Dear Barbara,

Welcome to Spring Semester at Los Medanos College and to what we hope will be a wonderful new year for you. To help you plan for the upcoming semester, please take a few minutes to read about some important dates and exciting opportunities coming up this month.

**Important Dates**

- January 5, Open (in-person) enrollment begins
- Thursday, January 15, Spring Semester classes begin
- Saturday, January 17 & 24 only, Student Services open 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., including Admissions, EOPS, Financial Aid, Information Services & Bookstore
- Monday, January 19, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, campus closed
- Monday, February 2, Last day to enroll, pay fees or drop semester-length classes with a refund

For additional Spring Semester dates, [click here](#).

**Important Fee Notice**

The California Legislature is considering several proposals that could raise enrollment fees for the spring 2009 semester and subsequent terms. If a fee increase is mandated, the college may be required to collect additional fees for spring 2009 at a later date. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in these uncertain budget times.

**Financial Aid & Scholarships**

**Financial Aid Updates**

It is not too late to apply for 2008-2009 Financial Aid. Visit the [FAFSA website](#).

The last day to submit documents for the first spring 2009 Pell Grant payment is Tuesday, January 13th by 2:30 p.m. For answers to your...
Financial Aid questions, call us at (925) 439-2181, ext. 3139.

The Financial Aid Office can process your BOG Fee Waiver and handle general financial aid questions at the front counter. Appointments may be made for Monday, Wednesday or Friday. You may also drop in on Tuesday or Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Need assistance completing the FAFSA application? Attend the 2009-2010 Cash for College workshop on Saturday, January 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Science Building.

Did you know that you can look up your Financial Aid status, award letters, and account information online? Check WebAdvisor for all your student records.

**Time to Apply for Scholarships!**

The Los Medanos College Foundation Scholarship Program Application for the 2009-2010 academic year is available online. The deadline for submission is February 27th.

The Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund will award a number of two-year scholarships of $4,000 per year ($8,000 total) to students who transfer from one of the three Contra Costa Community Colleges to junior standing at four-year accredited institutions in fall 2009 or spring 2010. Deadline is February 9, 2009!

The Malik Stewart Scholarship will award five $200.00 scholarships to vocational nursing students who have completed the first semester of the VN program and are not on clinical or academic probation. Deadline is January 23, 2009.

Visit the Scholarship web page for other scholarship opportunities.

**Student Services Updates**

**Assessment Center**

The Assessment Center is open for drop-in testing throughout January. No appointment is necessary and there is no fee. The Drop-in Assessment Testing Schedule can be viewed online.

**Career Center**

Shopped till you dropped over the holidays?

You may have one more gift coming if you're the lucky winner of the Name That Job! contest sponsored by your Career Center, beginning this month.

Be first to guess the correct occupation of the "mystery resumé" on the b'board across from the Career Center and win a $15.00 gift certificate for the Bookstore. Get what you really wanted. Be sure to watch the board - the resumé will be posted soon!

And get ready for the Career Center's Hired Hall of Fame! Stay tuned to see how you can be included.

Stop in and see what else we have to offer you. There's something for everybody!

**DPS Reminders**
Happy New Year!

Now is the time to schedule a counseling appointment to discuss your current schedule and review your accommodations for the semester. Be sure to see a DSPS counselor twice each semester; we recommend once at the beginning of the semester and again before priority registration.

**Employment Center**

*New Online Job Search Service*

The Employment Center is rolling out a beta version of its new online job search service starting spring semester. Now you will be able to search for jobs and post your resumé twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Employers, whether on or off campus, will be able post positions and review resumés from the comfort of their offices. If you attended fall semester classes you are pre-registered for this free service and will receive an introductory email containing user information and instructions prior to the start of spring semester.

*Coop/Work Experience*

Interested in earning college credit for what you learn on your job? Check out LMC’s co-op/work experience program online and [sign up for a co-op orientation](#). Returning co-op/work experience students do not need to attend an orientation; please contact the Employment Center for registration instructions.

Happy New Year from the Employment Center staff!

**Student Life Reminders**

**LMCAS (Student Government) Now Accepting Applications!!!**

Want to use your voice to make a difference at LMC? [Apply to become an LMCAS Senator](#). Los Medanos College Associated Students (LMCAS) is the official student government of LMC. Its primary purpose is to advance the welfare of all students. Student representatives work to provide programs and services designed to meet the varied needs of students by sponsoring activities and events, and representing the student body on many College and District committees.

**UC Berkeley Student Leadership Symposium, January 31:**

*Limited Space Still Available!!!*

This is an annual leadership conference at UC Berkeley dedicated to bringing together and inspiring student leaders in our community. Through workshops and networking opportunities, Leadership Symposium attendees are connected with essential tools to be agents of positive social change, and with leaders on campuses and in their communities. Participating students will join a group of nearly 500 students from many colleges around the Bay Area for this fun and exciting conference. This event is free. All meals and transportation will be provided.

[Learn more and register here](#).
Bookstore Updates

Happy New Year from the LMC Bookstore!

Spring 2009 Textbooks on Sale

- Pittsburg campus - January 8th
- Brentwood Center - January 12th
- Online at www.lmcbookstore.net - January 8th

Regular Store Hours

- Monday - Thursday, 7:45am - 7:00pm
- Friday, 7:45am - 3:00pm

Extended Store Hours January 15th - 29th

- Monday - Thursday, 7:45am - 8:00pm
- Friday, 7:45am - 4:00pm
- Saturday (1/17 & 1/24 only), 8:30am - 1:00pm

Spring Refunds and Exchanges

The last day for spring 2009 textbook refunds or exchanges is February 2nd. A receipt is required and returned books must be in their original condition.

Textbook Buyback

Sell your used textbooks back to the bookstore on February 3rd, 4th and 5th from 9am to 7pm. Thank you for supporting your LMC Bookstore, where bookstore profits support LMC Associated Students activities and events!

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