

R.H.A. Spotlight

Welcome New Housing Staff

- Betty Kennedy
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Social Networks

Like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @CSULA Housing for updates on what is going on in housing!

MTV-U

Catch MTV-U on channel 61 for college music, activism, shows, contests and more!

Work Order

To submit a work order, visit the Housing Portal (housing.calstatela.edu/StarRezPortal) and click on 'Maintenance' and follow the instructions to report the problem.

Good Luck to everyone who is interviewing for the 2012-2013 academic year RA positions!

Allied Waste Disposal / Republic Services

Did you know that the waste collection company that provides service to Housing recycles most of what we throw away??



They have 76 materials recovery facilities (MRFs) and other recycling operations, which assist in fulfilling obligations under long-term municipal contracts for residential collection

services. These facilities primarily sort recyclable paper, aluminum, glass and other materials. Most of these recyclable materials are internally collected by their residential collection operations. In some areas, they receive commercial and industrial solid waste that is sorted at their facilities into recyclable materials and non-recyclable waste. The recyclable materials are salvaged, repackaged and sold to third parties. Non-recyclable waste is disposed of at landfills or incinerators.

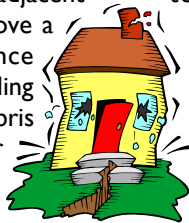
Which means that very little of what we dispose of ends up in landfills, and a lot more makes it back into the hands of consumers, which helps our planet. Kudos to Republic Services. To find out more about what they do, you can go to www.disposal.com.

Also, don't forget...your Residence Hall Association is actively working to improve your on-campus living experience. Find out how by attending meetings every Wednesday at 8pm in the Phase II Conference Room.

Are You Prepared for an Emergency?

Fires, floods, earthquakes among other natural disasters can cause great damage and also be fatal if you are not prepared. Here are some important things to know:

What to do I when an earthquake occurs? Find a safe location from which to withstand the initial event. Duck - Cover - Hold! Do not evacuate out of a building until the earthquake has ended. If you are outside adjacent to a building, move a safe distance away. Falling glass and debris are a major concern during an earthquake.



How should I evacuate the building? Once the event has concluded, calmly and safely find the nearest stairwell and evacuate to the designated

location for that building. Everyone should identify the primary and secondary evacuation routes in advance of any disaster.

Where should I go when I have evacuated the building? Every building has a designated outside assembly area. If you are in Housing, evacuate to Lot 7. This is where building evacuees should go to be accounted for. Other locations are indicated by yellow signs outside the building, and listed in the University phone book (page A5). It is critical that individuals can be accounted for outside the building so that emergency resources are not needlessly expended in a search for them.

What should I do after I have been accounted for? Wait in the designated evacuation location for further direction from emergency per-

sonnel, department supervision, or other appropriate campus officials. **DO NOT** re-enter a building when alarms are sounding, wait until an all-clear signal has been declared and access to the building has been allowed.

Receive emergency notifications directly to your cell phone with the Emergency Notification System. To register for the emergency notification system, go to: www.calstatela.edu/univ/police/ens.php. For additional resources and for current information related to on-campus safety amid disasters visit www.calstatela.edu/univ/police/emergency.php.



Information from CSULA Risk Management & Public Safety

The Fall Quarter In Review

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Don't assume anything. One of the biggest mistakes students make is assuming they know how a class is going to work. This is an easy mistake to make. Most classes have a teacher, a syllabus, some chairs a desk or two and students. So why wouldn't they all be the same? Because that would be boring! Ask the teacher how much time a week they think you should be studying. Is there anything else you could do outside the classroom to better understand the concepts

that will be presented in class? Listen to this person who is potentially in charge of whether or not you ultimately graduate. Don't fall back into your old study habits if those study habits produced poor results! Try something new!

3. Consult Your Peers:

You already belong to a community of people that are doing the same thing you are. This is a rare occasion and needs to be taken advantage of. Outside of school in the so called real

world you will be doing some of the same things as your peers but more than likely it will be in competition. That competition could be for a job, promotion, a gold medal at the Olympics, who knows!? My point is now is the time to pick your classmates' brains. If you don't understand something, ask someone. If you get something someone else doesn't, tell them!

Do what you will with this advice; just make sure you do it.

FAFSA Workshops

The Center for Student Financial Aid is offering FAFSA workshops. Stop by for assistance on filling out your FAFSA correctly. All workshops will be held in the U-SU San Gabriel Room 313.

Wed. Feb. 1st

12:pm-1:30pm; 2:30pm-4:pm

Tues. Feb. 7th

12pm-1:30pm; 2:30pm-4:pm

Thurs. Feb. 16*

(Montebello Room 309)

12pm-1:30pm; 2:30pm-4pm

Tues. Feb. 21

12pm-1:30pm; 2:30pm-4pm

Tues. Feb. 28

12pm-1:30pm; 2:30pm-4:pm

Thurs. March 1st*

(Los Angeles Room 308A)

12pm-1:30pm; 2:30pm-4pm

After completing your FAFSA online, remember check back on GET to review your 'To Do List'. You will receive notifications from the Financial Aid

office if any supplemental material is needed from you. Your financial aid package wont be processed until all forms are submitted.

For more information please call (323) 343-6260 or visit www.calstatela.edu/univ/finaid/. Apply for FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov.

***PRIORITY DEADLINE IS MARCH 2ND, 2012!**

Student Discounts Corner

FOR A LIMITED TIME!

(February 1, 2012 - March 31, 2012) CSULA students & staff can get a special \$6 Meal Deal which includes any regular entrée from the menu (any burrito, taco salad, quesadilla, etc.) and Regular Fountain Drink for \$6 (+tax). Simply show a valid Cal State-LA ID



when you order to get the offer.

*Offer valid only at the Alhambra location on 1129 S. Fremont Ave.



Grocery Runs

Need a ride to the market? Take our shuttle service for free. You can catch it in front of the Phase II Mail Room. Leaves Campus: 10am-1pm. Return trips only: 1pm-2pm.

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Meal Plan

Sign up for the Winter Meal Plan. Stop by the Housing Services office or sign up online at www.calstatela.edu/univ/housing/mealplan.php

Golden Eagles Apartments

If you have been approved to transfer to the Golden Eagles Apartments you will be notified by CSULA email as to when the transfer period begins.

Readership Program

Pick up a copy of USA Today or L.A. Times Monday-Friday in the Phase I & II hallways.

Graduation Initiative



Emily Parks, Junior - Every month we have been asking students living in housing questions about their "Journey to Graduation." Here is another story:

When asked what graduation means to her, third year Marketing major Emily Parks mentioned that her graduation in 2013 is going to be bittersweet. Finding a job right out of undergrad, or even with a graduate degree, has been a challenging experience for 20-somethings. "It's scary," says Emily, a sentiment that is surely shared by her peers.

On the bright side, a slow economy is not slowing Emily down; she is taking steps to complete her degree in what is now record time, 4 years! Emily says she is keeping careful track of her education by following an academic plan and checking in with department advisors. Participating in extracurricular activities such as the Marketing Club has also helped Emily to keep her eyes on the prize (a much sought after diploma), while also giving her a competitive edge in her chosen career.

Valentine Dedications



To: King of the Wild Frontier
You make my heart palpitate! ♥
From: The Bionic Woman

To: Michelle Campos
Wishing you a Happy Valentine's Day. Hope you get better soon. ♥
From: Maria

To: Kiara Denise Pugh
Happy Valentine's Day!
From: Jonathan James

To: Tina
You make me smile when I pass by the Housing office ♥
From: David

To: My Amazing Boy-friend David
I Love You! Happy Valentine's Day! ♥
From: Marina ♥

To: My Littles Hana and Tori
Happy Valentine's Day! ♥
From: Your Big, Marina ♥

To: Mary Le ♥
You're my favorite flea ♥
From: Mr. Cow

To: Frank Torres ♥
Will you be MINE and ONLY MINE? FOREVER and EVER!!
From: Monica Solorzano

To: Marco, Jessie & Frankie
I love you guys with all of my heart!!! ♥
From: Anne GV

To: Housing Residents
Happy Valentine's Day!!!
From: Housing Services

Important Deadlines

February 1, 2012 - Rent Due

February 6-10, 2012 - Candidates for RA position (notified by email) sign up for interviews at the CIC. Sign-ups close Friday, February 10 at noon.

February 7, 2012 - Registration for Spring quarter begins (for continuing students by appointment; up to 15 units)

February 9, 2012 - Deadline to submit graduation application (Spring 2012 with graduate degree)

February 9, 2012 - Deadline to apply for Winter 2012 Cal State L.A. recommended credentials

February 9, 2012 - Deadline to submit "credit by exam" requests for Winter 2012

February 16, 2012 - Deadline to submit graduation application (Summer 2012 with bachelor degree)

February 17, 2012 - RA Interviews

February 23, 2012 - Last day to drop all classes for prorated refund

February 23, 2012 - "W" withdrawal period ends

February 23, 2012 - Deadline to submit planned student leave petitions for Winter 2012

February 24, 2012 - Emergency Withdrawal period begins.

March 1, 2012 - FAFSA Priority Deadline

SUBMISSIONS

If you would like to make a submission to the newsletter, please email your article to: maria@cslanet.calstatela.edu.