



# Los Angeles Valley College

## LAVC College Bulletin *January 25-31, 2015*

### This Issue's News & Events



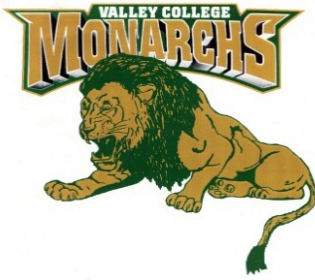
**Looking for an Open Class? Check the LAVC Spring Semester 2015 Open Classes List Posted Online**

**LAVC Academic Affairs Office has posted an open classes listing for Spring Semester 2015.** This open classes listing, which is regularly updated, notes all the class sections with available seats in Spring Semester 2015; the information is not live, therefore some class sections may be closed by the time students register. To view the updated open classes list, visit the [LAVC Schedule of Classes Web Page](#).



**Need to Take the HiSET® (High School Equivalency Test)? LAVC to Offer the Computer-Based and the Paper-Based Test; Practice Test Also Offered**

**The LAVC CalWORKs (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids) Program is now accepting registrations for the HiSET® (High School Equivalency Test). LAVC is an official HiSET testing site; the computer-based tests will be offered on Tuesday-Wednesday, January 27-28 and Saturday, January 31, and the paper-based test on Friday-Saturday, January 30-31. It will also offer the practice test on Friday, January 30; practice tests are also available by appointment.** HiSET® is the new alternative to the GED. The CA State Board of Education approved the HiSET® for individuals to earn a California High School Equivalency Certificate. It is offered as a paper-based or computer-based test, and covers the following subject areas: Language Arts- Reading & Writing, Science, Social Studies and Mathematics. Both types of tests are offered on a regular basis. The fee for the full test is \$150.00 (non-refundable). The fee for the practice test is \$10. For more information on HiSET® Testing, including registration information and all upcoming test and practice test dates and times, visit the [LAVC CalWORKs Web page](#).



**LAVC Athletics Update—Men's & Women's Basketball Teams are Victorious Over West LA College; Baseball will Kick Off its Season on January 29**

***The LAVC Athletics Program congratulates the LAVC Men and Women basketball teams for their victories versus West LA on January 17. The LAVC Baseball Team will start its season on January 29.*** The following Athletic teams will play during the week of January 25-31:

- The Men's and Women's Basketball teams will play against Glendale College on Wednesday, January 28 in the competition gym in the South Gym; the men's team will play at 5 p.m. and the women's team will play at 7 p.m.
- The Men's and Women's Basketball teams will play at home against Bakersfield College on Saturday, January 31; the men's team will play at 5 p.m. and the women's team will play at 7 p.m. in the competition gym in the South Gym
- The Baseball team will play its first game of the season against Santa Ana College on Thursday, January 29 at 2 p.m.; due to constructed related activities, all Baseball games will be played at the opponent's home location

For more information on Monarch Athletics, visit the [LAVC Athletics Department Web page](#).



**Attention New Parents! The Family Resource Center has a Free Baby Clothes Exchange for the Community**

***The LAVC Family Resource Center offers a free baby clothes exchange (newborns to 3T) for the community in the Family Resource Center, which is located in the Child Development and Family Complex.*** New parents are encouraged to bring their clean, gently used (e.g. in good condition) baby clothes and trade them for other gently-used baby clothes. The community may also donate clean and gently-used baby clothes to be used in the exchange. In addition, the Family Resource Center also offers other services and resources for new parents. The Family Resource Center is located on the northwestern corner of the Child Development and Family Complex, near the corner of Oxnard Street and Campus Drive. For more information, contact the Family Resource Center at (818) 778-5612 or visit [LAVC Family Resource Center Web Page](#).



**Three LAVC Students Selected for the NASA JPL Student Independent Research Internship (SIRI) Spring Program**

***LAVC Students Emelie Oiknine, Shahen Mirzoyan and Diana Lau have been chosen to participate in the NASA JPL Student Independent Research Internship (SIRI) Program for Spring 2015. As part of this program, all the three students will be required to enroll in an Independent Study Course (Math 385) at***

**Los Angeles Valley College. In addition, they will be expected to work 10-15 hours per week at JPL under the guidance of a JPL mentor from February 9-May 26, 2015.**

- Emelie Oiknine will be working on the “Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Image Understanding” Project , under the mentorship of Christopher Kanan, a researcher in JPLs Mobility and Robotic Systems Section. She will assist in developing and evaluating algorithms for saliency, detection, classification, and tracking of objects in UAV imagery. Emelie will also gain experience in machine learning and computer vision, including cutting-edge topics such as deep learning.
- Shahen Mirzoyan will be working on a “Reduction of Thermal Emission Observations of Jupiter” Project under the mentorship of Glenn Orton, a senior research scientist at JPL. Shahen’s primary task will be to perform data reduction for absolute radiance (including possible comparisons between calibrations based on similarities with spacecraft results and standard-star observations) and the assignment of geometry. These tasks are written in an application of the Interactive Data Language (IDL). In addition, time may permit him to perform the beginning of a task to derive appropriate atmospheric parameters from the data using a FORTRAN-based program.
- Diana Lau will be working on the “Microorganisms Cultured from Mars-Based Spacecraft, Characterization and Preservation” Project, under the mentorship of Wayne Schubert, a microbiologist/scientist at NASA JPL. Diana will join an established group of researchers focusing on molecular systematics/population genetics of microbes isolated from various extreme environments, and will be involved in the maintenance and enhancement of various microbial collections. Diana will also be exposed to state of the art molecular microbial techniques, sequencing, bioinformatics, etc.

Congratulations to Emelie, Shahen and Diana!



**A Warm Welcome to Carina Dueñas, LAVC Foundation Development Assistant**

***The LAVC Foundation welcomes Carina Dueñas, who recently started as its new Foundation Development Assistant. Carina will be responsible for performing the day-to-day clerical and technical duties in the LAVC Foundation office, and will assist in developing and coordinating its fund raising activities, publicity and marketing activities, donor relations, and event planning.*** Prior to coming to Valley College, Carina worked as a project coordinator for the University of Southern California (USC) Alumni Association, and worked at an engineering firm where she handled its public outreach program and communication activities. She earned her Bachelor’s in political science with a minor in Spanish from the University of Southern California. The Foundation is the non-profit organization of Los Angeles Valley College. Its mission is to support various campus programs and projects as well as its students. Last year, the Foundation distributed \$177,000 in student scholarships and awards! Carina is located in the Foundation Office in Admin 3, and can be reached at (818) 947-2619. Welcome Carina!



**Got News to Share? LAVC’s PR Office Can Provide College Departments/ Programs/Services with Publicity Assistance**

***The LAVC Public Relations Office can assist LAVC departments, programs and services with promoting news and events to the campus community and beyond. It can help with posting announcements in the***

**College Bulletin, on the college's electronic marquees, on LAVC's online calendar, on the LAVC News & Events section of the college's homepage, and on LAVC's Facebook and Twitter pages.** Simply fill out a [PR Request Form](#) for your event or news item, and email the completed form to [news@lavc.edu](mailto:news@lavc.edu). In addition, the Public Relations Office can help with the creation of Facebook pages for college departments and programs. *Please note: The LAVC PR Office is unable to fulfill requests from organizations not directly affiliated with Los Angeles Valley College.* For more information, visit the [LAVC Public Relations Office Web page](#).

Additional news and events are posted online at [www.lavc.edu/campusnews/](http://www.lavc.edu/campusnews/).

## Please Announce to All Students

The following are important campus announcements for your students:

- **Don't Forget—Last Day to Drop a Winter Session Class with a "W" (by internet only) is January 31.** The LAVC Admission & Records Office reminds all students that the last day to drop classes with a "W" (by internet only) for Winter Session 2015 is Saturday, January 31. A letter grade will be required from that date forward. If you wish to drop a class with a "W", you must do so online through the [LACCD Student Information System \(SIS\)](#). A complete list of academic dates and deadlines is posted on the [LAVC Calendar of Events](#).
- **Attention Students—Sign Up Now to Receive Emergency Alerts on your Cell Phone and Private Email Address!** LAVC has launched a new emergency notification system. You're being urged to provide your cell phone number and an alternate email address to receive emergency alerts. In the event of an emergency, you will automatically receive an email to your LACCD email address as well as your home phone. If you would like to be contacted by text message or at another email address, you will need to provide that information on the new [LAVC Connect Portal](#).
- **Looking for an Open Class? Check the Spring Semester 2015 Open Classes List!** LAVC Academic Affairs Office has posted an open classes listing for Spring Semester 2015. This regularly updated list notes all the class sections with available seats in the Spring Semester 2015; the information is not live, therefore some class sections may be closed by the time students register. For more info, visit the [LAVC Schedule of Classes Web Page](#).
- **Want College Credit for Job or Internship Experience? LAVC Cooperative Education is Accepting Applications for the Spring 2015 Semester.** The LAVC Cooperative Education Office is now enrolling students for the Spring 2015 semester. You can earn up to 4 units of CSU-transferrable college credit for hours worked at a job or internship. Application is available online at [www.lavc.edu/cooped](http://www.lavc.edu/cooped); the deadline to submit an application is February 20. You must be enrolled at Los Angeles Valley College, complete a Spring 2015 Cooperative Education enrollment application, and schedule an appointment to meet with the Cooperative Education Director; enrollment into the program is by add slip only. Space is limited! For more information, visit the [LAVC Cooperative Education Web Page](#).
- **Want to Study in the South of France This Summer? Learn More at the Summer Study Away in Montpellier, France Information Session on February 21.** LAVC Summer Study Away will hold an information session for the Summer 2015 in Montpellier (South of France) Program on Saturday, February 21 from 12-2 p.m. in Foreign Language 102. If you'd like to study in the South of France this summer (and earn up to 8 units of LAVC credit), come learn more about this month-long study program with AIFS (American Institute of Foreign Study). The program will take place from July 5-August 1, 2015. If you have questions regarding this program, visit [www.lavc.edu/montpellier](http://www.lavc.edu/montpellier), or contact Professor D. Merrill at [merridl@lavc.edu](mailto:merridl@lavc.edu) or (818) 947-2380.
- **Want to See What It's Like to Work in an Occupation that Interests You? Learn How You Can Participate at a Job Shadow Day 2015 Orientation Session.** The LAVC Career/Transfer Center invites you to be a part of Job Shadow Day 2015 and get a chance to see what's like to work in an occupation/career that you're interested in. Participants will get to spend half the day at a company or organization "shadowing" someone in a career field that you want to learn more about. If you're interested, you must attend one of the following orientation sessions: Monday, February 23 from 12-1

p.m., Tuesday, February 24 from 4-5 p.m., Monday, March 2 from 12- 1 p.m., Tuesday, March 3 from 2-3 p.m., Wednesday, March 4 from 12-1 p.m., and Thursday, March 5 from 3-4 p.m. The actual job shadow day will be arranged with participants between the orientation sessions and April 30. For more information, contact the LAVC Career/Transfer Center at (818) 947-2646.

- **Looking for a Job? Check Out the LAVC Online Job Board.** LAVC Cooperative Education/Job Resource Center has partnered with College Central Network to offer an online Job Board for students, alumni and area employers. The job board includes vital online job search resources such as an exclusive LAVC Job Board, Career Portfolio & Resume Builders, Job Central™ & Intern Central, Job Central™ Podcasts, and more. For more information, visit the LAVC Job Board Web Page at <http://www.collegecentral.com/lavc/>.

## Announcements for Faculty/Staff

**Get the Latest Information on Campus Construction! Visit the LAVC Construction & Parking Updates Web Page.** Los Angeles Valley College regularly posts information on construction projects that impact the campus on the LAVC's ReVitalizing Valley College Web Site. In addition, the campus sends out Communication Update emails to faculty and staff when construction projects will be impacting the campus community. For the latest information on how construction is impacting the campus and parking, please visit the [Construction and Parking Updates Web page](#), or click on the "Construction & Parking Updates" button on the college homepage.

**Attention Faculty & Staff! Have You Given LAVC Your Cell Phone and Alternate Email to Receive Emergency Notifications?** LAVC is urging all LAVC faculty and staff to provide emergency contact information to Valley College through the new [LAVC Connect portal](#). During a campus emergency, LAVC will be notifying all students, faculty and staff using a new emergency alert system called Blackboard Connect. This new system has the ability to let LAVC send emergency alert notifications simultaneously to students, staff and faculty by email, voice, and text message. However, students, faculty and staff must provide their cell phone number and/or personal email address (on the [LAVC Connect Portal](#)) before LAVC can send text and additional email alerts. *Please note: this portal is for emergency notifications only, and will not update any student and employee records with the LACCD.* A [How to Sign Up for Emergency Alerts from LA Valley College for Faculty/Staff](#) guide is available. For more information on emergency preparedness, visit the [LAVC Emergency Response Plan Web Page](#).

## Activities this Week

The following is a list of selected campus events and meetings that are scheduled to take place at LAVC. Please contact the listed department/contact person for more detailed information. A complete list of campus activities is posted on the online LAVC calendar at [www.lavc.edu/calendar/](http://www.lavc.edu/calendar/).

### LAVC Calendar of Events for January 25-31, 2015

**Sunday, January 25**

**Monday, January 26**

**Tuesday, January 27**

**9am - 2pm HiSET Computer-Based Official Test offered by the LAVC California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program (Day 1 of 2)**

**Where:** Bungalow 14

**Contact:** LAVC CalWORKs Program, <http://www.lavc.edu/calworks/HiSET.html>; testing fee: \$150

*Calendar: Community Events*

**9am - 3pm NCLEX-RN Review sponsored by the LAVC Health Science Department**

**Where:** Campus Center, Monarch Hall

**Contact:** LAVC Health Science Department, (818) 947-2559,

<http://sites.google.com/site/lavcnursingprogram/>

*Calendar: Students Events*

**1:30pm - 3pm LAVC Chairs & Directors Meeting**

**Where:** Student Services Center 245, Student Services Multipurpose Room

**Contact:** LAVC Academic Affairs, (818) 947-2325

*Calendar: LAVC Meetings*

### **Wednesday, January 28**

**9am - 2pm HiSET Computer-Based Official Test offered by the LAVC California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program (Day 2 of 2)**

**Where:** Bungalow 14

**Contact:** LAVC CalWORKs Program, <http://www.lavc.edu/calworks/HiSET.html>; testing fee: \$150

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**12:30pm - 12:30pm AFT Staff Guild 1521A Meeting**

**Where:** Student Services Center 245, Student Services Multipurpose Room

**Contact:** Cyndi Maddren, [maddrect@lavc.edu](mailto:maddrect@lavc.edu)

*Calendar: LAVC Meetings*

**1:15pm - 1:15pm Valley College Curriculum Committee (VCCC) Meeting**

**Where:** Student Services Center 110, Student Services 1st Floor Conference Room

**Contact:** Valley College Curriculum Committee (VCCC), <http://www.lavc.edu/vccc/index.html>

*Calendar: LAVC Meetings*

**5pm - 5pm LAVC Men's Basketball Game vs. Glendale College sponsored by LAVC Athletics**

**Where:** South Gym, Competition Gym

**Contact:** LAVC Athletics - Men's Basketball, <http://www.lavc.edu/Athletics/BasketBall/index.htm>

*Calendar: Athletic Events*

**7pm - 7pm LAVC Women's Basketball Game vs. Glendale College sponsored by LAVC Athletics**

**Where:** South Gym, Competition Gym

**Contact:** LAVC Athletics - Women's Basketball, <http://www.lavc.edu/Athletics/ladymonarchs/index.htm>

*Calendar: Athletic Events*

### **Thursday, January 29**

**9am - 3pm NCLEX-RN Review sponsored by the LAVC Health Science Department**

**Where:** Campus Center, Monarch Hall

**Contact:** LAVC Health Science Department, (818) 947-2559,

<http://sites.google.com/site/lavcnursingprogram/>

*Calendar: Students Events*

### **Friday, January 30**

**8:45am - 12pm HiSET Practice Test offered by the LAVC California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program**

**Where:** Bungalow 14

**Contact:** LAVC CalWORKs Program, <http://www.lavc.edu/calworks/HiSET.html>; Practice testing fee: \$10

*Calendar: Community Events*

**12pm - 5:30pm HiSET Paper-Based Official Test offered by the LAVC California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program (Day 1 of 2)**

**Where:** Bungalow 14

**Contact:** LAVC CalWORKs Program, <http://www.lavc.edu/calworks/HiSET.html>; testing fee: \$150

*Calendar: Community Events*

**1pm - 2pm LAVC Public Art Committee Meeting**

**Where:** Administration 2, President's Conference Room

**Contact:** Laurie Nalepa, [nalepal@lavc.edu](mailto:nalepal@lavc.edu)

*Calendar: LAVC Meetings*

**Saturday, January 31**

**All day Winter Session 2015 - Drop classes with a "W" (by internet only)**

*Calendar: Academic Dates & Deadlines*

**9am - 2pm HiSET Computer-Based Official Test offered by the LAVC California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program**

**Where:** Bungalow 14

**Contact:** LAVC CalWORKs Program, <http://www.lavc.edu/calworks/HiSET.html>; testing fee: \$150

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**12pm - 5:30pm HiSET Paper-Based Official Test offered by the LAVC California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program (Day 2 of 2)**

**Where:** Bungalow 14

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*Calendar: Community Events*

**3pm - 3pm LAVC Men's Basketball Game vs. Bakersfield College sponsored by LAVC Athletics**

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**Contact:** LAVC Athletics - Women's Basketball, <http://www.lavc.edu/Athletics/ladymonarchs/index.htm>

*Calendar: Athletic Events*

**VISION STATEMENT**

*Los Angeles Valley College inspires, educates, and enriches our diverse community, developing critical and creative thinkers and lifelong learners.*

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Los Angeles Valley College serves as a leader in student success, with pathways for certificates, degrees, transfer, and continuing education. We enable students to advance their education, personal development, and quality of life, empowering them to be productive and engaged members of the global community.*

For the LAVC Mission and Vision Statements and Core Values, visit [www.lavc.edu/vision-mission/](http://www.lavc.edu/vision-mission/)

**The LAVC College Bulletin is distributed to the campus community every Wednesday for the following week's activities and events. A PDF version of the College Bulletin is also posted at <http://www.lavc.edu/bulletin> every Friday.**

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