Note from the Director

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed your holiday break and are well rested for the return of the school year.

I encourage you to take a few minutes to read this edition of our spring E-Newsletter which has important and relevant information to assist you throughout the semester. If you have any issues or concerns, during the year, please know that our staff is here to help. Wishing you a wonderful semester!

Priscilla F. Levine, LCSW

First To Go Community

The First To Go Community provides a source of academic support for students who are “first-generation college” (i.e., neither parent has earned a bachelor’s degree in the U.S.). The community introduces participants to a network of mentors drawn from LMU faculty, staff, and alumni who are former first-generation college students themselves. Social and academic events are offered throughout the semester. First To Go is open to students of all years and majors.

Its purpose is to:
• help new students transition to the university
• provide networking opportunities with LMU faculty, staff and alumni
• increase student awareness about research opportunities, graduate and professional school options
• increase the social capital of this population

Danelle Dyckhoff, M.A., First To Go Coordinator, is excited to work in administration after teaching at LMU for seven years.

For more information, please contact Danelle Dyckhoff, Coordinator, FirstToGo@lmu.edu or call (310) 338-7698.
Bookshare—Digital Books

Through an award from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), Bookshare is offering free memberships to U.S. schools and qualifying U.S. students. Bookshare is an online library of digital books for people with print disabilities and is currently offering LMU’s DSS students free membership. As a member you are allowed to download books, textbooks and newspapers in a compressed, encrypted file. Downloaded material can be accessed digitally in the DSS office or library using DSS’s adaptive technology, Kurzweil 3000 or JAWS.

Many publishers and authors have volunteered to provide Bookshare with access to their works. Bookshare adds hundreds of new books to the library every month, ensuring a continual supply of fresh reading for members. If you can’t find a particular title, you can ask to have it added to the library.

People with print disabilities deserve to enjoy reading as much as other readers. Through technology, Bookshare empowers those with print disabilities to read as much and as easily as everybody else.

Contact the DSS office to see if you qualify for membership. If you qualify the DSS staff will add you to LMU’s organization roster and in some cases may also assist you in setting up your own Bookshare membership. The DSS office will also offer training on Kurzweil 3000 and JAWS.

New Parking Fees at LMU

Beginning Spring 2013 LMU will start charging for parking on campus. The parking fees cover the construction of new parking on campus, the first project being a garage beneath the new life sciences building which will be where the Seaver parking lot is located. The underground structure will replace the current spaces in the Seaver parking lot and add 190 additional parking spaces. The parking fees will also cover the cost of parking operations, including the valet parking service and parking management operations. Alternate options for those not purchasing parking would be the LMU shuttle, vanpool, public transportation, bike, or Zip Car. Check the parking website for news and updates http://admin.lmu.edu/parking/.

To register your vehicle, visit MyLMU and login with your LMU credentials. From the upper right, select “System Logins,” then “LMUPark.” In order to register your vehicle, you will need the following: Year, Make, Model & License plate number (Enter alphanumeric characters only - Skip any spaces, punctuation and/or special characters when entering your plate number. If your vehicle has no plates yet, enter the last 8 digits of your VIN number.) If purchasing daily parking please look for pay stations, pay online or by smartphone. Prices effective as of January 14, 2013.

| Student      | $670 annually
|             | $335 per semester (Fall or Spring)
|             | $200 (summer only)
| Daily Rates  | View image to the right
| Motorcycle   | $174
**Announcements**

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**Accommodation Form Reminder**

Accommodation Forms must be completed for each class. DSS must approve and stamp your Accommodation Forms before you present them to your professors. Once your professor has signed your forms, it is your responsibility to return them to the DSS Office. You are encouraged to complete your Accommodation Forms as early in the semester as possible.

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**Educational Testing Services (ETS)**

Many of you will be taking the GRE, GMAT, PRAXIS, TOEFL, or some other high-stakes examination this year. To help you prepare more effectively, the Office of Disability Policy at Educational Testing Services (ETS) has developed a brochure, “Tips for Test Takers with Disabilities.” This brochure can be found on the ETS Office of Disability Policy website at: [www.ets.org/disabilities](http://www.ets.org/disabilities)

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**ARC Places to Study**

Looking for a cool place to study? The Academic Resource Center has an ongoing list, generated by ARC student tutors, that includes the best places to read and do homework on and around campus. Find out ideal times, noise levels, and what kinds of technology/WiFi services are available.

[http://academics.lmu.edu/arc/](http://academics.lmu.edu/arc/)

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**Know Your CAPP Report**

The CAPP Report is the formal record of your progress on your graduation requirements. It shows the classes you’ve taken, AND those you still need to take. To view your CAPP log in to PROWL, click on “Student Services”, click “Student Records” and click “CAPP Report.” If you have questions understanding your CAPP Report, email one of the University Advisors for an appointment: advising@lmu.edu.

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**DSS MISSION & GOALS:**

Loyola Marymount University’s Disability Support Services (DSS) Office provides specialized assistance and resources to enable students with physical, perceptual, learning, ADHD and/or psychological disabilities to achieve maximum independence while pursuing their educational goals. Services are offered to students who have established disabilities under federal and state law.

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