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November 2009

Dear Barbara,

Priority registration dates are now available on WebAdvisor! This year, of all years, you'll want to take advantage of your priority registration date. The state budget woes continue to challenge the community college system and LMC is no exception. As a continuing student, you have earned the ability to register before many others. Check [WebAdvisor](#) to find out your scheduled appointment time.

The [Spring 2010 Course Schedule](#) is also available online now, so this is a good time to begin planning your spring classes. See a counselor if you have any questions about what classes you should take.

Don't wait to register for Spring 2010. Plan now and get ready to jump on enrollment!

Important Dates

Registration for Spring 2010 begins this month. For the best selection of courses, we recommend you register early! See dates below.

- November 9 — Veteran's Day Holiday, college closed
- November 20 — Last day to withdraw from Fall 2009 classes; a "W" will appear on transcript
- November 23 — Spring semester priority registration begins for EOPS, DSPS, and qualified veterans
- November 26-29 — Thanksgiving Holiday, college closed
- November 30 — Registration for continuing students begins, by appointment; check [WebAdvisor](#) for your priority registration date.

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Student Services News

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The Assessment Center is now open for Spring 2010 testing with some new policies in place. Because of the state fiscal crisis and related cuts to the Student Services budget, students are now allowed to test only once per academic year. You are encouraged to prepare by reviewing the appropriate [study guides](#) available on the [Assessment](#) web page. Do you need to take the assessment tests? Maybe not! To determine whether assessment is required of you, [click here](#). Assessment is offered on a drop-in basis during [specified hours](#). Testing is also available at [Brentwood Center](#).



Ask the Career Center

Do you know that you can now access many Career Center services online? Our new "Ask the Career Center" service allows you to contact a live Career Development Specialist and receive by e-mail:

- Information regarding career resources, vocational education requirements, and labor market trends
- Explanation of online informal career assessment results
- Assistance to identify what resume format is right for you
- A critique of your resume
- Advice about how to answer specific interview questions
- Referrals to campus and community resources

Please note that not all Career Center services are available online. For formalized career assessments, resume writing, or interview coaching, call (925) 439- 2181, ext. 3252 to make a phone or in-person appointment.

Transfer Center News

California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC) are both accepting transfer admission applications through November 30th. Apply to CSU on [CSU Mentor](#) and to UC on the [UC website](#). The Transfer Center is available to help.

LMC Counselors can answer your questions about transferring. Call the Counseling Office at (925) 439- 2181, ext. 3334 for drop-in hours or to make an appointment.

Scholarship & Transfer Essay Workshop

Are you stressing over that essay required for your scholarship or transfer application? Come to a free workshop, "How to Write Scholarship and Transfer Essays" on Wednesday, November 4th from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in room CO-304 (The CORE: Center for Academic Support).

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Financial Aid Updates

You still have time to apply for the 2009-2010 Board of Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver. The 2009-2010 BOG Fee Waiver covers the cost of enrollment (\$26 per unit). Stop by the Office of Financial Aid, room 431, or complete the BOGFW application [online](#). The Office of Financial Aid will process your BOG Fee Waiver and handle general financial aid questions at the front counter.



Federal financial aid is also available to assist you with the cost of your education expenses. Just fill out the [2009-2010 FAFSA application](#) online. For assistance with the FAFSA process, sign up for a [financial aid workshop](#).

Federal Work Study (FWS) is awarded to students who demonstrate a high need. FWS allows students to work and earn money for other educational expenses, while gaining skills that will enhance their future careers. For more information, visit the Office of Financial Aid, room CC3-431, or call (925) 439-2181, ext. 3139.

SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress) workshops will be held in January. Call the Office of Financial Aid beginning November 16th to sign up for the next available workshop.

Be sure to check [WebAdvisor](#) for your financial aid award status, priority registration date, and all of your student records.

Scholarship News

The Assistance League of Diablo Valley is offering a scholarship of up to \$5,000 for community college graduates transferring to junior-level status at a four-year college or university. Visit the [Scholarships](#) web page for more information. For an application packet, see the [Diablo Valley Assistance League](#) website. Apply by March 1, 2010.

Student Life Events



Blood Drive

The Student Life Office is hosting a blood drive on Thursday, November 12, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. For more information or to schedule your donation appointment, please contact the Student Life Office at 925-439-2181, ext. 3266 or sign up online at www.bloodheroes.com, click on "Donate Blood" and enter Sponsor Code + losMC.

A Message From Your Student Trustee

"Hello, I am Christina Cannon, the student trustee of our district for the 2009-2010 academic year. My job is to advocate for all CCC, DVC, and LMC students. To represent you better, I am interested in your thoughts, concerns, and needs on campus. Please take five minutes to fill out a district-wide [student survey](#). The survey will be available for the entire month of November."

Veteran's Conference

Veterans, don't forget to register for the [Second Annual Veterans Conference](#) on November 13th.

Occupational Education News



Find out how Los Medanos College can help you get started on a new career in Fire Technology or Emergency Medical Services (EMT). Come to an information session to learn about these LMC programs, careers they prepare you for, employment outlook, and more.

- **When:** Wednesday, December 2, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Library Conference Room 1
- **Sign up:** RSVP to Catherine at 925-439- 2181, ext. 3276 by December 1st

Umoja Scholars Program News

Times Are Tough And USP Wants To Help!

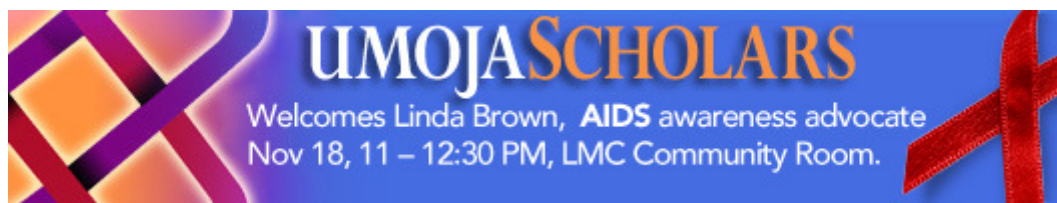
The Umoja Scholars Program is having its 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway. We will begin taking signups on November 4th. LMC students interested in receiving a basket can sign up on the sign-in sheet posted on the door of MA-122 or email tsmith@losmedanos.edu.

Limited Space Available For Spring!

Did you miss your chance to join the Umoja Scholars Program this semester? It's not too late! We have a few spaces available in the following cohorts. You must be eligible for *both* classes.

- Aya: Math 34 & English 220
- Sankofa: Math 25 & English 90

Interviews will be held during the month of November. Space is limited so get your applications in now! For more information and to print out an application, visit [Umoja](#) online or Contact A'kilah Moore at 439-2181, ext. 3243. We look forward to meeting you soon!



AIDS Awareness

The Umoja Scholars Program welcomes Linda Brown, an advocate for AIDS awareness, who will be speaking on November 18th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room. A local community organization will also be here to share information with our community about AIDS. Please join us for this informative, touching and real discussion, and remember to bring a friend.

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