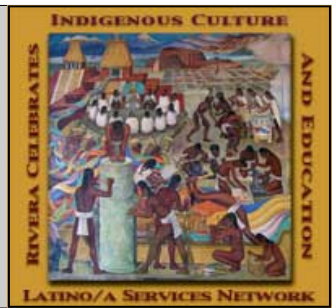


Nuestra Comunidad

A newsletter from **LATINA/O SERVICES NETWORK**
Un boletín de **LA RED DE SERVICIOS PARA LATINAS/OS**

City College of San Francisco

Spring 2008



Welcome to LSN! A Message from the LSN Director



Welcome to the Latino Services Network (LSN). LSN provides students with comprehensive academic counseling, and we offer retention and outreach services to selected high schools. We also offer assistance with the registration process, bilingual orientations for new students, and quality academic, career and personal counseling services. Our counselors work with students to develop educational plans that ensure that you achieve your academic goals in a timely fashion. We understand that choosing to pursue a college education may be difficult and challenging at times; therefore, LSN offers a book loan program, administers two scholarships, offers weekly workshops on important topics, hosts two support groups and several instructor-led study halls, and partners with English instructors and tutors in the CLASE program. We hope that your time at CCSF is both productive and rewarding, resulting in your readiness for a promising future. We look forward to your visit!

¡Bienvenidos a LSN! Un Mensaje de la Directora de LSN

¡Bienvenidos a La Red de Servicios para Latinos (LSN)! Nosotros proveemos consejería académica para nuestros estudiantes, y servicios de retención y extensión a las escuelas secundarias. Nuestros servicios bilingües incluyen ayuda con la registración, orientaciones en español para estudiantes nuevos, y consejería académica, vocacional y personal. Nuestros consejeros ayudan a los estudiantes a desarrollar planes educativos para asegurar que logren alcanzar sus metas académicas. Nosotros entendemos que la decisión de continuar su educación puede ser difícil a veces; por eso nuestro departamento ofrece préstamos de libros, dos becas, talleres semanales sobre temas importantes, patrocina grupos de apoyo y sesiones con maestros particulares, y colaboramos con profesores de inglés en el programa de CLASE. Esperemos que su tiempo en CCSF sea productivo y provechoso, y que resulte en un futuro brillante. ¡Por favor visítenos y tome disfrute de nuestros servicios!

Visit & check out LSN's Services

The **Latino Services Network (LSN)** provides bilingual (Spanish/English) and bicultural services to all students.

Latina/o Service Center offers

- Academic, vocational, and personal counseling
- New student orientations in English and Spanish
- Promotion of educational and cultural events
- Computer room and study center
- Referrals to campus and community services
- Book Loan Program
- Support for High School Students transitioning into City College
- Administration of Scholarships

C.L.A.S.S. Project

- Assistance with placement into targeted courses
- Student success collaboration including class-specific tutor
- Referral to instructional resources and student services programs to enhance student success

¡Venga a conocer los servicios de LSN!

La Red de Servicios Para Latinos patrocina servicios bilingües (inglés/español) y biculturales para toda la comunidad estudiantil.

Centro de Servicios Para Latinas/os ofrece

- Consejería académica, vocacional y personal
- Orientaciones en inglés y español para estudiantes nuevos
- Eventos culturales y educativos
- Computadoras para su uso y centro de estudios
- Referencias a servicios del colegio y de la comunidad
- Programa de Préstamos de Libros
- Ayuda para estudiantes de secundaria para la transición en City College
- Administración de becas

El Proyecto de C.L.A.S.E. ofrece

- Ayuda para entrar en algunas clases específicas
- Colaboración para el éxito del estudiante incluyendo un tutor específicamente para la clase
- Referencias a recursos instruccionales y servicios para aumentar el éxito del estudiante

Meet the Peer Advisors



Miranda Aguilar has been with LSN for two semesters. She is interested in pursuing a degree in Family

Law, and will transfer to Cal State East Bay in September of 2008.

What I like about LSN: "The counselors are easily accessible."

Advice for students: "Help is always available. Don't hesitate to ask."



Rodrigo Alfaro has worked with LSN for three years. He plans to transfer and major in Business

Administration.

What I like about LSN: "Sense of family, and the way students approach you with a smile."

Advice for students: "Don't be afraid to ask for help."



Brian Campos has worked at LSN for two years and plans to transfer to the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and major in Composition.

What I like about LSN: "I am grateful for the support I receive at LSN."

Advice to students: "Take your classes seriously."



Cynthia Chavez has been with LSN for three semesters and is interested in transferring to UC Berkeley

where she plans to major in Sociology.

What I like about LSN: "I like that I can get help with my homework as well."

Advice to students: "Take advantage of the many useful services LSN offers."



Diana Muñoz has been with LSN for three semesters and is planning to transfer as an

Industrial Engineering major.

What I like about LSN: "The fact that LSN strives to help others and bring out the best in them"

Advice for students: "Never be shy to ask for help."



Jenniffer Sánchez has been with LSN for four years and is planning to transfer to San Diego State

University, to major in Social Work.

What I like about LSN: "I feel at home at LSN. It's a place where we all support each other."

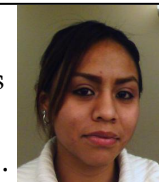
Advice for students: "If you're feeling lost or need support, stop by LSN."



Cristina Tejada has been with LSN for two years and is planning to major in Merchandising..

What I like about LSN: "Teamwork. It's a positive place where there is always somebody to help you."

Advice for students: "Visit the LSN computer lab and meet the tutors."



Benita Torres has been at LSN for two semesters. She is working toward her Associate's degree and plans to transfer to a university.

What I like about LSN: "A community that encourages everyone to pursue their higher education goals."

Advice for students: "Seek campus resources to build your own support network."

Meet Jorge Avila, LSN Counselor



Jorge Avila comes to us from Southern California and is currently a full-time counselor with LSN. His previous experience includes several years as a high school counselor and college advisor, teaching at the elementary and secondary levels, and he served as a school administrator/principal for seven years.

Jorge left the world of K-12 to pursue his dream of becoming a community college counselor. As a student, Jorge transferred from East Los Angeles College to the University of California, Riverside, where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Sociology and minored in Spanish Literature. He later received his Teaching and Administrative Credentials from Whittier College and his Master's in Counseling from Michigan State University.

Meet Daniel Sacdalan, LSN Jr. Management Assistant



Daniel Sacdalan completed his undergraduate studies at the University of California, San Diego, where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in International Studies—Political Science. He spent his last undergraduate year abroad in Barcelona, Spain. During this time, he gained knowledge on the inner workings of the city's bilingual society—knowledge he continues to apply at LSN. Daniel enjoys working with everyone at LSN and is supportive of the entire LSN family.

Meet Other Students

The Latina Educational Support Group (LESG) and **La Raza Unida** are Associated Student clubs focusing on Latina/o students. LESG meets **Tuesdays 12:30-1:30pm in Cloud Hall 364** and invites Latinas to come and see how participating can help you succeed at CCSF. **La Raza Unida** holds workshops and discussions on a weekly basis regarding issues that affect the Latino community. La Raza Unida meets **Thursdays 1-2pm in MCC, SU104.**

Conozcan a Otros Estudiantes

El Grupo de Apoyo para Latinas (LESG) y **La Raza Unida** son grupos de la Asociación de Estudiantes de City College. El grupo LESG se reúne los **martes de 12:30-1:30 en 364 Cloud Hall** y quiere invitarlas a ver como el grupo le puede ayudar a tener éxito en CCSF. **La Raza Unida** ofrece talleres y lecturas sobre los asuntos que afectan la comunidad latina. La Raza Unida se reúne los **jueves de 1-2 pm en el MCC, SU 104.**

Congratulations Mosaic Scholars!

LSN is pleased to present the following students with the \$500 Mosaic Scholarship for Spring 2008:

Berfalia Alvarado	Valerie Heine	Alejandro Ordoñez-Lagos	Jazmin Sanchez
Ilian Ayala	Beatriz Kuk	Bessy Orellano	Jorge Sarabia
Christina Barreto	Reyna Kuk	Elena Ortiz	Stefania Siragusa
Victor Calmo	Karen Lemus	Luciente Ortiz	Benita Torres
Loubna Erreyahi	Cristina Lira	Cristina Ovalle	Ronald Valenza
Sandro Flores	Antonio Malberty	Sandra Pulido	Karen Yopez
Cindy Garcia	Alex Munguia	Luis Rodriguez	Joaquin Zamudio-Garcia

To be selected for a Mosaic Scholarship, a student must 1) participate in LSN, 2) be enrolled in at least one Basic Skills course, 3) have previously completed a Basic Skills course, 4) have a cumulative GPA of 2.0, 5) be enrolled in a minimum of 9 units. If you think you may be eligible, please contact Anastasia Fiandaca or Susana Mayorga 415-452-5335. Applications for the next scholarship will be available in May.

Congratulations!

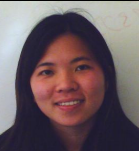
Congratulations Goldman Scholars!

LSN is pleased to present the following students with the \$500 Goldman Scholarship for Spring 2008:

Pamela Abaunza	Tania Cervantes Duran	Rose Morales	Luis Ulloa
Matthew Anderson	Jose Fernandez	Jennifer Pavon	María Umanzor
Brian Campos	Anthony Flores	Carlos Perea	Edson Veizaga
Rosa Chan	Irene Gomez	Rodrigo Quintero-Duarte	Justin Wembes
Juan Carlos Chavez	Andrea Gutierrez	Enrique Ramirez	
Patricia Chavez	Milton Mack	Jenniffer Sánchez	

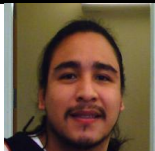
To be selected for a Goldman Scholarship, 1) a student must participate in LSN, 2) be enrolled in classes towards an academic degree, a vocational program or in basic skills classes, 3) have a cumulative GPA of 2.0, 4) be enrolled in a minimum of 9 units. If you think you may be eligible, please contact Jorge Avila or Leticia Silva 415-452-5335. Applications for the next scholarship will be available in May.

What are CCSF students saying about LSN?



Rosa Chan

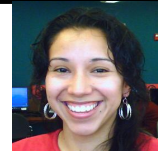
“LSN has provided me with support services to make my dream of transferring to a UC a reality.”



Juan Gonzalez

“LSN gives me the counseling support and tutorial services I need to be successful in my classes!”

On February 27, City College honored and recognized Juan as a Guardian Scholar.



Norma Marquez

“LSN is the place where we can rise after falling and gives us the tools to {create positive change} in the community.”

SPRING 2008 WORKSHOPS

Workshop	Presenter	Date	Time
How to do a scholarship search (bilingual)	Gloria Saucedo, from the Scholarship Office	Thursday, Jan. 24	1-2 pm
Learn about Student Leadership and Internships with ALPFA	Cristina Escalante, Association of Latino Professionals in Finance & Accounting	Wednesday, Jan. 30th	1-3 pm
Applying for Financial Aid	Financial Aid Office Counselor	Thursday, Jan. 31	1-2 pm
How to earn an AA/AS or Certificate	Leticia Silva	Wednesday, Feb. 6	1-2 pm
What you need to know to get into Nursing School	Anastasia Fiandaca & Susana Mayorga	Wednesday, Feb. 13	1-2 pm
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Apply for the Chicana Latina Foundation Scholarship worth \$1500	Claudia León	Tuesday, Feb. 19	1-3 pm
How to Choose a University	Jorge Avila	Thursday, Feb. 21	1-2 pm
Transfer Admission Guarantees	Anastasia Fiandaca	Wednesday, March 19	1-2 pm
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How to Use your Foreign Degree in the US.	Francie Genz from Upwardly Global	Wednesday, April 2 <i>Pre-registration required</i>	1-2 pm
Investigating the Job Market for your Career Area	Greg Johnston	Thursday, April 3	1-2 pm
Educational Path for Future Educational Administrators	Jorge Avila & Susana Mayorga	Wednesday., April 9	1-2 pm
Probation	Leticia Silva	Wednesday, April 16	1-2 pm
Personal Statement	Jorge Avila	Thursday, April 17	1-2 pm
The Paths to Medical School	Anastasia Fiandaca & Monica McCarthy	Thursday, April 24	1-2 pm
Careers in Scientific Research	Carla Bonilla	TBA	TBA
Tips for Success after Transfer	Susana Mayorga	Wednesday., April 30	1-2 pm

Fall 2007 Semester Highlights

On November 1st, Latino Services Network, in collaboration with the Latin American and Latino Studies Department and the Latina Educational Support Group, sponsored the **Día de los Muertos** celebration. The celebration involved a presentation of "La Ofrenda," a documentary written by Lourdes Portillo, followed by the creation of the Día de los Muertos altars.



UC Berkeley's La Raza Recruitment and Retention Center presented a workshop at LSN on the admissions and transfer process to UCB on November 7th. The workshop also included information on accessing the resources and support services available at the university.



On September 29th, LSN participated in an outreach event at UC Berkeley designed to recruit underrepresented minorities and inform them of the support services available to them.



In October, LSN counselors participated in the Serramonte and Phillip Burton High School College Night, disseminating information about City College and LSN. In addition, the counselors collaborated with San Francisco Unified School District to increase the outreach and recruitment services extended to the latino community.

Mariana Corona from the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) presented an informational session on collegiate student programs which included a wide variety of internships available to junior level latino college



In the spirit of the holiday season, LESG and LSN sponsored a very successful toy and clothing drive to benefit the migrant families of the city of Soledad, a neighboring city of Salinas. In total, our efforts resulted in generous offerings to approximately 250 individuals

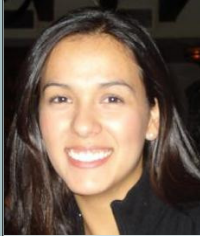


LSN offered a variety of workshops; examples include the following:

- how to obtain an associate's degree,
- financial aid, personal statements,
- and selecting a university.

Meet Diana Muñoz-Villanueva, CCSF Student Trustee

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I was born in Mexico, but just like in the case of many other immigrants, Mexico's economy and lack of employment opportunities brought my mother in search of the American dream. At age 14, I was living in Los Angeles, where I started my American education knowing very little English. Currently, my educational goal is to transfer to UC Berkeley where I can major in Industrial Engineering.

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Presently, I am a peer advisor at the Latino Services Network, where I work very closely with students, and I have gained invaluable knowledge about the dynamics of City College's diverse student population. At LSN, I have been given the opportunity to experience the effectiveness of retention programs by participating in and spearheading study groups. These programs impact the student's academic performance, and it even sometimes improves their personal life.

In the spring of 2007, I decided to run for Student Trustee for City College of San Francisco because of my interest in civil service and to advocate on behalf of the student body. Since being elected in Fall 2007, I have participated in numerous committees including the search committee to hire a new chancellor for our college. To enhance student services, I am collaborating with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (MUNI) to create a discount pass for students, and I am also working on getting donations to supplement the LSN Book Loan Program. In addition, I support the Chinatown campus in their effort to secure a new building

Finally, I would like to become a mentor and a role model for other students and continue my commitment to student success.

Check Out Our Website:
<http://www.ccsf.edu/lsn>

Important Dates

<u>February 1</u> Last day to add a class/u Ultimo día para agregar una class	<u>February 7</u> Holiday No Classes Día libre	<u>February 8</u> Holiday No Classes Día libre	<u>February 11</u> Last to Drop Classes with no "W" Ultimo día para botar una clase	<u>February 15-18th</u> Holidays No Classes Día libre
<u>February 19</u> Last Day for CR/NC option	<u>February 20</u> Last Day to Fulfill an Incomplete	<u>March 7</u> Last ay to petition for AA/AS or Certificate	<u>March 22-30</u> Spring Break	<u>March 31</u> Cesar Chávez Day Holiday
<u>April 11</u> Last Day for "W" Ultimo día para retirar una clase	<u>May 16-23</u> Final Exams Exámenes Finales			

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