Welcome Back!

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SPECIAL HOURS
ADMISSIONS, FINANCIAL AID,
COUNSELING & BUSINESS OFFICE
FEB 3 - FEB 21
MON - THURS........8:30 AM - 7:00 PM
FRI.............................8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
FEB 10, 11 & 12, these offices will open at 7:30 AM
For other office hours, visit WLAC.edu/Services

TO ADD ONLINE CLASSES
If you want to try to add an ONLINE course that is full or closed, email the instructor for permission. Instructor email addresses are listed at www.WLAC.edu/Online/Schedules.asp

IN THE EMAIL REQUEST INCLUDE:
1) Course name and section number in the subject
2) Your full name, email address, STUDENT ID NUMBER, and a phone number in the message.

Your request will only be processed if you use your LACCD email address that is listed for you in the Student Information System.

IF YOU GET PERMISSION FROM THE INSTRUCTOR:
■ Check that Distance Learning Center (DLC) was cc'd on the email from the instructor. If not, forward a copy to Online@WLAC.edu
■ It typically takes the DLC two business days to add the course to a student's schedule after the instructor's email is received. It may take longer during the first two weeks of classes.
■ Expect an email confirmation from the DLC (be sure to check your junk/spam folder). You can also check SIS or your Etudes account

TO ADD TRADITIONAL CLASSES, request an add card from the instructor. If one is given, take it to the ADD/DROP line in Admissions in the Student Services Building (SSB) 2nd Floor.

Last Day To (For Traditional Classes Only):
Add/Audit Classes
via web.....Sun, Feb 9       in-person ..........Fri, Feb 21
Drop classes with a refund/no fee owed ....Fri, Feb 21
Drop classes w/o a “W”...............................Fri, Feb 21
Drop classes with a “W”..............................Fri, May 9
File for Pass/No Pass..................................Fri, Feb 21

College is Closed:
President's Day (Weekend) ............Feb 14 - Feb 17
Cesar Chavez Day .........................Mon, Mar 31
Spring Break ....................................Apr 7 - 13
Memorial Day .....................................Mon, May 26
Non-Instruction Day (No Classes) ............Tue, May 27

8 Week Sessions:
Session 1: Feb 10 - Apr 6       Session 2: Apr 14 - Jun 8
All West students have an LACC.edu email account. This is the email address that the college uses to send you official notices such as your registration date, financial aid awards, class changes, policy updates and other important information.

For your convenience, your LACC.edu email can be forwarded to any other email account you have. Find a video and instructions for how to log on to and forward your student email at www.WLAC.edu/StudentLife.

CONTINUING STUDENTS - NEW REQUIREMENT:
All California Community College continuing students are now required to complete a “Comprehensive Student Educational Plan” with a Counselor and to maintain a 2.0 grade point average or higher to secure high level priority registration for future semesters. Continuing students who have not done this are encouraged to make a Counseling appointment and to enroll in a Personal Development course to ensure their educational planning.

NEW STUDENTS:
You must complete the West ExpressWay in order to keep your priority registration for future semesters. West ExpressWay will guide you through Orientation, Assessment test, an abbreviated Student Education Plan, and an Educational Portfolio.

The West ExpressWay is a new online self-guided resource for students.

TO GET STARTED:
1) If you need to Apply, go to www.WLACXS.edu - Click on “Apply Online”
2) Go online to: Wonline.WLAC.edu/Expressway
3) Sign in using your LACCD Student ID (88#) and Password (Month and Day of Birth, MMDD). Then follow the ExpressWay instructions
   a) Start with #1: “Welcome to the ExpressWay.” After completing Orientation, print out your Orientation receipt
   b) Complete #2 - #5: Financial Aid; Purpose; Planning; Preparation
   c) Make your Assessment appointment in #6: “Practice.” Then complete #7: “Portfolio” and fill out #8: your “Student Education Plan”
4) Bring your Orientation receipt, a picture ID, and ExpressWay planning documents to your Assessment appointment.

Need help? 310-287-7251 or WestExpressWay@WLAC.edu
Like Us @ facebook.com/westexpressway

OPEN HOUSE: SAT, APR 19
Majors, Services, Zumba Party... see page 12

CHECK YOUR STUDENT LACCD EMAIL
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In 1969, man walked on the moon for the first time, the legendary Woodstock concert was held, and the internet was born. Meanwhile, in February of that year on a plot of land in unincorporated Los Angeles bordering Culver City, West Los Angeles College opened its doors to serve the community. It was rainy and not all of the “temporary” bungalows were ready to be occupied. The committed faculty held some classes in the parking lot using a shopping cart as a lectern. Others used flash lights to help guide evening students to and fro. That commitment to students remains today at West, the community college with a reputation for having a small, private school atmosphere where no one feels like a just a number.

West’s 40th anniversary was marked by the opening of the first of several major construction projects funded through voter-approved bonds. Since then, the campus that began on just 22-acres of a 72-acre plot, has been transformed by welcoming gathering spaces; new buildings with modern labs, and multi-media and WiFi equipped classrooms; and a second entrance at Jefferson. But we’re not done. Further enhancements to the campus with panoramic views of the Westside are in store.

Our greatest achievement, of course, is our alumni. Former West students occupy every industry from executive positions to the front lines. Oilers (our former mascot) and Wildcats contribute to their communities through work in government, education, services and more. We’ve even made our mark in professional athletics.

If you are a West alumni (or know one), share your success story with us by emailing longcofm@wlac.edu. In the subject line, include “ALUMNI STORY”
JOHNNY CABALLERO
Grip
Training gained at West and his work-ethic made Johnny a stand-out on the crew of a television pilot being shot in LA. That pilot became the hit, “The Voice” and Johnny was invited to stay with the show.

HEATHER LINDQUIST
Paralegal
Heather not only is a successful paralegal for a Beverly Hills law firm, she is also a law school student. Heather believes her experience as a paralegal will make her a better lawyer.

KIM COFFEE
Health Education Asst.
Kim provides health education to incarcerated youth as part of programs designed to help them live more successfully when they return to society. She is now completing her Masters in Mental Health Counseling.

MY HUYNH
Dental Hygienist
My comes from a family of medical professionals. In a tough job market, she wanted training for something that was in-demand and would give her choices in the future. Today she is a working, licensed dental hygienist.

see more West milestones and alumni stories at WLAC.edu/About/HistoryOfWest
Have your financial aid funds available at the start of the 2014 - 2015 school year.
Submit the FAFSA by March 2, 2014 - Priority Deadline for Cal Grants

Millions of dollars go unused because students like you do not apply for financial aid to assist with tuition, books and living expenses. Financial aid includes Fee Waivers, Grants and Scholarships - these never have to be repaid - as well as low interest loans. The Financial Aid Office can help you maximize the aid you receive. Also, be sure to apply for WLAC scholarships (see page 11). WLAC’S Federal Code is 008596.

For low income students, EOP&S, CARE, CalWORKs and TRiO are additional sources of financial assistance.

WLAC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AT www.WLAC.CommunityForce.com

Class Syllabus
To view class syllabi go to www.WLAC.edu/Academics/Syllabi.

Tutoring
Students may obtain tutoring in a variety of subjects on the first floor of the Library building (HLRC). Day, evening and online assistance is available.

Financial Assistance
See above

Library Services
West’s Library provides access to reserve text books, research materials and computers. Instruction on how to use the library, conduct research, search the internet and create bibliographies is available.

Child Care
The campus Child Development Center offers student-parents quality, licensed care in a modern childcare facility and early childhood education for their youngsters during day and evening classes.

Student Health Center
The Student Health Center provides free or low-cost check-ups, gynecological services (e.g. pap smears), family planning and birth control, blood pressure and diabetic monitoring, immunizations and more. Mental health services are also offered including counseling for anxiety, depression, eating disorders and stress; and assistance with substance abuse and domestic/relationship violence.

Other Programs & Services Include:
Disabled Student Services & Programs, Graduation Office, International Student Services, LEARN, Puente and Veterans Office.
Every spring, West students have an opportunity to put their academic work on display. Participants develop research skills and enjoy the spotlight for academic achievement in a festive atmosphere.

To be eligible to win a prize, the participant must be a paid ASO member by May 10, 2014. ASO membership is $7.00 and may be purchased at the Business Office (SSB 2nd Floor). ASO membership entitles you to ASO services such as free Scantrons, pens, folders, discounted printing and faxing on campus, and use of the ASO study lounge, among other benefits.

BACKGROUND: After reading about research done at Stanford on increasing student engagement and success through project-based learning, West’s Professor Holly Bailey-Hofmann introduced a new final project to her English 21 courses. Along with writing a traditional research paper, students presented educational posters to the college community. The fact that it was a competition with cash prizes, engendered even more student engagement. The inaugural event received such positive feedback that it has been repeated every spring since. It has grown to hundreds of students from all academic disciplines.
**CAREER, FINANCE & HEALTH**

**Lunch & LEARN Workshops**
The LEARN conversation continues this Spring with the Lunch & LEARN Workshop Series covering topics on education, career and life-skills. All students are welcome. Workshops will be held **twice per month on Wednesdays at 12:45pm** and will be held in Building CE, Room 219.

Join us and bring your lunch. For more information visit LEARN at www.WLAC.edu/Learn, or Building B-5, Room 102.

- Preparing for Success in the Music Industry
- Legal Rights & Expungement Issues
- **Banking & Finance: Building Good Credit**
- Coping with College & Career Stress
- Men’s Health Workshop
- Men Building Healthy Relationships
- One Degree, Exploring Different Career Paths
- **Organize Your Life To Reduce Your Stress**
- **Resume & Job Readiness Skills - 1:1 Sessions**

**In collaboration with CalWORKS**

**TRiO SSS Workshops**
All students welcome. Learn more about TRiO SSS at www.WLAC.edu/Services, or Building B-5, Room 100.

- **Financial Literacy**
  May 8 | 4:00 pm | Building A9, Room 912

- **Career vs Major**
  May 20 | 4:00 pm | Building A9, Room 912

**Which Major?**
The Explore Academic Majors workshops are back this Spring. Dates and majors to be discussed will be published in WestWeek at www.WLAC.edu/Events or visit the Student Success & Support Program office in SSB 420.

**SUCCESS**

**TRiO SSS Workshops**
All students welcome. Learn more about TRiO SSS at www.WLAC.edu/Services, or Building B-5, Room 100.

**Applying for Scholarships**
Feb 26 | 1:30 pm | Building A9, Room 912

**Graduation Requirements**
Mar 25 | 1:30 pm | Building A9, Room 912

**Academic Hurdler Probation**
Monday evenings & Friday mornings
Contact Student Success & Support Program for more information.

**FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS**

**Financial Aid / Educational Planning**
All Financial Aid workshops are in SSB 414

**Financial Aid & Educational Planning**
- 10:00 am | Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 1, May 5
- 12:30 pm | Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 18, May 29
- 2:00 pm | Feb 19, Mar 19, May 21
- 3:00 pm | Apr 2
- 5:00 pm | Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 15, May 13

**Financial Literacy & Direct Loans**
- 9:30 am | Feb 13, Mar 25
- 10:00 am | Apr 28
- 10:30 am | Apr 15, May 1, May 7
- 11:00 am | Feb 28
- 12:00 pm | Mar 3
- 12:30 pm | Apr 24
- 3:00 pm | Mar 20
- 4:00 pm | Feb 25
- 5:00 pm | Feb 19, Mar 12, Apr 2, May 12
UNIVERSITY TRANSFER

Transfer Center Workshops
The Transfer Center is on the 3rd floor of the Student Services Building (SSB).

Been Accepted to a Cal State – Now What?
- Mar 13 10:00 am
- Apr 14 4:00 pm
- May 15 1:00 pm

Been Accepted to a UC – Now What?
- Apr 21 10:00 am
- May 6 11:00 am

University Transfer – General Overview
- Feb 19 12:30 pm
- Mar 10 10:00 am
- April 15 4:30 pm
- May 8 9:00 am

Prepare to Transfer to a Cal State or UC
- Feb 24 9:30 am
- Mar 6 11:30 am
- Apr 17 4:30 pm
- May 6 1:00 pm

Tune Up Your Transcript for Transfer
- Feb 18 4:00 pm
- Mar 27 9:00 am
- Apr 29 1:00 pm
- May 13 10:00 am

How to Use Assist.org
ASSIST is an online student-transfer information system that shows how course credits earned at one public California college or university can be applied when transferred to another.
- Feb 27 1:00 pm
- Mar 24 10:00 am
- Apr 28 4:00 pm
- May 21 11:30 am

TRiO SSS University Tours
All students welcome. Transportation available. Sign up in the TRiO SSS office in Building B-5, Room 100. Learn more about TRiO SSS at www.WLAC.edu/Services.
- Field Trip to UC Riverside
  Fri, Mar 7 | 7:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Field Trip to CSULA
  Fri, April 25 | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Through Covered California, you can easily shop and compare different prices for insurance and ultimately pick the insurance that best meets your situation.

**COVERED BENEFITS:** This program is part of the federal Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare). All plans cover “essential health benefits” which include, but are not limited to: Preventive and wellness services; Prescription drugs including birth control; Maternity and newborn care; Emergency services; Laboratory services; and Mental health and substance abuse services.

Rates are not higher for people with pre-existing conditions and **PREVENTIVE CARE VISITS ARE FREE.** Individuals who earn $45,960 or less and a family of four earning $94,200 or less may be eligible for help paying premiums.

**PENALTIES:** In 2014, individuals who do not have minimum health coverage by March 15, on their own or through their employers, will face a penalty of $95 or 1 percent of income, whichever is greater. A family will be charged a penalty of $95 per uncovered adult and $47.50 per uncovered child (up to $285 for a family) or 1 percent of the family’s income, whichever is greater. For 2015, the penalty increases to $325 per adult and $162.50 per child (up to $975 for a family) or 2 percent of family income, whichever is greater.

**MORE INFO & TO ENROLL:** ASO, in conjunction with a grant program based at USC, will be providing information on Covered CA throughout February at information tables and at group presentations. Check WestWeek for more information at www.WLAC.edu/Events.

**ENROLLMENT COUSSELORS** will be available to help you sign-up in the week of February 24 and on Saturday, February 22.

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**CAMPUS SAFETY**

In an emergency or urgent situation, you will typically be asked to:

**EVACUATE & ASSEMBLE:** Go to one of the Assembly Areas on campus. Do not attempt to leave campus. **Typically used in the event of fire, odor, utility failure.**

**EVACUATE CAMPUS:** Immediately leave the college by car or by foot. Do not wait for a bus or to be picked up. **Typically used in the event of major fire, campus-wide utility failure, after lock down.**

**CHECK ALERTS:** Check your smart phone and/or WLAC.edu for information. **Typically used to communicate additional information after an evacuation or lock down.**

**LOCK DOWN:** If possible, get to a room that can be locked and barricaded. Turn off lights, stay away from windows, REMAIN QUIET and listen for instructions from law enforcement. If safe to do so, check your smart phone and/or WLAC.edu which may have additional instructions. Do not attempt to leave campus. **Typically used in the event of active shooter or other criminal activity.**

**SIGN UP FOR TEXT ALERTS** at www.WLAC.edu/Alert

WLAC SHERIFF | Located in Lot #5 (310) 287-4314  | (310) 287-4315
BOOKS
ORDER ONLINE - Yes! You can buy or rent your books online and have them delivered to your home or pick them up at the bookstore.

COMPARE PRICES - West strives to give you the best value. Compare our prices. Even purchase from other books vendors if you find a better deal at WLAC.VerbaCompare.com

RENT YOUR BOOKS - a great way to save $$$.
Typical examples:
Biology 3A - $120 savings!
$199 new VS. $79 rental

Math 115 - $84 savings!
$139 new VS. $55 rental

Sociology 1 - $43 savings!
$71 new VS. $28 rental

GEAR & GOODIES
Shirts, Sweats, Caps, Jackets, Snacks, Supplies, Headphones, Decals, Cups and more.

GRADUATION
Your go to for gowns, sashes, rings, announcements, diploma frames...

HOURS & DEADLINES
Sat, Feb 22 .......... Last Day for Spring Refunds
June 3 - 10 .......... Spring Buy Back

RUSH HOURS (FEB 10 - FEB 22):
Mon - Thur 7:30 am - 7:00 pm
Fri & Sat 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

REGULAR HOURS:
Mon - Thur 9:30 am - 7:00 pm
Fri 8:00 am - 2:30 pm
Closed Saturday

PAWs 4 SNACKS‘N STUFF: (ATM location)
Mon - Thur 7:30 am - 9:30 pm
Fri 7:30 am - 1:00 pm
Sat TBA

2013 prices rounded off

www.WLAC.edu/BOOKSTORE
Student Services Building
Enjoy the day and get informed at West’s Open House on Saturday, April 19 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Get a fun, free workout then head for an information session on a major you’re considering. Find out more about EOP&S, the Transfer Honors Program or the Learning Center.

Know a high school student considering West? There’s a special session for incoming freshman and their parents.

Munch on popcorn while listening to West’s outstanding jazz band. There’s even something for the kids. Summer camp information and bouncers near the Zumba party.
WLAC SCHOLARSHIPS
$150 - $1,000
Online Application Due: **MARCH 15, 2014**

Each year, the WLAC Foundation awards dozens of scholarships to students who stand out in one or a combination of the following: potential for success; academic performance; leadership; active on campus and/or in the community; overcoming a life hurdle; financial need; major or intended profession. Typically, awards range from $150 to $1,000.

**TO QUALIFY:**
A student must be enrolled in at least 3 units for the Spring semester at West. The student must have completed at least one semester at West and have a minimum 2.0 GPA. Some require a higher GPA of 3.0 or greater. A student may not have more than 70 degree applicable units completed, except where noted. Some scholarships also require candidates to be paid ASO members ($7 at Business Office).

Whether you are a traditional age student or an older student, a chemistry or music major, if your journey has been smooth or quite bumpy, there may be a scholarship for which your are eligible. Find out and APPLY ONLINE at [http://WLAC.CommunityForce.com](http://WLAC.CommunityForce.com)

*Note: There will be no Scholarship Book this year. The information and application are now online.*

MAKE IT HAPPEN!
Get Active in ASO
and don’t forget to pay your $7.00 ASO fee that supports student activities and government

RUN FOR OFFICE
APPLICATIONS DUE BY MARCH 31
Application available in ASO Office
Make a difference and enhance your university applications and/or resume.

UPCOMING PERKS & EVENTS
Check-In and get Perks
see back cover
Club Rush
Health Fair
Art Walk
Elections: ASO Officer & Board of Trustees
Student Representative
ASO Study Hall

located in
BUILDING A-9
Smoking Now Restricted to Designated Areas

Smokers at West are no longer permitted to light up in non-designated smoking areas. This is now policy at all 9 LACCD colleges. Violators may be cited by the college Sheriff.

Previously, the rule was that smokers had to be 20 feet or more away from any public building, entrance, movable window, walkway or exit.

Many colleges have implemented smoking zones to balance the concerns of non-smoking students and employees with those who smoke. Several local colleges have banned smoking on campus completely including UCLA, Pasadena City College and Santa Monica College.
DIRECTORY

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS ......................... CE 1ST FLR
ALLIED HEALTH ............................. MSB 101
AVIATION TECH COMPLEX ............ AT-A, AT-B, AT-C
ASO (ASSOCIATED STUDENT ORG) .... A-9
ASSESSMENT CENTER .................... SSB 420
ATHLETICS ................................ PE-CN
BOOKSTORE ............................. SSB 1ST FLR
BUSINESS DIVISION .................... CE
CALWORKS ................................ B-4
CAMPUS COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
BRANDMAN UNIVERSITY ................. B-1
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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER ... B-5
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EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH .... B-4
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES .... B-4
TRIO I SSS ............................... B-5
UPWARD BOUND ........................... B-5
UPWARD BOUND - STEM .......... B-1
YOUNG BLACK SCHOLARS ............... B-1
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER ........ CDC
CINEMA/TELEVISION PRODUCTION & HUHOLLYWOOD CPR ................. ATA & ATB
COUNSELING ............................ SSB 350
DENTAL HYGIENE ........................ MSB 101
DISABLED STUDENT SERVICES .... SSB 320
DISTANCE (ONLINE)
LEARNING ....................... HLRC 4TH FLOOR
EOP&S ................................... SSB 330
FINANCIAL AID .......................... SSB 210
FINE ARTS COMPLEX .................. FA
FOOD COURT ............................. SSB 1ST FLR
HEALTH CENTER ....................... A-9
HIGH SCHOOL OUTREACH
(JUMPSTART) .......................... SSB 410
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ........ SSB 415
JOB PLACEMENT .......................... B-4
LANGUAGE ARTS DIVISION ............ GC 280
LIBRARY .................................... HLRC
MATHEMATICS DIVISION ............. MSB 214
NATURAL SCIENCE ..................... MSB 211
PHYSICAL EDUCATION DIVISION .... PEC
MEN'S PE ................................ PE-CN
WOMEN'S PE ............................. PE-CN
PHYSICAL SCIENCE ................... MSB 211
RESTROOMS .................. B-2, CE, FA, GC, HLRC,
GSA, PE-CN, PEC, PEC, SSB
SCIENCE DIVISION .................... MSB 211
SHERIFF'S OFFICE (POLICE) ........ C-3 (IN LOT 5)
SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION ....... GC 280
STUDENT SERVICES ............... SSB 440
TRANSFER CENTER ................. SSB 340
TUTORING CENTER ............... HLRC
VETERANS CENTER ................. SSB 220
WESTSIDE EXTENSION ........... A-18 (IN LOT 5)
BECOMING ARMY STRONG WILL OPEN DOORS, INCLUDING THOSE ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES.

There's strong. Then there's Army Strong. As a Soldier, education continues long after basic training. It means becoming skilled in one of more than 150 career fields. And taking advantage of the U.S. Army's college scholarships. Learn more from your local recruiter, goarmy.com or 1-800-USA-ARMY.

The Army Reserve can provide leadership skills and valuable job experience while college students pursue an education. For more information on how the Army Reserve can help pay for college, call the Culver City Army Career Center at (310)313-2675.