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## Housing Student Assistants 2010-2011



Left to right: Leilani Valenzuela, Gail Melicor, Pia Mafnas, Gabriela McCoy, Elvira Contreras, Roselynde Borrow

**Leilani Valenzuela**, Front Desk Clerk. I like working in Housing because it has given me the chance to meet so many incredible people who both live and work here. Things that keep me busy on weekends are volunteering, reading and spending time with my family and friends.

**Gail Melicor**, Front Desk Clerk. I like working in Housing because I get to learn how to interact with various groups of students and the schedule works really well with my classes. Things that keep me busy on weekends are studying, going out with friends, and concerts.

**Pia Mafnas**, Front Desk Clerk. I like working in Housing because you meet a lot of students you probably wouldn't meet otherwise. It's nice to walk around housing and always get a few friendly smiles and hellos. :- ) Things that keep me busy on weekends are going to shows, spending time

walking around the city and just enjoying all Los Angeles has to offer!

**Gabriela McCoy**, Marketing Assistant. I like working in Housing because I get to meet a lot of incredible individuals and learn valuable skills that will help me in the future. Things that keep me busy on weekends are friends, dance classes and snowboarding.

**Elvira Contreras**, Marketing Assistant. I like working in Housing because it gives me a schedule that works around my classes and I get to meet a lot of people and help them with their decisions about living on campus. Things that keep me busy on weekends are movie nights, Dodger games, eating out with friends, and my nephew.

**Roselynde Barrow**, Residence Life Clerk. I like working in Housing because my commute is short! I do enjoy clerical work (believe it!) and okay,

I guess my boss is pretty cool! Things that keep me busy on weekends are playing Marvel vs. Capcom 3, writing poetry of questionable legitimacy and having one-woman wine-tasting parties.

**Ashley Miles**, Residence Life Clerk. I like working in Housing because it is more convenient to where I live and it is flexible to my school hours. Things that keep me busy on the weekends are homework and the many adventures around L.A. that my friends and I go on.

**Ebonee Dash**, Mail Clerk. I like working in Housing because it's a stress free work environment. The people who work in Housing are very polite and the hours work perfectly with my schedule. Things that keep me busy on weekends are work, dance classes, auditions, church, family, and friends.

**Yuridia Tornez**, Mail Clerk. I like working in Housing it's a stress free (or at least less) job

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# Housing Staff 2010-2011

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Left to right: Ashley Miles, Ebonee Dash, Yuridia Tornez, Manoj Bhatia

Good luck to everyone who had an interview for the 2011-2012 academic year RA position!

Congratulations to Anne Gonzalez – Vazquez (Assistant to Business Manager) gave birth to a baby girl! Jessie Rose Vazquez was born 7lbs 3 oz. on Friday, Feb. 25th!

The Housing Services office, Community Information Center (CIC) and Mail Room will be closed on Thursday, March 31st in observance of Cesar Chavez Day. To reach the RA on duty please call (323) 343-4807.

and everyone here is really nice. P.S. Alexis is awesome. Things that keep me busy on weekends are hiking, spending time with friends and family, going to the beach (in the summer), camping and chilling out.

**Manoj Bhatia**, Meal Plan. I like working in Housing because first and foremost, it's a job where I can be socially helpful towards my friends/fellow college students. I get to know interesting people and

make new friends. My weekends are happening and fun. I get to socialize with different people with different age groups. Parties, movies and assignments keep me busy.

## I Living on Campus Because...

**By: Marycruz Puga**

There are many reasons I love living on campus. First and foremost my roommates are great, they are making my first year living on campus much more fun than I expected. Aside from living with these girls who I think will be in my life for a while now, I also enjoy the fact that school is minutes away. I can wake up an hour before class, get ready, eat, bum it and read instead of having to worry whether or not I'll miss the bus or over sleep and

have to either miss class or arrive late because of transportation issues. Another thing I enjoy is cooking for myself. What I don't like is being a broke independent college student, never would I have expected groceries to cost as much as they do, dorming is teaching me to spend my money wisely. I also enjoy having a gym and all the other resources offered here a few steps away. They come in handy especially the tutoring. My test scores have improved

and I am very happy about this. Living independently has its ups and downs but both end up teaching me many things, things I don't think I would have learned back at home. Overall living on campus, so far, seems like one of the best decisions I've made so far.



## RA's Don't Appreciate Defaced Work



If this "tag" belongs to you, consider this: instead of defacing

others' artwork and informational posters, why not use your skills to come help us thoughtfully and creatively make flyers and posters for the RA programs?

Nobody wants to get you in trouble. We would just appreciate it if you stopped defacing

the RA's hard work. If you would like to help design publications for the university or housing services please feel free to contact me: Resident Director, Taylor Mechlinski at: [smechlinski@cslanet.calstatela.edu](mailto:smechlinski@cslanet.calstatela.edu) or call (323)343-4803.

# The History Behind St. Patrick's Day



St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17, as religious feast day and the anniversary of Saint Patrick's, death in the fifth century. Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is given credit for the spreading of Christianity across Ireland. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people

would dance, drink and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage. In modern-day Ireland, St. Patrick's Day has traditionally been a religious occasion. In fact, up until the 1970s, Irish laws mandated that pubs be closed on March 17. Beginning in 1995, however, the Irish government began a national campaign to use St. Patrick's Day as an opportunity to drive tourism and showcase Ireland to the rest of the world. It has gradually become more of a secular celebration of Ireland's culture.

The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland but in the United States. Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City on March 17, 1762. Along with

their music, the parade helped the soldiers reconnect with their Irish roots, as well as fellow Irishmen serving in the English army. In 1848, several New York Irish Aid societies decided to unite their parades to form one New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. Today, that parade is the world's oldest civilian parade and the largest in the United States, with over 150,000 participants and nearly 3 million people lining the 1.5-mile parade route to watch the procession, which takes more than five hours. Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and Savannah also celebrate the day with parades involving between 10,000 and 20,000 participants.

Source: *History.com*

## Looking for a Campus Job?

The Student Employment Office can help you in your search for a campus job. Having an on-campus job can be very rewarding for students. Not only are work schedules flexible enough to merge with your class schedules, but you don't have to worry about commuting especially if you live on campus. The Student Employment Office is located in room 40 of the Career Development Center. They manage two types of part-time on-campus employment for CSULA students:

**Student Assistant:** Students employed by various offices and departments of the University, and work up to a maximum of 20 hours per week.

**Federal Work-Study (FWS):** This is a type of financial aid awarded to students. Students are employed by various offices and departments of the Univer-

sity and the wages are drawn from their work study award. For more information on applying for a federal work study award, please contact the Center for Student Financial Aid at (323) 343-6260.

### Steps to Finding a Job on Campus

1. **Review Available Jobs** - Job openings are listed online on Eagle iJobs, and also on bulletin boards in the Career Development Center.

2. **Apply** - Apply to all jobs you are interested in by using the Student Employment Application. For Federal Work-Study positions, you must attach a copy of your Financial Aid Award letter, which must be for the current school year. Turn in the application(s) to the Student Employment Office.

3. **Interview** - It will take approximately two to three weeks for the hiring department to contact you if you are selected for an interview. If you were not selected for an interview, the Student Employment Office will send you an email to inform you.

4. **Selection** - If you are offered a Student Assistant (non Work-Study) you will need to make an appointment with the Student Employment Office to be processed. If you are offered a Federal Work-Study position, please contact the Center for Student Financial Aid (323-343-6260) for processing.

**Career Development Center**  
(323) 343-3237

M-Th: 8am - 6pm, F: 8am - 5pm  
Walk-in Counseling: M-Th: 11am - 2pm

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### Need Advice?

Submit your questions to Housing Services and your questions may be selected to appear on the advice column of an upcoming issue of the Housing Newsletter. Email your questions to Rebecca Palmer [rpalmer@cslanet.calstatela.edu](mailto:rpalmer@cslanet.calstatela.edu).

### Want to Upgrade to a single?

If you are living in a double occupancy room and want to secure it as a single? To avoid being consolidated or being assigned a roommate, you may request to upgrade to a conditional single today! Provided you qualify financially, secure a single room for the rest of the academic year. Stop by the Housing Services office today.

## Coming Soon! Dobbs Housing for graduate students

- 25 two bedroom  
apartments
- Single occupancy  
bedrooms

Be on the look out  
for more  
details!

## Grocery Runs

Need a ride to the  
market? Take our  
Grocery Run  
Shuttle  
service for free.  
You can catch it in  
front of the Phase  
II Housing Services  
Office from  
10 am to 2 pm.

**March 5, 19**  
**April 9, 23**  
**May 7, 21**  
**June 4, 18**



# Mardi Gras 2011



## Important Deadlines

- March 1, 2011** - Rent Due
- March 2, 2011** - Student Financial Aid State Deadline for FAFSA initial awards
- March 10, 2011** - Emergency Withdrawal period ends
- March 14, 2011** - Phase 2 Registration for Spring Quarter classes begins
- March 14-19, 2011** - Final Examinations (24-Hour quiet hours)
- March 20, 2011** - ELP Winter Quarter Move-Out by 2pm
- March 20-27, 2011** - 2011 Winter Quarter break
- March 21, 2011** - ELP Spring Quarter Move-In
- March 24, 2011** - New Spring Quarter Move-In
- March 25, 2011** - 2011 Winter quarter grades will be available to students on GET beginning 8:00 a.m.
- March 28, 2011** - 2011 Spring Quarter classes begin
- March 31, 2011** - Cesar Chavez Day observed; campus closed

### SUBMISSIONS

If you would like to make a submission to the newsletter, please email your article to:  
[rpalmer@cslanet.calstatela.edu](mailto:rpalmer@cslanet.calstatela.edu).