



Welcome Back!!!

August 4, 2014

Greetings Everyone;

Welcome back to the 2014 fall semester! Hopefully, your summer break was relaxing and you are looking forward to reconnecting with colleagues, staff and our students, whether you are returning back from vacation or if you are faculty, you took off for the summer, or (if like many of us) you worked most of June and July and took a short mini-leave. I can feel the momentum building, and there is a different tempo and a buzz in the air as we finalize preparations for Convocation. This year, convocation will be held on **Thursday, August 14th** at **Las Positas College**.

CONVOCATION

Convocation events will begin with the annual meetings of the two bargaining units, S.E.I.U. (8:00-9:00 a.m.) and the Faculty Association (7:45-9:00 a.m.). A continental breakfast located in the foyer just outside the gym will be available at 7:30 a.m. sponsored by Southland Energy, A *Division of Southland Industries*, with music provided by the LPC English Department's faculty musicians, the Rawk Hawks. I won't review the entire program, but I do want to make you aware of a few of the events on the schedule.

- A special dedication of the LPC Basketball Court to Coach Tony Costello, who passed last year, will kick-off the activities. The Costello family will do the unveiling and long time faculty member Sophie Rheinheimer will deliver remarks.
- As always we will have the recognition of this year's Chancellor Award recipients, the Buffington Award and a new award called the Unity Award.
- We have several concurrent sessions for you to choose from which include the new Planning and Budget Committee (PBC), and a "Getting 2 Know U" workshop focused on classified professional staff with a professional development survey using i-Clickers.
- The Community College League of California (CCLC) will be our special guests and will provide an update on state legislation and the budget. Theresa Tena and her team of legislative analysts will present a comprehensive overview of governmental topics that have an impact on us at the local level.

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The Convocation Program is attached for your review with further descriptions of the workshops.

JUST A FEW UPDATES

Because my time will be limited, I want to also provide you with a few updates from the 2013-14 academic year---which has been busy!

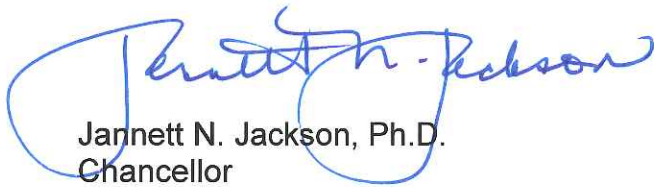
- Our faculty and Vice Presidents (and many of you) have been working hard on the college's accreditation self study. I particularly want to thank Jim Matthews and Elena Cole who are the faculty leads.
- There have been several significant developments on our governing processes to include a new planning and budget model (IPBM-see our website: <http://www.clpccd.org/board/CLPCCDIPBMFINAL.php>), an Organizational Review of the District Office and Maintenance & Operations areas; and the realignment of the One-Stop, a program funded by the Alameda County Workforce Investment Board (ACWIB), will be consolidated under the office of Contract Education and Workforce Development.
- I'd like to commend HR and the faculty, staff and administrators who served on the many hiring committees. We were successful in securing permanent hires for the: LPC's President & Vice President, Administrative Services; Chabot's Vice President, Academic Affairs; and, at both campuses the hiring of three permanent academic deans, 3 internal interim academic deans, 24 faculty-which includes counselors and instructional faculty beginning July 2014, and 38 other classified/management staff.
- We were also successful in being awarded three major career pathways grants: AB86 Adult Education, a district-wide planning grant, AB86 Career Pathways Trust grants for both colleges, securing the fiscal agent grant for the state-wide AB86 consortium of colleges and several grant extensions/new grants for our instructional and vocational programs. These funds not only support on ongoing student success efforts in the career and technical areas but they also improve our local friend-building efforts with K12 partners and regional businesses.
- With the fall implementation of the Student Success & Support Program (SSSP, also called the triple-SP), collaborative efforts between both colleges and the district ITS staff have us well situated to achieve the SSSP goals. The Board of Trustees has also taken a lead role in the district's student success efforts. Beginning with a three-day national workshop on Governance & Student

Success by ACCT; which resulted in a student success Board retreat June 24th with presentations by our Researchers, Presidents and Instructional and Student Services staff. After review and comments by the DBSG, the Board then adopted a revised mission statement that puts student success at the forefront.

Yes, we had a very productive year; and one which required many of us to put in the extra time and effort to build the structures and processes necessary for our future success. I want to thank all of you, for it took a *volume* of effort to accomplish these projects (many of which, I did not have the time to identify).

I look forward to seeing you at Convocation; I think we have a well-rounded program that will be informative and offers significant staff development opportunities for faculty, staff and administrators.

All the best for the coming year,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jannett N. Jackson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D.
Chancellor

P.S. And back by popular demand, like last year, I will host an Ice Cream Social. Please join me from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in Room 1620 (Cafeteria, Building 1600).