



# Los Angeles Valley College

## LAVC College Bulletin May 17-23, 2015

### This Issue's News & Events



#### LAVC Astronomy Group to Offer a Free Lecture on NASA's Asteroid Retrieval

##### Mission on May 17

*The LAVC Astronomy Group and the LAVC Earth Science Department will hold a free lecture titled "Bringing Home a Relic: The Asteroid Retrieval Mission" by guest speaker Dr. Paul Chodas from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory on Sunday, May 17 at 7:45 p.m. at the college's Planetarium.* Dr. Chodas will speak on NASA's Asteroid Retrieval Mission, which is currently in the planning stages. This unique mission will attempt to robotically obtain a sample of an asteroid and park it in stable orbit around the moon, so that astronauts could then study the redirected asteroid mass in the vicinity of the moon and bring back samples. This lecture is open to the public. For more information on the Public Astronomy Program at LAVC, visit the [LAVC Earth Science Department Web page](#) or contact the LAVC Astronomy Group at (818) 947-2335.



#### Students, Faculty and Staff Invited to the Campus Safety Town Hall Meeting with LA Sheriff's Department Community College Bureau's Captain Newman-Tarwater on May 21

*The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) and the LAVC Sheriff's Office will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting on campus safety with Cheryl Newman-Tarwater, Captain of the LASD's Community College Bureau, on Thursday, May 21 from 1-3 p.m. in the Fireside Room in Campus Center.* Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend this town hall meeting where the LASD will share information obtained in a campus-wide campus safety survey (conducted between March 1-May 1, 2015), and will give the college community the opportunity to provide additional input on the LASD services provided to Valley College. The LASD oversees campus security at all nine colleges in the Los Angeles Community College District. This is the first town hall event conducted by the LA Sheriff's Department's Community College Bureau at LA Valley College. For more information, contact the LAVC Sheriff's Office at (818) 947-2911.



## LAVC Art Gallery to Present its Annual Student Art Show; Opening Reception for the Exhibit on May 21

***The LAVC Art Gallery and the LAVC Art Department will present the 2015 Student Art Show from May 21-28, and September 2-17 in the LAVC Art Gallery located in the Art Building. There will be an opening reception on Thursday, May 21 from 6-8 p.m.*** This annual showcase highlights the tremendous range of artworks created by Los Angeles Valley College students during the 2014-2015 academic year. Juried by the art and photojournalism faculty, the selected works are among exemplary pieces produced in courses taught within the art department that span a wide range of disciplines in the visual arts such as drawing, painting, design, illustration, photography, printmaking, three-dimensional design, sculpture and ceramics. Students of diverse backgrounds, both art majors and non-art ones, remarkably demonstrate a variety of approaches to material, methodology, and subject matter, revealing the successful outcome of a comprehensive art program. At the same time, each artwork reflects the very unique and nuanced style of individual students. Whether at the beginning, intermediate or advanced level, the works on display collectively exhibit a thorough exploration of artistic expressions. The LAVC Art Gallery is located in the Art Building, and is open Monday-Thursday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., and 6-9 p.m.; the Art Gallery will be closed during the summer and on September 1. Parking permit is required during regular gallery hours; a daily parking permit can be purchased in Parking Lot D. For more information, visit the [LAVC Art Gallery Web Page](#) or call (818) 778-5536.



## Looking for a Job? Want to Post a Job Opening? Check Out the LAVC Online

### Job Board!

***LAVC Cooperative Education/Job Resource Center has partnered with College Central Network to offer a LAVC Online Job Board.*** This job board for students, alumni and area employers 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. Companies and organizations looking to hire (or have internship opportunities) can post their job openings on the site for free! For more information, visit the [LAVC Job Board Web Page](#).



## Are You Prepared? LAVC's Emergency Response Plan Web Page Shares Information on How to Respond to Various Campus Emergencies; Now Includes a How to Survive an Active Shooter Video

***The LAVC Administrative Services Office has recently posted a [how to survive an active shooter emergency video](#) (at the bottom of the "Active Shooter Emergency" page) on the college's Emergency Response Plan web page.*** The "RUN, HIDE, FIGHT" video demonstrates how individuals should respond in the

event he/she encounters an active shooter situation. The LAVC Emergency Response Plan Web page covers a variety of potentially dangerous situations and gives information on how to respond to those emergencies. For more information, visit the [LAVC Emergency Response Plan Web page](#).



### **Phi Theta Kappa and the California Community College League Honors Two LAVC Students for Their Outstanding Academic Achievement**

*Two LAVC Students, Anush Ambartsumyan and Martin Deeb, were recently honored by Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society and the California Community College League at the 2015 PTK All-California Community College Academic Team luncheon on April 7 in Sacramento, California. In addition, both students were nominated for the 2015 PTK All-USA Community College Academic Team.* Anush Ambartsumyan, LAVC Associated Student Union treasurer and the former vice president of Tau Alpha Epsilon (TAE)/PTK, was named to the second All-California Academic Team. She will be transferring to a four-year university, and wants to use her future degree in political science to help make huge changes that will be a benefit to society. Martin Deeb, president of TAE/PTK at LAVC, was also named to the second All-California Academic Team. As a history/anthropology major, he enjoys working on independent academic projects that trace the influence of historical figures in modern cultures. He plans to transfer to a four-year university. Both students have made outstanding academic contributions to LAVC, as well as have exceptional leadership and service achievements. Every California community college is allowed to nominate a maximum of 2 students each year for consideration as part of the All-California Academic Team. Valley College has participated in this activity since 1997, and every nominated student from LAVC—without exception—has been named to the All-California Academic Team. The All-USA Community College Academic Team recognizes high achieving two-year college students who demonstrate academic excellence and intellectual rigor combined with leadership and service that extends their education beyond the classroom to benefit society. Over 1,700 students from over 1,000 community and technical colleges competed for the 2015 national team. Congratulations!



### **Congratulations to the 2015 Above & Beyond Awards and the TAE**

#### **Apple Awards Recipients!**

*The recipients of the LAVC 2015 Above & Beyond Awards and the Tau Alpha Epsilon (TAE) Apple Awards were announced at the college's annual "Years of Service Recognition, Above and Beyond Awards and Ice Cream Social" event on May 12.* The LAVC Above & Beyond Awards were established 10 years ago as a peer-to-peer recognition. Employees were asked to nominate colleagues in different award categories, and a selection committee reviewed all nominees. This year, the selection committee received 20 nominations. The following individuals received an Above & Beyond Award:

- The **2015 Above & Beyond Award for "Creativity & Innovation" Award**, which is awarded to a person who created and initiated a new idea or concept, resulting in the implementation of an educational program, staff development activity, fundraising effort, cultural event, or any other project that brought positive regard to the college community, went to **Anna Cheshmedzhyan** for her active involvement in coordinating the Armenian Cultural Celebration and commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide on the campus; **Mary Cox** was also nominated for the award;
- The **2015 Above & Beyond Award for "Community Involvement & Monarch Pride" Award**, which was given to **David Falk** won for his coordination of planetarium shows for the community and his assistance in securing a \$50,000 donation for the LAVC Astronomy fund with the LAVC Foundation, is

given to an individual for his/her efforts to increased and/or enhanced the image of Valley College by engaging the community within the college's service area, initiating outreach efforts to non-profit organizations and/or government, or any other type of proactive community participation that demonstratively raised awareness of the work and mission of the College; the other nominee for this award was *Hector Salazar*;

- The **2015 Above & Beyond Award for "Outstanding Work Ethic" Award** is awarded to an employee who provides her/his department, division, or office, an outstanding work ethic that reaches far beyond stated expectations of the position and demonstrates integrity, enthusiasm, high academic values, ethics, and/or high-principled character; the award went to **Paz Nery** for her hard work in helping students in the CalWORKs program, which included a caseload of 900 students at the beginning of the semester; *Violet Amrikhas, Ashley Dunn, Erlene Ewing, Andy Guerrero, and Louis Jones* were also nominated for this award;
- The **2015 Above & Beyond Award for "Just Do It" Award**, which was presented to **June Miyasaki** for her willingness to help out in her department and serve on various campus committees including the Program & Effectiveness & Programming Committee (PEPC) and the Institutional Effectiveness Committee (IEC), is given to an employee who in an unusually difficult, emergency, or significantly challenging situation, the nominee rose to the occasion by exhibiting courage, perseverance, and fortitude for the good of the College community; *Patty Melody and Mark Silvernail* were nominated for the award;
- The **2015 Above & Beyond Award for "Outstanding Service & Mentoring to Students" Award** is given for any single or continuous act by an employee, affecting one or more students, that as a result, significantly enhanced educational outcomes, personal growth, and/or career goals; the award went to **Eileen Browsky** for her mentoring of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) students, helping to ease students fears and anxiety after their first training experience in the field; *Laurie Nalepa and Helen Shrager* were also nominated;
- The **2015 Above & Beyond Award for "Fulfilling the College's Mission Towards Student Success" Award** goes to an employee whose single or continuous act furthers the college's commitment toward student success; the nominees were Rebecca Frank, Doug Marriott and Joyce Romero, and **Joyce Romero** took home the award for her dedication to the success of students and her "homeopathic" approach to counseling.

The TAE Apple Awards is an annual recognition of students to faculty who have made a difference in various student's academic journey. This year, TAE conducted a survey of all students to obtain Apple Award nominees, and winners were selected based on student feedback and comments. The following faculty members were recognized by TAE with an Apple Award:

- The **2015 "All Around Educator" TAE Apple Award** and the **2015 "Students' Choice" TAE Apple Award** for was awarded to **Victor Fusilero**, assistant professor in German, LAVC Foreign Languages Department;
- The **2015 "Best Communicator" TAE Apple Award** was awarded to **Zachary Knorr**, assistant professor in philosophy, LAVC Philosophy/Economics Department;
- The **2015 "Most Accessible" TAE Apple Award** was awarded to **Susan Vo**, associate professor in Mathematics, LAVC Mathematics Department; and
- The **2015 "Most Inspiring" TAE Apple Award** was awarded to **Gerald Clark** in LAVC's Computer Applications & Office Technology Department.

Congratulations to all the winners and nominees!



**LAVC Child Development Chair Named as an Exceptional Emerging Leader in the Field of Early Childhood Education**

***Elmida Baghdaserians, chair of the LAVC child development department, was featured as an "Exceptional Emerging Leader" in the field of Early Childhood Education (ECE) in the May/June 2015 issue of Exchange Magazine.*** As part of Exchange Magazine's inaugural class of 49 exceptional and 55 developing



emerging leaders, Elmida was recognized for her exceptional skills in leadership, her role as a classroom teacher, her age, her knowledge base, and her spirit in the field of child development. She has been working in the field of early childhood education for more than 25 years. Her passion for learning began when she discovered the study of child development, and she realized that she never wanted to study anything else again. It was a few wonderful community college teachers that showed her that a good teacher can change lives, and that is the reason she chooses to teach today. Her mentors taught her that good teaching requires these six principles: be a good listener, be respectful, care, show courage, never assume, and be kind. [Read the article](#). Congratulations Elmida!

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:

- **Looking for an Open Class? Check the Summer and Fall Open Classes Listings on the LAVC Web site.** LAVC Academic Affairs Office has posted open classes listings for Summer Session 2015 and Fall Semester 2015 on the [LAVC Schedule of Classes Web Page](#). These regularly updated lists note all the Summer Session 2015 and Spring Semester 2015 class sections with available seats. *Please note: The open classes list information is not live, therefore some class sections may be closed by the time a student registers.* For more information, visit the "Open Classes List" under Summer Session 2015 and Fall Semester 2015 on the [LAVC Schedule of Classes Web Page](#).
- **Have You Heard? New Prerequisites for Chem 51 and Chem 68 Starting this Fall!** Effective in Fall 2015, students who would like to enroll in Chem 51 must have completed Math 115 or its equivalent (Math 113, Math 114). Similarly, Math 125 is required as a prerequisite for Chem 68. *Please note: Students who place above the level of the prerequisite math class will have met the prerequisite.* If you have any questions regarding this new prerequisite change for Chem 51 and Chem 68, please contact the LAVC Chemistry/Physics Department at (818) 947-2827.
- **Looking for Free Tutoring? LAVC Academic Resource Center Offers Expanded Evening and Weekend Tutoring Hours.** The LAVC Academic Resource Center is offering expanded evening, Friday and Saturday tutoring hours on the second floor of the Library and Academic Resource Center (LARC); biology tutoring is offered in Allied Health and Sciences (AHS) 232. You must present your student I.D. (Monarch Card) to utilize these services. For help with math classes, visit the Math Lab in LARC 226. For assistance with any course that has writing assignments, visit the Writing Center in LARC 229. For assistance with challenging courses like chemistry, statistics, foreign languages, transfer math, and others, visit General Tutoring in LARC 212. In addition, the Computer Commons in LARC 234 has 100 computers available for student use. For more information, visit the [LAVC Academic Resources and Tutoring Services Web page](#).
- **Need to Buy Your Cap and Gown? LAVC Bookstore Now Selling Graduation Regalia!** The LAVC Bookstore has graduation caps and gowns, tassels, sashes, honor cords, diploma covers and customized diploma frames for sale until June 8; while supplies last! Diploma frames will be available for purchase on the [LAVC Bookstore Web page](#). In addition, graduation rings will be on sale at the bookstore on Wednesday, May 20 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and Wednesday, May 26 from 12-2 p.m. The LAVC Bookstore is located on the first floor of Campus Center, and is open Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, visit the [LAVC Bookstore Web page](#).
- **Unsure on How to Create a Cover Letter or Resume? Come to the Resume/Cover Letter Workshop on May 18.** The LAVC Career/Transfer Center (CTC) will hold a "Resume/Cover Letter" Workshop on Monday, May 18 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Career/Transfer Center located in the Student Services Annex. This workshop will show you how to highlight your qualifications, and how to understand what employers are looking for. For more information, contact the LAVC Career/Transfer Center at (818) 778-5576 or visit the [LAVC Career/Transfer Center Web page](#).
- **Want to Improve Your Writing Skills? Don't Miss the "Proofreading and Editing Strategies" and the "Research Papers/Plagiarism" Workshops at the Writing Center.** The LAVC Writing Center is

offering a “Proofreading and Editing Strategies” Workshop on Monday, May 18 and an “Research Papers/Plagiarism” Workshop on Wednesday, May 13; both workshops will be held from 1-2 p.m. in Library and Academic Resource Center (LARC) 212. The Writing Center offers a variety of free workshops for students throughout the semester in the areas of “Strategies for Success”, “Grammar and Syntax” and “Essay Writing”. No appointment is necessary! You will be able to refine and improve all aspects of your writing including, grammar, sentence skills, paragraphing, and essays. Beginning writers, ESL and transfer-ready students will also benefit from these workshops. For more information, visit the [LAVC Writing Center Web page](#).

- **Got Questions about Transferring to University of West Los Angeles School of Law? Come meet its Admissions Rep on May 19.** The LAVC Career Transfer Center (CTC) will host an admissions representative from the University of West Los Angeles’ School of Law on Tuesday, May 19 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Career/Transfer Center in the Student Services Annex. The admissions rep can answer your questions about transferring to this private school including majors, eligibility requirements and financial aid. For more information, contact the Career/Transfer Center at (818) 778-5576 or visit [LAVC Career/Transfer Center Web page](#).
- **Are You Interested in Transferring to UCLA? Talk with a UCLA Peer Mentor on May 19 to Get Your Questions Answered.** The LAVC Career Transfer Center (CTC) will host the UCLA Peer Mentor on Tuesday, May 19 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Career/Transfer Center in the Student Services Annex. The UCLA Peer Mentor will be able to answer your questions about transferring to UCLA including general major requirements, eligibility requirements and financial aid. For more information, contact the Career/Transfer Center at (818) 778-5576 or visit [LAVC Career/Transfer Center Web page](#).
- **LAVC to Honor Students Transferring to College/Universities at the TAP Transfer Luncheon.** The LAVC Career/Transfer Center and the Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) will be hosting a TAP Transfer Luncheon event on Tuesday, May 19 from 12:30-3 p.m. in Monarch Hall located in the Campus Center building. This event will celebrate LAVC students who have been admitted to a four-year colleges and universities for Fall 2015. For more information, contact the LAVC Career/Transfer Center at (818) 778-5576 or visit the [LAVC Career/Transfer Center Web page](#).
- **Are You Undecided about Your Major or Career? Get Help at the Undecided Major Workshops on May 19 & 21.** The Career/Transfer Center (CTC) will hold “Undecided Major” workshops on Tuesday, May 19 from 10-11:30 a.m. and Thursday, May 21 from 12-1:30 p.m. in the Career/Transfer Center in the Student Services Annex. The Undecided Major workshop will help you determine what major at Valley College is best suited for you and your career goals. For more information, contact the LAVC Career/Transfer Center at (818) 778-5576 or visit the [LAVC Career/Transfer Center Web page](#).
- **Join the LAVC Student Health Center’s Brand-New Mindfulness/Meditation Group!** The LAVC Student Health Center invites you to join its new weekly Mindfulness and Meditation Group. The group meets every Tuesday from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Community Services Center, Multipurpose Room 1. For more information, contact the LAVC Student Health Center at (818) 947-2918.
- **Are You Interested in Philosophy? Don’t Miss the Free Lecture on “Plato’s Meno” on May 19.** The LAVC Philosophy/Economics Department will offer a free lecture on "Plato's Meno" on Tuesday, May 19 from 5-6 p.m. in Campus Center 104. This lecture will be presented by William Wallis, professor of English, and is part of the Spring 2015 Philosophy Lecture Series. For more information, contact Christopher Pallotti at (818) 947-2468 or [pallotc@lavc.edu](mailto:pallotc@lavc.edu).
- **Finish Your Semester Strong!—Come to the Free “ESL/English Intensive Review” Workshops This Week.** The LAVC Academic Resource Center is offering free workshops on “ESL/English Intensive Review” on Tuesday, May 19 from 6-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 20 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., and Thursday, May 21 from 1-2:30 p.m.; all workshops will be held in Library & Academic Resource Center 212. The “ESL/English Intensive Review” workshop will improve your English and take your communication skills to the next level! This workshop is part of the “Your Finish Your Semester Strong” workshop series. The same workshop is repeated; no need to attend all three days. For more information, contact Scott Weigand in the LAVC Academic Resource Center at (818) 947-2811.

- **Got Questions about Transferring to CSUN? Come and Talk with the CSUN Peer Mentor.** The LAVC Career/Transfer Center (CTC) will host a CSUN Peer Mentor on Wednesday, May 20 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Career/Transfer Center in the Student Services Annex. The CSUN Peer Mentor will be on-campus to answer general questions about transferring to CSUN including majors, financial aid, and more. For more information, contact the LAVC Career/Transfer Center at (818) 778-5576 or visit the [LAVC Career/Transfer Center Web page](#).
- **Statistics 101 Students—Don't Miss the Statistics 101 Finals Workshop.** The LAVC General Tutoring Center will hold a "Statistics 101 Finals Workshop" on Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21; both workshops will be held from 12-2 p.m. in Library & Academic Resource Center 212. This workshop will help students prepare for finals in Statistics 101, and will cover hypothetical testing (Z-Test, and 1 and 2 Sample T-Test), Type 1 and 2 Errors, and more! This workshop is free, no pre-registration is required. No need to attend both workshops; the same information will be covered on both days. For more information, contact the General Tutoring Center at (818) 947-2744.
- **Don't Miss the 2015 Student Show at the LAVC Art Gallery; Exhibit Opens on May 21.** The LAVC Art Gallery and the LAVC Art Department will present its annual Student Art Show from May 21-28, and September 2-17 in the LAVC Art Gallery located in the Art Building. In addition, there will be an opening reception for the exhibit on Thursday, May 21 from 6-8 p.m. This annual showcase highlights the tremendous range of artworks created by LAVC students during the 2014-2015 academic year. The LAVC Art Gallery is located in the Art Building, and is open Monday-Thursday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., and 6-9 p.m. For more information, visit the [LAVC Art Gallery Web Page](#) or call (818) 778-5536.
- **Want to Give Input on Improving Campus Safety? Come to the Campus Safety Town Hall Meeting on May 21.** The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting on campus safety on Thursday, May 21 from 1-3 p.m. in the Fireside Room in Campus Center. Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend and the LASD Community College Bureau will share information obtained in a recent campus-wide campus safety survey (conducted between March 1-May 1, 2015). Participants will be able to additional input on the service provided by the LASD at Valley College. For more information, contact the LAVC Sheriff's Office at (818) 947-2911.
- **Are you on Academic or Progress Probation? Don't Get Dismissed from School or Lose Your Priority Registration! Sign Up Today for the "Probation 2" Workshop.** The LAVC Counseling Department and the LAVC Career/Transfer Center (CTC) are holding a "Probation 2" workshop for students on academic or progress probation on Thursday, May 21 from 3:30-5 p.m. in the LAVC Career/Transfer Center in the Student Services Annex. This workshop will help students on academic or progress probation get back on track and into good academic standing. For more information, contact the LAVC Career/Transfer Center at (818) 778-5576 or visit the [LAVC Career/Transfer Center Web page](#).
- **Want to See the Greatest Unsigned Acts Before Their Hit the Big Time? Come to the KVCM Battle of the Bands on May 22!** KVCM (95.1-FM) Monarch Radio and the KVCM Broadcasting Club will present a "Battle of the Bands" competition on Friday, May 22 at 5 p.m. in Monarch Hall located in the Campus Center building. Join KVCM for head-to-head jams as it searches for its champion! Tickets are \$7. For more information, contact the KVCM Broadcasting Club at [kvcmbroadcastingclub@gmail.com](mailto:kvcmbroadcastingclub@gmail.com).
- **Attention Graduates—Are You Transferring to a College or University This Fall? Let LAVC Share the Good News on the College Marquees.** LAVC would like to publicly recognize LAVC students who will be transferring to a four-year college or university in Fall 2015 on the college's electronic marquees. If you'd like to share what school you will be transferring to, please send an email with your name, the school you are going to, and your student ID number to [news@lavc.edu](mailto:news@lavc.edu) by Friday, June 5.
- **Attention Class of 2015! LAVC Commencement Ceremony will be held on June 11 at 9 a.m.** LAVC will hold its 2015 Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, June 11 at 9 a.m. in Monarch Stadium. Information for graduates and their families is now available online at [www.lavc.edu/commencement/index.html](http://www.lavc.edu/commencement/index.html). For more information, contact the Student Services Office at (818) 947-2543, or email [studentservices@lavc.edu](mailto:studentservices@lavc.edu).

## Announcements for Faculty/Staff

**May 20—Classified Staff Development Committee BBQ Fundraiser.** The LAVC Classified Staff Development Committee will hold a BBQ fundraiser on Wednesday, May 20 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Monarch Hall Patio of Campus Center. Choose from a burger, hot link, or jumbo all-beef hotdog, with chips and a drink for a \$6 donation. For more information, contact Chauncey Maddren at (818) 947-2346.

**May 20—Sexual Assault Awareness Workshop.** The LACCD Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is sponsoring a “Sexual Assault Awareness Workshop with Self Defense Training” at LAVC for employees on Wednesday, May 20 from 12-1 p.m. in the Presidents Conference Room located in Administration 2. Lunch to be provided; there will also be a raffle for a \$25 restaurant gift card. Participants should have submitted their RSVP by Monday, May 18. For more information about LACCD’s EAP, visit the [LACCD Total Wellness Program Web page](#). For EAP services, the [MHN Web page](#) (company code: LACCD) or call 1-800-327-0449 (24 hours/365 days availability)

**Don’t Forget to RSVP for Lennie Ciufu “Semi” Retirement Luncheon!** The payment deadline for Lennie Ciufu’s retirement luncheon is Wednesday, May 20; please RSVP to [sardanmk@lavc.edu](mailto:sardanmk@lavc.edu). The retirement luncheon for Lennie Ciufu from LAVC’s Job Training Office will be held on Friday, June 5 at 12:30 p.m. at the Beverly Garland Hotel in North Hollywood. The cost is a \$50 contribution, which included lunch, commemorative gift contribution, and parking. Lennie is retiring after 40 years of service in higher education. For more information, contact Doug Marriott at [mariiodc@lavc.edu](mailto:mariiodc@lavc.edu) or at (818) 947-2572.

**LACCD Black Graduation at WLAC is May 21.** The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Black Graduation Committee invites all faculty and staff to attend the “LACCD Black Graduation Celebration” on Thursday, May 21 at 3 p.m. in West Los Angeles College. This annual celebration will celebrate the achievements of students of the African diaspora. Refreshments will be served. For more information, email [blackgrad@wlaac.edu](mailto:blackgrad@wlaac.edu). To RSVP, please visit [www.WLAC.edu/Black-Graduation/index.aspx](http://www.WLAC.edu/Black-Graduation/index.aspx).

**Save the Date! Commencement 2015 is June 11 at 9 a.m.** LAVC will hold its 2015 Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, June 11 at 9 a.m. in Monarch Stadium. The faculty and staff robing will be at 7:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room in Campus Center; if you plan on walking in commencement in your graduation regalia, you should RSVP to Maggie Lopez at [lopezm@lavc.edu](mailto:lopezm@lavc.edu). For more information, contact Elizabeth Negrete in Student Services at (818) 947-2702

**Attention Faculty & Staff! Have You Updated Your Information in the District Portal? LAVC Emergency Alerts will Now be Sent to Your Email Addresses and Phone Number Listed in PCR.** Effective March 13, 2015, LAVC employees will receive campus emergency alerts to the contact information noted in the [district portal \(PCR\)](#). To ensure that they will continue to receive emergency alert notifications, all faculty and staff are encouraged to check that their work, home and/or cell phone number(s), and their campus and personal email address(es) are correct on [PCR](#); *information provided to the LAVC Connect Portal is no longer being used*. In the event of a campus emergency, LAVC faculty and staff will automatically receive notifications to their LAVC email address; notifications will also be sent to the work, home and cell phone numbers and personal email address listed in the [PCR](#). For more information on emergency preparedness, visit the [LAVC Emergency Response Plan Web Page](#).

**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.

**Got News to Share with the Campus? Don’t Forget to Let the LAVC PR Office Know About the Good Things Happening in Your Department or Program!** The LAVC Public Relations (PR) 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 homepage, and on LAVC’s Facebook and Twitter pages. Simply fill out a PR Request Form (available online at [www.lavc.edu/campusnews/pr.html](http://www.lavc.edu/campusnews/pr.html)) for your event or news item, and email the



completed form to [news@lavc.edu](mailto:news@lavc.edu) by the request deadline. 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 PR Office Web page at [www.lavc.edu/campusnews/pr.html](http://www.lavc.edu/campusnews/pr.html).

## 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 May 17-23, 2015

#### Sunday, May 17

**7:45pm - 9pm "Bringing Home a Relic: The Asteroid Retrieval Mission" Lecture by Dr. Paul Chodas, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, sponsored by the LAVC Astronomy Group and the LAVC Earth Science Department**

**Where:** Planetarium

**Calendar:** Community Events

**Contact:** LAVC Earth Science Department, Astronomy Program Hotline, (818) 947-2335

#### Monday, May 18

**11am - 1pm LAVC College Leadership Meeting**

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

**Contact:** LAVC President's Office, (818) 947-2321

**Calendar:** LAVC Meetings

**12:30pm - 1:30pm "Resume Writing/Cover Letter" Workshop sponsored by the LAVC Career/Transfer Center (CTC)**

**Where:** Student Services Annex, Career/Transfer Center

**Contact:** LAVC Career/Transfer Center, <http://www.lavc.edu/transfer/>

**Calendar:** Student Events

**1pm - 2:30pm "Proofreading and Editing Strategies" Workshop (part of the Essay Writing Series) sponsored by the LAVC Writing Center**

**Where:** Library and Academic Resource Center 212

**Contact:** LAVC Writing Center, (818) 947-2810, <http://www.lavc.edu/Writingcenter/index.html>

**Calendar:** Student Events

**1:15pm - 3pm LAVC Outcomes Assessment Committee (OAC) Meeting**

**Where:** Library & Academic Resource Center 203

**Contact:** LAVC Outcomes Assessment Committee, <http://www.lavc.edu/outcomes/index.html>

**Calendar:** LAVC Meetings

**1:30pm - 3pm LAVC Budget Committee Meeting**

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

**Contact:** LAVC Budget Committee, <http://www.lavc.edu/budgetcommittee/index.html>

**Calendar:** LAVC Meetings

#### Tuesday, May 19

**10am - 11:30am "Undecided Major" Workshop sponsored by the LAVC Career/Transfer Center (CTC)**

**Where:** Student Services Annex, Career/Transfer Center

**Contact:** LAVC Career/Transfer Center, <http://www.lavc.edu/transfer/>

**Calendar:** Student Events

**10am - 2pm UCLA Peer Mentor sponsored by the LAVC Career/Transfer Center (CTC)**

**Where:** Student Services Annex, Career/Transfer Center  
**Contact:** LAVC Career/Transfer Center, <http://www.lavc.edu/transfer/>  
*Calendar: Student Events*

**10am - 1pm West Los Angeles School of Law Admissions Representative sponsored by the LAVC Career/Transfer Center (CTC)**

**Where:** Student Services Annex, Career/Transfer Center  
**Contact:** LAVC Career/Transfer Center, <http://www.lavc.edu/transfer/>  
*Calendar: Student Events*

**12pm - 1pm LAVC Classified Staff Development Committee Meeting**

**Where:** Student Services Center 235  
**Contact:** LAVC Classified Staff Development Committee, <http://www.lavc.edu/classifiedstaff/>  
*Calendar: LAVC Meetings*

**12:30pm - 3pm Transfer Alliance Program Transfer Luncheon Event sponsored by the LAVC Career/Transfer Center and the LAVC Transfer Alliance Program (TAP)**

**Where:** Campus Center, Monarch Hall  
**Contact:** LAVC Transfer Alliance Program, <http://lavc.edu/TAP/>  
*Calendar: Student Events*

**1pm - 4pm ASU Finance & Executive Council Meeting sponsored by the LAVC Associated Student Union (ASU)**

**Where:** Campus Center 104  
**Contact:** LAVC Associated Student Union, <http://www.lavc.edu/ASU/>  
*Calendar: Student Events*

**1:30pm - 2:30pm Mindfulness/Meditation Group sponsored by the LAVC Student Health Center**

**Where:** Community Service Center, Multipurpose Room 1  
**Contact:** LAVC Student Health Center, (818) 947-2918, <http://www.lavc.edu/studenthealth/>  
*Calendar: Student Events*

**1:30pm - 4pm LAVC Institutional Effectiveness Committee Meeting**

**Where:** Administration 2, President's Conference Room  
**Contact:** LAVC Institutional Effectiveness Committee, <http://www.lavc.edu/iec/index.html>  
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**5pm - 6pm "Plato's Meno" lecture (part of the Spring 2015 Philosophy Lecture Series) sponsored by the LAVC Philosophy/Economics Department**

**Where:** Campus Center 104  
**Contact:** Chris Pallotti, (818) 947-2468  
*Calendar: Student Events*

**6pm - 7:30pm "ESL/English Intensive Review" Workshop (part of the Finish Your Semester Strong: Workshop Series) sponsored by the LAVC Academic Resource Center**

**Where:** Library and Academic Resource Center 212  
**Contact:** LAVC Academic Resource Center, Scott Weigand, (818) 947-2811, <http://www.lavc.edu/tutor.html>  
*Calendar: Student Events*

**Wednesday, May 20**

**9am - 2pm CSUN Peer Mentor sponsored by the LAVC Career/Transfer Center (CTC)**

**Where:** Student Services Annex, Career/Transfer Center  
**Contact:** LAVC Career/Transfer Center, <http://www.lavc.edu/transfer/>  
*Calendar: Student Events*

**11am - 2pm Classified Staff Development Committee BBQ Fundraiser sponsored by the LAVC Classified Staff Development Committee**

**Where:** Campus Center, Monarch Hall & Patio  
**Contact:** Chancey Maddren, (818) 947-2346  
*Calendar: Faculty/Staff Events*

**11am - 12:30pm LAVC Grants Committee Meeting**

**Where:** Child Development & Family Complex, Family Resource Center  
**Contact:** LAVC Grants Committee, <http://www.lavc.edu/grantscommittee/index.html>  
*Calendar: LAVC Meetings*

**11:30am - 1pm "ESL/English Intensive Review" Workshop (part of the Finish Your Semester Strong: Workshop Series) sponsored by the LAVC Academic Resource Center**

**Where:** Library and Academic Resource Center 212  
**Contact:** LAVC Academic Resource Center, Scott Weigand, (818) 947-2811, <http://www.lavc.edu/tutor.html>  
*Calendar: Student Events*

**12pm - 2pm "Statistics 101 Finals Workshop" sponsored by the LAVC General Tutoring Center**

**Where:** Library and Academic Resource Center 213  
**Contact:** LAVC General Tutoring Center, <http://www.lavc.edu/generaltutoring/>  
*Calendar: Student Events*

**1pm - 1pm "LAVC Small Combos Concert" Concert (part of the Spring 2015 Free Wednesday Concert Series) presented by the LAVC Music Department**

**Where:** Music 106, Music Recital Hall  
**Contact:** LAVC Music Department, (818) 778-5633, <http://www.lavc.edu/music/>, Admissions: Free  
*Calendar: Arts/Music Events*

**1pm - 2:30pm "Research Papers/Plagiarism" Workshop (part of the Essay Writing Series) sponsored by the LAVC Writing Center**

**Where:** Library and Academic Resource Center 212  
**Contact:** LAVC Writing Center, (818) 947-2810, <http://www.lavc.edu/Writingcenter/index.html>  
*Calendar: Student Events*

**2:30pm - 4pm LAVC Technology Committee Meeting**

**Where:** Allied Health & Sciences 310, Allied Health 3rd Floor Conference Room  
**Contact:** LAVC Technology Committee, <http://www.lavc.edu/techcommittee/>  
*Calendar: LAVC Meetings*

#### Thursday, May 21

**12pm - 2pm "Statistics 101 Finals Workshop" sponsored by the LAVC General Tutoring Center**

**Where:** Library and Academic Resource Center 213  
**Contact:** LAVC General Tutoring Center, <http://www.lavc.edu/generaltutoring/>  
*Calendar: Student Events*

**12pm - 1:30pm "Undecided Major" Workshop sponsored by the LAVC Career/Transfer Center (CTC)**

**Where:** Student Services Annex, Career/Transfer Center  
**Contact:** LAVC Career/Transfer Center, <http://www.lavc.edu/transfer/>  
*Calendar: Student Events*

**12pm – 1pm Professional Development Advisory Committee (PDAC) Meeting**

**Where:** Library & Academic Resource Center 200  
**Contact:** LAVC Professional Development Advisory Committee, <http://www.lavc.edu/profdev/pdadvisor.html>  
*Calendar: LAVC Meetings*

**1pm - 2:30pm "ESL/English Intensive Review" Workshop (part of the Finish Your Semester Strong: Workshop Series) sponsored by the LAVC Academic Resource Center**

**Where:** Library and Academic Resource Center 212  
**Contact:** LAVC Academic Resource Center, Scott Weigand, (818) 947-2811, <http://www.lavc.edu/tutor.html>  
*Calendar: Student Events*

**1pm - 3pm ASU Inter-Club Council Meeting sponsored by the LAVC Associated Student Union (ASU)**

**Where:** Campus Center 104  
**Contact:** LAVC Associated Student Union, <http://www.lavc.edu/ASU/>

*Calendar: Student Events*

**1pm - 3pm Campus Safety Town Hall Meeting sponsored by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Community College Bureau and the LAVC Sheriff's Office**

**Where:** Campus Center, Fireside Room

**Contact:** LAVC Sheriff's Office, (818) 947-2911

*Calendar: Student Events*

**1:10pm - 1:10pm LAVC Academic Senate Meeting**

**Where:** Bungalow 83, Faculty Lounge

**Contact:** Academic Senate, <http://www.lavc.edu/senate/index.html>

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**3:30pm - 5pm "Probation 2" Workshop sponsored by the LAVC Career/Transfer Center (CTC)**

**Where:**

**Where:** Student Services Annex, Career/Transfer Center

**Contact:** LAVC Career/Transfer Center, <http://www.lavc.edu/transfer/>

*Calendar: Student Events*

**6pm - 8pm Opening Reception for "Student Art Show" sponsored by the LAVC Art Gallery**

**Where:** Art Building, LAVC Art Gallery

**Contact:** LAVC Art Gallery, (818) 778-5536, <http://www.lavc.edu/arts/artgallery.html>

*Calendar: Arts/Music Events*

**6pm - 9pm "2015 Student Art Show" Exhibition sponsored by the LAVC Art Gallery**

**Where:** Art Building, LAVC Art Gallery

**Contact:** LAVC Art Gallery, (818) 778-5536, <http://www.lavc.edu/arts/artgallery.html>

*Calendar: Arts/Music Events*

## **Friday, May 22**

**5pm - 10:30pm Battle of the Bands sponsored by the LAVC Broadcasting Club and LAVC Associated Student Union (ASU)**

**Where:** Campus Center, Monarch Hall

**Contact:** KVCM Broadcasting Club, [kvcmbroadcastingclub@gmail.com](mailto:kvcmbroadcastingclub@gmail.com), Tickets: \$7

General Admission

*Calendar: Student Events*

**8pm - 8pm "LAVC Guitar Ensemble" Concert presented by the LAVC Music Department**

**Where:** Music 106, Music Recital Hall

**Contact:** LAVC Music Department, (818) 778-5633, <http://www.lavc.edu/music/>, Tickets: \$10 General Admission

*Calendar: Arts/Music Events*

## **Saturday, May 23**

### **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.*

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