



Los Angeles Valley College
LAVC Academic Senate, Office of Professional
Development, & LAVC AFT College Faculty Guild
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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome Back!

Opening Day is Thursday, August 25 from 8:00 am to 3:15 pm.

We have a stimulating day planned for our annual 'back to school' kickoff. Our theme focuses on the key to our mission: "All About Student Success." Throughout the day, we will be searching for answers to questions such as, "What are the obstacles our students face?" and "What can we do to help them succeed?" Our general session features college updates and guest presenters from the national initiative Achieving the Dream.

Our afternoon workshops include sessions about the issues faced by our student veterans, handling discipline and grievances, our wide array of student services, an informal discussion and chance to ask questions about our student success efforts, a session that will allow us to "walk in our students' shoes" to understand barriers to success, effective classroom communication, and training to use the LAVC portal.

We're continuing our traditional pool party at 3:15 pm. You're invited to swim or just hang out. Snow cones will be provided by our colleagues in Physical Education.

Opening Day is a great way to begin the academic year...breakfast in Monarch Square, an informative general session, great workshops, food, conversation, and prizes.

You won't want to miss this day! (And you shouldn't if you're a full-time faculty member since attendance is mandatory. If you're an adjunct instructor or non-classroom faculty member, you are invited and encouraged to attend.) Besides being a wonderful way to connect with your colleagues, attendance all day earns you 6.7 hours toward your annual professional development obligation. ***IMPORTANT! Adjunct faculty who plan to attend should RSVP by August 19th to (818) 947- 2712 or profdev@lavc.edu***

See you at **8:00 a.m. sharp** on **Thursday, August 25th** in Monarch Square! [Don't miss the photo – we're taking it at 8:30 am.]

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Josh Miller
President
LAVC Academic Senate

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Larry Nakamura
Chapter President
LAVC College Faculty Guild

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Deborah Kaye
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