

# Student Services Newsletter

## December 2023



### Calendars with Special Hours & Modalities

**December  
2023  
12/18 -12/21**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18	19	20	21	22
8:30 am - 4:30 pm	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	8:30 am - 4:30 pm  No evening hours	8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Winter Break Begins

***Campus Closed for Winter Break from 12/22/23 to 1/1/24***

**January 2024  
1/2 - 1/31**

Regular hours resume: M, T, R: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm;  
W: 8:30 - 6:00 pm; F: remote-only 8:30 am - 1:00 pm (**\*see exceptions below**)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1  New Year's Day Campus Closed	2	3  * No evening hours	4	5
8	9	10	11	12  * Extended & in-person hours: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
15  Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Campus Closed	16	17	18	19  * Extended & in-person hours: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
22  Spring Semester Begins	23	24	25	26  * Extended & in-person hours: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
29	30	31		

## February 2024

Regular hours M, T, R: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm;

W: 8:30 – 6:00 pm; F: remote-only 8:30 am – 1:00 pm (**\*see exceptions below**)

Note: 2/3/24 = Last day to drop without "W" (with refund); 2/4/24 = Last day to drop without "W" (no refund)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2 <i>* In-person until 12:00 pm (closed at noon for faculty/staff in-service)</i>
5	6	7	8	9 <i>* Extended &amp; in-person hours: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm</i>
12	13	14	15	16 <i>Lincoln's Birthday - Holiday</i>
19 <i>Washington's Birthday - Holiday</i>	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	

## March 2024

Regular hours M, T, R: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm;

W: 8:30 – 6:00 pm; F: remote-only 8:30 am – 1:00 pm (**\*see exceptions below**)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 <i>* In-person 8:30 am to 1:00 pm Deadline for Spring Financial Aid Appeals</i>
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22 <i>Last day to withdraw from classes/college</i>
25 Spring Break	26 Spring Break	27 Spring Break <i>*No evening hours</i>	29 Spring Break	29 Spring Break

***Plus, extended in-person services on Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. (Commencement Friday)***

## Upcoming Events:

First Thursday Coffee and Conversation – Holiday Edition

Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 9:30 am

By the AAPI+ Mural (Campus Center patio area)

## Welcome New DSPS Service Provider, Dinah Cota!



I was born and raised in Ventura, California, to Mexican immigrant parents who instilled hard work and dedication values to anything you attempt in life. After high school, I attended Santa Barbara City College, then Ventura College shortly before transferring to the University of California Santa Barbara where I obtained my Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Sociology. Shortly after graduating, I began my career in the social services field with the County of Ventura, where I gained great experience working for the Human Services Agency as a Client Benefits Specialist working with individuals applying for assistance with Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CalWorks, and General Relief, a few years later transferred to In-

Home Supportive Services working as a Social Worker for individuals with disabilities helping them obtain care and support to remain safely in their homes. After five years, I transitioned into a Service Coordinator with the Department of Behavioral Health working with individuals with mental health needs currently incarcerated helping them find placement and treatment in the community and to help lessen the risk of recidivism. In 2020 I returned to school to obtain my Master's in Education Counseling Student Personnel from California Lutheran University. Given the goal to hopefully fulfill the lifelong dream of going back to where it all started higher education, working with students from marginalized communities, underserved populations, and most importantly students and individuals with disabilities. Education has always been an important driving factor in my life. I wanted to be able to help individuals who only sometimes saw a college education as a possibility regardless of their limitations. I am very excited and honored to be a part of the DSPS team at Santa Barbara City College, where I can put my years of education and work experience to continue to help and advocate for students.

***Wishing you a safe, relaxing and happy holiday!***



*EOPS Counselor, Eli Villanueva's festive shirt says it all!*



*The Financial Aid team, led by Director Maureen McRae Goldberg, enjoying a holiday lunch at Carlitos Restaurant!*