



Office of the President

Date: April 27, 2020

Hello LACC Students:

Today marks Week 11 of the term. We just went through a warm spring weekend. Those of you who applied to the Foundation for an emergency grant have all been awarded – almost 300 of you applied. The Foundation is now reviewing scholarship applications to award our scholars additional funding. It all almost seems...not normal; there is nothing normal about what we are doing. But last night, as I watched 60 Minutes, it felt routine for the first time in weeks. We have a bit of a stretch ahead of us still; but, as times goes on, we will be getting closer to our return. Yes, this is temporary, for however long it lasts. Please be sure to let us know if there is anything you need. I hope to see you at the Town Hall on tomorrow (Tuesday) at 12:30.

And as things go, more Chromebooks are coming in through the LACCD Foundation. Another shipment is expected sometime next week. New messaging is going out to those of you who are awarded the Chromebooks that is much easier to understand and follow. If you applied for a Chromebook, please keep checking your student email account. I want to make sure that you all know that the Chromebooks that you are receiving are yours to keep. Since it is not property of the District, you need to contact the company directly if you are having issues. Here is a link to information about the Chromebooks company:

<http://laccd.edu/Documents/NewsDocuments/Chromebook%20Setup%20Guide%20-%20Screen.pdf>

From Academic Affairs

Congratulations to Munir Samplewala, Mathematics/CSIT/CT/EL department, for being selected as an Amazon Web Services (AWS) Faculty Ambassador. The Child Development faculty and staff have transformed their daily school activities into virtual interactive sessions. Each day the children have 4-5 opportunities to connect with their teachers for story time, music/movement, science experiments, art and much more. They have created a YouTube channel for the Center and a Facebook page where parents can find tutorials by our teachers, articles, resources, and support. Additionally, they are working with the Department of Social Services and the Ella Fitzgerald foundation to obtain donations of new books and toys. Every Tuesday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. parents have the opportunity to stop by the Campus Sheriff's office where our CDC provides grab and go bags, filled with curriculum materials, books, art supplies, puzzles, stuffed animals, etc. Last, nursing students and child development students are continuing their practicum with the CDC by observing the Zoom sessions and implementing activities.

From Student Services

The Summer 2020 Schedule of Classes is posted online. At this point, all classes offered in the summer will be remote/online. You can search for your classes now in preparation for registration into their desired classes. You will receive an email by this Friday, May 1st, with your registration appointment. Registration begins Monday, May 4th. Please register as early as possible. All of our late start classes filled to capacity. We anticipate demand this summer for classes to be higher than usual. Let's make sure you all get a seat!

One more reminder, May 10th is a week from Sunday. It is Mother's Day. It is also the last day for to petition for a grade of Pass/No Pass and to withdraw from classes and receive an EW (emergency withdrawal).

Student Services has been busy with graduation petitions, with financial aid disbursements, with Counseling appointments, with accommodating students, and with ensuring we meet your needs the best we can in this remote environment. Our Outreach & Recruitment team are predicting that our fall enrollment increase is on track. We are expecting a larger First-Year Experience/LA College Promise group this year. They are working on a new virtual "Chill" hour with our incoming group so that they can begin to get to know each other before their classes start this summer in our Summer Bridge to prepare our recent high school graduates for their first year of college.

I am not sure what our "new normal" will develop into this week, but I am happy to start a new week.

BELIEVE ACHIEVE SUCCEED! It is our life's work for you, our students.

Be well and be safe,

Mary

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