**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!

> 10 May

12:30-1:30pm

## **National Alliance on** Mental Iliness (NAMI Club)

Guest Speaker Kevin Stepanyan, Ph.D.

Topic: Substance Abuse and Addiction

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

12:30-1:30pm

## National Alliance on Mental Iliness (NAMI Club)

Guest Speaker Nouha Hallak, M.A.

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

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







**June** 

10am-1pm

### Graduating with an AA-T In Psychology? Join us for an ELAC Psychology Drive-Thru

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

graduation celebration

To RSVP, please complete this brief

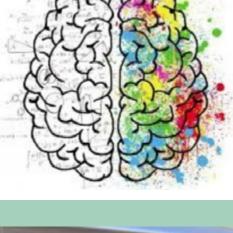
survey no later than May 28th: https://forms.gle/anHEXqyMgBsy87g79

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** 









#### 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

**Addiction Studies Spotlight** 

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!

## ELAC Psychology Club @getpsychedupelac Meets Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 PM Contact Faculty Advisor Dr. Randy Ludwig

We've got student CLUBS!!!

Come check us out!

(<u>ludwigr@laccd.edu</u>) for more information. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

@elac.nami.oncampus 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 (<u>horowib@laccd.edu</u>), Dr. Cathy Cleveland (clevelcs@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)



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Vision Club @ELAC Vision Club

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 pattern, possible career paths, YouTube videos about the field of study and We also have student ambassadors who can help answer questions about

Psychology majors) at <u>elacapstudentambassadors@gmail.com</u>.

your path. Reach out to Dat Khang (Danny) Luu and Haille McDonald (both

# Psychology & Addiction Studies Drive-By Graduation

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!

much more!

Are you earning an AA-T in Psychology or a certificate in Addiction Studies?

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!** 

