



# The Compass

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"Empowering Students to Achieve Their Goals."

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Spring Semester	2/9 - 6/8
Last Day to File for Graduation	3/8
Scholarship Deadline	3/31
Priority Registration	TBA
End of the Year Celebration	5/26

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## Welcome Back Students!

This newsletter is the first in our series of newsletters to keep you informed and up to date on campus procedures and issues that impact students with disabilities at LACC. We would appreciate your feedback and suggestions for future issues. As you have noticed, the campus is under construction! Please keep OSS informed if you find a new physical barrier or have difficulty finding your way around LACC.

If you would like to subscribe to the newsletter via email, please contact Tamika Phillips at [phillits@lacitycollege.edu](mailto:phillits@lacitycollege.edu). I hope you have a wonderful spring semester and I look forward to working with you as you pursue your educational and vocational goals at LACC!

Regards,

Randy Anderson

Dean of Special Programs



## What's Going On In OSS?

### OSS CART SERVICE

Beginning Spring 2009, OSS will implement campus transportation for students who, due to their disabilities, have difficulty navigating the campus. To determine eligibility please feel free to fill out the Desk, Chair/Cart Authorization Form in the Registration area.

### ELEVATOR KEY REQUEST

As of Fall '08, all elevators on campus have been modified for push-button access. Students who've been issued elevator keys need to return them to OSS as soon as possible.

### REGISTRATION

Counseling appointments are to be made in person only. However, if you need to reschedule a previously scheduled appointment, please call 323-953-4000 x 2270.

### ACCOMMODATION SERVICES

Students who are eligible for test accommodations must obtain their accommodation authorization forms and present them to their instructors before signing up for test proctoring in OSS. Please make an appointment with Accommodation Services at least one week in advance of your exam or quiz.

### HIGH TECH CENTER (HTC)

If you are eligible for textbooks in an alternate format, please contact the HTC as soon as you determine your course textbooks. Please fill out the online request form or get one from the HTC. Also check out our website at [www.lacitycollege.edu/services/oss](http://www.lacitycollege.edu/services/oss).

### TUTORIAL CENTER

If you have academic concerns about your classes or need assistance with study skills, come to the Tutorial Center to sign up for tutoring and study skills. It is a good idea to come in during the first week of the semester.

# Around the Campus



## FINANCIAL AID

Students applying for Financial Aid for the 2009-2010 academic year can apply now. Those who apply before March 2, 2009, will be given priority consideration for the Cal Grant.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER

All enrolled students are eligible for basic primary and non-emergency services including: Care and Referrals, Counseling, Family Planning, TB Skin Tests and Other Lab Tests and Immunizations. The HWC will be hosting a Health Fair on May 6, 2009 in the LACC Quad.

## STUDENT LIFE / ASO

The ASO is looking fill several positions within their Senate. Currently, there are a number of

senatorial positions and one VP position open. If interested, please contact Eric Peters in the Office of Student Life, located in the Learning Resource Center.

If you are interested in starting or joining a student club on Campus, please visit the ASO in the Learning Resource Center.

## DEAN'S HONOR & COMMENCEMENT

The Dean's Honor Ceremony, for students with at 3.0 or above GPA for Spring and Fall 2008 will take place on Tuesday, April 28th. More details to follow. The 2009 Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th. The date and locations are to be announced at

a later date.

The last day to file for graduation 2009 is March 8.

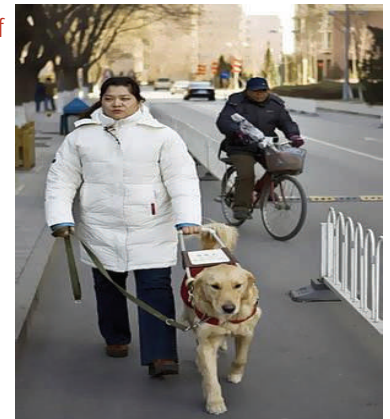


# OSS Classroom Corner

Each issue of this newsletter, we intend to provide students with information regarding various aspects of a disability. For this issue, we will highlight the protocols for interacting with students who may be working with a guide dog.

## What You Should Know When You Meet a Working Guide Dog Team

- **Do Not Pet A Guide Dog** - As tempting as it may be to pet a Guide Dog, we should remember that this dog is responsible for leading someone who is visually impaired. A person's safety may depend on their dog's alertness and concentration and so a dog should never be distracted from their duty. However, it is ok to ask someone if you may pet their guide.
- **Do Not Feed A Guide Dog** - The dogs are fed on a schedule and follow a specific diet in order to keep them in optimum condition. Guide dogs are trained to resist offers of food so they will be able to visit restaurants without begging. Feeding treats to a Guide Dog weakens this training.
- **Do Not Distract A Guide Dog On the Street** - Although Guide Dogs cannot read traffic signals, they are responsible for helping their handler safely cross the street. Calling out to a Guide Dog or obstructing it's path can be dangerous for the team as it could break the dog's concentration on its work. Please don't honk your horn or call out from your car to signal when it's safe to cross, which can be distracting and confusing.



Except from "When You Meet a Working Guide Dog Team"  
By the Guide Dogs For the Blind

To contact OSS, please dial 323-953-4000 and the appropriate extension:

General Information & Counseling

Ext. 2270 or 2275

Learning Disabilities Center

Ext. 2273 or 2276

High Tech Center

Ext. 2278

Accommodation Services

Ext. 2277

Tutorial Center

Ext. 2273

Sign Language Interpreting Office

Ext. 2284

