

DATES TO KNOW

Transfer Center Workshop 11/9/07
1 p.m. in AD 109

**Men's Basketball – Tip-Off Classic
Tournament** 11/9, 11/10, 11/11
Times TBA in the LACC Gym

Veteran's Day Holiday 11/12/07
Campus closed.

LACC CERT Training 11/13, 11/14,
11/15 and 11/16
9 a.m. 2 p.m. Community
Emergency Response Team Program
training will be held in the faculty and
staff center each day except Nov. 15th,
when training will be in the PACE
room. Bring lunch, wear comfortable
clothing - no open shoes. Attend all 4
sessions to get a certificate. LACC
Faculty & Staff Center and the PACE
room. Call ext. 2410 for more
information or e-mail
tylecev@lacitycollege.edu.

**Last Day to File for June 2008
Graduation** 11/16/07

Last Day to Drop Classes with a "W"
11/21/07
this may be done via STEP through
Sunday, November 25th.

Thanksgiving Holiday 11/22 through
11/25

**Last Day to Apply Online for Winter
Session** 12/21/07

Welcome to the second in a series of updates to the campus community about the many issues that affect our college. LACC has high quality faculty and staff and I thank you for your continued work in helping our students. I encourage you to post these updates in your offices and classrooms to share with students and individuals interested in Los Angeles City College. These updates are posted on the President's Page. Visit the Faculty & Staff section of the campus website at www.LACityCollege.edu.

LET'S CHAT

If you would like some face time with your LACC President, starting in December I will hold open office hours on Fridays. Please sign up for our 15 minute chat with Nannette at 323-953-4010. See you in December!
-- Dr. Jamillah Moore

Thank You!

The Los Angeles City College Foundation Gala held October 20th was successful in raising over \$250,000 for student scholarships. I would like to thank the foundation for all of their hard work in putting this event together.

Conference Information

Chicano-Latino Intersegmental Convocation

Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport, Burlingame, California November 8-11, 2007
Special guest is the Honorable Jack O'Connell, California State Superintendent of Education. Additional information can be found at: www.clic-policy.info, (916)-442-0392 or (916) 446-4028.

Diversity Best Practices/Network & Affinity Leadership Congress 2007 Diversity and Inclusion Leadership Summit & Gala. Examining Critical Issues & Exploring New Opportunities" Hilton Washington, Washington, DC view additional information at: www.nalc.diversitybestpractices.com.

National Association of African American Studies (NAAAS)

The National Association of African American Studies 16th Annual NAAAS & Affiliates will hold their national conference February 11-16 2008, at the Baton Rouge Marriott Hotel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. For additional information go to: www.NAAAS.org.

Diverse Hispanics Goes Live!!

Diverse Issues in Higher Education has launched a new website. Over the next year the publication plans to launch dedicated web portals to share and communicate information about different segments of the higher education community. One of the first channels to go live will focus on Hispanics in higher education. Sign up to receive the FREE weekly Diverse: Hispanics e-newsletter. Go to www.diverseeducation.com to sign up.

CONGRATULATIONS!

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL: LA CITY WINS TWO BIG GAMES!

The Lady Cubs won two crucial matches, remaining the hunt for a post-season volleyball berth in the State play-offs.

Oct. 24 - LA City @ LA Trade Tech

Winless Trade Tech posed a concern for the Lady Cubs simply because LA City didn't want their play-off hopes derailed by becoming LATT's first victim. Accordingly, LA City pounded Tech, 30-17, 30-29 and 30-22.

Oct. 26 - LA City v. East Los Angeles College

ELAC's Lady Huskies were seeking a late season surge but the Lady Cubs weren't permitting it on this night. LA City controlled the match's tempo from start to finish in sweeping East LA 30-28, 30-19, and 30-19.

For full schedule, see <http://Athletics.LACityCollege.edu>



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The Institute for Higher Education Leadership & Policy

Has released a new report *Beyond the Open Door: Increasing Student Success in the California Community Colleges*. This report provides detailed analyses of factors related to student success, connects those factors to state and institutional policies, and offers recommendations for policy reforms. It includes a qualitative analysis of the CCC assessment and placement process. A copy of the report can be found at the following link: http://www.csus.edu/ihe/PDFs/R_Beyond_Open_Door_08-07.pdf

2008-09 Postdoctoral Fellowships

The National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship Program supports early career scholars working in critical areas of education research. Fellows will receive \$55,000 for one academic year of research or \$27,500/year for two years working half-time. Fellows participate in professional development retreats with Academy members and other preeminent leaders in the field. For the 2008 application and guidelines, go to www.naeducation.org deadline to apply is **November 9, 2007**.

The League for Innovations in the Community College

Has released a new report *Use of Real-world Data and Information in the Classroom: Evolution of a K-14 Teacher Preparation Model*. Funded by the US Department of Education's Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology program, the project focused on training pre service teachers and those who train them in unique and compelling uses of the internet in the classroom. The report is available for download at: <http://www.league.org/league/projects/PT3/Files/RWDDataClassroom.pdf>.

The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Interns Program

The LACCD Interns Program is a paid internship program working with private businesses and firms contracting with the Proposition A/AA bond program, creating hundreds of new exciting internships in a wide range of occupations. Internships are available in all disciplines including architecture, engineering computer graphics and technology, marketing and business management, customer service, clerical and many others. Students may also be eligible to receive academic credit for the internship. The LACCD Cooperative Work Experience Education (CWEE) Program can provide up to 4 units of credit for eligible work activities. Contact your CWEE Campus Coordinator.

To be eligible for an intern position students must:

- Be enrolled at one of the nine LACCD campuses
- Complete an Internship Application online at: www.laccdinterns.org
- Submit a resume online
- Print and obtain a faculty referral/recommendation for an internship

LACCD Vice-Chancellor of Economic and Workforce Development

The Board of Trustees of LACCD invites applications and nominations for the position of Vice Chancellor of Economic and Workforce Development. This is a full-time management position. Application due date is November 15, 2007 or until filled. To apply send a resume with a letter of application, preferably five pages or less, providing examples from your background and experience showing how your knowledge and expertise apply to this position and the names of four references with business and home phone numbers. Send applications to, Dr. Susan Carleo, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor, Human Resources Los Angeles Community College District, 770 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90017. Phone 213-891-2252. This position is also posted at www.laccd.edu.

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Department of Education

The Department of Education at UCLA is recruiting for three tenure-track faculty positions to begin in the Fall of 2008. The positions are: Assistant Professor, Advanced Quantitative Methods, Assistant Professor, Student Affairs in Higher Education, Assistant or Full Professor, Teacher Education, Teacher Policy, and the Context of Urban Teaching. For more information about these openings, please see UCLA website at <http://www2.gseis.ucla.edu/hr/jobs>.

EXPLORE LA PROGRAM

The Office of Student Life presents the EXPLORE LA Program: The Explore LA Program is a unique opportunity for students and faculty to venture into the greater Los Angeles area in a beyond the classroom cooperative learning experience. The purpose of the program is to provide students with an opportunity to fully engage in course material beyond the classroom. The Office of Student Life will coordinate one excursion per month to various locations around LA. Each excursion will have space for 10-15 students and 2 faculty members. If you are interested in participating in the program, please contact Earic Peter at peterseb@lacitycollege.edu or call 323-953-4000 extension 2450.

2008 Citadel is Here

The LACC 2008 Citadel is now available. The Citadel is the published work of students across the spectrum. Their poetry, prose, essays and graphics are gathered. The cost is \$10 dollars and all proceeds go towards financing next year's edition. A copy of the publication is available for viewing in Dr. Robinson's Office, JH 300 A, or JH 300 E. Any questions or purchasing please contact Sam Eisenstein at sameisenstein@hotmail.com or 323-681-6819.

FAFSA and the Student Drug Use Debate

Added to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in 1998 during the last reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) was the controversial question to ask students about recent drug arrests. The current debate at the federal level is to repeal the question and amend the FAFSA form. This has become a controversial issue as critics argue this provision on the application prevents low-income youth from obtaining an opportunity to attend college. Lawmakers are hesitant to remove the question for fear that they will appeal "soft on drugs." The question specifically states, "have you ever been convicted." Those who answer yes face a variety of penalties. According to the US Department of Education a conviction for simple possession carries a one-year ban on aid; a second conviction extends that to two years; a third conviction leads to indefinite loss of eligibility. A first year conviction for drug sales means two years ineligibility for aid. Failing to answer the questions also makes a student ineligible.

Those who favor a repeal of the question are The NAACP, the National Council of La Raza and the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education. The United States Student Association filed suit in 2006 claiming that the question was unconstitutional because it warrants a "second punishment for those already convicted of a crime." The FAFSA application has 100 questions on it and the drug question is number 31. Some members of the Congressional Black Caucus have also articulated the need for repeal. According to Representative Bobby Scott (D-Va), "I've always had a problem with that question because upper income students who get convicted can continue their education, but if you actually need student aid, you lose your education." The House is likely to take up this issue soon. We will keep you posted.

City of Los Angeles Commission on the Status of Women Internship Opportunity

Interns work as part of a team under the direct guidance of the Interim Executive Director. Interns work on policy, research and planning in a collaborative nature with limited supervision. Interns may be assigned to study issues, research programs, analyze bills, analyze budgets, and report on governmental actions that impact women and girls. Successful interns must be able to draft memos and reports. This position may require interns to contact city employees and community groups.

Requirements: Applicants must be able to verify enrollment in graduate school. Among the skills and abilities that are desired in policy interns are: Excellent research and writing skills; Knowledge of local, state and federal legislative processes; Familiarity with issues related to children, youth and families; Excellent organizational, communication and analytical skills; and Experience with data collection and policy analysis.

This is an unpaid internship. Applicants should send a cover letter, resume and a short writing sample (a recent graduate school paper or memo is sufficient) to Rayshell Chambers at rayshell.chambers@lacity.org.

Internship Opportunity

Assemblyman Curren Price is seeking interns for his district office. Assemblyman Price represents the 51st Assembly District which includes Inglewood, Hawthorne, Gardena Playa Vista, Westchester, Lawndale, West Athens, Lennox, Alondra Park, West Compton, Del Aire, and Willowbrook, as well as portions of the unincorporated area of Ladera. Students receive college credit for the internship. Assemblyman Price's District Office is located at One West Manchester Blvd., Suite 601, Inglewood, CA 90301, 310-412-6400. Interested students should contact: Angelo Williams, Chief of Staff, Assemblyman Curren Price. (916) 319-2051

Governor Schwarzenegger Moves Forward with Health Care Reform Legislation. As most of you know the Governor called for a special session in September devoted entirely to health care reform. As a result of the special session the Governor has just released language in bill form. His bill is the **Health Care Security and Cost Reduction Act (the Act)**. According to the Governor's Office the "Act brings affordable health care coverage to every California." The Act would: Ensure access to health coverage for all; Increase affordability to put coverage within everyone's reach; Guarantee that everyone can get insurance; Promote prevention, wellness and personal responsibility; Reduce regulatory barriers to improve efficiency and cost-effectiveness of care; Provide Californians lower cost, more convenient options for accessing health care services; and Save lives and reduce costs through Health Information Technology.

More information about the Governor's health care proposal can be found at: www.FixOurHealthCare.com The 220 page Health Care Security and Cost Reduction Act can be found at: <http://gov.ca.gov/pdf/gov/HCR-RN0729963.pdf> (49.8MB PDF file)

2007 Community College Legislative Wrap-Up

The Governor's deadline for signing or vetoing legislation has expired. Listed below is detail on the bills he signed that will become law on January 1, 2008 and simply a list of those vetoed. Additional information about any of this legislation can be found at:

www.leginfo.com

AB 194 (Committee on Budget) Budget Act of 2007 -- Among other budget related items, AB 194 would amend and supplement the Budget Act of 2007 by appropriating \$33.1 million for Basic Skills, the amount that was vetoed in the Budget Act. AB 194 requires the Chancellor's Office to work with the Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst to develop annual accountability measures for this program. Status: Chapter 498 Statutes of 2007

AB 314 (Soto: D-Pomona) CalWORKs: Welfare-to-Work Activities-Vetoed

AB 483 (Salas, D-Chula Vista) Community Colleges: Contracting Study—Economic and Workforce Development Program Evaluation –Vetoed

AB 598 (Committee on Education): Career-Technical Education-Vetoed

AB 668 (Portantino, D-Pasadena) Student Financial Aid -- This bill enacts the California Community College Student Federal and State Financial Aid Opportunity Act and requires the California Community College Chancellor's Office to help colleges increase participation in financial aid programs by developing information for students to make them aware of financial aid options. Status: Chapter 607 Statutes of 2007.

AB 900 (Solorio, D-Santa Ana) Prison Construction -- This bill authorizes prison construction bonds, and includes the Chancellor's Office as a participant on a panel to help find ways to reduce recidivism by increasing rehabilitation opportunities. Status: Chapter 7 Statutes of 2007.

AB 1168 (Jones, D-Sacramento) Social Security Numbers

This bill would declare legislative intent that all local agencies redact all digits of any social security number contained in records before disclosing them to the public. It also would require the Office of Privacy Protection in the Department of Consumer Affairs to establish a task force of 15 members to conduct a review of the use by all public and private colleges and universities of social security numbers in order to recommend practices to minimize the collection, use, storage, and retention of social security numbers. Status: Chapter 627 Statutes of 2007.

AB 1368 (Mullin, D-S. San Francisco) Capital Facilities -- Bonds This bill would authorize each district to issue notes in anticipation of the sale of bonds that mature within a period not to exceed five years, rather than one year. Status: Chapter 334 Statutes of 2007.

AB 1548 (Solorio, D-Santa Ana) College Textbooks -- This bill establishes the College Textbook Transparency Act, which requires publishers and bookstores to disclose specified information. AB 1548 also requires faculty and other employees to follow specified practices in the adoption and purchase of textbooks. Status: Chapter 574 Statutes of 2007.

AB 1559 (Berryhill, R-Modesto) Community College -- Registered Nursing Programs If a college's nursing program is impacted, AB 1559 specifies criteria of the multicriteria screening process to evaluate applicants for admission to nursing programs that a community college may use to reduce attrition. Status: Chapter 712 Statutes of 2007.

SB 18 (Perata, D-Oakland) Public Works: Labor Compliance-Vetoed

SB 45 (Perata, D-Oakland) Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education This bill extends limited state oversight of private postsecondary schools from February 1, 2008 to July 1, 2008. Status: Chapter 635 Statutes of 2007.

SB 139 (Scott, D-Pasadena) Nursing Education -- This bill is "clean-up" legislation following SB 1309 (Chapter 837/2006) that supports associate degree nursing programs. This bill authorizes the use of multicriteria screening measures to reduce attrition. This bill also would allow districts to employ part-time clinical nursing faculty teaching 60% or more of the hours of a full-time instructor for up to four semesters or six quarters within any three consecutive academic years between July 1, 2007, and June 30, 2014; and require these districts to provide data to the System Office regarding the number of faculty members hired under this section and the ratio of full-time to part-time faculty for these districts in each of the three academic years prior to the operation of this section, and for each academic year for which faculty are hired under this subdivision. Status: Chapter 522 Statutes of 2007.

SB 166 (Negrete McLeod, D-Chino) Emergency Preparedness:

Community College Districts This bill requires the Chancellor's Office to work in consultation with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Office of Homeland Security, to develop emergency preparedness standards and guidelines to assist community college districts. Status: Chapter 461 Statutes of 2007.

SB 272 (Runner, R-Antelope Valley) Armed Forces Service-Priority Enrollment This bill requires community colleges to grant priority for registration for enrollment to members of the Armed Forces of the United States for any academic term attended within two years of leaving active duty. Status: Chapter 356 Statutes of 2007.

SB 614 (Simitian, D-Palo Alto) Design-Build Contracts -- This bill expands authority for using design-build contracts to all community colleges for contracts that exceed \$2.5 million to January 1, 2014 (instead of the \$10 million floor in current statute). Status: Chapter 471 Statutes of 2007.

SB 832 (Corbett, D-San Leandro) College Textbooks-Vetoed

SB 854 (Ridley-Thomas, D-Los Angeles) Student Voter Registration This bill requires every community college and California State University campus to enable students to elect to receive voter registration forms when registering for classes if the college operates an automated class registration system. Status: Chapter 481 Statutes of 2007.

SB 964 (Romero, D-Los Angeles) Open Meetings: Brown Act –Vetoed

If you have information you would like included in the President's Corner, please contact Nannette at ext. 4010.

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