



# Los Angeles Valley College

## LAVC College Bulletin *July 14-20, 2013*

### This Issue's News & Events



#### **New Students Encouraged to Sign Up for LAVC's Fall 2013 Welcome Fair**

**LAVC will offer a Welcome Fair for incoming students for the Fall 2013 semester on Wednesday, August 21 from 8:30 a.m.-12 noon. Online registration for Welcome Fair will begin on Monday, July 8 at [www.lavc.edu/success/welcomefair/index.html](http://www.lavc.edu/success/welcomefair/index.html); registration closes on Tuesday, August 13.** The Welcome Fair will give new students the opportunity to meet other students, faculty and staff. Participating students will be able to attend workshops on financial aid, get tips for college success, learn steps to choosing a major, and discover how to be prepared to transfer to a university. There will be fun activities, entertainment, and information on campus clubs. For more information, visit the LAVC Student Success Web page at [www.lavc.edu/success/](http://www.lavc.edu/success/).



#### **Need to take the GED Test? Don't Miss the Registration/Orientation for the Official GED Full Test & Partial Test on July 18**

**The LAVC CalWORKs Office will hold a mandatory orientation/registration session for the Official GED Test on Thursday, July 18 at 9 a.m. in Bungalow 14 for the GED Testing dates on July 25-27.** The partial test will be offered on Thursday, July 25, and the full test will be offered on Friday-Saturday, July 26-27. The Official GED Test is offered every month to the community. The full testing fee is \$180, and the partial/retake testing fee is \$40 for each subject and \$50 for English/writing; fees must be paid in full at time of registration. In addition, CalWORKs offers a GED practice test on selected Friday mornings at 8:45 a.m. for a \$10 fee. For more information about the GED test or the practice test, contact Margie Thomas at (818) 947-2976 or visit [www.lavc.edu/calworks/ged.html](http://www.lavc.edu/calworks/ged.html).



### ACCJC Announces Result of LAVC's Accreditation Process

*The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) recently announced that it has placed Valley College on warning status—its lightest sanction—following the college's comprehensive visit in the Spring.* As part of the peer review process that California Community Colleges undergo every six years, LAVC completed a self-evaluation and was visited in March 2013 by a review team, which made recommendations to help us improve our effectiveness. This sanction will require LAVC to prepare and submit a follow-up report by March 2014 that addresses all issues in our comprehensive report, and it will undergo a Spring 2014 visit where a team will verify the report and forward their recommendation to the Commission. During this time, Los Angeles Valley College remains fully accredited. Additional information about LAVC's Accreditation is posted online at [www.lavc.edu/accreditation](http://www.lavc.edu/accreditation).



### Congratulations to Our New Department Chairs

*As of July 1, Six academic departments have selected new department chairs to replace vacancies left by retirement or reassignment.* The following individuals have been selected as new department chairs:

- Elmida Baghdaserians is the new Chair of the Child Development Department,
- Lilit Davoyan is the new Chair of the Continuing Education Department,
- Dora Esten is the new Chair of the Library Department,
- Dave Mallas is the new Chair of the Men's Physical Education Department,
- Patty Melody is the new Chair of the Women's Physical Education Department, and
- Michael Avila is the new Chair of the Technology Department.

Congratulations to all the new department chairs!



### Community College Week Names LAVC as a Top Associate Degree Producer for 2013

*Community College Week has ranked Los Angeles Valley College on several of lists in its Top Associate Degree Producers 2013 issue.* LAVC was listed as a "Top 100 Associate Degree Producer 2013 for Two-Year Certificates – All Disciplines", a "Top 50 Associate Degrees: Communication, Journalism and Related Programs", and a "Top 50 Associate Degrees: Family & Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences". This year's analysis covers degrees and certificates awarded by two- and four-year colleges during the 2011-12 academic year. Congratulations!



### Want to Get Campus Emergency Updates? Don't Forget to Sign Up for AlertU (Emergency Mobile Text Alerts)

*Los Angeles Valley College is offering an SMS-based emergency notification service for your mobile (cell) phone. In the event of an emergency, LAVC students, staff, faculty and others will be alerted in real-time by text message with important security information.* Signing up for AlertU is voluntary, but this is the best and fastest way to learn right away in an emergency. To sign up for AlertU, visit [www.lavc.edu](http://www.lavc.edu) (click the "AlertU"

button on the left hand side of the page, enter the cell phone number and click “go”, and reply with a “Y” to the confirmation text message sent to the cell phone). To learn more, visit [www.alertu.org](http://www.alertu.org).



### **Help Keep Valley College Safe! Report a Crime Anonymously at the LAVC Sheriff's Tip Line**

*The LAVC Sheriff's Department has a hotline for individuals to anonymously report a crime or other suspicious activity on campus.* Callers can leave a message on the LAVC Sheriff Tip Hotline at (818) 778-5678. For campus emergencies, please call (818) 947-2911.

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

## **LAVC in the News**



*July 9, 2013*

### **Los Angeles community colleges begin to deal with sanctions**

Following an article published on June 3, the Daily News featured a story on how L.A. Mission, L.A. Valley and L.A. Southwest colleges are addressing the accreditation sanctions they recently received. Of the three San Fernando Valley community colleges reviewed, L.A. Mission and L.A. Valley colleges were warned, while Pierce College was in the clear. In addition, L.A. Southwest College, which had been under probation, was downgraded to a warning. The colleges can reaffirm their accreditation in a year by fixing commission recommendations or they can lose it in two years if they don't. To read the article, visit

[http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci\\_23628715/los-angeles-community-colleges-begin-deal-sanctions](http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_23628715/los-angeles-community-colleges-begin-deal-sanctions).



*July 3, 2013*

### **Valley, Mission colleges get accreditation warnings**

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, which reviewed three Valley colleges last spring, announced that it has issued warnings—its mildest sanction—to Los Angeles Mission College in Sylmar and Los Angeles Valley College in Valley Glen. To read the entire story, visit

[http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci\\_23596942/valley-mission-colleges-get-accreditation-warnings](http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_23596942/valley-mission-colleges-get-accreditation-warnings).

## **Announcements for Faculty/Staff**

**Got News to Share? Let the LAVC PR Office Help You Publicize It!** 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 marquee, 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). 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).

**Want the Latest News on LAVC's Construction and Parking Updates?** Information on construction projects that impact the college community are regularly posted on the LAVC's ReVitalizing Valley College Web Site. Check out the Construction and Parking Updates link on the LAVC Web site, or visit [www.lavc.edu/revitalizingvalley/constructionupdates.html](http://www.lavc.edu/revitalizingvalley/constructionupdates.html).

**Did You Know? The Faculty/Staff Resource Center (LARC 200) is Open This Summer!** The Faculty/Staff Resource Center, which is located in LARC 200, will be open during the Summer. Stop by to pick up useful handouts, check out training DVDs, use a computer/printer/scanner, or talk about teaching strategies. For more information, contact the LAVC Professional Development Center at (818) 947-2712.

**Professional Development Center Web Site Has Free Training Resources for Faculty/Staff.** The LAVC Professional Development Center has posted free resources for training for LAVC faculty and staff on its Web site. There are free tutorials from the Microsoft IT Academy (e.g. Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, etc), and from the Virtual Training Company (e.g. Photoshop, Dreamweaver, etc). In addition, you can download Gradekeeper to help you manage students' grades, and free educational videos for your face-to-face and online courses. To access these free resources, visit the LAVC Professional Development Center Web site at [www.lavc.edu/profdev/freeresources.html](http://www.lavc.edu/profdev/freeresources.html).

**Attention Faculty! Check Out the Free Teaching Resource on the Professional Development Web Site.** The LAVC Professional Development Center has materials that you can use in your classes (rubrics, icebreakers, games, plagiarism prevention, study skills handouts, and more) as well as ideas for creating a comprehensive syllabus and the statements required to be on it. Visit the Professional Development Center Web site at [www.lavc.edu/profdev/teachingres.html](http://www.lavc.edu/profdev/teachingres.html).

**Save the Date! LAVC Opening Day is August 22.** LAVC Professional Development and the Office of Academic Affairs will hold the annual Opening Day on Thursday, August 22. For more information, contact LAVC Professional Development at (818) 947-2712.

**Calling All New Adjunct Faculty—Mark Your Calendars for the Adjunct Orientation on August 24!** LAVC Professional Development will hold an Adjunct Orientation on Saturday, August 24. For more information, contact LAVC Professional Development at (818) 947-2712.

## 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 July 14-20, 2013

#### Sunday, July 14

**All day** Fall 2013 Welcome Fair for New Students Online Registration sponsored by the LAVC Welcome Fair Committee and Preparing All Students for Success (PASS)

**Where:** Online

**Contact:** LAVC Student Success, [www.lavc.edu/success](http://www.lavc.edu/success), [success@lavc.edu](mailto:success@lavc.edu); Register Online at [www.lavc.edu/success/welcomefair/index.html](http://www.lavc.edu/success/welcomefair/index.html) until 8/14/13

*Calendar: Students Events*

**All day Summer Session 2013 - Classes End**

*Calendar: Academic Dates & Deadlines*

**Monday, July 15**

**All day Fall 2013 Welcome Fair for New Students Online Registration sponsored by the LAVC Welcome Fair Committee and Preparing All Students for Success (PASS)**

**Where:** Online

**Contact:** LAVC Student Success, [www.lavc.edu/success](http://www.lavc.edu/success), [success@lavc.edu](mailto:success@lavc.edu); Register Online at [www.lavc.edu/success/welcomefair/index.html](http://www.lavc.edu/success/welcomefair/index.html) until 8/14/13

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**Tuesday, July 16**

**All day Fall 2013 Welcome Fair for New Students Online Registration sponsored by the LAVC Welcome Fair Committee and Preparing All Students for Success (PASS)**

**Where:** Online

**Contact:** LAVC Student Success, [www.lavc.edu/success](http://www.lavc.edu/success), [success@lavc.edu](mailto:success@lavc.edu); Register Online at [www.lavc.edu/success/welcomefair/index.html](http://www.lavc.edu/success/welcomefair/index.html) until 8/14/13

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**Wednesday, July 17**

**All day Fall 2013 Welcome Fair for New Students Online Registration sponsored by the LAVC Welcome Fair Committee and Preparing All Students for Success (PASS)**

**Where:** Online

**Contact:** LAVC Student Success, [www.lavc.edu/success](http://www.lavc.edu/success), [success@lavc.edu](mailto:success@lavc.edu); Register Online at [www.lavc.edu/success/welcomefair/index.html](http://www.lavc.edu/success/welcomefair/index.html) until 8/14/13

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**2pm - 5pm LACCD Board of Trustees Meeting (Annual Organizational Meeting) sponsored by the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD)**

**Where:** East Los Angeles College, 1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Monterey Park, CA91754-6099

**Contact:** LACCD Board of Trustees, (213) 891-2044, <http://www.laccd.edu>

*Calendar: Community Events*

**Thursday, July 18**

**All day Fall 2013 Welcome Fair for New Students Online Registration sponsored by the LAVC Welcome Fair Committee and Preparing All Students for Success (PASS)**

**Where:** Online

**Contact:** LAVC Student Success, [www.lavc.edu/success](http://www.lavc.edu/success), [success@lavc.edu](mailto:success@lavc.edu); Register Online at [www.lavc.edu/success/welcomefair/index.html](http://www.lavc.edu/success/welcomefair/index.html) until 8/14/13

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**9am - 9am GED Testing Registration/Orientation sponsored by the LAVC CalWORKs (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids) Program**

**Where:** Bungalow 14

**Contact:** LAVC CalWORKs, Margie Thomas, (818) 947-2976, [thomasmo@lavc.edu](mailto:thomasmo@lavc.edu), [www.lavc.edu/calworks/ged.html](http://www.lavc.edu/calworks/ged.html)

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**Friday, July 19**

**All day Fall 2013 Welcome Fair for New Students Online Registration sponsored by the LAVC Welcome Fair Committee and Preparing All Students for Success (PASS)**

**Where:** Online

**Contact:** LAVC Student Success, [www.lavc.edu/success](http://www.lavc.edu/success), [success@lavc.edu](mailto:success@lavc.edu); Register Online at [www.lavc.edu/success/welcomefair/index.html](http://www.lavc.edu/success/welcomefair/index.html) until 8/14/13

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

**Where:** Bungalow 14

**Contact:** LAVC CalWORKs, Margie Thomas, (818) 947-2976, [thomasmo@lavc.edu](mailto:thomasmo@lavc.edu), [www.lavc.edu/calworks/ged.html](http://www.lavc.edu/calworks/ged.html); \$10 fee

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**Saturday, July 20**

**All day** Fall 2013 Welcome Fair for New Students Online Registration sponsored by the LAVC Welcome Fair Committee and Preparing All Students for Success (PASS)

**Where:** Online

**Contact:** LAVC Student Success, [www.lavc.edu/success](http://www.lavc.edu/success), [success@lavc.edu](mailto:success@lavc.edu); Register Online at [www.lavc.edu/success/welcomefair/index.html](http://www.lavc.edu/success/welcomefair/index.html) until 8/14/13

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**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/)

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