



Student Town Hall

12 May 2020 / 12:30 PM / Zoom Meeting

Updates

- **Announcements**

- Lockers in the Kinesiology Building have not been cleaned out
 - i. If you want to get anything that you left in a locker, please contact the Department Chair Aykanush Gevanyan at gevanya@lacitycollege.edu. You can email her to make arrangements to come and clean out your locker
 - ii. A reminder that Wednesday, May 13th Congressman Adam Schiff will be attending our Town Hall. There will be no Town Hall on Thursday since you all will be joining our Staff Town Hall tomorrow
 - 1. He will be updating us on what is happening in the state and nationwide
 - 2. You all will have a chance to submit questions

- **EON Reality**

- Provides both augmented and virtual reality software that we can use in our courses
- We have been working long and hard on bringing this software to LACC, including virtual labs
- We will be online for Summer and Fall, so we hope to use this to enhance your online learning experience

- **Resources**

- Food Banks
 - i. There is no food on campus and there will be no campus food pantry until further notice. We have donated our food in the bookstore to the local food banks for distribution.
 - ii. Links to different local food banks can be found on the resource tab of the web page

- Printing at Office Depot
 - i. The attachment for your \$0.05 copying was sent out, please have the attachment and your student ID readily available when going to make copies
 - ii. To be able to apply the discount, please go to the part of the store where the attendant makes the copies for you. You cannot apply the discount at self-check-out. Please be sure to show them the card BEFORE they begin printing/copying.
 - iii. If you have any questions or run into any problems, please reach out to hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu
- **Devices for Students**
 - All students who were awarded a device should be receiving their Chromebook this week
 - We are now reaching out to students via phone for confirmation of students' mailing address
 - We are sending out about 700 devices and that finishes out the list of those who were awarded a device from the district
 - If you are not on the list, our bookstore is arranging for students to loan or rent a device
 - If you have already received a notification from us regarding your Chromebook, that is how you will know that you were awarded a device
 - Please reach out if you were awarded a device, are waiting for that device to be shipped, and as a result now have to catch up on schoolwork. Contact hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu so that we can help
- **Financial Aid**
 - A student received notice they would have to pay back a portion of their Financial Aid as a result of their EW
 - We are not exactly sure what the process is, but we are working on finding out rather or not students will be responsible for that fee
 - If you did get notification that you owe due to an EW please email hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu so we can reach out to you all once an update is obtained
 - We are reaching out to the federal work study students as well
- **2020: Resilient Times for Brilliant Minds**
 - Deadline for petitions was Monday May 11th, however it will be extended to this Thursday, May 13th
 - To be included in the virtual ceremony, you need to complete two tasks:

- i. You have to submit a Grad Petition. You can submit your petition in Cranium Cafe
 - ii. Email hotline-students @lacitycollege.edu to be added to the participation list
- We are planning the ceremony and need to have everything completed by the end of next week, so it is important to submit all of your information as soon as possible.
 - We already have a website for the ceremony, and you can find the link in tomorrow's newsletter and on the LACC Web Page
 - Remember that we will have a face to face ceremony either in the Fall or next June.

Q:A

Q: President, do you have any news regarding the financial help for undocumented students?

A: As an update, the California State Chancellor's office along with other large community college districts, LACCD included, filed a suit against the federal government for not allowing all students to take advantage of the funds available. The funds were designated for Pell Grant recipients. It may be addressed by Congressman Schiff at tomorrow's Town Hall; however, the federal government is working on this right now. As soon as additional guidance is known I will keep you posted. The requirement of allocating those funds may be loosened to give funds to those students in need.

Q: How do you know if you qualify for the Chromebooks?

A: You would have had to apply through your student portal. If you completed the application all the way through, you would have received an email stating you were approved. You need to reply to that email to receive a device, however you still are awarded a device if you received that email and you did not reply. If you did not apply for the Chromebook and still need a device, we are currently working with the Bookstore on a rental or loaner program.

Q: Have the spring scholarships been awarded yet?

A: No, they have not. I expect that they will be awarded by the end of the week or next week.

Q: Since there was a big problem with homeless students even before the coronavirus crisis and since the campus will probably not reopen this year, is there any way that the facilities could be used to house homeless students until the college reopens?

A: It is difficult to have to say this. Unfortunately, we are not able to have people on campus. We have a few people on campus, our facilities department. Right now, we are not able to do anything like that on campus. The risk of spreading COVID 19 is too great. We have a list of resources on our webpage, and I will send them out again in tomorrow's newsletter.

- Q: When will we be contacted by gradslides or anyone regarding virtual participation
- A: If you completed a Grad Petition, there was a district communication that went to your student email regarding the gradslide. If you think you should have received an email and did not, please reach out to hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu and include your full name and student ID number so we can verify that your name was on that list. If your name is not on the list, remember you have until Thursday to submit all of your required documents so that you can be added to the list.
- Q: Will there be an email that tells us what the Chancellor said at his Town Hall? I was disappointed that I could not get into the meeting.
- A: The meeting was recorded and will be put on the district website and we will put the link on our website as well.
- Q: I need to know how I can get in touch with financial aid?
- A: Please email hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu and they will assist you to connect with Financial Aid. You can also log in to Cranium Café and the Financial Aid staff are available to chat with you online.
- Q: Is there anything we need to do to prepare for virtual graduation?
- A: I will send everything in tomorrow's newsletter. I will organize the information so that you can use it for a check off list.
- Q: I'm struggling with my classes due to this Covid-19, and in both of my classes I have already attempted to take classes twice before, I'm scared that I will have to go to another college for these two classes. one of the classes is a Math class and for me it is hard not being able to see how these problems are being broken down. my question is what are my options as far as my classes are concerned?
- A: You have two options: you can request a pass/no pass and/or you can request a withdrawal (EW).
- Q: Will ALL students be able to access the Town Hall with Congressman Adam Schiff this Wednesday?
- A: All students should be able to access the Town Hall; we have allowed for the Zoom meeting to accommodate more participants.
- Q: Just to be clear, we need to email a rsvp for recognition ceremony? and do a grad slide + possibly a video and everything gets sent to different places?
- A: There is no RSVP. You MUST submit a petition for graduation, and then respond to the email that will be sent to you from the district regarding how to submit a graduation slide and picture.
- Q: Is there going to be a recognition for the dean's list? And is there a list of Honors students?
- A: Yes, there will be a recognition ceremony and the Honors list is the Dean's list.

Q: When will the email for virtual graduation be sent to students?

A: You should have received your email. If you have petitioned and not received your email please email hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu and we will verify if your name is on the list.