Dear Kathy,

What a busy month December is, with finals, spring class registration and the holidays all happening at once! If you are unsure of the days and times of your finals, be sure to check the online Final Exam Schedule. Spring class registration has begun and classes are filling up, so be sure to enroll on your priority registration date, which you can find on WebAdvisor. As the semester winds down, please take a few minutes to check out the news and updates below.

Important Dates

- December 14 — Final exams begin
- December 14 — Spring class registration for new and returning students begins
- December 19 — Last day of fall semester
- December 21 — College closes early, 5:00 p.m.
- December 22 — January 3 - Winter Break, college closed
- January 22 — Spring classes begin

More important dates

What's Happening This Month?

Textbook Buyback & More

Don't miss Textbook Buyback
December 14 – 18
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Customer Appreciation Sale
During the month of December, all LMC merchandise is 25% off regular prices. Now's the time to get those LMC hats, mugs, binders, sweatshirts, etc.

Winter Break Closing
The LMC Bookstore will be closed for Winter Break from December 19th through January 3rd
De-Stress With ICC
*Inter-Club Council Presents: Finals Stress Relief*
Tuesday, December 15, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. & Wednesday, December 16, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Library Community Room (L109) and conference rooms L105 and L106. Stop by for a free relaxing massage, snacks, games and meditation to reduce the stress of finals.

Softball Sign-ups
Intercollegiate Women's Softball is looking for players for the spring 2010 season. Contact Coach Elliot Siler, esiler@losmedanos.edu, if you are interested in playing.

Spring Textbooks
Spring textbooks will be available for purchase beginning January 14th. The last day for Spring 2010 textbook refunds is January 29th.

Transfer Center Tours
Are you exploring 4-year college options? How about taking a campus tour sponsored by the Transfer Center? Both of the tours described below include free transportation from LMC. Space is limited, so contact the Transfer Center, (925) 439-2181, ext. 3124 (room CC3-434) to reserve your spot as soon as possible.

Mills College Campus Tour - Women's Day
Friday, February 26th, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This tour is free to female LMC students and will include information sessions regarding admission, scholarships, on-campus childcare and more! A walking tour will be guided by Mills College students.

Discover UC Davis
Friday, March 12th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The day will include morning snacks and lunch, information sessions, a panel presentation by UC Davis transfer students, and a walking tour of the campus guided by UC Davis students.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Financial Aid Updates
*New Financial Aid Suspension Policy*
In an effort to support you in maintaining satisfactory academic progress and to ensure the continuation of funding, the Office of Financial Aid has adopted the following procedure for students on financial aid suspension (students who did not meet the required 2.0 GPA and/or complete 67% of their units). Students are now required to:

- Attend a Financial Aid Suspension Workshop
- Submit a Financial Aid Suspension Appeal
- Submit a Mid-Semester Progress Report

Be aware that suspension status will delay your financial aid disbursement. Financial aid funds will not be disbursed prior to the submission of the Mid-Semester Progress Report. Note that this process is not for students on probation or students on suspension due to excess units.

Scholarship News
Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Applications Available

Each spring, the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund awards a number of two-year scholarships of $4,000 per year to students who transfer the following fall or spring from Contra Costa County Community Colleges to junior standing in four-year accredited institutions. To qualify for a scholarship you must:

1. Be of African-American, Latino, Native American or Pacific Islander descent; i.e. a minority group underrepresented at four-year colleges and universities in California.
2. Be enrolled for the fall semester prior to the award or have completed your course work within the past year at Diablo Valley, Contra Costa or Los Medanos College.
3. Be eligible (have sufficient and proper units) to transfer to a four-year institution with junior standing for the next fall term (or at the latest the next spring term) following the award.
4. Provide evidence of financial need.
5. Complete and submit on time the application with required attachments. If selected for interview, you must attend the Saturday morning selection committee interviews in the spring.

The application deadline is February 10, 2010. All materials must be submitted to the Scholarship Office, room CC3-440 by 5:00 p.m.

Student Life Events

Join the LMC Student Government!
The Los Medanos College Associated Students (LMCAS) has positions open for student government senators. Join the student government and help plan fun events, provide valuable services to students and, most importantly, be the "voice" of your student body. Apply now.

Student Club: AMSA
Meets Tuesdays 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. in room SC-206 & Fridays 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in MA-109. The purpose of AMSA (American Medical Student Association), LMC Premed chapter, is to provide premed students at Los Medanos College with opportunities to work within and outside the local community, and to help bring about positive change through hard work and compassion for other human beings. AMSA provides students with a variety of opportunities, including volunteer positions in clinics that help our community, political involvement in healthcare, internships, etc. Field trips to medical schools, as well as information on applying to, and the prerequisites required by, medical schools, are also provided to AMSA members. Our goal is to help you get into medical school and, ultimately, to produce excellent doctors that will make a difference in their communities.

Students interested in becoming officers of the club are required to become national members before they run for office. Click here to become a national member of AMSA.

2010 UC Berkeley Student Leadership Symposium
Saturday, February 6, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at UC Berkeley. The Cal Student Leadership Symposium, sponsored by the LMC Office of Student Life, is an annual student leadership conference at UC Berkeley dedicated to bringing together and inspiring student leaders in our community. Through workshops and networking opportunities, symposium attendees are connected with essential tools to be agents of positive social change and leaders on campuses and in their communities. All LMC students are eligible to attend. The deadline to submit your registration form is Thursday, January 28 at 5:00 p.m, but space is limited so don't delay. For more information, contact the Office of Student Life, room CC3-800A, or call (925) 439-2181 ext. 3266.
The Umoja Scholars Program is currently accepting applications for the following spring cohorts:

- **AYA Cohort**: Math 34, section 7397 and English 220, section 8433
- **SANKOFA Cohort**: Math 25, section 0366; English 90, section 7230; and Counseling 32, section 0592

[Download an application](#) or contact A'kilah Moore at (925) 439-2181, ext. 3243. Interviews will be held over the next two weeks. Space is limited, so act fast!

**Quick Links**

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