Welcome Back to Cerritos College

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful holiday break and have returned energized to finish the academic year strong. Because your future and success matters to us, we will be providing a variety of support services to help you achieve your goals. Most services have been included in this newsletter.

LINC Wall of FAME

The following students successfully completed 12 units or more with a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA. Congratulations!

Irene Acietuno 3.10 GPA
Kaylene Calderon 3.84 GPA
Maria Del Razo 3.06 GPA
Guadalupe Esquivel 3.45 GPA
Kirk-Sandy Dustin 3.23 GPA
Dong Jun Lee 3.38 GPA
Archeleena McDonald 3.08 GPA
Priscilla Ortiz 3.10 GPA
Tania Salinas 3.65 GPA

College Sponsorship Transfer Program

$9,000 Scholarship for students who are transferring Fall 2014 or Spring 2015

Two LINC students have so far received this scholarship. Don’t pass up this opportunity!

Who is eligible?

- Current or former Los Angeles County foster youth who are 23 years old or younger (including Kin-Gap)
- Currently or formerly eligible for ILP services
- Cumulative GPA of 2.8 or above
- Transferring to a four year university Fall 2014 or Spring 2015

**Deadline is April 25th, 2014**

You must submit the following documents...

- College Sponsorship Application
- Referral form
- GPA Verification

Please visit the LINC office to pick up your application packet as soon as possible. We will also assist you with filling out the application, letters of recommendation, GPA verification and more.

**IMPORTANT CALENDAR DEADLINES**

- Deadline to sign a LINC Contract: **Friday, February 7th, 2014**
- Renew the 2014-2015 FAFSA or Dream Act application by the end of **February 2014**
- Submit financial aid forms by **April 30th, 2014**
School Supplies
If you have signed a LINC contract, you may now pick up your supplies, including backpack, binder, paper, dividers, flash drive, pencils, pens and planners. During midterms and finals you can pick up scantrons, blue books and flash cards.

Spring 2014 Workshops
Learn step by step strategies to improve your problem solving techniques, manage your stress and communicate effectively.
    Workshops
    - Developing a Success Strategy
    - Effective Communication Techniques
    - Problem Solving Techniques
    - How to Manage the Stress in Your Life

Peer to Peer Support Group
College is a time of transition and personal growth, where you experience achievements and challenges. Join us on Wednesday's for friendship and sharing.

Financial Aid Reminders
It’s time to renew your 2014-2015 FAFSA or Dream Act application.

Need help? You can sign up for a 15 minute walk-in session every Tuesday and Thursday during the month of February at the LINC office.

Don’t put this off! Apply early and avoid delays.

Scholarships
Cerritos College Foundation Scholarship deadline is February 24th, 2014. Please visit the LINC office for assistance.

Covered Till 26
New law gives former foster youth free health care until age 26. www.coveredtil26.com

Emergency Rainy Day Umbrellas
Students can now pick up an umbrella on a rainy day at the LINC office.

Employment Opportunities
Federal Work Study program - the financial aid office will begin accepting applications during the first week of May. Jobs are located on campus, no experience is required and hours work around your class schedule.

Knott’s Berry Farm is currently hiring, you can go to www.knotts.com for more information.

For more details visit the LINC office.

Independent Living Program (ILP) Coordinator Visits
ILP provides assistance to current and former foster/probation youth who are 16-20 years of age. Services include, housing, free laptop, clothing, driving school, Tap Pass, car insurance and more. ILP coordinators will be providing services in the LINC office on the following dates.

- Tuesday, February 11th and 18th
- Tuesday, March 4th and 25th

National Foster Care Month Project
Every May we raise awareness about foster care and the LINC program. No one can represent foster youth better than you. Let’s get together, share ideas and create a display that will send out a strong and positive message.

If you would like to participate, speak to Yajayra Tovar.

Be Loved Club
Be Loved club was created for foster youth, but it’s open to anyone who wants to join. The club provides a comfortable environment where members can build friendships and find support. The goal is to volunteer in the community, participate in campus activities, gain leadership skills and go to club fieldtrips.

When: Thursday, February 27th, 2014
The club will continue to meet every last Thursday of the month.

Where: EOPS/CARE Building room AD117
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

If you would like to join, please email Jackie at jaci_1994@yahoo.com or simply attend a meeting.