



FEBRUARY 6-12, 2023

Welcome to the Spring Semester

Day and evening classes for the Spring 2023 semester begin on Monday, February 6, and Saturday classes begin on Saturday, February 11. If you want to add a class, you can add online using [mycollege.laccd.edu Student Portal](https://mycollege.laccd.edu) until the second day of class. After the second class meeting, you will need to get a permission number from the instructor to be able to add the class. If you need registration assistance, contact our [LAVC Welcome Center](#).

Got Questions? Let the LAVC Welcome Center Help

**Monday-Thursday, February 6-9 from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. &
Friday, February 10 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Welcome Center – Student Services Center, 1st Floor ([view map](#)), Virtual, Phone or Email

Got questions or need help? The [LAVC Welcome Center](#) is your first stop to help you find what you're looking for at Valley College! They can help answer general questions and provide registration assistance.

- **In-person assistance** - Welcome Center, 1st Floor of the Student Services Center (SSC) ([view map](#))
 - **Chat live** - [Welcome Center Virtual Lobby \(craniumcafe.com\)](https://welcomecenter.laccd.edu)
 - **Phone** - [\(818\) 938-8418](tel:8189388418) (press 1 for Welcome Center)
 - **Email** - LAVCStudentSupport@laccd.edu
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Canvas Student Help at the Valley College Online

Mondays-Fridays from 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Library & Academic Resource Center, 2nd Floor ([view map](#)), Virtual, Phone or Email

Got questions or need help with your online class? [Valley College Online](#) (formerly known as Virtual Valley) is the place to help you with resources and assistance on Canvas! There you will also find the [Valley College Online Help Desk](#), which can help answer Canvas questions and provide technical assistance for your online classes.

- ***In-person assistance*** - Valley College Online Help Desk, 2nd Floor of the Library and Academic Resource Center (LARC) ([view map](#))
- ***Phone*** - (818) 778-5834
- ***Email*** - LAVC-VVHD@laccd.edu

Student Town Hall with President Gribbons

Monday, February 4 at 12 p.m.

Online ([YouTube Live](#))

You're invited to a [Student Town Hall with LAVC President Dr. Barry Gribbons](#) on YouTube Live. Dr. Gribbons will welcome you, share campus updates and scholarship opportunities, and answering your questions on the live chat. Be sure to log into your YouTube account to post a question.

LAVC Welcome Week

Kick off the start of the Spring Semester by joining us for Club Day, Movie Night and much more! Check out these activities:

ASU Meet & Greet

Tuesday, February 7 from 1-2 p.m.

Study Lair - 2nd floor of Student Union ([view map](#))

Meet your Student Government Representatives at the [ASU Meet & Greet](#). Join us for games and info on how to join clubs and become a student government officer. Snacks will be provided.

Welcome Week: Spring 2023 Kick-Off

Wednesday, February 8 from 1-3 p.m.

North Mall - between Library and Student Union ([view map](#))

Join us for [Welcome Week's Spring 2023 Kick-Off!](#) Meet clubs and learn about campus resources, also enjoy a soccer pick-up game. Food will be provided at a first come first served basis.

Mental Health Services Info Session

Thursday, February 9 from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Study Lair - 2nd floor of Student Union ([view map](#))

Join us for an [Mental Health Services Info Session](#). Just drop in, in-person or [via zoom](#).

Welcome Week: Movie Night

Thursday, February 9 from 5-7 p.m.

Study Lair - 2nd floor of Student Union ([view map](#))

Join us for popcorn and a movie in the Study Lair at our [Welcome Week: Movie Night](#).

For more info about Welcome Week or other upcoming student events, please add [Student Life Activities](#) to your Canvas shell.

LAVC Black History Month 2023

Join us as we commemorate, educate and celebrate 2023 Black History Month with this week's activities:

Umoja Village Expansion Opening and Orientation

Wednesday, February 8 at 1 p.m.

CC 102 ([view map](#))

Celebrate the opening of the [Umoja Village Expansion Opening and Orientation](#) for Umoja students and LAVC community.

Mental Health Workshop: The Healing Power of a Curious Conscience

Thursday, February 9 at 2 p.m.

CC 102 ([view map](#))

Join us for [The Healing Power of a Curious Conscience: A Mental Health Conversation For Marginalized Folx In A White-Cis-Het-Christian-Abled-Patriarchal Society](#) featuring Thea Monyee, in collaboration with LAVC's Student Health Education.

Village Nation and LAUSD African American Parent Empowerment Summit

Saturday, February 11 from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Van Nuys High School

[Village Nation and LAUSD African American Parent Empowerment Summit](#) is hosting an event for current African American parents with students enrolled in LAUSD schools.

Check our [schedule of Black History Month activities](#) for additional events this month. For more information about Black History Month or the Umoja Black Scholars Program, contact Dr. Elliott Coney at coney@lavc.edu.

Basketball vs Citrus College

Wednesday, February 8 at 5 & 7:30 p.m.

LAVC South Gym

Men's and Women's Basketball host Citrus in the South Gym on February 8 – Women tip-off at 5:00 p.m., the Men tip-off at 7:30 p.m. For more information please visit the [LAVC Athletics](#) website.

Indoor Masking is Highly Recommended & Stay Home If Sick

There is no indoor masking requirement for employees, students or visitors, but indoor masking is still highly recommended in following with the prevailing LACDPH health orders. Free surgical masks are available at the entrance of every campus building and [COVID tests are available on campus](#). *If you feel sick, please stay at home and notify your instructor.*

FREE COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Tests Available

Mondays-Thursdays from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. & Fridays from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

LAVC Staff Services – Administration & Career Advancement (ACA) 1701 ([view map](#))

Students and employees can pick up to two FREE Covid-19 at-home rapid antigen testing kits (per person, each week); Theatre & Music students can pick up 3 kits per student, per week. Please show your student ID or employee ID when picking up your kits. For more information, check the [LAVC Covid-19 Antigen Home Testing Kit Distribution](#).

Check Out the Computer Commons Lab (above the Library)

The Computer Commons has 97 Windows computers, two iMACs, a B&W and color printer/copier, a high-resolution scanner, two study rooms, and dedicated staff to assist you. The lab is open Monday-Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7:45 p.m., and Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in LARC 234 (second floor of the Library & Academic Resource Center). Visit [LAVC Computer Commons](#) online or on the [Cranium Café](#).

Need Help Choosing Classes, Paying for Books & More?

Extended Opportunities Programs & Services (EOPS) is now accepting applications for new students! Eligible students receive helpful counseling, priority registration, funds to help pay for textbooks and more. For more information and the online application, visit [EOPS](#). The deadline to apply is Sunday, February 26.

Enroll in Adult Education / Noncredit Classes for Spring 2023!

Noncredit courses can be a valuable add-on to your existing Spring 2023 schedule, or a perfect starting point to your college journey. Choose from free classes in: [21st Century Employability Skills](#), [Community Health Worker](#), [Gig Economy](#), [Insurance](#), [Parenting](#), and [Student Basic Needs](#). Classes are open-entry / open-exit, graded using a Pass/No Pass system, and lead to certificates of completion. For more information, contact Raffi Kahwajian at 818-947-2961 or kahwajr@laccd.edu.

LAVC Foundation Scholarship Applications are Now Open

The Valley College Foundation has over 250 Scholarships with over \$160,000 available! To apply:

1. Log in to your [myCollege.laccd.edu student portal](https://myCollege.laccd.edu)
2. Click on the “Scholarship Tile”
3. Click on “Login Here” next to the Student Log In

For more information, please contact Matthew Durkan at durkanmm@lavc.edu or 818-947-2619.

Upcoming Events

ASU Spirit Week: Disney Day

Monday, February 13

Start Associated Student Union for Spirit Week by showing off your best Disney themed outfit to school!

ASU Spirit Week: Valentine’s Grams

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 1 p.m. in the Student Union Plaza ([view map](#))

Join us in the Student Union Plaza from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for Valentine's Day themed arts and crafts.

ASU Spirit Week: Fave Jersey/ Valley Pride

Wednesday, February 15

On Wednesday, rep your favorite sports team or wear your LAVC merch and join ASU's club day in the Student Union Plaza.

BHM: Trap and Paint: A Cultured Art Experience

Wednesday, February 15 at 2 p.m. in the Art Gallery Patio

[Trap and Paint: A Cultured Art Experience](#) is an art event for Umoja Black scholars.

ASU Spirit Week: Wear Your PJs to Class

Thursday, February 16

Roll into the weekend by wearing your pajamas to school on Thursday morning.

BHM Ally Workshop

Thursday, February 16 at 10 a.m. on Zoom

[BHM Ally Workshop](#) is a faculty/staff workshop discussing allyship with the Black community.

BHM Distinguished Keynote, Dr. Luke Wood

Thursday, February 16 at 2 p.m. on Zoom

You are invited to listen to the [BHM Distinguished Keynote, Dr. Luke Wood](#), who will discuss Race Lighting and Inauthentic Allyship for Umoja students. For the Zoom link, please register online.

ASU's 1st Banda Night

Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 4-7 p.m. in Monarch Hall

Come to Monarch Hall on Thursday evening to dance to live banda music and yummy food provided by LAVC's Associated Student Union (ASU).

BHM: Movie Night

Tuesday, February 21 at 5 p.m. in the Mosaic Village: Unity Center

Umoja Black scholars are invited to [Movie Night](#) at the Unity Center.

BHM: Valley Young Black Scholars Day Featuring ZuZu Acrobats

Wednesday, February 22 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in Monarch Hall

[Valley Young Black Scholars Day Featuring ZuZu Acrobats](#) is an introduction to Umoja with high school students, and features a performance from ZuZu Acrobats.

BHM Celebration Featuring African Soul International

Wednesday, February 22 at 1 p.m. in the Student Union Plaza

Join us for an [BHM Celebration featuring African Soul International](#). There will also be food (while supplies last).

BHM: Unity Ceramics Workshop

Thursday, February 23 at 1 p.m. in Art 100

The [Unity Ceramics Workshop](#) is for Black Scholars to create ceramics pieces.

BHM Sneak Freak Soiree

Thursday, February 23 at 5 p.m. at the Art Gallery

The [BHM Sneak Freak Soiree](#) is a formal/semi-formal Sneaker Ball dance for Umoja scholars and greater campus (Formal/Semi-formal).

BHM: Umoja Cape Coast Pan-African Mixer

Tuesday, February 28 at 12 p.m. on Zoom

Virtual Umoja mixer with Cape Coast Pan-African students.

To find more upcoming events, check the [LAVC Calendar of Events](#).

LACCD encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation, or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact the event organizer listed in the link above as soon as possible, but no later than ten (10) business days prior to the event.
