

Student NEWS

URGENT ADVISEMENT NOTICE

1. Advisement

- Check your Live@laguardia email account for your assigned advisement appointment date and time. You will not be able to reschedule a missed appointment. (Keep your appointment and beat the rush.)
- If you miss your appointment, you may be advised on a first-come first-serve basis on Fridays only from 9am – 11:45am, except 6/1 and 6/8. (Expect long wait times.)
- Advisement takes place in room B102.

2. Registration

- Check your Live@laguardia email account for your assigned registration appointment date and time.
- Registration will be open between July 18 and September 13.



Advisement and Registration FAQ's

Advisement for Fall 2012 began May 1 and will end June 28.

Registration for Fall 2012 will begin July 20 and end September 13.

Q. Do I have to be advised?

A. Advisement is required if you:

- Completed less than 30 credits
- Have not completed basic skills classes
- Are enrolled in a special program or clinical phase

Q. If I've completed more than 30 credits, do I have to be advised?

A. No advisement is not required for you as long as you've also passed basic skills in addition to your 30 credits.

Q. I'm enrolled as a non-degree student so do I have to be advised?

A. No advisement is not required for you.

Q. If I need advisement, how do I find out about my advisement area?

A. Check your DegreeWorks audit and eSIMS Welcome Screen "STOPS" link for your specific advisement area.

Q. How do I access my DegreeWorks audit?

A. Go to www.laguardia.edu, click on "Current Students." Under My e-Tools, select DegreeWorks, log in and then click "View Audit."

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Daring To Do More

Jason Macias



Jason Macias worked in the elevator repair business for over a decade. He earned very good money but it didn't help his dissatisfaction. "I got tired of not wanting to go to work, of hating my job. I wanted something different," says Jason,

"If that meant making a fraction of what I used to make, then it seemed well worth the sacrifice."

Jason graduates from LaGuardia in spring 2012 with a degree in Liberal Arts: Math and Science; and will transfer to Stony Brook University to study biology to eventually become a doctor.

No one in Jason's family has attended college, convincing him that high school was the only level of education he needed to achieve. However, after being transformed by his experience at LaGuardia, he sees well beyond the horizon. He admires his anthropology professor, who he says "was a testament as someone who is in the field, studying the same questions I had about society, and actually finding answers to them."

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Student News Editorial Policy

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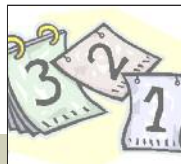


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From the Division of Student Affairs

Prepping for Finals



Michael Baston,
Vice President

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."
B.B. King

As the semester draws to a close, it's time to start preparing for your final examinations. Final exams are stressful, but they don't have to be distressful. Of course, you have to study hard, but you also have to take a balanced approach to the final exam period. Here are some tips on changing your thoughts and your actions to help ensure your end-of-the-semester experience is a positive one.

First, change your thinking:

Be Rational. An exam is the instructor's way to measure how much you know about the material in a course and not a reflection of who you are as a person. Try not to compare yourself to your peers or family members.

Don't Catastrophize. Make no assumptions that you're going to do poorly on the exam. This only creates additional stress that can actually interfere with your concentration during the test. Focus on the present moment rather than the future; what steps do you need to take in your preparation to do the best you can?

Implement Positivity. Give yourself pep talks throughout the day. Create self-motivating statements and review them before you go to sleep at night. Try these: "Studying really helps," "I learn more when I set aside time," and "I'll feel better later, if I study now."

Learn to Relax. When you panic or think fearful thoughts, your body reacts accordingly. If you find

yourself panicking, try breathing slowly and deeply, counting to ten, smiling, stretching, or telling yourself, "the answer will come when I think things through calmly."

Also, change your behaviors:

Get Support. Let people close to you know it's finals time. If possible, ask them to help out with your non-school related responsibilities. Form study groups with classmates and quiz each other.

Balance Your Time. It's true that preparing for finals requires more time than regular exams, because there is usually more material to be covered. However, that doesn't mean you should "cram" or spend every waking moment studying in the days and weeks before the exam. When you do study, take small breaks: take a walk, eat healthy food or make a short phone call.

Prioritize the Material. Decide which courses need more attention. Identify your weak areas within each class. Review these daily. Subjects in which you're stronger won't require as much time.

Design a Realistic Schedule. I like this one because planning your time and staying organized is always important! Plan an hourly schedule of activities for each remaining day before finals. List class time, what you plan to study, work, play, and personal time. Even include sleeping time. Check off tasks when you have finished them. You should know what, where, and when you'll be doing

something at all times. And be practical - some non-academic activities have to wait until after finals.

Stay in Good Shape. If you want to keep your mind alert, you have to keep your body healthy too. Eat sensibly and get some exercise. Be mindful of the effects of caffeine and sugar, and of course avoid drugs and alcohol. Get regular sleep at night, and avoid the "all-nighter" before an exam.

Review Previous Tests. Although questions may not be repeated, the underlying concepts may be. Familiarize yourself with the kinds of questions that were asked before.

Be Prepared. Have study sheets or flash cards with you at all times. When you have an extra 5 minutes, maybe during your commute to and from school, review these handy materials. On test day, if possible arrive early. Avoid mingling with test-anxious classmates just before the exam; anxiety can be contagious!

With these tips, you can reduce the stress of finals, and put forward the best you can be on finals day. Good wishes for success in all your exams, papers, and other assignments as you end the semester.

Passing the Torch

Thank you to the 2011-2012 Student Government Association for your hard work and dedication in serving the student body.

This past year the Student Government Association worked diligently on college committees and conducting and supporting such campus events as Donation Day, the Winter Coat Drive, and the LaGuardia Book Trade.

Congratulations to the newly elected and reelected student government: Haider Ali, Shah Amanat, Missary Arredondo, Donavan Borington, Dan Campbell, Maomiao Chen, Alaina Chisholm, Xiachen Guo, AB Mahmudul Hasan, Yanjing Huang, Alexandria Mormon, and Stephany Ramales.

Good luck on a productive year.

**How are we doing?
How is your Spring
2012 Session II going?**

Tell VP Baston!

Vice President **Michael Baston** invites you to "check in" and share your ideas or concerns about being a LaGuardia student!

Email TellVPBaston@lagcc.cuny.edu

- Q. What happens if I don't come for advisement from May 1 to June 28?**
- A. Unfortunately, if you wait until July and August, you will have to wait on lines for up to 8 to 10 hours for advisement and registration. This year we expect especially long lines because in addition to the many students who wait until the last minute, we will be helping students with CUNYfirst.
- Q. Why are all these changes happening now?**
- A. The changes are occurring now because CUNYfirst is being launched. CUNYfirst is LaGuardia's new registration and information management system that will replace eSIMS during the Summer of 2012. CUNYfirst is a University-wide system that manages students' education and records, allowing students to access many important services such as:
- Search and Register for Classes
 - View Course History
 - Pay Tuition and Fees
- Q. What about my registration appointment?**
- A. Your registration appointment will be emailed to you in July.

- Q. But I never check my emails, why should I check my emails now?**
- A. Even if you never checked your emails before, you have to start checking your live@laguardia email account now for important messages about changes in your fall 2012 advisement and registration appointments.
- Q. When can I see the Fall 2012 Academic Advisement Schedule?**
- A. We will post it on our website as soon as it becomes available so keep checking our web site and for messages in your live@laguardia email account.
- Q. What's the deadline for financial aid?**
- A. The priority deadline for financial aid is May 15, 2012. If you did not receive an 2012-2013 award letter you must be prepared to make alternate payment arrangements to pay your tuition. Your classes may be cancelled for non-payment. Avoid being cancelled and sign up for a monthly tuition payment plan from Sallie Mae at www.tuitionpay.com/cuny or call 1-800-635-0120.
- Q. I still have questions about everything. Now what do I do?**
- A. Contact the Student Information Center at by telephone at (718) 482-5935, or email, CallCenter@lagcc.cuny.edu.

Jason is a research assistant to biology Professor Karim Sharif where he has investigated the relation between different species of flies through the comparison of their DNA - research that won him third place among undergraduate and graduate students from New York and New Jersey at the 2012 CUNY Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Conference. He also trains and guides incoming student researchers of the Bridges program at LaGuardia, a program funded by the National Institutes of Health.

Once he completes his education, Jason hopes to teach, research infectious diseases and practice medicine simultaneously. "I really don't care how much money I make, I just want to be happy and feel like I have purpose," he adds.

In addition, Jason has a six-year-old son named Marquez who sometimes accompanies him to the labs - he's certain that college is in his son's future. Jason is also part of the Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (CSTEP) and a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

"I wish LaGuardia was a four-year college, I wouldn't leave," he says with enthusiasm. You'd never guess that the left-brained scientist is also a self-taught piano and guitar player, also the only one of his family.

Feminists, Poets, Historians and More

LAGCC's Honors Student Advisory Committee Participates in Baltimore Honors Convention

During Spring Break, LaGuardia Community College's Honors Student Advisory Committee (HSAC) had the unique opportunity to send eleven delegates to participate in the Northeast Regional Honors Council (NRHC) Annual Convention in the historic city of Baltimore. The theme for this year's conference was Competing Claims: Divisions and Coalitions, and as scholars they were challenged to "think outside the box" to better understand and appreciate unfamiliar perspectives.

Delegates and HSAC members Felisha Nieves, Greg Smith, Luis Fernandez, Emanuelle Williams and Freda Raitelu were presenters on academic panels, speaking on their scholarly works on topics ranging from the complexities of Franz Kafka's social analysis to the nuances of feminist themes in fairy tales, and the significance of ethnic studies in our schools. All of these presentations were well received and the themes represented the diversity and depth of analysis that can be found in LaGuardia's Honors curriculum.

In addition to the positive impression made by these five scholarly presentations, the presenters and the other six delegates also proudly represented LaGuardia at various convention activities. These students scoured workshops for



ideas that would benefit the Honors Program and LaGuardia student body overall; braved the audience with their performances of poetry at the open mic night; dived into a scavenger hunt that brought participants out onto the streets of Baltimore to identify and photograph local landmarks; and participated in the City as Text walks, which are conceived as a way for budding scholars to interact with a city and its inhabitants through observation, informal interviews and research.

And during the City as Text wrap-up session, after sharing what they'd learned about Baltimore's Federal Hill and Little Italy, they had the privilege of asking Baltimore native and legendary historian Gil Sandler questions about the city. Mr. Sandler

also delivered an inspiring lecture on the gift of an Honors education, and the power it offers students to bring about positive change and progress despite adversity and resistance. In Mr. Sandler's words, "All change is possible through organization."

HSAC intends to apply this concept of progression, whether social, political or educational, to enrich the academic pursuits of its peers and fulfill LaGuardia Community College's challenge to us all to "Dare to Do More."

Already in the works is an exciting event based on HSAC's Baltimore experience. On June 5 (Reading Day), a student research colloquium will showcase their scholarly work. In addition, students will be able to learn about and join future research activities.

To attend, please email honorsprog@lagcc.cuny.edu as soon as possible as seating is very limited. The Honors Student Advisory Committee and larger honors community is located in room M222. More information is available at laguardiahonors.com and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LaGuardiaHonors.

The Cream of the Crop

A showcase of LaGuardia's highest achievers

Omid Adabi



In May, **Omid Adabi** represented all the Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) students in the State of New York as a delegate at the 2012 New York Physical

Therapy Association Delegate Assembly. He also completed the New York Physical Therapy Association Directors' Intern Program under Dr. Debra Engel, his mentor. Omid is the Vice President of the PTA Club where he mentors students in the first phase of their clinical courses.

Harmonie Kobanghe



The highly selective Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship was awarded to **Harmonie Kobanghe**, an Honors student and

Phi Theta Kappa regional officer. The scholarship will fund up to \$30,000 a year for the completion of her undergraduate degree. She is one of sixty winners nationwide selected from a pool of 786 applicants and 349 community colleges. She was also admitted to Columbia University and the Colin Powell Program in Leadership and Public Service at The City College of New York for transfer in the fall.

Theatre Majors

Students in the newly establish Theatre major were nominated for the Kennedy Center's American Collegiate Theatre Festival (KC/ACTF). After attending "Little Shop of Horrors", a production of Prof. Jason Ramirez, Prof. Stephanie Sertich, Prof. Lisa DeSpain and Stephen Hitt of LPAC, respondents from the festival nominated: **Jasmine Holloway** and **Daniel Feliz** for the KC/ACTF Musical Theatre Initiative; **Daniel Feliz**, **Tiffany Scott** and **Javon Minter** for the KC/ACTF Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship; and **Patrick Surillo** for the Stage Management award. In addition, **Kamila Lipinska** and **Francisco Carrillo** were nominated as alternates in the Irene Ryan competition.

Congratulations LAGCC Graduates of Spring '12



You've earned your Associates degree from LaGuardia Community College, which means you have a drive to experiment and courage to question. And that's no small feat.

Upon gradation, LAGCC students' family income increase by 17%, and students transfer to four-year colleges at three times the national average. So wherever you're off to next – the workforce or a senior college - go forth confident in the education you've received and your ability to take charge and write your own future.

Congratulations to you and your families for challenging expectations and daring to do more!

Important dates for graduates of Spring 2012 sessions I and II:

In July

- Students who complete their degree requirements at the end of Spring I, expect an email from the Registrar about your graduation status.

In August

- Students who complete their degree requirements at the end of Spring II, expect an email from the Registrar about their graduation status.
- The graduation cruise will be Friday, August 24.

In September

- The Commencement Ceremony will be held at the Jacob Javits Center on Friday, September 21.

More information on the 2012 commencement ceremony will be posted as the date nears at www.lagcc.cuny.edu/commencement.

The entire LaGuardia Academic Calendar will be posted online at www.laguardia.edu/Academics/Academic-Calendar

Spring session I ends; grades posted on eSims

Thursday, June 14

If you did not pass or complete a course in Session I that is a pre-requisite for a course you're taking in Spring II, add/drop these classes from your Spring II schedule.

Summer Camp through the Early Childhood Learning Center begins

Monday, June 25

Call 718-482-5295 for information.

Deadline for Fall 2012 & Spring 2013 financial aid application

Saturday, June 30

You must have your 2012-2013 award fully in-place in order for the aid to pay for tuition by the August payment due date. If your aid does not come in on time, you risk losing your seat in the classes you've registered or having to pay out-of-pocket.

Claim your CUNYfirst account

Beginning Wednesday, July 18

Emails with instructions on how to claim your CUNYFirst account will be sent to students at their Live@LaGuardia email. More information is posted at www.laguardia.edu/cunyfirst.

Register for classes

Beginning Wednesday, July 18

Check your Live@LaGuardia email for your advisement and registration appointments. (More about advisement and registration on pages 1 & 3).

Fall Tuition Deadlines

Beginning Wednesday, July 18

Check your Live@LaGuardia email account for information on Fall tuition deadlines. Check your financial aid status in the CUNY Portal or visit the Enrollment Services Center, room C107.

Fall 2012 Tuition Bill Due

August

Students can use financial aid (if they have been granted an award), or by enrolling in the interest-free monthly payment plan through Sallie Mae, or with their own funds (cash, check or money order).

Fall Session I Classes Begin

Monday, September 10

You can add classes or change class meeting days/times through Thursday, September 13.

Summer Campus Hours

The entire campus will be closed on Wednesday, July 4. From June 25 through August 10, many offices and departments will change their hours and only be open four days per week, Monday through Thursday. Please, call before visiting any office during the summer.

Office and department phone numbers can be found on the College's online directory at www.laguardia.edu/directory.

Hours for the Library, Recreation, Gym and Pool will be posted on their respective websites. More information will be sent by email once schedules are finalized in June. Be sure to read your LIVE@LaGuardia student email.

Words of Assurance

Center for Counseling, Academic Advisement and Support

You have the potential to accomplish great things. The road to success is often paved with struggle, but don't let that stop you.

Success often takes time to achieve. As life throws us curves we don't expect, don't give up.

- Each obstacle makes you stronger.
- Each step forward brings you closer to a dream.
- Quitting turns dreams into nightmares.
- Every little success leads to bigger success.
- Enjoy the milestones along the way.

Stay positive, patient, and focused. Keep moving forward towards your goal. If you had to take time off from your process, don't view it as giving up. If at first you don't succeed, develop an alternative plan and continue moving forward.

Remove the phrases "give up" and "I quit" from your heart, mind, & soul. In time, you will reach heights you never imagined.

Free Universal Pre-Kindergarten

The Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) will be accepting pre-kindergarten registration applications for the Fall 2012 semester. Parents can pick-up and submit the application in room MB09.

ECLC offers UPK for 2.5 hours per day, 5 days per week from September to June. Additional hours may be added if needed. Attendance is mandatory from Monday - Friday, 9am - 12pm.

Eligibility

- Parent must be a LaGuardia Community College student.
- Child must be 4 years old by December 21, 2012.

Items needed for registration

- Child's original birth certificate
- Two proofs of address (eg. Utility bill, tax return, letter on NYS letterhead)
- Child's immunization records
- Parents original college schedule for the Fall I 2012 semester.

Call (718) 482-5295 for more information, or stop by the ECLC office in room MB09.



The Student News will be on hiatus until September 2012.

Please look forward to exciting updates, announcements and important features.



Until then, on behalf of the Student News,
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Student Financial Services Hours, Room C107

Monday & Thursday	9:00am - 7:00pm
Tuesday & Wednesday	9:00am - 5:00pm
Friday, Saturday, Sunday	CLOSED

Student Financial Services Resource Center Hours, Room C109

Monday - Thursday	9:00am - 6:00pm
Friday, Saturday, Sunday	CLOSED

In the Resource Center, you may file your electronic FAFSA, TAP application, obtain a PIN number, request IRS tax transcripts, apply for a LaGuardia Foundation Scholarship, and complete the Federal Work Study Orientation.

List of documents required to complete your 2012-2013 financial aid application:

- 2011 Federal and State Tax Returns
- 2011 W-2 Forms
- 2011 Records of untaxed benefits received (SSI payments, Public Assistance)
- 2011 Bank Statements
- Alien Registration Card
- Driver's License

Dependent students should also know their parent(s) legal name, social security number, date of birth; and if applicable, date of marriage, date of separation and/or divorce, and month and year of disability.

Book Advance and Financial Aid refund checks

Avoid lost checks and delays by signing up for the CUNY Scholar Support Prepaid Card or Direct Deposit.

CUNY Scholar Support Prepaid Card

This is not a credit card. It's a prepaid MasterCard accepted at any store or ATM where MasterCard debit is accepted. Student payments will be automatically deposited to the card and can be used immediately.

Sign up for the CUNY Scholar Support Prepaid Card at www.cuny.edu/scholarssupport or in the Student Financial Services Recourse Center.

Direct Deposit through Any Bank

Arrange your financial aid to go directly to your bank account. Simply fill out and submit the Direct Deposit Request/Authorization Form to the Bursar Window in the basement lobby of the M Building, room MB55.

Forms are available at the Bursar window and online at www.laguardia.edu/Financial-Aid/forms-to-download.

Verification Process for 2012-2013

The Office for Student Financial Services **no longer** accepts copies of Federal Tax Returns for income verification for the FAFSA. If you are selected for verification and did not use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, you will be required to provide an IRS Tax Return Transcript.

Obtaining IRS Tax Return Transcripts

- Request an IRS Tax Return Transcript online at <https://sa2.www4.irs.gov/irfof-tra/start.do> or by calling 1-800-908-9946.
- Transcripts are provided by the IRS free of charge
- Available for processing by the IRS
 - 2-3 weeks after filing electronically
 - 6- 8 weeks after filing by paper mail
- Arrive within approximately 5-10 business days after it is available for processing

Additional Verification Requirements

- Complete and submit the Verification Worksheet
- Submit Tax Return Transcripts for students and/or parents (if applicable)

The IRS Data Retrieval Tool on the FAFSA

The IRS Data Retrieval Tool makes it easier to fill out your FAFSA application by authorizing the IRS to release the necessary income information to complete the application. Students who don't use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool and are selected for verification will be required to provide an IRS Tax Transcript.

To use the tool, all parties must have filed the 2011 tax return at least two weeks prior to filling out the FAFSA.

Dependent student's documents should also show your, your spouse's or parents' financial aid data.

Checking Your Financial Aid Status

The CUNY Portal is a single sign-on gateway to CUNY applications, services and resources. Now you can check your student information, financial aid application status (both Federal FAFSA and State TAP), financial aid awards, view and fix errors, link to the Education Department's Online Entrance Interview for Direct Loans, and link to the interactive Loan request page – all through the CUNY Portal.

1. Go to www.cuny.edu.
2. Click "Log-in" at the upper right of the screen.
3. Type in your Username and Password. Click the "Log In" button. (If you do not have an account, click "Register Now!" to get a username and password.)
4. Click the link to Admissions and Financial Aid under the Apply to CUNY section.
5. Click Financial Aid on the left of the navigation bar.
6. Click on Application Status – this will lead you to FAFSA and TAP applications.
7. Click on Award Summary to view a display of Pell, TAP, campus-based aid and Direct Loans.

You will also find links to:

- Guide to Financial Aid
- FAFSA on the web
- Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)
- Summary of Financial Aid Programs
- Federal Tax Benefits for Tuition and Fees
- Preventing Financial Aid Scams
- Identity Theft Prevention

How Withdrawing Affects Financial Aid

If you withdraw from a class, you may be required to repay part or all of the funds you received, even

if you withdraw by the official withdrawal date. You should absolutely avoid dropping or officially withdrawing from classes.

For example, if you receive a full-time Federal Pell Grant payment and you withdraw from a class, and remain with at least 1.0 tuition unit through 5.5 tuition units, the amount of Pell funds you receive for the session will be reduced. If the Pell fund amount is then less than the amount credited towards tuition/fees and a book voucher, you will immediately have to pay the difference to the Bursar's Office.

For more information on the impact of withdrawing from classes on your financial aid, visit: <http://www.laguardia.edu/financial-aid/financial-aid-policies/>

Academic Financial Aid Eligibility Requirements

Federal regulations require students to remain eligible by maintaining at least a "C" average, or its equivalent according to the College's retention policy, and accumulating credits towards your degree according to the following standards:

- A student's earned credits are equal to or greater than two-thirds of the credits the student has attempted at the institution
- The credits a student has attempted are not more than 150% of the credits normally required for completion.
- There is a maximum of 90 attempted credits allowed in order to be eligible for financial aid while attending a two-year college.

If the above stated standard is not met, eligibility may be retained by meeting the following conditional standard:

- The credits the student has earned are equal to or greater than .875 of the total amount of credits attempted minus 21.

The CUNY Board of Trustee Policy for Satisfactory Academic Standing requires students to maintain a certain grade point average based on the number of credits attempted as follows:

Credits attempted required	Minimum GPA
0.1 – 12.0	1.50
12.5 – 24.9	1.75
25 or more	2.00

Students who fail to meet these requirements (and the conditional standard) will lose their financial aid eligibility. Financial Aid Waiver Appeals must be requested within 30 days of notification through the Academic Standing Committee. Students can only apply for a one-time waiver for TAP. The decision of the committee is final.

The Financial Aid Appeal Waiver Form is available online at <http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/financial-aid/financial-aid-policies/>.

Apply for LaGuardia Foundation Scholarships

NOTE: The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (Public Law 112-74) that President Obama signed into law on December 23, 2011 makes some changes to the Federal Pell Grant Program. Beginning with the 2012-13 aid year, the duration of a student's eligibility to receive a Federal Pell Grant will change from 18 semesters (or its equivalent) to 12 semesters (or its equivalent). This change applies to all students regardless of the first time they received Federal Pell Grant funds.

The LaGuardia Community College/CUNY Foundation has a number of scholarships available to students.

Requirements for applying for a Foundation Scholarship:

- Be a matriculated LaGuardia student
- Be enrolled Full Time
- Submit a brief personal statement describing your background education, and career goals
- Submit a FAFSA application (International students are not required)

LaGuardia Foundation Scholarship awards range from \$500.00 to \$4,000.00 per year.

The on-line application is available at <https://web.laguardia.edu/scholarship>.

Federal Work Study

Check your Financial Aid award letter to learn if you got awarded work study. If you receive a work study award for 2012-13, you have the chance to earn money while obtaining valuable work experience. As part of our efforts to help students find a suitable job location we will be hosting our annual job fair during the Fall 2012 semester. You have the chance to work on-campus, off-campus, and through the Public Service Corps program.

More information available at www.laguardia.edu/financial-aid/find-a-job.

Perkins Loan

All students who have been awarded a Federal Perkins Loan for 2011-12 **must** take the on-line **Pre-Loan Entrance Interview** before a check can be issued. Follow these 4 simple steps:

- Log on to www.lagcc.cuny.edu/financial-aid/links/
- Take the Entrance Interview.
- Print the confirmation page upon completion of the Entrance Interview.
- Bring the confirmation page to Mr. Stanley Rumph, in C-107, for final approval of your Perkins Loan. *We will accept only electronically signed Promissory Notes.*

Direct Loan

All students applying for a Federal Direct Loan **must** complete the **Department of Education's online "Entrance Counseling for Borrowers' Quiz."** Just follow these 5 simple steps:

- Log on to www.dlserver.ed.gov.
- Take the quiz.
- Print out the rights and responsibilities page, and sign it.
- Bring the signed rights and responsibilities page, within 30 days, to Student Financial Services (C-107), where you will complete your loan application.
- E-sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN) at <http://dlenote.ed.gov> using your PIN. If you do not have a PIN, you can request one at www.pin.ed.gov.

Once the MPN is completed, you will receive a Disclosure Notice from the Department of Education approximately 10 days before the scheduled disbursement date. The Disclosure Notice will indicate the approved gross loan amount(s), fees, net loan amounts, and anticipated disbursement dates. All loans are disbursed in at least 2 disbursements.

Attention Student Borrowers

Exit Counseling/Interview

If you do not complete an Exit Counseling/ Interview your school records, including your academic transcript and diploma will not be released until you complete this requirement.

If you are graduating, drop below 6 credits, or are leaving LaGuardia Community College, and you have an outstanding Perkins or Direct Loan, federal regulations require you to complete an Exit Counseling/Interview. The exit counseling/interview serves to remind you of your rights and responsibilities, and gives you an opportunity to speak with a financial aid counselor about any questions that you may have regarding your loan.

Perkins Loan Borrowers may complete the Exit Interview online at <http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/financial-aid/links/>.

Direct Loan Borrowers may complete the Exit Counseling online at <http://www.nsls.ed.gov/>.

Don't Default on Your Student Loan

If you default on your student loan, you will face the following serious consequences:

- Your loan will be reported to national credit bureaus and it will damage your credit rating;
- A defaulted loan can make it more difficult to buy a home or a car;
- Legal action can be taken against you;
- Your wages can be garnished;
- Your income tax refund can be withheld;
- You may not be eligible for additional student aid.

Student Loan Repayment options:

For more information on repayment options on student loans, you may visit the applicable websites. Federal Direct Student Loan borrowers can visit the NSLDS website: <http://www.nsls.ed.gov>. Perkins Loan borrowers can visit the Educational Computer Services, Inc. [website: www.ecsi.net](http://www.ecsi.net)

Important Financial Aid Links & Numbers Pell/TAP Queries?

Pell application status, to order a duplicate SAR, or General information about Federal Aid (800) 433-3243 or <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

Information about CUNY TAP application, Stafford Loans, TAP or Loan status (888) 697-4372 or www.hesc.com

Selective Service (847) 688-6888 or www.sss.gov

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On-Campus	Job sites at the college offer work experience ranging from Clerical positions, lab assistants, and teacher's assistant among others. On campus placements provide students flexibility and convenience to earn their award without additional commute expense.
Off-Campus	Positions are available through non-profit organizations, offices, and other establishments that have been authorized to be a job site for the work study program. Off-campus placement offer students an opportunity to work in their field of study and provide possible job prospects once graduated.
Public Service Corps	Opportunity for internships at NYC Agencies. This opportunity offers valuable hands-on experience in a career oriented environment. Students work alongside staff in city agencies and often serve as support for supervisors and managers. The internships are compensated through the work study program.

The 32nd Annual Research Review Competition

Co-Sponsored by Faculty Council
Deadline: June 27, 2012

Requirements

- The participants will be required to demonstrate their ability to conduct a brief literature search and incorporate relevant sources into their research paper.
- Entries must be papers written for a course taken at LaGuardia during the 2011-2012 academic year.
- Entries must be a research paper with an A grade.
- The papers must be submitted by the individual student or by a faculty member.

Rules

- All entries must be accompanied by an official entry form and submitted to the attention of Professor Clementine Lewis in the Library, room E101. (Reference Desk)
- All entries are judged by a panel of faculty members.
- The rules of entry are available upon request at the Library's Reference Desk.

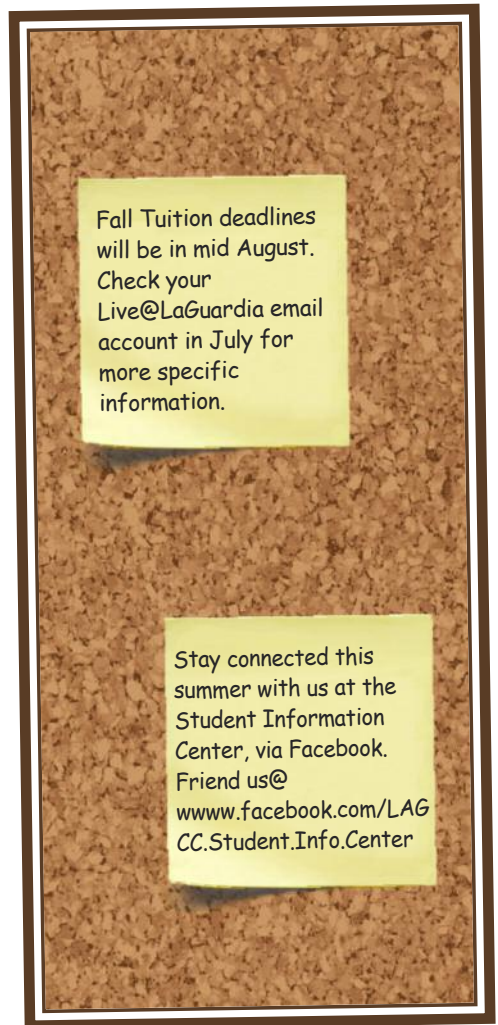
Prizes

- First Place: Kindle Fire, a 7" Full Color Multi-Touch Display Tablet with audio and built-in Wi-Fi
- Second Place: Kindle Touch 3G with audio and built-in Wi-Fi
- Third Place: Kindle Touch with audio and built-in Wi-Fi

Winners will be awarded at the Honors Night Ceremony.

If you have questions, please contact Prof. Lewis at (718) 482-5428 or clement@lagcc.cuny.edu

More information on the history of the competition, MLA and APA research tools, and previous winning papers, visit library.laguardia.edu/researchreview.



Exhibition Chile

From the wilderness of Patagonia to the chic urban centers of Santiago and Valparaiso, LaGuardia Community College photography students captured moments of unique beauty during their journey to this fascinating South American country. Encompassing portraiture, panoramic landscapes, candid shots, multimedia photography and lyrical documentary, students' visual narratives explore local culture, cuisine, agriculture, ritual costume and social justice issues from behind the lens.

To view these and others, visit the LaGuardia Gallery of Photographic Arts located on the 3rd Floor of the B Building, 30-20 Thomson Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101. The exhibit will be on display through June 30.



Viewing hours are:
Monday through Friday
from 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.
and Saturdays
from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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