



Los Angeles Valley College College Bulletin *July 5-11, 2009*

This Week's News & Events



LAVC Graduate Eric Sorto Recognized by the L.A. City Council

Eric Sorto, a recent LAVC graduate, was recently recognized by Councilwoman Wendy Gruel and the Los Angeles City Council for his work in gang prevention programs in Los Angeles and for writing his memoir Payback: The Cost of Being a Gangster. Eric is a former gang member and became a quadriplegic after being shot. His book, which he wrote with LAVC Professor William Wallis, is being used in gang prevention and handicapped programs, and is available on Amazon.com. Congratulations Eric!



Summer Hours for Admissions & Records and the Assessment Center

The LAVC Admissions & Records and the Assessment Center will be open during the summer (until August 22) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesdays from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information about admissions, visit <http://www.lavc.edu/studentserve/site/admissions/index.html>.



Check Out Child Development's Redesigned Web Site!

The LAVC Child Development Department has launched its redesigned department Web site, which provides information to students, prospective students and the community with information on its programs, services, resources and events. The has information on Child Development degrees and certificates, its faculty, the California Early Childhood Mentor Program, the Child Development Club, the Child Development Training Consortium, the Family Resource Center, and programs such as CAST (Career and Academic Success Team), P-CAT (Para-educator Companion Assistant Training), High-5 (High-schoolers Find Inspiring Vocations in Early education), CD COMPASS (Child Development Career Opportunities Matching Pathways and Student Success). To view the Child Development department Web site, visit http://lavc.edu/child_development/.



New Location for the Youth Empowerment Strategies for Success (YESS)

The Youth Empowerment Strategies for Success (YESS) Office has moved to Bungalow 82. YESS is a comprehensive program hosted on the LAVC campus that provides foster youth with services that focus on life skills, training and academic performance to successfully transition into independently living. The program's objective is for its participants to achieve self sufficiency, college degree or certificate, and employment. For more information on foster youth services, contact the YESS Office at (818) 778-5812 or email frederta@lavc.edu.



CalWORKs Has Two Locations to Serve Students

The LAVC's CalWORKs (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility for Kids) program will now occupy both Bungalow 8 and 14. The CalWORKs Office will remain in Bungalow 14, and Bungalow 8 will be the new home of the CalWORKs Valley Assessment Center, which is open to CalWORKs students by appointment. During the summer, the CalWORKs Office will be open Mondays-Thursdays from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m.-12 noon. For more information, contact the CalWORKs Office at (818) 947-2600, ext 4069.



Save the Date – Healthy Air, Healthy Communities Family Fair at LAVC

The Valley Interfaith Council, in partnership with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), will hold a free eco-friendly, clean-air community event on Sunday, July 12 from 12 noon-5 p.m. at LAVC's Monarch Square and Monarch Hall. The "Healthy Air, Healthy Communities Family Fair" will feature an exhibit of alternative fuel vehicles, children's activities and a free asthma and allergy screening provided by the Breathmobile. A Breathmobile asthma and allergy specialist will also provide education and training about the management of asthma, proper use of equipment, medications, asthma/allergy triggers, recognition of symptoms and emergencies. Local exhibitors will be on hand to promote green products that support the reduction of emissions and healthy living. Food will also be available for purchase. The event is free to the public. For more information, visit the AQMD Web site at <http://www.aqmd.gov/pubinfo/Events/HealthyAirHealthyCommunitiesFamilyFair/index.htm>.



Mark Your Calendars—Classified Staff Enrichment Day on July 23

The LAVC Professional Development Office will host the annual Classified Staff Enrichment Day on Thursday, July 23 from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in Monarch Hall. This year's theme is "I Make a Difference". There will be a continental breakfast, a fun and interactive general session, workshops in financial issues, healthy lifestyles and workplace issues, lunch and entertainment. For more information, contact Professional Development at (818) 947-2712.

Additional news items are posted at www.lavc.edu/campusnews/index.html.

LAVC in the News



June 17, 2009

10 Reasons to Pick a Community College

The U.S. News & World Report featured a Professor's Guide blog by Lynn F. Jacobs and Jeremy S. Hyman on the reasons why so many people are now choosing to attend community colleges. The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) was noted in this article, and LAVC is one of nine colleges in the LACCD. To read the entire article, visit <http://www.usnews.com/blogs/professors-guide/2009/06/17/10-reasons-to-pick-a-community-college.html>



May-June 2009

Students are hurt by budget cuts

The L.A. Youth, a newspaper written by and for teens, featured an article on how local students are being impacted by the budget cuts to education. The article notes the cancellation of summer classes at many schools, the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) cancelling the second Summer Session at its nine campuses, and the proposed cuts to the Cal Grants program. A student at Valley Alternative High School commented that she had planned to enroll in a dance class this summer at LAVC because of the great teacher. To read the entire article, visit

<http://layouth.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=Issue&action=IssueArticle&aid=2467&nid=85>

Please Announce to All Students

The following are important campus announcements for your students:

- **Deadline to drop your Summer Session 1 class is here!** The deadline to drop a class for Summer Session 1 with a "W" in person is Friday, July 10. The deadline to drop with a "W" by telephone or the Internet is Sunday, July 11.
- **Summer hours for Admissions & Records and the Assessment Center.** From now until August 22, the summer hours are as follows: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesdays from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information about admissions, visit <http://www.lavc.edu/studentserve/site/admissions/index.html>
- **Want to learn how to be a better student in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)?** LAVC's new STEM Program will be holding its Summer Bridge 2009 from July 29-31 for students who want to pursue careers in the sciences. Come find out which LAVC classes you should take to transfer, meet STEM faculty from CSUN, UCLA and USC, and learn about opportunities to do research as an undergrad. Sign up today! For more info and to register, visit www.lavc.edu/stem/.
- **Summer Session 2 Has Been Cancelled!** Due to state budget cuts, LAVC has cancelled its second summer session. LAVC will still hold Summer Session 1, which begins June 15. For the most up-to-date information, a list of cancelled classes, and answers to your most frequently asked questions, please visit the LAVC Web site at www.lavc.edu/.
- **LAVC is now on Twitter.com!** If you want the latest news from Valley College, then follow LAVC at www.twitter.com/LAValleyCollege.
- **Need to contact your professor?** LAVC now has an online searchable directory with phone numbers, email addresses and office locations of faculty, staff and college administrators. Just click on the "Map / Directory / Hours" link on www.lavc.edu and select the link for "LAVC Phone/Email Dir".

Other News & Announcements

Professional Development Center Will be Open All Summer! The Professional Development Center (PDC) will be open during the summer. It has computers, a reference library of free books, and offers help with computer skills. The PDC is located in Bungalow 83 and will be open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Questions? Contact the Professional Development Center at (818) 947-2712.

Need to find someone at LAVC? Check out our Searchable Directory! The LAVC Web site now features a new searchable phone and email directory of LAVC faculty, staff, administrators, departments, offices and services. The searchable phone directory can be found by clicking the "Map / Directory / Hours" link on the homepage, or can be accessed by visiting <http://www.lavc.edu/directory/>. If any information is incorrectly noted on the directory, please notify your department chair, dean or vice president to make updates to the directory information; if there are any questions or problems with uploading directory changes, please contact Tom Jacobsmeyer at jacobsmt@lavc.edu.

Want to Incorporate Technology Into Your Teaching? LAVC faculty are encouraged to set up an appointment with Michael Cooperman, our new instructional designer, at coopermj@lavc.edu.

Summer Tech Fest Coming Soon! The Summer Tech Fest for faculty will be held from July 28-30. The workshops, which are sponsored by Title V and a STEM grant, will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. More details to come at a later date. Questions? Contact Deborah Kaye at (818) 947-2569.

Save the Date—Opening Day 2009. Opening Day 2009 for all full-time faculty will be held on Thursday, August 27. This is a mandatory event for all full-time faculty and optional for adjunct faculty. For details, contact Deborah Kaye at (818) 947-2569.

Activities this Week

There may be a charge to attend the below events, please contact the listed department/contact person for more detailed information. A complete list of campus events is posted on the calendar at www.lavc.edu, including a complete faculty/staff calendar.

Sunday, July 5

Monday, July 6

Parent & Baby Session (for Toddlers) @ 10- 11 am (Bungalow 49); Free - Contact: Family Resource Center (818) 778-5518 weislekm@lavc.edu [View Flyer](#) (PDF)

Etudes Certification workshop (3 of 3 Classes) sponsored by Virtual Valley @ 1- 4 pm (Professional Development Center - Bungalow 83); Contact: Contact: Jim Marteney martenji@lavc.edu

Tuesday, July 7

Bilingual Parent & Baby Session (for Infants & Toddler) @ 10:30- 11:30 am (Bungalow 49); Free - Contact: Family Resource Center (818) 778-5518 weislekm@lavc.edu [View Flyer](#) (PDF)

Sesiones de Padres y Bebés En Español (Para Bebés y Niño Pequeño) @ 10:30- 11:30 am (Bungalow 49); Gratis - Contact: Family Resource Center (818) 778-5518 weislekm@lavc.edu [View Flyer](#) (PDF)

Wednesday, July 8

Parent & Baby Session (for Infants) @ 10:30- 11:30 am (Bungalow 49); Free - Contact: Family Resource Center (818) 778-5518 weislekm@lavc.edu [View Flyer](#) (PDF)

Thursday, July 9

Friday, July 10

Deadline to drop Summer Session 1 2009 classes with a "W" (in-person)

Saturday, July 11

Deadline to drop Summer Session 1 2009 classes with a "W" (by telephone or Internet)

Committee Meetings

LAVC has several committees that meet on a regular basis. A schedule of all LAVC committee meetings is available at <http://www.lavc.edu/committees.html>. This link contains meeting dates, committee chair contact info, and committee Web pages. For more information regarding a specific committee, please contact the committee chair noted below the committee name.

The LAVC College Bulletin is distributed to the campus community every Wednesday for the following week's activities and events.

A PDF version is also posted on the LAVC Web site every Friday.

To submit a request to post news items/events in the College Bulletin, post a message on the campus marquee and/or for other kinds of public relations assistance, please submit a PR Request Form, which is available at <http://www.lavc.edu/campusnews/pr.html>

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