMMENDATIONS
1. The college should be commended for their esprit de corps in its dedication to student learning.
2. The college should be commended for their embracement of SLOs, aggressive SLO agenda, and vigorous progress and that they are well poised for proficiency.
3. The college should be commended for their strong and systemic commitment to student success through their goals and dialogue throughout the college.

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. The college should validate its planning model quantitatively and qualitatively within prescribed timelines. It is evident that planning is occurring and the assessment of the plans needs to be documented, made known, visible (i.e., on the website) and disseminated (throughout the college internal and external communities) annually.
2. The college library should: (a) have regular updated holdings and update print and data materials with faculty; (b) have a cycle of assessing program improvement related to library instruction. There should be evidence of the results of the library related course SLO’s being taught and assessed.; and © have a sustainable funding source.
3. The college should review all aspects of Professional Development, including (a) completion of faculty [primarily adjunct] evaluations and (b) attention to diverse learning styles – focus on the educational needs of the diverse population in instruction and services (e.g., workshops for faculty in cultural sensitivity, understanding differences as they relate to instruction and provision of services)
4. The College should fully utilize its structure (which is very good) of committees by fully documenting the meetings’ discussions and actions in its minutes in addition to recording the agenda.
5. Review availability and accessibility to student services on-line to insure that on-line students are receiving the same services as land-based students.

The team also concurred that all past issues have been technically met.
SPECIAL EVENT

LASC Veterans
Special Recognition & Panel

LOS ANGELES SOUTHWEST COLLEGE
Proudly invites you to join in

HONORING & RECOGNIZING OUR LASC VETERANS
As we help them go from
“BOOTS TO BOOKS”

THURSDAY
APRIL 19, 2012
11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING
1ST FLOOR

“It’s our time to serve YOU!”

Opening Ceremony:
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
&
Veterans’ Panel:
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
A panel of our LASC student veterans will share their personal challenges and opportunities in returning to college.

We invite you to share in this momentous occasion.

Event sponsored by: LASC Veterans Committee & Career & Technical Education
Denim Month activities are scheduled for Thursday April 19 and Wednesday April 25. Support these events by wearing denim jeans and purchasing a LACCD Denim Day t-shirt. Please contact Darlene Comegys (323-241-5256) if you would like to order a Denim Day t-shirt for $5.00 and/or a Denim Day mug for $4.00. The proceeds go to raise funds for campus sexual assault awareness campaigns.

Denim Day (April 25th) is an international campaign to raise awareness and educate the public about rape and sexual assault. This movement arose from the outrage that followed an Italian Supreme Court decision in 1998 to overturn a rape conviction because the victim wore tight jeans. Wearing jeans has consequently become an international symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault.

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Workshops on Thursday April 19th
Dr. Aisha Dixon –Peters, CSUN Professor, will conduct two Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault workshops.
- Student Session from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. entitled: “Makes Me Wanna Holler(!): Understanding Intimate Relationship Violence” (SSEC 201A)
- Faculty & Staff Session from 1:00-2:30 p.m. entitled: “The Intersection of Intimacy & Terror: Understanding Intimate Relationship Violence and Supporting Students Surviving DV/IPV” (SSEC 201A)

Denim Day activities on Wednesday April 25th
- Information booth in the quad from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Moment of silence in recognition of victims/survivors of violence from 12:00 -12:30 pm in front of SSB
- Panel discussion with LASC student survivors of domestic violence/sexual assault from 12:30-1:30 pm in SSB Foyer.

To learn more about Denim Day and Sexual Assault visit www.denimdayinla.org

~ Submitted by Oscar Cobian
SPECIAL EVENT

ASO STUDENT ELECTIONS

LOS ANGELES SOUTHWEST COLLEGE
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS ORGANIZATION

ASO ELECTIONS
2012-2013 Term

VOTING DATES

TUESDAY APRIL 17 and WEDNESDAY APRIL 18, 2012
9:00am to 1:00pm and 4:00pm to 7:00pm—in front of the Student Services Building (SSB Foyer in case of inclement weather)

Ballots will be counted on Thursday, April 19 in SSB 209 from 9:00 -10:30am (open to public)

PLEASE HELP US PUBLICIZE THE ASO ELECTION ON CAMPUS!

During the elections, ASO plans to introduce a $1.00 Representation Fee to be used for student advocacy.

A CANDIDATE FORUM is scheduled for Monday April 16 from 11:00am to 12:00pm in the SSB Foyer.

~ Submitted by LASC ASO
Student Learning Outcomes
April Update

We should all be proud of what we are doing at LASC to "facilitate student success," which is part of our Mission Statement. Last month, the visiting accreditation team announced the below three commendations for our college, all of which are associated with student success.

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Although these commendations are not official until the ACCJC reviews the team’s report this June, the team’s report validates the great work we’ve done and will continue to do in the future. As SLO Coordinator, I want to commend and thank everyone involved in the SLO and AUO (Administrative Unit Outcomes) cycle and assessment processes in instructional, student services, and administrative units. At the same time, we must maintain our efforts to reach SLO Proficiency by Fall 2012, and I will be working with you to reach that outcome.

Our SLO Committee is meeting every 2nd Thursday of each month from 11:00 am-12:30 pm in the PCR. A student representative from the ASO, Mr. Jason Serrato, is now a member of our committee. Our next meeting is April 12th and we welcome new members and visitors. Contact Glenn Yoshida at 323-241-5263 if you have any questions or need assistance with SLO assessment processes or reporting.

Thank you, and keep up the good work!

~ Submitted by Glenn Yoshida, SLO Coordinator
Upcoming Campus Events

Our **2ND ANNUAL NURSES DAY** will be on **Wednesday, May 9th!**

All are invited for healthy cooking demonstrations, blood pressure checks, hypertension screening, health info, and nursing clinical simulations throughout the day.

*Located in the Academic Village.*

~ Submitted by Monica Lanier

The Outreach and Recruitment Office is hosting a **High School Day** (aka “Community College Preview Day”) on **Friday, May 11**. High school students from area schools will be on campus to see what LASC has to offer. These students will have the opportunity to participate in workshops based on their career and major interests.

~ Submitted by Johnel Barron

**Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day**

“A Day at the Beach”

**Thursday, May 17** from Noon to 4pm

LASC Amphitheater, East of SSEC building

~ Submitted by Alistaire Callender
PROGRAM
UPDATE

Community Services
Zumba Sessions

ZUMBA FITNESS

ZUMBA is a cardio workout based on Latin music and dance that will have you partying your way into shape.

No dance experience is necessary! Come see why we call it "exercise in disguise!!!"

6 EXCITING SESSIONS
ONLY $50
INDIVIDUAL CLASSES ARE $10
STARTING APRIL 10, 2012
TUESDAYS: 7:30 PM — 8:30 PM
WEDNESDAYS: 6:30 PM—7:30 PM
LOCATED IN THE GYM ON THE 2ND FLOOR ROOM 214

Los Angeles Southwest College Community Services
Student Services Building
ROOM 206
1600 W Imperial Hwy

Must Register Before Class
http://lascaugusoft.net
Or Call (323) 241-5288
Slots are limited!!

PLEASE BRING WATER AND TOWEL

~ Submitted by LASC Community Services ~
Coming to LASC, Leave with a Career!

Medical Billing Courses

- Medical Terminology—Introductory
- Medical Terminology—Advanced
- ICD Coding
- CPT Coding
- Advanced Coding
- Medical Billing I
- Advanced Medical Billing
- Hospital Billing

Register by calling LASC COMMUNITY SERVICES at 323-241-5288 or by visiting http://lasc.augusoft.net

LASC Workforce Development invites you to visit our Community Services/Extended Education Department!
Please inform any students who don’t have a high school diploma or GED that Fremont-Washington Community Adult School is offering a GED Prep Class in partnership with our CalWORKs Program here on campus. Having a HS diploma or a GED is necessary to maintain Financial Aid eligibility. The **FREE** class is open to **ALL** LASC students that meet the TABE reading score. Please forward all interested students to the CalWORKs Office (SSB 217) to schedule TABE testing and to obtain further information.

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**GED Prep Classes Available at LASC!**

**GED PREP**

Mondays & Wednesdays

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. • BSS 223-A

**How to enroll:**
- Stop by the CalWORKs Office (SSB-217) and make an appointment to take the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)
- If your reading score is a 4.0 or higher, you will be added to the class
- Purchase GED Prep Book available in the LASC Bookstore
- Attend class and prepare for the test!

*Education equates to jobs!*

*The GED opens the doors to higher education so valuable in today’s job market.*

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For further information, please contact the CalWORKs Office at (323)241-5477 or visit us in SSB-217, M-F/8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Classes offered in partnership with Fremont-Washington Community Adult School
The Student Services Success Workshop Series will help students maximize their academic experience at LASC. Our workshops will help students get on track and stay on track at Southwest! These free workshops are designed to be interactive and informal sessions that cover strategies and techniques for student success.

All workshops are free and no RSVP is necessary to attend.

**LIFE AFTER TRANSFER**
Wednesday, April 11
1:00 to 2:15—Village 109

**IMPROVING YOUR ACADEMIC RECORD**
Tuesday, April 17
11:15 to 12:30—Village 103

**LIBRARY RESOURCES**
Wednesday, April 18
5:00 to 6:15—Village 109

**SISTER TO HERMANA (LADIES ONLY)**
Tuesday, April 24
11:15 to 12:30—Village 103

**LEARNING STYLES**
Wednesday, April 25
1:00 to 2:15—Village 109

~ Submitted by Dean Patrick Jefferson
Unemployed?
Underemployed?
Looking for a career change?
Recent college graduate?

LASC Career Job Development Workshops

CareerCamp LA 3

Friday, April 20, 2012 9am—12pm
Day will include workshops on: Job Interviews, Starting Your Own Business, Networking and more!

FREE Admission & FREE Parking @

LA Southwest College
Student Services Education Center Building
1600 West Imperial Highway
Los Angeles, CA 90047
Parking off of Western Ave. (look for signs and balloons)

Space is Limited
Must Register to Attend

Register at careercampla.wordpress.com

LA Southwest College and the California Career Development Association present CareerCamp LA 3.

Sponsored By:

[Logo for LA Southwest College]
[Logo for CCDA]
Take The LAPD Entrance Exam

L.A. Southwest College
1600 W. Imperial Hwy.
Los Angeles, CA 90047
Tech. Ed. Bldg, Room 185

2012 Test Dates:
Mar 23
Apr 6 • May 4
All test dates at 10:30 am

The LAPD Written Test is given daily at the following locations:
(no testing on major holidays)

Mondays - 7:00 p.m.
San Pedro Municipal Building
638 South Beacon Street, Conf. Room 452, San Pedro, 90731

Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m.
Marvin Braude Building
6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Conference Rm. 1A, Van Nuys, 91401

Wednesdays - 7:00 p.m. & Saturdays at 8 a.m.*
(“except holiday weekends)
LA City Personnel Building
700 East Temple Street, Los Angeles, 90012

Thursdays - 7:00 p.m.
Hollywood Neighborhood City Hall, Community Room
6501 Fountain Avenue, Los Angeles, 90028

1st Monday of each month - 7:00 p.m.
 Constituent Services Center
 8475 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, 90044

2nd Monday of each month - 6:00 p.m.
Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza
3650 W. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bl., Community Rm., Los Angeles, 90008

Police Officer I

$46,583 - $78,154*
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Candidates having a BA/BS degree Start at $50,342
* Starting salary based on Education, Military and prior Law Enforcement experience.

Minimum Requirements:
• 20 ½ Years of Age (18 Years If Applying for Reserves)
• No Maximum Age Limit
• U.S. High School Diploma, GED or CHSPE
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• Background Suitable for Employment In Law Enforcement

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The Los Angeles Police Department is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Committed to Diversity.
The Los Angeles Performing Artist Guild returned home from the 76th Annual National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts Conference held at TBAAL Center in Dallas Texas triumphant. LASC students, Eugene Conner, Armani Amy, Amber James and Michael Williams received ratings of Good in Reader’s Theater, for Dr. Earnestine Thomas Robertson collection of quotes and sayings “Codes of Life.” Pauletta Oliver received a rating of good in Playwriting for her play “Policy or Death.”

In Play Production, the toughest competition in fifteen years, two members of the cast from The Old Settler, Amber James and Armani Amy not only made their stage debut in Dallas, they also made the all star cast, and the entire LASC ensemble received a rating of good with a stellar performance that brought the audience to their feet.

Michael Williams successfully defended his first place finish last year in interpretation of poetry for his original presentation , “Happy Birthday Crack” which not only garnered him first place but all the adjudicators rated him in the high nineties for origination and showmanship.

Directors Al Cowart and JD Jackson, wish to thank all those who contributed to this effort with words of encouragement and timely donations. In this tough economic time, every penny mattered, attending this annual event and to successfully compete against programs that offer BFA degrees in theater was a real victory for Los Angeles Southwest College and its students. On a higher note and the reason why we attend this conference, Amber James is being courted by the University of Memphis and the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville both respected institutions that plan to offer a full scholarship in Theater.

~ Submitted by Al Cowart