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## LAVC College Bulletin September 20-26, 2009

### This Week's News & Events



#### **Free Public Astronomy Lecture on the New Kepler Mission**

*The LAVC Earth Science and Anthropology Department will hold a free lecture entitled "The Kepler Mission: Searching for Earthlike Planets" on Sunday, September 20 from 7:45-9 p.m. in the LAVC Planetarium.* This program features Dr. James Fanson from Jet Propulsion Laboratory who will be talking about the new Kepler Mission, an unmanned satellite watching stars in our galaxy for signs that they may have Earth-sized planets orbiting them. The lecture is open to the public. For information, call David Falk at (818) 947-2335.



#### **Campus ADA Transition Plan Open Forum**

*LAVC in collaboration with BOA Architecture, the college's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) consultants, will hold two public forums on Thursday, September 24 from 1-2:30 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. in the Fireside Room.* These open forums will allow the campus community to share insights on the accessibility of programs, activities and facilities at the college. The comments will then be considered by the consultants in the update of the campus' ADA Transition Plan and will help to facilitate equal access goals for the college. Individuals with disabilities, groups representing people with disabilities, and other interested persons are encouraged to attend. Alternate format materials and reasonable accommodations are available upon request; please call (818) 947-2681 at least 48 hours in advance to ensure the availability of an accommodation. For more information, contact Dave Green in the DSPS Office at (818) 947-2681.



**Attention Faculty! Don't Forget to Pick Up Your Application for Advancement in Rank**

***Applications for advancement in academic rank for Spring 2010 will only be available until Friday, September 25 at 12 noon.*** The filing period for advancement in academic rank for Spring 2010 began on Monday, August 31, 2009. The final date to return an application for advancement in rank will be Friday, October 9 at 12 noon. Interested faculty should contact Kathy Snider, chair of the Academic Rank Committee, at [sniderke@lavc.edu](mailto:sniderke@lavc.edu) or (818) 947-2834.



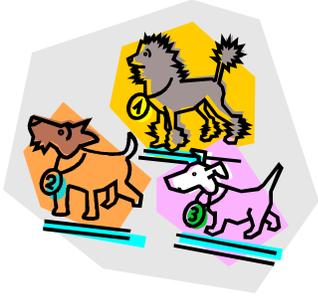
**LAVC Job Club Helps Job Seekers**

***The LAVC Job Club, sponsored by the Job Training Office, is holding its next meeting on Friday, September 25 from 9 a.m.-12 noon in the Faculty Lounge.*** The Job Club gives job seekers a golden opportunity to network with others, pursue job leads, meet with professional job counselors, and refine job search techniques. For more information, call (818) 947-2941, email [jaramiaj@lavc.edu](mailto:jaramiaj@lavc.edu), or visit [www.lavc.edu/jobtraining/jobclub.html](http://www.lavc.edu/jobtraining/jobclub.html).



**Independent Living Resource Fair**

***The Independent Living Center of Southern California will hold an Independent Living Resource Fair on Friday, September 25 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Monarch Hall.*** The fair will attract exhibitors from all over Southern California, featuring products and services for people with disabilities, seniors, their families, and caregivers. The focus of this fair is to provide information on assistive technology that allow individuals with disabilities or seniors to regain some of the freedom they have lost to be able to go places or do things that they used to do. Products to be featured include low technology items, such as hand reachers to grab things from kitchen cupboards; to high technology items, such as mobility scooters and computer software, with adaptive equipment that fills specific needs for persons with disabilities. The event is being sponsored by Ability Magazine and BJB Technologies, Inc. For more information, contact (818) 908-1199, email [ndave@ilcsc.org](mailto:ndave@ilcsc.org), or visit its web site at [www.ilcsc.org](http://www.ilcsc.org).



### American Kennel Club All-Breed Dog Show at LAVC

**The Burbank Kennel Club will be holding an American Kennel Club All-Breed Dog Show on Saturday-Sunday, September 26-27 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the campus lawn between Music and the Art buildings.** Come and root for your favorite canine, and meet the owners, breeders, and handlers of these gorgeously groomed dogs. Learn about which breed would fit right in with your personality and home situation. This event features the coveted “Best-in-Show” award. There will also be lots of vendors with fabulous pet items and high quality dog foods. Food and refreshments will be available. There is also handicapped parking and access to the dog show. Admission is \$6 per person. This is truly a fun event for the whole family. For more information, contact (323) 727-0136, email [mail@jbradshaw.com](mailto:mail@jbradshaw.com) or visit <http://www.jbradshaw.com/76/index.htm>.



### Attention Staff! Come to the Public Relations Office for Your Free Canvas Bag

To help the campus community be more environmentally friendly, the LACCD has provided Valley College with free canvas bags for faculty and staff. Since the faculty received their canvas bags at Opening Day, **staff members can pick up their free bag by visiting the Office of Public Relations in Administration 112.** There is a limit of one bag for each full-time classified staff member. Questions? Contact Jennifer Fong at [fongjc@lavc.edu](mailto:fongjc@lavc.edu).



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### Sponsorship Opportunities for LAVC's 60th Anniversary

**To celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Los Angeles Valley College, the LAVC Foundation will be selling sponsorships for pedestrian light pole banners and the college's commemorative calendar until Friday, October 16.** The light pole banners will comprise of two-sided color banners hung side-by-side on campus light poles with the name of the banner sponsor. The 60th Anniversary Commemorative calendar, which will be on sale for \$10 starting November 16, will allow individuals, departments or companies to be on the sponsor list, sponsor a day or a month, and/or place advertisements in the calendar. For more information on the 60th Anniversary sponsorships, visit [www.lavc.edu/60](http://www.lavc.edu/60).

Additional news items are posted at [www.lavc.edu/campusnews/index.html](http://www.lavc.edu/campusnews/index.html).

## LAVC in the News



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### **Flintstone Stargazer Interviews Star Trek's Tim Russ**

Star Trek Star Tim Russ mentions in an interview with the Chattanooga.com of his association with the LAVC Astronomy Group. In the interview he comments that he has attended Valley College Star Parties. To read the entire interview, visit [http://www.chattanooga.com/articles/article\\_158938.asp](http://www.chattanooga.com/articles/article_158938.asp)

## Please Announce to All Students

The following are important campus announcements for your students:

- ***You're Invited to the Campus ADA Transition Plan Open Forum.*** LAVC in collaboration with BOA Architecture, the college's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) consultants, will hold two public forums on Thursday, September 24 from 1-2:30 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Individuals with disabilities, groups representing people with disabilities, and other interested persons are encouraged to attend. The comments from these forums will then be considered by the consultants in the update of the campus' ADA Transition Plan. Alternate format materials and reasonable accommodations are available upon request; please call (818) 947-2681 at least 48 hours in advance to ensure the availability of an accommodation. For more information, contact Dave Green in the DSPS Office at (818) 947-2681.
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- ***Reminder---LAVC is a Smoking Restricted Campus.*** Please remember smoking is prohibited on campus except in designated smoking areas. The college has designated several locations on campus as areas where smoking is permitted, which are noted on the college map at [www.lavc.edu/campusmaps/campusmap.html](http://www.lavc.edu/campusmaps/campusmap.html). To read the Smoking Policy, view page 152 of the Fall class schedule at [www.lavc.edu/schedules.html](http://www.lavc.edu/schedules.html).
- ***Save the Date---Green Job Fair on October 6 at Pasadena Convention Center.*** A Green Job Fair will be held on Tuesday, October 6 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Pasadena Convention Center at 300 E. Green Street in Pasadena. There will be free admission to the job fair, which is being held in conjunction with the 2009 Green California Community College Summit. The job fair is being sponsored by the Los Angeles Community College District, BuildLACCD, PV Jobs, Employment Development Department of California and the Foothill Workforce Investment Board. For more information, contact Lisa Fitch with PV Jobs at (310) 590-1332 or [lfitch@pvjobs.org](mailto:lfitch@pvjobs.org).
- ***High Holiday Services at Hillel 818.*** Hillel 818, which comprises of Pierce & Valley College Hillel and CSUN Hillel will hold its High Holiday services at CSUN Hillel in Northridge. The "Yom Kippur Candlelighting & Kol Nidre Service" will be held on Sunday, September 27 at 6 p.m. On Monday, September 28, there will be a "Yom Kippur Morning Service" at 10:30 a.m. with a Yizkor (Memorial Service) at 4:45 p.m. and a light Break-the-Fast at 7:20 p.m. The High Holiday services are free for students and those under the age of 18, and \$125 per person for the community (all Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services). For more information, contact Hillel 818 at (818) 886-5101 or (818) 887-5901.

- **The Lion's Den will be closed during the Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 semesters.** If you have further questions please contact the ASU Office at (818) 778-5516.
- **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](http://www.lavc.edu) and select the link for "LAVC Phone/Email Dir".
- **LAVC is Now on Twitter.com!** If you want to get the latest news from Valley College, then follow LAVC at [www.twitter.com/LAValleyCollege](http://www.twitter.com/LAValleyCollege).
- **Connect with LAVC on Facebook.** LAVC is now connecting with students, prospective students and alumni on Facebook. You can find our page by going to [www.facebook.com/lavalleycollege](http://www.facebook.com/lavalleycollege).

## **Announcements for Faculty & Staff**

**Attention Faculty! Professional Development Can Help You Get Results in the Classroom.** The LAVC Professional Development will offer its first module in its Getting Results series entitled "Creating a Community of Learners" on Monday, September 21 from 1-3 p.m. in the PDC (Bungalow 83). This is part of a 6-module series that will give community college instructors basic tools for effective classroom practice. Whether you're a new or an experienced teacher, these videos will challenge the way you think about teaching and learning. Lunch will be provided to those who RSVP. For more information and to RSVP, contact the Professional Development Center at (818) 947-2712.

**Coming Soon--Effective Communication in the Classroom Workshop.** LAVC STARS (Strategic Team for the Advancement and Retention of Students) will hold a workshop on "Effective Communication in the Classroom" on Wednesday, September 30 from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. All faculty, staff and students are invited. Participants will learn how to really be "heard" with tips from our Speech Department faculty. For more information, contact [STARS@lavc.edu](mailto:STARS@lavc.edu).

**Save the Date--LAVC Book Group Meets on October 1.** The LAVC Book Group will hold its first meeting of the Fall semester on Thursday, October 1 in the Fireside Room. They will be discussing The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch, so please read the book beforehand so you can participate in the discussion. Beverages and cookies will be provided. For more information, contact Deborah Kaye at (818) 947-2569.

**Academic Senate District Summit on October 2.** The Academic Senate will hold its District Summit on Friday, October 2 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Monarch Hall, Campus Center 104 and the Fireside Room. For more information, contact Don Gauthier at (818) 778-5514.

**Want to Teach Online at LAVC? You Need to Get Etudes Certified.** The next Etudes Certification Training class will be held on Fridays, October 2, 9 and 16 from 9 a.m.-12 noon in the Professional Development Center (Bungalow 83). To teach online you need to be certified in the Valley College classroom management system, Etudes. This three-week course will enable you to teach online at Valley College and 25 other colleges in California. To RSVP or for more information, contact Jim Marteney at [martenji@lavc.edu](mailto:martenji@lavc.edu).

**Retirement Workshop for STRS Members Who Plan on Retiring for Fall 2009 or Spring 2010.** The Los Angeles Community College District is holding a retirement workshop for STRS members who are planning to retire this fall or the coming spring on Friday, October 16 from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. in the LACCD Board Room on the first floor of the District Office at 770 Wilshire Boulevard in downtown Los Angeles. The workshop will cover District resignation policies, CalSTRS retirement forms, STRS Express Benefit form, and retiree health benefits. Coffee and pastries will be provided in the morning to participants by the

Los Angeles College Faculty Guild. Participants will be on their own for lunch. Validated parking will be available at 757 S. Flower Street. Please RSVP by Friday, October 2 to Alesia Harris at (213) 891-2482 or [harrisac@email.laccd.edu](mailto:harrisac@email.laccd.edu).

**Calling All DE/Online Instructors! Distance Education Video Conference Training Session on October 16.** The High Tech Training Center, in partnership with the STEM and Title V grants, will present two Distance Education Video Conference Training Sessions on Friday, October 16 in the Video Conference Room in Maintenance & Operations. The first training session from 10 a.m.-12 noon is for distance education/online instructors and will focus on instructional materials, instructional layouts, etc. The second training session from 1-3 p.m. will focus on distance education/online accessibility issues. Participants should bring a laptop with WiFi or make a request with STEM for a laptop to be checked out for the training. Please RSVP with Michelle Priest at (818) 778-5677 or [priestma@lavc.edu](mailto:priestma@lavc.edu).

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**Want to Announce News from Your Department?** Faculty and staff are encouraged to notify the Office of Public Relations with department news or accomplishments, and upcoming department events. To request for assistance with posting announcements in the College Bulletin, the electronic marquee, the college homepage, or online Web calendar, please submit a PR Request Form (available at [www.lavc.edu/campusnews/pr.html](http://www.lavc.edu/campusnews/pr.html)).

**Need to Find Someone at LAVC? Search LAVC Phone & Email Online Directory.** The LAVC Web site now features a searchable phone and email directory of LAVC faculty, staff, administrators, departments, offices and services. The searchable phone directory can be found by visiting [www.lavc.edu/directory/](http://www.lavc.edu/directory/) or by clicking the "Map / Directory / Hours" link on the homepage. If any information is incorrectly noted on the directory, please send the update information to Tom Jacobsmeyer to be added to the directory.

## **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](http://www.lavc.edu).

### **Sunday, September 20**

*"The Kepler Mission: Searching for Earthlike Planets" Astronomy Lecture sponsored by Earth Science & Anthropology Dept @ 7:45- 9 pm (LAVC Planetarium); Free – Contact: David Falk (818) 947-2335*

### **Monday, September 21**

*"Getting Results: Creating a Community of Learners" Workshop sponsored by Professional Development @ 1- 3 pm (Professional Development Center – Bungalow 83) – Contact: Deborah Kaye (818) 947-2569*

*Greater Valley Glen Council Committee Meeting @ 6- 10 pm (Faculty Lounge) Contact: GVGC (818) 772- GVGC [www.GVGC.us](http://www.GVGC.us)*

### **Tuesday, September 22**

*Parent & Baby Session (Toddlers) @ 10- 11 am (Bungalow 49); Free – Contact: Family Resource Center (818) 778-5612 [huffgf@lavc.edu](mailto:huffgf@lavc.edu) [View Flyer](#) (PDF)*

### **Wednesday, September 23**

Music Department Presents "Vientos Trio" @ 1:00 pm (Music Recital Hall - M106); Free - Contact: (818) 778-5633 [www.lavc.edu/music/lavc-music-calendar.htm](http://www.lavc.edu/music/lavc-music-calendar.htm)

### **Thursday, September 24**

Parent & Baby Session (Infants) @ 12 noon- 1 pm (Bungalow 49); Free – Contact: Family Resource Center (818) 778-5612 [huffgf@lavc.edu](mailto:huffgf@lavc.edu) [View Flyer](#) (PDF)

Campus ADA Transition Plan Open Forum @ 1- 2:30 pm & 5- 6 pm (Fireside Room); Contact: DSPS Office (818) 947-2681

### **Friday, September 25**

**Deadline to drop Fall Semester 2009 classes without receiving a "W"** (in-person, by telephone and Internet)

**Deadline to petition for credit & No-credit Fall Semester 2009 classes**

Full Time Faculty Orientation sponsored by Professional Development @ 9 am- 12 noon (Cafeteria Conference Room) – Contact: Deborah Kaye (818) 947-2569 [kayedr@lavc.edu](mailto:kayedr@lavc.edu)

LAVC Job Club Meeting @ 9- 12 noon (Faculty Lounge); RSVP – Contact: Job Training (818) 778-5832 [www.lavc.edu/jobtraining/jobclub.htm](http://www.lavc.edu/jobtraining/jobclub.htm)

Independent Living Resource Fair hosted by the Independent Living Center of Southern California @ 10 am- 3 pm (Monarch Hall); Free – Contact: Niyanta Dave (818) 908-1199 [ndave@ilcsc.org](mailto:ndave@ilcsc.org) [View Flyer](#)

### **Saturday, September 26**

American Kennel Club All-Breed Dog Show hosted by the Burbank Kennel Club @ 8:30 am- 5:30 pm (Grassy area between Music Building and the Art Building) – Contact: (323) 727-0136 <http://www.jbradshaw.com/76/index.htm>.

Kick Off for Community Clean Up sponsored by the Los Angeles City Council District 2 @ 9 am-1 pm (Parking Lot G); Contact: Laura Davidson (818) 755-7676.

## **Committee Meetings**

LAVC has several committees that meet on a regular basis. A schedule of all LAVC committee meetings is available at [www.lavc.edu/committees.html](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.

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**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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