



August 2009

Dear Kathy,

Welcome to the brand new 2009-2010 academic year! Like all new years, this one brings some changes - most of them positive. We're especially excited about the new Employment Center initiatives to help students develop the skills and experience they will need to begin their careers. Please read on to learn about these and other exciting opportunities, as well as some important updates.

Important Dates

- August 15 & 22 — Open Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Admissions, Information Center, Bookstore, EOPS and Financial Aid Offices)
- August 17 — Fall classes begin
- August 17-28 — Late Enrollment on space-available basis with late-add code or instructor signature
- August 28 — Last day to add full-semester classes or drop a full-semester class with a refund
- September 5-7 — Labor Day holiday weekend, no classes
- September 25 — Native American Day holiday, no classes

For more important dates, [click here](#).

Enrollment Fee Increase

[\(En Español\)](#)

The State of California has increased California community college enrollment fees from \$20 to \$26 per unit effective for the fall 2009 semester.

Unfortunately and unavoidably, students who have already submitted fees at the \$20 per unit rate will be required to submit payment for an additional \$6 per unit. Payments can continue to be made on [WebAdvisor](#), TREG, and in-person at the college.

If you have already qualified and received approval for the Board of Governors fee waiver, you will have your full enrollment fee waived and no further action is necessary.

Here are some resources you may find useful:

- Application for the California Community Colleges [Board of Governor's Fee Waiver](#)
- [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)
- [Scholarship opportunities](#)

If you are interested in learning more about financial aid opportunities, visit the LMC Office of Financial Aid [online](#); or stop by room CC3-431, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and talk to one of our financial aid coordinators for assistance.

This is a challenging time for all of us, but reaching your educational goal is important to us. Please let our financial aid or admissions staff know if you have any questions.

New Campus Facilities

Core Building Opens Just in Time for Fall 09

You may or may not have noticed that the tall skinny building in the middle of the Campus Complex building has been getting spruced up for the past year or so. It's now ready for business and promises to be a well-utilized building for students, staff and faculty.

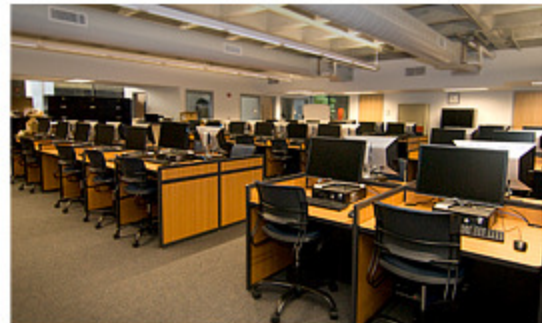
The first floor, CO1, hosts three "smart" classrooms to be used for a wide variety of classes, maybe even one of yours! The classrooms will accommodate 38, 40 and 60 students. A smart classroom is one that has an instructor station equipped with computer and audiovisual equipment, allowing the instructor to teach using a wide variety of media. These include DVD playback, PowerPoint presentations, and more all displayed through a data projector.

The second floor, CO2, is home to an open computer lab with 54 new PC computers, pay-for-print, and wireless access and space for those who want to use their own laptops. This area also hosts the Computer Science Department, with a special A+ lab and A+ certification testing room, and faculty/staff offices. The lab is staffed by Computer Center Technicians James Spagnol and Karen Stanton. Lab assistants are also available during the day and evening to help students with various homework assignments. The lab hours are: Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Karen Stanton explains, "The Drop-In lab will be a wonderful source for students looking to complete their homework assignments. The computers are up to date with the current specs for courses taught in Computer Science. We even have a study area for small group work."

The third floor, CO3, is where you'll find "[The CORE: Center for Academic Support](#)", formerly known as the Reading and Writing Center. This is a space for students to seek out academic support



CO1 - "Smart" Classrooms



CO2 - Open Computer Lab



CO3 - The CORE: Center for Academic Support



from select faculty and peer tutors. They also provide free workshops dedicated to improving student success.

The fourth floor, CO4, houses the Office of Instruction - that's where you head if you need a dean's signature (if you're a student), along with the LMC Research Office and the Marketing and Media Design Department.

Art Classes Moved to New Classroom Space

The Art Department has moved to new digs. If you're looking for your art classes, be sure to check this out.

The ceramics and sculpture classroom has moved to the old Graphic Arts building. Professor Lucy Snow has been busy readying the kilns and getting the workspace ready. It is located to the northwest of the current Child Study Center, hidden behind a green fence.

Graphics has moved to what was the old Reading & Writing Center. That's right, room CC2-265: the large, but hidden, classroom on level CC 2. But the best part is that we have brand shiny new iMac computers with 24-inch screens and the latest versions of Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign. We even have a few new chairs! It promises to be a great workspace — just ask it. Painting and drawing are also next door, as are offices for professors Ken Alexander, Lucy Snow and Curtis Corlew. The painting area even has a bright new metal sink that is as clean as only an unused sink can be. We're all excited about having students in to actually use it. But don't write any of this in ink as this is only temporary! In about three semesters (Spring 2011), we'll all be moving back to our space on CC 3. It will be completely remodeled and bigger, better, faster, get more miles per gallon and make you even smarter than ever before. It will feature an expanded ceramics and sculpture area, and new classrooms for painting, drawing and graphics.



New Center for Academic Success

Nestled in the third floor of the newly-remodeled core building (center of the college complex) is the [The CORE: Center for Academic Support](#), a comfortable, relaxing place where students can find collaboration and community. The CORE replaces the Reading and Writing/Tutoring Center and is staffed by the same friendly people.

Professors working at The CORE offer students one-on-one assistance with reading and writing assignments, in person and [online](#). Appointments are recommended, but drop-in consultations are accepted on a space-available basis.

Peer tutors will also be available to help students. Subjects tutored include, but are not limited to, Art & Art History, Business, Chemistry, Computer Science, EETEC, ESL, Music Theory, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Recording Arts, and Spanish. Tutoring is conducted on a drop-in basis and does not require an appointment. Be sure to check the schedule in the center for hours and subject availability.



The CORE will continue to provide the variety of free workshops formerly offered by the Reading and Writing Center. Some of the most popular workshops focus on scholarship and personal statement essays, and how to combat test-taking anxiety with strategies for taking college-level tests.

Drop in and see our beautiful new center soon!

Financial Aid Updates



Important! Apply Now for BOG Fee Waiver and FAFSA

There's still time to apply for the 2009-2010 Board of Governor's (BOG) Fee Waiver to cover the cost of the enrollment fee (\$26 per unit). Students can stop by the Office of Financial Aid or complete the [BOGFW application online](#). To apply for Federal Financial Aid, please visit the [2009-2010 FAFSA application](#). For assistance with the FAFSA process, [sign up for a financial aid workshop](#) on one of the following dates:

- Thursday, August 27, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., room L213
- Tuesday, September 22, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., room L213

The Office of Financial Aid can process your BOG Fee Waiver and provide general financial aid information questions at the front counter. To sign up for a Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Workshop, call the Office of Financial Aid at (925) 439-2181, ext. 3139.

Change to Federal Work Study Program

Beginning this academic year, the Federal Work Study program will be administered by the Office of Financial Aid. Federal Work Study is a federally-funded program designed to help students meet their educational financial obligations and gain valuable work experience while attending college. For more information, drop in to the Office of Financial Aid, room CC3-431, or call (925) 439-2181, ext. 3139.

Scholarship News

Business Scholarship

DegreeDirectory.org is offering its 2nd Annual Academic Business Scholarship for the 2010 academic year. This scholarship is for students interested in pursuing bachelor-level degrees related to business management, information systems management, marketing, finance, accounting, human resource management, and entrepreneurship. Visit [DegreeDirectory.org](#) for more information. The application deadline is April 1st, 2009.

See [Scholarships](#) for many other scholarship opportunities.

Employment Center News



On-Campus Jobs Now Posted Online

The Employment Center is pleased to announce the addition of on-campus positions to our menu of online employment services. You can now view and apply for all student positions, both on-campus and off, any time of the day or night. And be sure to post your resume for prospective employers to see. Access *Employment Services* from the [Employment Center website](#).

New Occupational Work Experience Internship Program

You may know that you can earn college credit for your job through the Cooperative Work Experience (Co-op) program, but have you heard about the new Occupational Work Experience Internship program? With faculty and employer approval, this program may allow you to apply college-acquired knowledge and skills while acquiring new learning on the job to prepare for a career in your chosen field. Orientations are scheduled August 13th through 25th. See [Coop/Work Experience](#) to sign up.

Professional Development Workshop Series

Imagine this scenario: A prospective employer reviews your resume and feels you may be the missing piece that will lead that company back to profitability. An invitation is extended to discuss your qualifications with a panel over lunch. Will you wonder, "Which water goblet is mine? When do I start eating? If making small talk, whom do I direct it to?"

Don't despair! The Employment and Career Centers, with funding generously provided by the LMC Foundation, are pleased to announce a new program, Professional Development 101, designed to reduce interview stress and demystify the do's and don'ts of business etiquette. By participating in this year-long once-a-month program, you will develop vital skills, putting you head and shoulders over your competition. Students who have attended all sessions will be invited to a year-end "white linen" business luncheon at which mock interviews will be conducted by local executives. Seating is limited to fifty students, so stop by the Career Center, room CC3-524 or the Employment Center, room CC3-435, soon for more information or to sign up.

Student Health Resources

Student Assistance Program

Have you heard about the Confidential Student Assistance Program? This program, administered by Managed Health Network (MHN), provides telephone consultations and limited face-to-face clinical consultations for a wide range of emotional health, family and life issues. Financial and legal consultations, identity theft recovery services, and childcare and eldercare needs assessments and referrals are also available. These services are free to all LMC students enrolled in six units or more. See the [Confidential Student Assistant Program flyer](#).

Student Health Insurance Plan

If you don't have health insurance and are enrolled in nine units or more, do not despair. The Community College League of California offers low-cost health insurance to domestic and international students enrolled in at least nine units. See the [CCLC website](#) for more information and to enroll online.

Bookstore News

Fall textbooks are now available in the bookstore and [online](#).

Regular Store Hours

Monday - Thursday, 7:45 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday 7:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Expanded Store Hours (August 15th - 28th)

Monday - Thursday, 7:45 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, 7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday (August 15th & 22nd only), 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Important! Last day for fall 2009 textbook exchanges and refunds (with receipt and books in original condition) is Friday, August 28th.

Quick Links

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