



Los Angeles Valley College

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This Issue's News & Events



Campus Closed for Presidents' Day Weekend

LAVC will be closed from Friday, February 14-Monday, February 17 in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday. Classes will not be in session, and college offices and services will be closed. The college resumes normal hours of operation on Tuesday, February 18. For a complete list of campus holidays, and academic dates and deadlines, visit the LAVC Calendar at www.lavc.edu/calendar.



STARS Presents a "Overcoming Math Anxiety" Workshop on February 19

The LAVC Strategic Team for the Advancement and Retention of Students (STARS) Committee will hold a "Overcoming Math Anxiety" workshop on Wednesday, February 19 from 1-2:30 p.m. in Library and Academic Resource Center 200. This STARS workshop is designed to teach students how to be more successful in their math classes and overcome their fear of math. Faculty and staff who attend will be able to hear from students about the reasons they struggle in math, and will be able to pick up useful materials to help their students succeed. This hands-on session will be led by John Kawai, Math Lab Director, LAVC. Refreshments will be provided. To view the workshop flyer, visit

<http://www.lavc.edu/stars/Overcoming%20Math%20Anxiety%20Spring%202014.pdf>.

For more information on STARS and its upcoming workshops, visit the LAVC STARS Web page at <http://www.lavc.edu/stars/>.



Saturday Classes Begin February 22

Saturday classes for the Spring 2014 Semester will begin on Saturday, February 22. Students are encouraged to look at the class schedule at www.lavc.edu/schedules.html#spring2014 for any schedule changes/updates. For a complete list of academic dates and deadlines, visit www.lavc.edu/calendar.



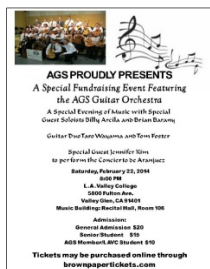
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Want to Study in Paris This Summer? LAVC's Study Away in Paris Program to Hold an Information Session on February 22

LAVC Study Away will be holding an information session for its Summer in Paris Program on Saturday, February 22 from 12 noon-2 p.m. in the Foreign Language Building, Room 102. Come learn about this month-long study away program from June 30-July 30, 2014 with the ESA (European Studies Association). Students who participate in the Paris Study Away Program can earn up to 8 units of LAVC credit, which is transferrable to UC or CSU. The application deadline is April 1, 2014. For more information, contact Professor Dominique Merrill at merrild@lavc.edu or (818) 947-2380, or visit the [LAVC Study Away in Paris Web site](#).



LAVC Music Department Presents the AGS Guitar Orchestra on February 22

The LAVC Music Department will present a performance by the American Guitar Society (AGS) Guitar Orchestra on Saturday, February 22 from 8-10 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall (Music Building, Room 106). This classical guitar concert, which is a fundraising event for the AGS, will include favorite songs from Mozart to Jobim. Under the incomparable direction of conductor and composer Robert G. Mayeur, the evening will display the talents of some of the finest classical guitarists in Southern California. It will feature guest soloists Billy Arcila and Brian Barany, the guitar duo of Taro Wayama and Tom Foster, and special performance by Jennifer Kim of the Concierto de Aranjuez. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$15 for students and seniors, and \$10 AGS members and LAVC students. Tickets may be purchased online through www.brownpapertickets.com.



Want to Be Alerted During a Campus Emergency? Sign Up for AlertU and Get Emergency Text Message Updates on Your Cell Phone

LAVC is offering an SMS-based emergency notification service for your mobile (cell) phone. In the event of an emergency, you will be alerted in real-time by text messaging with important security information. To sign up for AlertU, visit www.lavc.edu (click the "AlertU" button on the left hand side of the page, enter your cell phone number and click "go", and reply with a "Y" to the text you receive). To learn more, visit www.alertu.org.



Elmida Baghdaserians Presented at the Early Childhood STEM Conference

Elmida Baghdaserians, chair of the LAVC Child Development Department, made a presentation on "How to Promote Science in the Early Years" at the Early Childhood Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Conference in Costa Mesa on February 8. The conference, which was hosted by the Children's Center at Caltech (CCC), the Children & Families Commission of Orange County, and Think Together (TT), focused on the importance of introducing STEM education in early childhood (birth through eight years) and featured an expert panel discussion, workshops, and exhibits. Congratulations Elmida!

Additional news and events are posted online at www.lavc.edu/campusnews/.

LAVC in the News



February 7, 2014

In Los Angeles Valley College phone threat, detectives shift focus to caller

The LA Daily News featured an update on the on-going police investigation regarding the shooting threat to L.A. Valley College that prompted the cancellation of all classes Thursday morning. To read the article, visit <http://www.dailynews.com/general-news/20140207/in-los-angeles-valley-college-phone-threat-detectives-shift-focus-to-caller>.

Please Announce to All Students

The following are important campus announcements for your students:

- **Are You Looking for an Open Class? Check the LAVC Spring 2014 Open Classes List!** The LAVC Office of Academic Affairs posts an updated list of open classes for the Spring 2014 semester; this information is posted online and is updated daily. Students who are looking for classes with open seats are encouraged to visit the "Open Classes List" link on the Schedule of Classes Web page at www.lavc.edu/schedules.html#spring2014.
- **Attention Students! The Last Day to Add a Class or to Challenge Prerequisites is February 21.** The last day for students to add a class (by Instructor Permit only) and/or Challenge Prerequisites is Friday, February 21. Students who received an add card from an instructor must turn it into the Admissions & Records Office in order to be fully enrolled in the class. Late adds will not be permitted, and students will not be able to add, transfer, or change basis of grading to audit after February 21.
- **Don't Forget to Buy Your Parking Permit! Free Parking in Student Parking Lots ends February 22; Parking Permit Required Starting February 24.** The LAVC Sheriff's Office allows vehicles a two-week grace period on parking permits in student parking lots at the beginning of every semester; however, parking citations will be issued at ALL TIMES to vehicles parked in Staff parking areas without the proper faculty/staff parking permit. The parking grace period starts Monday, February 10 and ends on Saturday, February 22; parking permits will be required starting Monday, February 24. Student parking permits are available for purchase for the Spring 2014 semester at the LAVC Business Office, or email

businessoffice@lavc.edu for pick up at the LAVC Bookstore in the evening; daily parking permits can be purchased at the yellow Parking Pay Stations on campus. For more information, visit the LAVC Parking Information Web Page at <http://www.lavc.edu/sheriff/parking.html>.

- **Are You Hungry? Food is Now Available at the Food Truck on Campus, in the LAVC Bookstore and at On-Campus Vending Machines.** The Food Truck located in Monarch Square is open Monday-Thursday from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. during Spring Semester 2014. In addition, food is available for purchase in the LAVC Monarch Store (Bookstore) and in vending machines on campus. The Cafeteria is currently closed due to the upcoming construction of a new Monarch Center/Student Union. To find the location of the food truck, please view the LAVC Campus Map at www.lavc.edu/map/.
- **Do You Fear Math? Come to the “Overcoming Math Anxiety” Workshop on February 19.** The LAVC Strategic Team for the Advancement and Retention of Students (STARS) Committee will hold a “Overcoming Math Anxiety” workshop on Wednesday, February 19 from 1-2:30 p.m. in LARC 200. This hands-on session by John Kawai, Math Lab Director, LAVC, will teach you how to be more successful in your math classes, and overcome your fear of math. Refreshments will be provided. To view the workshop flyer, visit <http://www.lavc.edu/stars/Overcoming%20Math%20Anxiety%20Spring%202014.pdf>.
- **Get Fit for 2014! Seats Available in Kinesiology Classes for the Spring Semester.** The LAVC Men’s and Women’s Physical Education Departments have seats available in the following classes: Body Conditioning, Yoga, Aerobics Super Circuit, Gymnastics, Self-Defense, Weight Training, Swimming, Aqua Aerobics, Table Tennis, Judo, and Volleyball. For course information on Kinesiology classes, please see the Spring 2014 Schedule of Classes at www.lavc.edu/schedules.html#spring2014. The last day to add a class is February 21. Register online today at www.lavc.edu.
- **Want to Dance? Dance Classes for Only \$1.50 Each, and Get College Credit Too!** Enroll Today in a Dance Class. The LAVC Women’s Physical Education Department have day and evening classes available in Ballet, Modern, Hip-Hop, Jazz, Yoga, and Dance for Film and Stage for the Spring 2014 Semester. For course information on Dance classes, please see the Spring 2014 Schedule of Classes at www.lavc.edu/schedules.html#spring2014. In addition, the Dance Program is holding auditions on February 18 for its Spring Dance Production; visit the Dance Program Web page at www.lavc.edu/dance for more info. Enroll in a Dance Class today at www.lavc.edu.
- **Need Units? Want Better Grades? Enroll in Writing Center Classes This Spring.** The LAVC Writing Center is offering English 67, 68 and 69 to help students improve their writing, critical reading skills or computer skills this Spring semester. Set your own schedule, and take the course on a credit/no credit basis. Seats are still available! The last day to add a class is February 21. Enroll online now at www.lavc.edu.
- **Did You Know You Can Earn College Credit for Your Job or Internship in the Spring Semester? Deadline to Apply is February 21.** LAVC Cooperative Education offers students the opportunity to earn up to 4 units of college credit for their job or internship experience during the Spring 2014 semester. Visit www.lavc.edu/cooped to download the Cooperative Education application packet. The last day to submit your application is February 21. For more information, visit the Cooperative Education Web site at www.lavc.edu/cooped.
- **Extended Hours at the Monarch Bookstore! Don’t Forget to Buy or Rent Your Spring Textbooks!** The LAVC Monarch Bookstore is open for extended hours of operation during the first two weeks of the semester. In addition, Spring 2014 textbooks are now available for sale and for rent at the LAVC Monarch Bookstore; electronic textbooks are also available. A list of rental and electronic books is available at the bookstore. In addition, you can avoid waiting in long lines by ordering for pick-up or to be shipped to you at www.lavcbookstore.com. For more information on its extended hours of operation, visit the LAVC Bookstore Web site at www.lavcbookstore.com.
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left hand side of the page, enter your cell phone number and click “go”, and reply with a “Y” to the text you receive). To learn more, visit www.alertu.org.

- **Need Money for School? LAVC Foundation Now Accepting Scholarship Applications.** The Los Angeles Valley College Foundation is making scholarship applications available to LAVC students from January 21-March 14. You must be registered and enrolled for Spring 2014 at LAVC. You must also be prepared to answer questions so that Foundation staff can assist in providing applications students qualify for, such as your Grade Point Average, the number of units that you have completed, and your area of study. The deadline to submit a scholarship application for most scholarships is March 14. Please stop by the Foundation Office (Administration Room 100) from Monday-Thursday between the hours of 10 am-12 noon or 1:45 pm-4:30 pm.
- **Did You Know? LAVC is a Smoke Free Campus Except in New Designated Smoking Areas.** As of February 4, 2013, LAVC is a "Smoke Free Campus" except in the following four new designated smoking areas: west of the Library & Academic Resource Center (near College Road North), southwest corner of Parking Lot D (near Campus Drive and Emelita Street), between the Field House and Bungalow 78 (near Ethel Avenue), and south of the Engineering Building (near Parking Lot A). For more information, visit www.lavc.edu/campusnews/#smokefreecampus.
- **Don't Hassle with Campus Parking! Take the Orange Line to Valley College.** Los Angeles Valley College is conveniently located off the Metro's Orange Line. In addition, the campus can be reached by using the Metro Bus Lines 154, 156, 167, or 656, as well as the DASH bus's Van Nuys/Studio City line. For more information, visit www.lavc.edu/sheriff/parking.html#busrailroutes.
- **Want to Earn Up to \$13.25 per Hour as a Tutor? Project GRAD is Hiring!** LAVC in partnership with Project GRAD LA is hiring tutors for the following LAUSD Schools: Sylmar HS, SFHS, Arleta HS, and CCLA. Tutors will earn between \$11.04-\$13.25 per hour. Tutoring services are needed after 12:30pm (no morning shifts). To be eligible to be a tutor, you must be attending LAVC full-time (at least 12 units) with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Applications are available in the Office of Academic Affairs in the Administration Building, Room 101, or by contacting Nona Matatova, project coordinator, at (818) 947-2622 or by email mataton@lavc.edu.
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- **“Get Covered” LAVC! Free Information and Health Care Enrollment Assistance Now Available On Campus.** USC, in partnership with the LAVC Associated Student Union (ASU), will be providing free information and enrollment assistance on the health care options available through Covered California. Outreach educators will be available on Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at various locations on campus to provide one-on-one consulting on the health care benefits you are eligible for through the Affordable Care Act. If you have any questions, please contact covered@usc.edu.

Announcements for Faculty/Staff

Attention Faculty! The Deadline to Reload Your Reprographics Copy Card for the Spring Semester is February 21. The LAVC Reprographics Department will be allowing faculty to reload their Reprographics Copy Card for the Spring 2014 Semester between Monday, January 27-Friday, February 21; no cards will be reloaded after this time period. Faculty who wish to reload their copy card must stop by the Reprographics Department in the Administration building before the February 21st deadline. The Reprographics Department is open Monday-Thursday from 7 a.m.-8:25 p.m., and Friday from 7 a.m.-3:25 p.m.

Are You in the LAVC Phone & Email Directory? Is Your Contact Information Up-to-Date? The LAVC Administrative Services Office can assist faculty, staff and administrators with updating or adding information on the online LAVC phone/email directory at www.lavc.edu/directory. To keep the information up-to-date, faculty are asked to check their information that is posted on the online directory, and notify Administrative Services if the information is not correct or is missing. If an employee finds that his/her information is inaccurate or missing, please send the following information to your department chair or supervisor, who upon verification and approval will send the information to Arlene Stein in Administrative Services at (steinar@lavc.edu):

- (1) employee's full name,
- (2) nickname (if applicable),
- (3) title,
- (4) department,
- (5) building location with room number
- (6) LAVC phone number or voice mail extension,
- (7) fax number,
- (8) LAVC email address, &
- (9) secondary phone number or email address (if applicable)

Arlene will notify your supervisor when the information has been updated online. If you have any questions, contact Arlene Stein at steinar@lavc.edu or by calling extension 2336.

Don't Forget—LAVC is a Smoke Free Campus Except in New Designated Smoking Areas. As of February 4, 2013, LAVC is a "Smoke Free Campus" except in the following four new designated smoking areas:

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- southwest corner of Parking Lot D (near Campus Drive and Emelita Street),
- between the Field House and Bungalow 78 (near Ethel Avenue), and
- south of the Engineering Building (near Parking Lot A).

For more information, visit www.lavc.edu/campusnews/#smokefreecampus.

Want 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 at www.lavc.edu/revitalizingvalley/constructionupdates.html, or click on the "Construction & Parking Updates" button on the college homepage.

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/.

LAVC Calendar of Events for February 16-22, 2014

Sunday, February 16

All day

Spring Semester 2014 - President's Day (Campus Closed)

Calendar: Holidays

All day Spring Semester 2014 - Last Day to Drop Classes (by Internet) without Fees

Calendar: Academic Dates & Deadlines

All day Spring Semester 2014 - Last Day to Drop Classes (by Internet) with a Refund

Calendar: Academic Dates & Deadlines

Monday, February 17

All day Spring Semester 2014 - President's Day (Campus Closed)

Calendar: Holidays

Tuesday, February 18

1pm - 2pm LAVC ASU Finance Committee Meeting sponsored by the LAVC Associated Student Union (ASU)

Where: Campus Center 104

Contact: LAVC Associated Student Union, (818) 778-5516, <http://www.lavc.edu/ASU/index.html>

Calendar: Students Events

2pm - 5pm LAVC ASU Executive Council Meeting sponsored by the LAVC Associated Student Union (ASU)

Where: Campus Center 104

Contact: LAVC Associated Student Union, (818) 778-5516, <http://www.lavc.edu/ASU/index.html>

Calendar: Students Events

Wednesday, February 19

1pm - 2:30pm "Overcoming Math Anxiety" STARS Workshop presented by LAVC Strategic Team for the Advancement and Retention of Students (STARS) Committee

Where: Library & Academic Resource Center 200

Contact: LAVC STARS, <http://www.lavc.edu/stars/>; Flyer:

<http://www.lavc.edu/stars/Overcoming%20Math%20Anxiety%20Spring%202014.pdf>

Calendar: Students Events

Thursday, February 20

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

Where: Campus Center 104

Contact: LAVC Associated Student Union, (818) 778-5516, <http://www.lavc.edu/ASU/index.html>

Calendar: Students Events

Friday, February 21

All day Spring Semester 2014 - Last Day to Add by Instructor Permit

Calendar: Academic Dates & Deadlines

All day Spring Semester 2014 - Last Day to Challenge Prerequisites

Calendar: Academic Dates & Deadlines

8pm - 9pm LAVC Astronomy Group Planetarium Show sponsored by the LAVC Earth Science Department

Where: Planetarium

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

Calendar: Community Events

Saturday, February 22

All day Spring Semester 2014 - Saturday Classes Begin

Calendar: Academic Dates & Deadlines

12pm - 2pm Ireland Study Away Summer 2014 Information Session sponsored by LAVC Study Away

Where: Humanities Building 100

Contact: LAVC Study Away Ireland, www.lavc.edu/studyaway/ireland/

Calendar: Students Events

12pm - 2pm Summer Study Away in Paris 2014 Information Meeting sponsored by LAVC Study Away

Where: Foreign Language 102

Contact: Dominique Merrill (818) 947-2380 merrild@lavc.edu, www.lavc.edu/paris

Calendar: Students Events

8pm - 10pm AGS Guitar Orchestra Concert sponsored by the LAVC Music Department and the American Guitar Society (AGS)

Where: Music Recital Hall, Music 106

Contact: Gregory Newton, (818) 349-7960, newtongp@lavc.edu; Tickets: \$20 general admission, \$15 students and seniors, \$10 AGS members and LAVC students

Calendar: Arts/Music 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/