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Visit the Student Success Newsletter on the web at http://www.lasc.edu/students/studentsuccessnewsletter.html

*On The Cover: Picture from 2011 Baby City event—photo is property of LASC Community Services*
We cordially invite you to attend...

The Office of Foster and Kinship Care Education at Los Angeles Southwest College present Baby City on Saturday May 12 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. This event is for pregnant and parenting youth who are or have been placed in foster care. These youth, who have grown up without their natural parents, sometimes in group settings, often find that they do not possess all the skills to properly parent their own children. This free event will focus on the needs of foster or former foster youth as they begin parenting, while offering access to resources and information.

The event includes breakfast, four workshops, lunch, a presentation, and a raffle. Upon registering, participants will receive a bag containing baby goods. A few of the topics covered will be: Domestic Violence, Legal Aid and Family Law, and Parenting. These workshops empower participants to navigate the difficult task of being a parent and providing a good home.

Several agencies will have resource tables including: WIC, Project Cuddle, First 5 Boxes, the Children’s Bureau, Project Sister, Wings Crisis Center, Transitional Resources Center, and Teen Line. There will be additional resource tables providing information about housing, legal issues, child care, fathering, and health.

For information about Baby City, please call (323) 241-5288. ~submitted by Joni Collins
BABY CITY 2012 EVENT

PLEASE HELP US, HELP YOUNG PARENTS!

WE NEED DONATIONS OF NEW baby items to provide to participants in this year’s Baby City program.

Please consider donating any of the following:

Clothing  Diapers  Baby Wipes  Toys
Baby Food  Strollers  Car Seats

...anything that a baby might need!

Bring items to the Community Services Offices (SSB 206).

Call 323-241-5288 for more information.
On Thursday April 19, 2012, LASC held a recognition event for LASC Veterans. After the Opening Ceremony, a group of LASC student veterans participated in a panel discussion where they shared their personal challenges and opportunities in returning to college. The day concluded with a reception for the veterans.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this event and top those who helped make it possible. The event was sponsored by the LASC Veterans Committee and Career & Technical Education.
Thank you to All Denim Day Participants!

Denim Month activities took place at LASC last month on Thursday April 19 and Wednesday April 25. Faculty, staff, and students supported these events by wearing denim jeans and LACCD Denim Day t-shirts. All proceeds from fundraising 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. At our campus, Dr. Aisha Dixon delivered workshops for both students and faculty & staff on preventing domestic violence and sexual assault. On Denim Day itself there was an Information booth in the quad, a moment of silence in recognition of victims/survivors of violence, and a panel discussion with LASC student survivors of domestic violence/sexual assault.

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

~ Submitted by Oscar Cobian
The following are the results of the 2012-13 ASO Elections. The elections were held on April 17 and 18 and the ballots were counted on April 19.

President: Ali El Krim

Administrative Vice President: Leon M. Scott-Wells

Executive Vice President: Theodore White

Secretary: Jennifer Reynoso

Treasurer: Vacant

A Student Representation Fee of one dollar ($1.00) per semester (Education Code section 76060.5) was placed on the ballot. A total of 598 students submitted a vote in this section of the ballot, of which 74% voted in favor of the fee, and 26% voted against the fee. The Student Representation Fee passed. Money from this fee will allow ASO officers to represent student interests at the state and district level.
Sharing great news regarding our LA Southwest College ASO President, Luciano Morales. Luciano is one of a handful of student representatives being recognized by the Student Senate for California Community Colleges for his 'visionary leadership.' Luciano will receive the Exemplary Service Award for Region 7 at the spring General Assembly Conference in Ontario, California. What an honor for him and our college.

~ Submitted by Oscar Cobian

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Student Senate for California Community Colleges

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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Student Senate for California Community Colleges President announces the 2011-2012 Exemplary Service Awards.

April 19, 2012 (Fremont, CA) – Today the Student Senate for California Community Colleges President Kevin Feliciano announced the recipients of the 2011-2012 Exemplary Service Awards. The Exemplary Service Awards were started in the 2010-2011 year by then President Alex Pader. Students from all across the state were nominated for an award and were selected by the SSCC President- Kevin Feliciano, SSCC Vice President- Kevin Sabo, Relations with Local Senate Chair- Karlyn Bradley, and General Assembly Planning Committee Chair- Samantha Elliot.

These students are being recognized for their visionary leadership in ensuring the needs, wants, and concerns of the students in their colleges/districts and statewide, as well as demonstrated excellence in helping fulfill the mission of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges.
Come join the International Culture Club in this big event taking place in the SSB Lobby.

International Snacks, pastries, and drinks will be sold.

Performances you don’t want to miss: Japanese Drumming, Mariachi, Salsa, and much more...

****HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!****
LASC DANCE PRODUCTION CLASS
PRESENTS:
“PRODUCTIONS IN CONCERT”
&
“SO YOU THINK YOU’VE GOT TALENT”
COMPETITION
Saturday, May 19, 2012
7:00 pm
Where:
Los Angeles Southwest College
Thomas Lakin Physical Education Complex
1600 West Imperial Highway
Los Angeles, California 90047
Admission
$5.00 General Admission, $4.00 Students w/I.D., $3.00 Children
12 - 3 yrs, under 3 yrs. free
In Performance
LASC Dance Production Class, Professor Sharon Collins-Heads
LASC Music Department, Dr. Bremen
LASC Theater, Ms. Kim Harrington
In conjunction with a fundraiser for the Productions:
The “SO YOU THINK YOU GOT TALENT” Competition
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT SIMONE HEADS,
TYMIKA LOPEZ OR LATASHA STEWART(323-241-5209).
Professor S. K. Collins-Heads, Instructor
Come out and support the TALENT in the community!
Upcoming Campus Events

Coffee Chat—“Living Abroad”
May 10th, 2012 from 1:00 to 2:00pm in the International Students Office (SSB 116). Facilitator J. Cynthia McDermott, Ed.D. has been training teachers for urban schools for the past 20 years and lived and taught in Bosnia-Herzegovina as a Fulbright Scholar in 2011.

~ Submitted by Darren Grosch

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

The LASC 2012 COMMENCEMENT will be on
Wednesday, June 6th at 4:00pm!
We are looking forward to faculty & staff participation in this year’s commencement exercises. In order to get our regalia rental order processed, faculty and staff should please contact the Bookstore ASAP

~ Submitted on behalf of President Jack Daniels
DSP&S has much to celebrate and be thankful for this month. At least seven (7) DSP&S students are well on their way and expected to graduate and/or receive certificates at the end of this semester. We are so proud of these hard-working and dedicated LASC students and anticipate grand futures for all. Congratulations!

DSP&S will honor and celebrate these students’ accomplishments on Friday, June 1st, from 9:30 to 11:30am in SSB 117. Additionally, we’ll thank our office workers, volunteer note takers, and scribes. All DSP&S students, faculty, and staff are welcomed to attend. Please join us!

DSP&S offered several April workshops. Roxanna Sanchez (DSPS Counselor) and Rebecca Ludlam (CGCA) worked to create collaborative and welcoming workshop environments.

- Test taking has always been a popular topic and students continually request assistance with strengthening their test-taking skills. Roxanna Sanchez opened these test-taking workshops to all LASC students and many took advantage. These students will, undoubtedly, utilize their newly-learned strategies on their next test!
- Roxanna Sanchez introduced a brand new workshop for students requiring assistance with basic computer skills. Rebecca Ludlam facilitated the workshops and showed students that even basic computer knowledge is exciting, powerful, and productive. Students uncovered how to obtain email accounts, attach documents to email messages, internet search, and other skills necessary for college students.
- May 7th – 9th is priority registration for DSP&S students, so as to minimize last minute class planning stress, Roxanna Sanchez facilitated Student Educational Planning Workshops for our students. Students in attendance discovered the importance of educational plans, the requirements of Associate Degrees, and planned their class schedules for the fall semester.

~ Submitted by Celeste Phelps
Three Los Angeles Southwest College Educational Talent Search (ETS) participants received scholarships for maintaining 3.3 grade point averages and above, extracurricular activities, and for being accepted into a four year universities.

These students received their scholarships on April 21, 2012, from the Giving Back Corporations, a scholarship funded by African-American actors and actresses. Among those in attendance, to name a few, were Lorretta Devine, Lou Myers, Della Reese, and Marla Gibbs. I am elated that these young brothers followed their dreams and goals.

From left to right...
- Traveon Frazier, a participant with the ETS program since the completion of 6th grade, will be attending Wilberforce University in the Fall of 2013.
- Javon Bradford, Jr. has been enrolled in the ETS program since the completion of his 5th grade and will be attending Washington State University in the Fall of 2013.
- Kevin Walcott has been enrolled in the ETS program since the completion of his 9th grade and will be attending San Diego State University.
- Sidney Cosby is the Program Coordinator of ETS

~ submitted by Sidney Cosby
THE LASC CAREER JOB DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS/ CAREERCAMP LA3 EVENT WAS A SUCCESS WITH THE HELP, SUPPORT, AND DONATIONS OF EVERYONE INVOLVED - VOLUNTEERS, SPEAKERS, SPONSORS, AND PARTNERS!

◊ 90 Total Participants at this three-hour event!
◊ 12 Speakers offered workshops & presentations
◊ 10 Volunteers helped make this event a success
◊ Over 25 Jobs were posted on the walls
◊ Breakout Sessions (The Breakout room was for students, speakers, and volunteers and featured refreshments and the opportunity to network between workshops.)

◊ 20 Workshops were offered, including:
  • Solutions to Job Seekers’ Challenges
  • How to Build an Enduring Career Reputation
  • Career Planning & Career Exploration
  • Following the Career Compass to the Career You Deserve
  • Confidence and Value, Purpose of the Interview
  • Electronic Portfolios and Career Research: How to Apply for Internship Positions
  • Different Types of Job Internships, Resume Writing, Job Interview Tips
  • Starting your Own Business: Real Estate, World Financial, Career with State Farm
  • LACCD Intern Jobs, etc.

~ Submitted by Shirley Lockridge
2012 FRESHMAN EXPERIENCE SUMMER PROGRAM  
JULY 16 TO AUGUST 16, 2012

Hosted by: LASC Freshman Year Experience (FYE)
For: Incoming first-time college students
What: Free workshops and basic skill classes to help students:
  ⇒ navigate college life
  ⇒ identify support services
  ⇒ prepare for college courses
  ⇒ learn to positively interact with peers, faculty, and staff

When: July 16 to August 16 – Monday through Thursday, 8:30am to 3pm
Bonus! Students who fully participate in the FYE Summer Program will be eligible to receive 1 credit for Personal Development 17

How: Visit the FYE website at http://www.lasc.edu/students/fye.html for application instructions.

Application Deadline: Friday, June 22, 2012
Questions: Please call 323-241-5228, email fye@lasc.edu, or go to http://www.lasc.edu/students/fye.html

WHAT STUDENTS SAID ABOUT FYE LAST YEAR…

“I had an excellent experience at the Freshman Experience. I would recommend it to any others whom will be attending Southwest.”

“The Freshman Experience was awesome very helpful! It helped me feel better on the first day of school because I learned more things about LASC.”

“I suggest that this program becomes mandatory for all the incoming freshmen.”

“I thought the Freshman Experience was spectacular. It gave me a large insight to how

~ Submitted by Ming-huei Lam
INTERVIEW WITH STUDENT
Roymel Brooks

Tell us about your studies at Southwest.
I am working on my AA degree in Criminal Justice, so that I can prepare to transfer to a four-year school. I am trying to follow in the footsteps of my great-grandfather who was a Sergeant in World War 2 and who then returned home to become a State Trooper. I had a chance to get to know him before he passed away and he was a role model to me. He kept me focused on my homework and was basically another parent to me. It’s because of him that I’m here at LASC, pushing through.

What was it like transitioning from high school to college football?
High school football was always fun and I felt like I was kind of a “star”, but coming to Southwest and playing college football was tough. My very first practice at Southwest was a wake-up call, and I learned that I was going to have to work hard and fill my role as part of a team.

Have you learned anything else from playing sports?
As an athlete, my coaches always talked to us about giving back and volunteering. I’ve also learned that from seeing past teachers who always ask how I’m doing and want to know about my schoolwork and how I’m taking steps towards a career. They give me advice and offer to help if I need anything, and this also gives me the idea of giving back. As I continue with athletics and my career, I will always return to give back to the community.

What are some of your experiences as a volunteer basketball coach?
It’s been a joy acting as a coach for the kids at my old high school, Morningside High School. When I was injured in football, the head basketball coach there asked me if I could help out, but I wasn’t sure if I would make a good coach. I did find a great group of players but we had to go through some trials and tribulations. We lost a bunch of games at first, but I had a strong, dedicated group of about seven players who really came together, and I was able to realize that I just needed to talk to them about what helped me when I was in their position. I think as a coach you just need to connect with the players and be able to tell them how you were able to get through the tough times. We did end up going on a couple of winning streaks and ended up fourth-place in the league. At the end of the season, the players were disappointed because they knew we could have won more games, but I am proud of them. We have year-end awards coming up (Most Valuable Player, etc.) and I will tell them that I had a tough time picking players for these awards because they all did so well. These players are the reason I want to keep coaching.
10 QUESTIONS WITH STUDENT ALFRED NTIAMOAH

The MVP of Football Special Teams Alfred Ntiamoah on being an international student and athlete, and why Germans are so grumpy...

Why are Germans so Grumpy?
There is limited sunshine, and they all wear Speedos. I think Speedos may make them grumpy. No seriously, Germans are pretty hospitable and overall they are alright. They are open and receptive to different cultures.

Why did you decide to come to Study in the U.S.?
I wanted something different from my life in Germany. I wanted to enhance myself as a person, which is why I studied abroad. I choose the U.S. to enhance myself and to combine sports with studies.

What sports did you play in Germany?
I started playing soccer at the age of 12. I loved the sport, I loved scoring goals. Seven years later I took up boxing. I was pretty good. I enjoyed the intense training and of course sparring with others.

Why did you decide to play football in the U.S.?
I tore my meniscus while playing soccer in Germany. I was searching for athletic scholarships in the U.S. while in contact with San Bernardino Community College. The football coach told me try and become a football kicker.

How did you train to become a kicker?
Back in Germany I found an American football team called Hamburg Blue devils. They trained me to become a kicker. Training with them was a different experience. I enjoyed every practice. It was difficult at first but I easily transitioned into the sport.

Once you received your training where did you apply to?
I applied to Fresno State but decided to come to a community college first. LASC accepted me first so I came here.

What were your first impressions of LASC?
LASC was a culture shock at first; I had never seen so many African Americans in one spot. People were very friendly, and the football team was very accepting.

You recently received a full scholarship to Johnson C Smith in North Carolina to play football as their place kicker. Are you excited?
I am nervous about starting all over again but am excited to learn about a new region of the United States.

What are your long term educational goals?
I would like to receive a B.A. in Sports Management. Make it to the NFL draft or be invited to a mini camp. If this fails I will return to Germany and pursue my M.A. in Amsterdam.

Who inspires you to succeed?
I would like to give thanks and glory to god for making all my dreams become reality. I also want to give thanks to my family and friends.

~ Submitted by Darren Grosch