



Student Town Hall

14 April 2020 / 12:30 PM / Zoom Meeting

Updates

- **Announcements**

- Starting tomorrow, every Wednesday from 12:30 - 1:00, a student Andre Richards will be co-hosting a forum called "What's on Your Mind?"
- This will be starting tomorrow (Wednesday, April 15th) and an invitation will be sent out separately.
- Next Wednesday, April 22nd, the 2nd disbursement for Financial Aid will be disbursed.
- Tax returns - file them to receive a stimulus check. If your parents claim you on their taxes and you don't work, you are not eligible.
- Will also sent a link to fill out the 2020 Census
- It's important to determine funding for each area going forward for additional money and resources to be available.

- **COVID-19 Updates**

- Notice from The District - until further notice, anyone who goes on any campus must wear a facial covering and practice a safe distance of 6ft.
- We will send out information about where handwashing stations, restrooms and showers are available on campus once those services become available.
- Safety precautions appear to be making a difference in flattening the curve, let's keep it up. LA hasn't hit the high peak yet, that's coming in the next week or two. So, stay put.

- **Chromebooks**

- Most students that applied for a device through the District have been notified. Please check the Spam folder of your student email

- The device will be sent to you, but they do have a pickup address if you do not have a shipping address.
- We'll send students a screenshot showing what the email notification looks like.
- **Resources**
 - Funding from the federal government is on its way!
 - We don't know the amount per student that will be distributed but we did get notified of the total amount coming to LACC and will keep you posted.
 - These funds can be distributed hopefully by the end of the week.
 - We sent something out this morning regarding the Angeleno Card application that has become available for LA citizens. There will be increments of \$700, \$1100, and \$1500 available that depend on certain qualifications such as income and housing size. We encourage all to apply
- **Student Workers**
 - Our student workers are back working
 - The stipends for those payments of two weeks are being distributed.
- **Outreach**
 - Dual enrollment and Summer Bridge programs for local high schoolers are available.
 - We've been working with LAUSD to connect with incoming students.
- **Courses**
 - Students will be allowed to receive an EW until the end of the semester
 - Faculty/Staff will have to manually enter the EW after May 10th but we're okay to do that.
 - Students also have the option to apply for P/NP through the webpage and student resource link until May 10th
 - According to CSU reps, even if u opt for P/NP from now to Summer 2020, they will accept the Golden 4 classes P/NP
 - These universities will also accept all other GE courses and any major courses as P/NP. This will not negatively impact you
 - Summer schedule will be posted online on Monday, April 20th. The schedule will show if the class will be virtual.
 - The Summer Session will consist of two 5-week sessions and one 8-week session

- Faculty have not finished planning the Fall semester yet. We want to wait a couple more weeks to see how things progress throughout California and LA County to make the best schedule.

- **Graduation**

- We're waiting until the very last moment to cancel the graduation in case we are allowed to gather in large groups.
- We have until the end of May to cancel an in-person ceremony for June. If we still aren't allowed to meet socially we WILL hold a future face-to-face graduation.
- We are still planning a virtual graduation at this time.
- LACCD Black Grad will be held on Tuesday, May 19th sometime in the afternoon. This is a District wide event.
- The Lavender Graduation, which is a District Wide ceremony for LGBTQIA ceremony, will also still be held (virtually).

- **Sr. Staff Meeting**

- The Sr. Staff met with the executive cabinet of CSUDH.
- We are currently working on a partnership with their campus and are very excited to work with them.
- CSUDH has East Works which is a program we are working to obtain
- LACC is still working to secure virtual reality, with which CSUDH is excited to assist

Q:A

Q: Will all of the science courses normally offered during the summer be offered this summer? Will all the science classes with labs be offered during the summer?

A: Students will have access to the Summer schedule on Monday, April 20th. We will have a big summer schedule, bigger than last year's session. At this time, we aren't sure if ALL science classes with labs will be offered, but some certainly will.

Q: You said that there will be a petition after May 10th for emergency withdrawal, right? How does it work?

A: Yes, you will complete a petition online if you want to withdraw after May 10th.

- Q:** When will the Chromebook be sent ? And through what carrier?
- A:** The Chromebooks will be shipped from the District office. I (President Mary) will confirm who the carrier is, but probably UPS or FedEx. The information will be available in the update sent out tomorrow, Wednesday, April 15th.
- Q:** When will students be notified if we will receive the emergency grants and/or emergency stipend funds?
- A:** We have several different funds being distributed so they'll come from different places. We'll have more information for you all in tomorrow's newsletter. The Foundation will notify students separately for those specific funds. You will also be notified when the stipends from the federal government become available. Check your student email and social media daily.
- Q:** What are the golden classes that we can take P/NP classes and why are they golden?
- A:** Golden classes are classes that meet the transfer requirements. They are called A&B transfer requirements which are: English Composition 101/1A, Oral Communication/Speech, Critical Thinking English 103, and Math Quantitative Reasoning, which is college algebra.
- Q:** Can classes for my MAJOR for TRANSFER be pass/ no pass classes? (Cal State and UC systems)?
- A:** For your major classes, you should check with your counselor via Cranium Cafe.
- Q:** Will there be Pell Grant Funds for the summer sessions??
- A:** We are not 100% sure but will get that information to you in our newsletter. If you received a grant last summer, then you should be able to get one this summer. But I (President Mary) don't want to give wrong information, we will confirm and put the information in the newsletter.

Q: What are the dates for the 3 different summer sessions?

A: If you can hold off until Monday, those dates will be in the summer session schedule once it's posted.

Q: If everything is okay by August will we be able to return to campus to take classes?

A: As soon as we can come back to campus, we will come back. However, I anticipate that it will be a slow come back. We won't return to campus until it is safe for us to do so.

Q: What is the link to the Angeleno card?

A: <https://hcidla.lacity.org/family-source-centers> An email went out this morning that had that information listed.

Q: Is it a good time for me to pick my classes for summer and fall?

A: You won't be able to register for fall classes because the schedule will not be released until the end of May. We absolutely encourage students to register for classes for the Summer session. Summer session is planned for all remote online learning. Remote classes are classes on Zoom that are held on specific days and times. An online class means the times are flexible and can be completed according to the students' schedule. Both of those are the only types of courses being offered this summer.

Q: The website and phone number aren't working for COVID-19

A: The city is aware and is requesting that everyone keep trying and refreshing the site. Give it some time. They are taking applications today (Tuesday April 14th), tomorrow, and Thursday.

Q: What do you do if you have a family member who got sick with Corona virus or other diseases? How can you help your sick family members to overcome disease if they are between 50 and 60 and under 20 without getting sick. What if I get sick? I am over 20 but under 25.

A: Call the Wesley Clinic right away for assistance.

Q: Is there a phone number for admissions and financial aid and the business office or is it the same as before?

A: The numbers where you can reach all of the staff are listed on the website under the Student Resources tab. These offices can also be contacted via Cranium Cafe.

Q: What about the Pi Shop? I'm still enrolled how do I get my required hours

A: Good question, I am not sure, but I will look that up and have it answer listed in tomorrow's newsletter