

Spring 2021

Psychology & Addiction Studies Newsletter

Do you find human nature fascinating? Who doesn't? The ELAC Psychology Department offers a number of amazing courses, degrees and certificates to peak your interests that lead toward transfer in psychology and/or a career in Addiction Studies. Our dedicated and diverse faculty will be there to help every step of the way!

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May

12:30-1:30pm

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Club)

Guest Speaker Kevin Stepanyan, Ph.D.

Topic: Substance Abuse and Addiction

Contact Club President Jake Stephens (jstemplest@gmail.com) for Zoom info

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May

12:30-1:30pm

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Club)

Guest Speaker Nouha Hallak, M.A.

Topic: Positive Psychology: Grit, Resilience, and Living the 'Good Life'

Contact Club President Jake Stephens (jstemplest@gmail.com) for Zoom info



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June

10am-1pm

Graduating with an AA-T In Psychology?

Join us for an ELAC Psychology Drive-Thru graduation celebration

From 10am-1pm by the ELAC Letters on Avenida Cesar Chavez

To RSVP, please complete this brief survey no later than May 28th:

<https://forms.gle/anHEXqyMgBsy87g79>

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June

1pm-3pm

Are you earning a certificate in Addiction Studies?

Join us for an Addiction Studies Drive-Thru graduation celebration

From 1pm-3pm by the ELAC Letters on Avenida Cesar Chavez



Addiction Studies Spotlight

On Saturday December 19, 2020, in front of the ELAC steps, 60 students who persevered during the pandemic and earned a Prevention Specialist Certificate or a Recovery Specialist Certificate were honored at a drive-thru ceremony. Thirty of those students were part of the FOCIS (Formerly Incarcerated) Program.

As students drove by the ELAC steps (decorated with balloons, banners, signs, and tables of snacks, supplies, and certificates) they were cheered on by MC Ricardo Sevilla, Addictions Studies Director Dr. Lisa Vartanian, VP Dr. Armida Ornelas, Dean Kendra Madrid, Psychology Department Chairperson Dr. Sherrie Davey, Addiction Studies Professor and Founder Dr. Karen Taback, as well as Addiction Studies faculty and staff. As each student drove up, Dr. Vartanian handed them a certificate and praised each one for their dedication and welcomed them to the field of Addiction Studies.

Special thanks to Sergio and Mike from Facilities for setting up the fabulous sound system for the event.

Congratulations to the 60 participating students!

We've got student CLUBS!!! Come check us out!

ELAC Psychology Club @getpsychedupelac

Meets Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 PM

Contact Faculty Advisor Dr. Randy Ludwig (ludwigr@laccd.edu) for more information.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) @elac.nami.uncampus

Meets Mondays 12:30-1:30

Contact Club President Jake Stephens (jstemplest@gmail.com) for more information

ELAC Psi Beta @psibetaclub

Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 12:15-1:30pm

Zoom: <https://laccd.zoom.us/j/2265049947>

Contact Faculty Advisors Dr. Bryant Horowitz (horowib@laccd.edu), Dr. Cathy Cleveland (cleveland@laccd.edu), or Professor Ryan Godfrey (godfrer@laccd.edu) for more information.

Students Against Substance Abuse (SASA) @elac_sasa

Meets Tuesdays 6:30-6:45 pm via zoom:

Meeting ID: 605 592 5124
Password: 213 90033

Contact Faculty Advisor Dr. Lisa Vartanian for more information (vartanlm@laccd.edu)

Statistics Club @statsclub

Contact Faculty Advisor Dr. Randy Ludwig (ludwigr@laccd.edu) for more information on meeting days/times

Vision Club @ELAC Vision Club

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Do you know your Career & Academic Pathway (CAP)?

Psychology falls under the Social & Behavioral Sciences CAP while our Addiction Studies Programs fall under the Health Sciences and Administration of Justice and Public Safety CAP.

Explore your CAP by clicking on the following link: <http://www.elac.edu/Explore/Career-and-Academic-Pathways>. You'll discover an Academic Map that includes a recommended course sequence and much more!

We also have student ambassadors who can help answer questions about your path. Reach out to Dambkhang (Danny) Luu and Haille McDonald (both Psychology majors) at elacgpstudentambassadors@gmail.com.

Psychology & Addiction Studies Drive-By Graduation

Are you earning an AA-T in Psychology or a certificate in Addiction Studies? If so, please join us for a drive-by graduation celebration on June 5th. The Psychology faculty will be sending more information on how to RSVP soon!

If you would like to purchase an ELAC Psychology Graduation sash for \$20, please contact Melissa Cardona @ melissacl.726@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021!

