Hello everyone and welcome to the Fall 2010 semester.

We’re off and running in a hurry aren’t we? But I must say, I just love the energy and excitement a new semester brings. The Student Services Building has been abuzz with students adding classes and asking every question you can think of! But hey, that’s what we are here for. I love to see the new faces, but noticing the returning students is always a joy. They are walking their path of education one semester at a time.

I would like to welcome some new additions and changes to the Student Services Division and the LASC family. First, in my office Mr. Robert Klier will serve as Administrative Intern for the Student Services Office and will assist with various projects and activities for the Division. Next, we have two new counselors: Ms. Lisa Ford has assumed the position as Transfer/Articulation Counselor, and Mrs. Blanca Rodriguez has taken a post in the General Counseling Office. Also, Mr. Darren Grosch has come aboard to head up the International Students Office. And lastly, Ms. Tangelia Alfred has accepted a one-year assignment as Associate Dean of Student Services. She will be working with the departments of Admissions & Records, Financial Aid, and Outreach & Recruitment. I am excited to have all of them on our team.

I wish everyone a great semester. We have a lot of work to do, but keep in mind our reward: seeing those students walk across that stage in early June. Remember that feeling during the tough times and I am sure you will be just fine. Be in touch and have a great semester.

~ Dean Patrick Jefferson

The LACCD Interns & Green Jobs Program visits the LASC Career Center (SSB 228) every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to recruit interested students for paid internships and construction job opportunities. This is an opportunity for our students to qualify for part-time or full-time intern positions and to “earn while they learn.”

The LACCD Interns & Green Jobs Program attempts to place our students in a wide range of occupations including architecture, construction, graphics, customer service, sales, and marketing. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority, NASA Jet Propulsion Lab, and LAUSD are a few of the companies that employ interns from the LACCD Interns Program.

Visit LASC’s Career Center to find out about the many other job search resources available to LASC students.
DSP&S JUMPS INTO THE NEW SEMESTER

Another semester is here and, right away, DSP&S is jumpin’! Many new students have already joined the Disabled Students Programs & Services extended family. We’ve made some changes this semester to enhance the services and opportunities for students with disabilities.

First, DSP&S welcomes our new counselor Roxanna Sanchez to LASC. She brings experience in student services and the classroom, and she offers innovation, professionalism, and heaps of smiles.

Next, we’ve added another special DSP&S course this semester! We continue to offer LS 40: Introduction to Learning Disabilities and LS 41: Study Strategies for Students with Disabilities. But now we’ve added a brand new course LS 59: Orientation to Disability Services, which will address disability laws and regulations and how to become a strong self-advocate.

Also, every Tuesday from 11:00a.m. to 3:00p.m., Department of Rehabilitation counselor Graciela Rodriguez welcomes those DSP&S students who are close to obtaining their degrees and/or working on a certificate.

Finally, have an enjoyable semester! Please stop by SSB, Room 117, or contact us at x5480 or phelpscm@lasc.edu.

~ by Celeste Phelps

SUPPORTING OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Marhababikum!

International Student Services (ISS) works to support our 36 international students who are currently on campus in an effort to fulfill their educational goals. Over 25 countries, including Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Germany, and Senegal, are represented amongst this year’s student body. Our international students bring an important global perspective to our campus, adding depth to our educational community.

In an effort to assist our international students, ISS is looking for on-campus clubs and/or American students who would be interested in participating in our Buddy Program. This unique program aims to expose our international students to the American lifestyle through mentorship.

To learn more about the Buddy Program opportunity and what International Students Services offers, please come by our office located in the Student Services Building, Room 116, and talk to either Darren Grosch or Linda Larson.

~ by Darren Grosch

OUTREACH & RECRUITMENT HAS A NEW HOME

The beginning of the semester is a great time to work on time-management skills and to set some educational and personal goals.

Any student who wants to do this can stop by or contact the Office of Outreach and Recruitment. This office is now located in the Student Services Building, Room 218. Students can also either call (323)241-5325 or email outreach@lasc.edu - staff will respond quickly to any inquiries.

Along with Financial Aid, ASO, and Community Services, the Office of Outreach and Recruitment is sponsoring a Student Appreciation Day on Monday September 20th starting at 11:00a.m. in the Quad.

This event is the perfect way to have fun and connect with the LASC campus. While you listen to DJs and enjoy free ice cream, network with faculty, staff, and administrators and meet our new and returning students. Let’s help each other learn how to succeed at LASC.

~ by Johnel Barron
ASO WELCOMES STUDENTS TO A NEW SEMESTER

The Associated Students Organization (ASO) represents all LASC students and sponsors various activities and student clubs throughout the year. Membership is not mandatory, but does allow students to participate in LASC-sponsored activities and to receive free or reduced admission to many college events.

It’s simple to join ASO: stop by the ASO Office (Student Services Building, Room 118) and get a membership card for only $7 per semester. Also, any student who has paid $27 for parking is automatically an ASO Member—just bring the parking printout to the ASO Office and you’ll receive a nice welcome packet.

ASO meetings are held every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Student Services Building, Room 216. Students can bring any issues or concerns to the ASO so they can be addressed during an ASO meeting—please visit the ASO Office at least 72 hours prior to a meeting to have your concern put on the agenda.

Look for a few important upcoming ASO events this month. September 20 is Student Appreciation Day and at 11:00 a.m. in the Little Theater, students will get a chance to vote for their Student Trustee. On September 23rd in the Quad, the ASO will hold a ASO Barbeque starting at 10:00 a.m.

TRIO SCHOLARS = GRADUATION & TRANSFER HELP

What is TRIO Scholars? TRIO Scholars, formerly known as the Center for Retention and Transfer, is a federally funded student support program designed to help community college students graduate and transfer to a four-year university. TRIO Scholars helps students achieve their goals while at LASC and to then transfer to a college of their choice.

If a student needs an academic plan, financial aid information, tutorial assistance, transfer information, or even help with a transfer application, TRIO Scholars is there for support. The program also sponsors mentoring & cultural events and student success workshops throughout the semester.

Any low-income, first generation college student, or student with disability is eligible for TRIO Scholar assistance. Interested students should stop by Student Services Building, Room 229 to see if they meet criteria for acceptance into the TRIO Scholars program.

~ by Erika Miller

TRIO Scholars September Calendar

TRIO Scholars Orientation Sessions:
September 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, & 29 · 12:00-1:00pm Room LL116

TRIO Workshops
Sister 2 Hermana · Tuesday September 28 1:00-2:00pm Room LL116
Life After Transferring · Wednesday September 29 1:00-2:00pm LL116

Off-Campus Representatives
National University Representative · September 15 SSB Lobby
CSU-LA Representative—September 28 SSB Lobby

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**What do you hope to accomplish in your life?**
I want to eventually open my own business, maybe something to do with children’s toys or products. Be my own boss—that’s the goal.

**How can LASC help you reach your goals?**
The business classes will really help, everything from Accounting to Management. I also want to see about some Child Development classes.

**Do you face any challenges as you attend LASC?**
Finding good childcare is tough. And trying to get some quiet time to do homework is hard around my house. I get as much work as I can done at school before I leave. I can do the work...I just need the time to do it.

**Do you use any support services that LASC offers?**
The Counselors have been good to me and given me good advice. The Academic [Success] Center is great too. I want to visit the Career Center for an internship.

**Any advice for new or returning LASC students?**
Don’t let the little stuff bother you or stop you.