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New Student Services Building Opens!



On November 13, Valley College held a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the official opening of the \$13.6 million Student Services Center and Anex. A crowd of 250 Valley College students, faculty, architects, local residents, and Los Angeles Community College District Officials were in attendance.

The 37,000 square foot complex will be the one-stop place for students to take care off college needs including Admissions & Records, Financial Aid, Placement and Assessment Centers, and the Associated Student Union.

LACCD Chancellor Daniel LaVista said that bringing all these services together under one roof will promote student access and retention. Trustee Georgia Mercer called the building a time and energy saver.

The building was designed by Steinberg Architects and built by JD Diffenbaugh. It received the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design Certificate from the U.S. Green Building Council. Its green features include a "cool roof" to reduce heat as well as an efficient water usage system.



The 101 Football Classic: Valley College vs. Pierce College Rivalry Game Falls on Homecoming and Showcased on Television!



Photo by Scott Mitchell, Valley Star



The last league scheduled football game was on November 13. It fell on Homecoming Day and pitted the Monarchs against their arch rivals the Pierce College Brahmas. Knowing that this game will be loaded with excitement and drama, what else is missing? Well, television of course! Valley College partnered with Time Warner Cable to broadcast the game as the 101 Classic. Catchy title since the two colleges were connected by the 101 Freeway and the channel the game was

televised on was 101.

With the telecast, Valley College used the opportunity to talk about its Athletic Endowment, Hall of Fame, and Foundation. In fact, a few prominent alumni that included Sean Astin, Dennis Zine, Ed Begley, Jr., and Mark Dacascos participated by doing commercial spots for the endowment.

For the second year straight, the Associated Student Union presented a

check at half time to Athletic Endowment Chair Phil Mundy for \$500. The endowment campaign is now in its second year and has raised over \$35,000.

This special day had its usual tail-gate barbecues and great music. The game started with Pierce taking a commanding first half lead, but the Monarchs rallied back in the second half. They fell short of victory with a score of 23 to 24!

Jackie Harless-Chang Memorial Endowment Established

In October, Mr. Chi-Lung Chang officially established the Jackie Harless-Chang Endowment in memory of his late wife Jackie.

Jackie Harless-Chang was member of the Los Angeles Valley College faculty for over ten years and was a part of the CAOT (Computer Applications and Office Technology) Department. Jackie passed away in April 17, 2010 after a courageous battle with cancer.

After her passing, donations in Jackie's memory began arriving at the LAVC Foundation. Along with his own generous gift, Mr. Chang established an endowed scholarship to benefit students studying CAOT at Valley College.

Friends of Jackie who still wish to make a donation to the Jackie Harless-Chang Memorial Endowment, may call (818) 947-2618 or go online to make your gift at www.lavcfoundation.org



The President's Circle Now in its Second Year!

Recognition Deadline Approaching



The recognition deadline for the President's Circle is fast approaching on January 30, 2011, and it's

not too late to make your gift to be part of this affinity group.

The President's Circle was founded to recognize those special alumni, parents, friends, and organizations who donate \$1,000 in annual un-

restricted support to the LAVC Foundation.

Members of this special group are recognized and receive benefits, but more importantly, they provide much needed support for Los Angeles Valley College and its students.

So far in the 2010 Campaign, 26 members have joined the President's Circle with over \$42,000 pledged. The goal is to have 30 total members by

December 30th with \$60,000 in pledges and funds raised.

Members of the President's Circle will be invited to a Spring Luncheon hosted by LAVC President Sue Carleo, receive a President's Circle Pin, and will be recognized in a number of collateral materials including the Annual Donor Wall. If you would like to join the President's Circle, please call (818) 947-2618.

Nordmann Endowment Expands

Retired Chemistry Prof will also award Biology Assistantships



In September, retired Valley College Chemistry Department Chair Joseph Nordmann informed the Valley College

Foundation that the Nordmann Endowment (managed by the LAVC Foundation) will be awarding student assistantships annually for the Biology department.

Faculty may have students assist them in classrooms, office, or labs and the Nordmann endowment will provide an award to the student for doing so.

In 2005, Nordmann established a \$20,000 endowment that initially provided funding for Chemistry Department Assistantships. Nordmann has been making annual gifts to the endowment, which now totals over \$125,000.

Professor Nordmann retired from Valley College in 1978 and resides in northern California. He enjoys painting, which is one of his great passions. Nordmann has never forgotten about Valley College and occasionally visits the campus.

Alumni Update & Other News



Stephanie Stassel-Bluestein

After studying journalism at LAVC in 1984 and 1985, Stassel-Bluestein earned a B.A. in journalism from California State University, Northridge, in 1988. She worked as a reporter for the Los Angeles Daily News before going to the Los Angeles Times, where she covered news and feature stories in the San Fernando Valley for 14 years. She began teaching journalism at Pierce College in 2004 and now also teaches at Moorpark College and CSUN. In 2007, she earned a B.A. in mass communication from CSUN, where she is currently working on an Ed.D. in educational leadership. Stassel-Bluestein, whose dissertation will explore the impact of student-faculty interaction on academic dishonesty, expects to complete her doctorate in mid-2012.



Monique Villanueva

Alumna Monique Villanueva is completing her last semester at Pitzer College majoring in Organizational Studies with a focus in Education.

Villanueva will likely accept enrollment at Claremont College's Teacher Preparatory Program in Mathematics while completing her Master's in Education. Moreover, Pitzer College nominated Villanueva for a Fulbright Scholarship after she submitted a research proposal

SCHOLARSHIPS

The LAVC Foundation has awarded nearly \$147,000 so far this year in student scholarships and awards. Foundation Executive Director Raul Castillo projects that it will award well-over \$152,000 by the end of the fiscal year, which will be June 30.

Students will be eligible to apply for Foundation Scholarships beginning January 21, 2011. With a deadline of March 18, applications will then be submitted to committees for selection. Recipients receive their award in late August just before the fall semester.

The Foundation has awarded over \$850,000 to LAVC students in the last eight years. It is very easy to establish a named scholarship! Please call (818) 947-2618 for more information.

You Also Can Donate Online -

Friends of the Los Angeles Valley College Foundation just found an even easier way to give - online! It's so simple. Type in our website at www.lavcfoundation.org,

Consider Naming a Bench at LAVC

With your donation, you will support the LAVC Foundation Endowment

Honor a family, friend, loved one, or event with a bench donation. A number of new benches have been installed throughout Valley College. Designate a bench with a beautiful 2 in x 6 in plaque to recognize your generous donation.

Donations from the bench naming program will benefit the Los Angeles Valley College Foundation Endowment.

Since 1974, the Foundation has provided support for students through scholarships as well as a number of campus programs and projects.

Donors may select their benches on a first come first serve basis. Download and print your order form today by going to www.lavcfoundation.org. For more information, please call (818) 947-2618.

