



# ISP News



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## Welcome to the Spring Semester at LPC!

Dear Students,

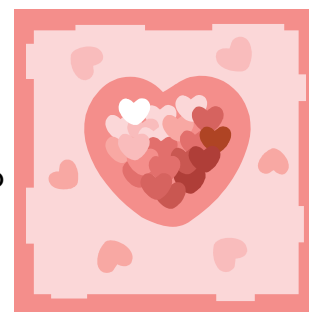
We hope you are enjoying your classes and having a wonderful semester so far. The International Student Program (ISP) welcomed **24 new students** this semester from the following countries: Afghanistan, Brazil, China, Colombia, Hungary, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, South Korea, Taiwan and the United Kingdom. We are honored that you've chosen to study at Las Positas College. The ISP is excited to help you reach your academic goals and have an enjoyable experience while studying here. We hope that you find this newsletter informative and helpful. The ISP always welcomes your feedback, questions, and story ideas.



## Valentine's Day—Saturday, February 14

Valentine's Day is a special day to treat the special someone in your life with roses or chocolates. Many children exchange cards to classmates, and couples go out for a romantic dinner. People wear red on this day. This day originated from a Roman named Valentine. At the time, it was forbidden for men in the Roman army to marry, but the Christian Valentine presided over many weddings anyway. He was sent to jail because of this and was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. He died on February 14, 269 A.D., the same day that had been devoted to love lotteries. Legend also says that St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "from your Valentine".

**Happy Valentine's Day!**



## Full Time Enrollment Requirement

Just a reminder that all students with F-1 (student) non-immigrant visa status are required to be enrolled in, and complete, a minimum of **12 units** every Fall and Spring Semester. You may not withdraw or drop below 12 units without prior permission from the ISP Office. If you have any questions or difficulties, please come into the ISP Office.



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## Health Insurance Coverage

The health and safety of all international students at LPC is our primary concern. To protect you from unforeseen injuries and illnesses, and from the high cost of medical care in the U.S., medical insurance is required for all international students. This coverage must include repatriation and medical evacuation, and must be continuous throughout the semester. If you have not done so already, please submit proof of insurance coverage to the ISP Office as soon as possible. If you have not yet purchased health insurance, and need assistance, we would be happy to recommend several plans to you that provide good coverage at a reasonable cost. As it is a requirement of your enrollment at LPC, failure to take care of this matter right away may jeopardize your status with Las Positas College. If you have any questions regarding your health insurance or this requirement, please contact the ISP Office.



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## Campus Closed

### Holidays

The Campus is closed and there are no classes on Friday, February 15 (Lincoln's Birthday) and Monday, February 18 (Washington's Birthday). There are no classes on Saturday, February 14 as well. Enjoy your long week-end!



## Club Day - Wednesday, February 11, 2009

11:00 am - 2:00 pm in front of the Library (building #2000)  
Want to have fun and meet people with similar interests? Then come to Club Day (also called "Rush Wednesday") and visit the booths of the many student clubs here on campus who will be trying to recruit new members.



### World Cultures Alliance

The World Cultures Alliance (WCA) is a club that represents and promotes the diversity on our campus. Please stop by our booth at Club Day to find out more about the club and our fun cultural and educational activities planned for this semester. The WCA meets every Monday at 3:30 pm in Room #2014 in the back of the Library (Building # 2000)

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## Last Day to Apply for Credit/ No Credit - Friday, February 20

For classes in the Class Schedule listed in the "Codes" column as "OP", you have the choice to take the classes for a letter grade (A,B,C,D, F) or as Credit / No Credit. In Credit/ No Credit classes, a grade of "C" or better counts as "credit" but does not affect your Grade Point Average (GPA). This is a good option if you are not doing as well as you would like in a particular class and don't want to lower your GPA. A maximum of 12 units of "credit" classes may be applied to toward the Associate degree and there may be additional limits on the amount of classes taken as Credit / No credit that are transferrable. Please see Gilberto Victoria, Counselor in Building #700 for more information.

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## New LPC Web Portal & E-mail - The Zone

The Zone is the new way to get personal access to web services and information from Las Positas College. You can use the Zone for class registration, paying tuition, checking grades, and ordering a parking permit much like Class Web, which it will eventually replace. The Zone, however, offers new tools such as your personal college e-mail address, calendar and bookmarks. The Zone is customized for you to quickly find the information you use on a regular basis.



You can check out The Zone at <http://myportal.clpccd.cc.ca.us/cp/home/loginf>. For help with using The Zone, click on the "Help Zone" where you can get answers to frequently asked questions and even see a tutorial video.

Be sure to check your Las Positas College e-mail. Starting this semester, Las Positas College will provide an e-mail account to each student to receive important messages from the College and your instructors. However, the International Student Program will still be using your personal e-mail account to send you important information this semester.

## Scholarships Available

The Annual Las Positas College Scholarship and Awards Program application period has begun.



There are a total of 36 scholarships and awards available through the Annual LPC Scholarship and Awards Program. To apply, applicants must have completed at least 12 units at LPC **PRIOR** to this current Spring term (sorry new students) and be currently enrolled at LPC. Unlike other Financial Aid programs, International students **DO** qualify for all the scholarships with the exception of those that are (financial) need-based. We had several International students who were awarded scholarships last semester! Also, many scholarships do **NOT** require a very high grade point average (GPA); some just require good progress, over a 2.0!

The Application Deadline to the Financial Aid Office in Building #1500 is **Monday, March 16 at 6:00 pm.**

There is no limit to the number of scholarships that you may be awarded so do apply for **ALL** scholarships for which you qualify.

To apply, you will need the following:

- Application Form (Applications can be downloaded from the Financial Aid Webpage at <http://www.laspositascolletge.edu/financialaid/2008lpcscholarships.php>)
- Write a personal statement essay (should not be more than ONE PAGE)
- Letters of Recommendation (not all scholarships require this)
- Current unofficial Las Positas College transcript (we can print this for you in the International Student Program office or you can request this at the Office of Admissions and Records in building #700)

A full list of scholarships and instructions are available on the Financial Aid website at <http://www.laspositascolletge.edu/financialaid/2008lpcscholarships.php>

Good luck!



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F 9:00—1:00



## February Birthdays

Hui Cao - February 1  
Tiago Fernandes - February 1  
Kang Fang (Connie) Wang - February 26  
Sungkyun Kim - February 27



Parabéns Feliz Aniversário (Happy Birthday in Portugese)

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