State Budget Update (handout)

State Budget

Recently, the governor unveiled his budget for next year. Unfortunately, the early news is not good for community colleges or categorically funded and student support programs. The governor is proposing an additional $10 million reduction to the EOPS program and part-time faculty to help fund career technical education, CTE. The impact of this reduction is conservatively projected at being close to 20% when you consider the negative cola. Programs were already cut by 40% this year, but any additional cut will further limit the ways we can serve students. This new reduction poses a serious threat to the ability of our program to function the way the program’s founders envisioned. We may be calling on you this spring to rally in support of preserving these programs and sparing them from any future cuts. At the college, we are planning a series of workshops that will explain the ways in which you can help. At the state level there is a series of lobbying/advocacy opportunities coming up in March.

The Student Services Workshop calendar can be found at the following link: http://www.lahc.edu/studentservices/index.html. The calendar is updated regularly each semester (fall and spring) with the latest offerings of workshop opportunities available at the campus and also includes important events.

District and College Update (handout)

Los Angeles Community College District Wide Black History Month Celebration.
Please join the district wide Black Faculty and Staff Association and in celebrating Black History Month. This year the event is at West Los Angeles College, Friday, February 26th. Seating for the event is limited so we will need to rsvp. Each college associated student body organization can take up to 25 representatives.

Scholarship Opportunities (handout)

Los Angeles Harbor College Application now available for download from the Financial Aid webpage http://www.lahc.edu/studentservices/finaid/scholapp.pdf
Eligible students must have completed at least 30 units at LAHC with a GPA of 3.0 or better. The scholarship forms are also available in the Financial Aid Office- SSA 114, the Information Counter in the SSA Building, Seahawk Center Lounge, and Nursing Building. Completed forms must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office by March 12, 2010. This one form enables students to be considered for numerous scholarships, most of which are maintained by our Foundation. Dozens of scholarships are awarded at our Scholarship reception in May.

The Leon Owens Foundation Scholarship Application is available in the college Transfer/Career Center SSA 105 from the Director, Ms. Leige Doffoney or online at www.leonowensfoundation.org. To be considered for scholarships, students must be enrolled for a minimum of 6 units the fall semester of the upcoming academic year and a minimum college grade point average of 2.5. Student will need to write a short essay and obtain two letters of recommendation. Scholarship awards will be a $500 minimum. The application deadline is post mark by February 25, 2010.