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FINANCIAL AID 101

Student Development and Services Brings You:

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TO PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION THAT ENRICHES LIVES AND BUILDS FUTURES.

Student Services Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday
7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday
7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Care-A-Van Lancaster Hours:

Monday
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Care-A-Van Palmdale Hours:

Every 1st Tuesday
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Every 3rd Wednesday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mental Health Counseling Lancaster Hours:

Monday
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday:
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mental Health Counseling Palmdale Hours:

Wednesday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dental Cleaning Lancaster Hours:

Every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Spring
INTO
Fall

with early registration!

Students must complete the matriculation steps (orientation, assessment and education plan) by April 25.

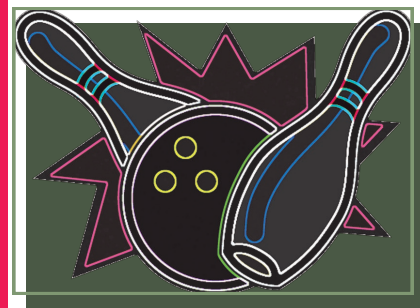
Summer and Fall 2014 priority registration will begin May 6.

Continuing students can check their matriculation steps by logging in to your myAVC; click on the Student Success tab and review the matriculation box.

A Message from your ASO President

Hello Students! I hope classes are going well for you and you got the classes that you needed. On March 28, 2014 we will be hosting Cosmic Bowling at Brunswick Sands Bowl. Please stop by the Student Development and College Activities Office (SSV 180) to sign-up. Also, ASO meetings are held on Fridays at 9 a.m. in SSV 180, and I invite all to come and get involved. Have a great month!

-Mr. Christopher Dundee



Financial Aid:

Financial aid scams are a hot topic these days. You should be aware of the tactics companies use to convince students to buy their services. Here are some of the most common claims students are having.

Myth:

“If you use our services, you’re guaranteed to get at least \$5,500 in student aid for college, or we’ll give you your money back.”

Truth:

This claim doesn’t mean anything. Most students are eligible for at least \$5,500 in unsubsidized student loans anyway—and because a student loan is considered student aid, you won’t be able to ask for a refund if that’s all you’re offered. No one can guarantee to get you a grant or scholarship. Remember, too, that refund guarantees often have conditions or strings attached. Get refund policies in writing.

Myth:

“Applying for aid is complicated. We’re the only ones who can help you through the process and find all the aid for which you’re eligible.”

Truth:

Unlikely. There are many places to get free help applying for student aid. Check with your school counselor or college financial aid office for help filling out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA). Your school or college also can help you find scholarships. And be sure to try the free scholarship search at:
www.studentaid.ed.gov/scholarship

Don’t Pay to Fill Out the FAFSA
The FAFSA is a free application.
Fill it out at www.fafsa.gov.
Other sites will charge you.

Myth:

“I’d like to offer you a scholarship [or grant]. All I need is your bank account information so that the money can be deposited and a processing fee charged.”

Truth:

Watch out! It’s extremely rare for a legitimate organization to charge a processing fee for a scholarship. Some criminals imitate legitimate foundations, federal agencies, and corporations. They might even have official-sounding names to fool students. Don’t give anyone your bank account or credit card information or your Social Security number (SSN) unless you initiated the contact and trust the company. Such personal identification information could be used to commit identity theft. If you’ve been contacted by someone claiming to be from the U.S. Department of Education (ED) and asking for your SSN or bank account information, do not provide it, (ED does not make such requests.) Instead, immediately contact the agencies listed below. To find out how to prevent or report a financial aid scam, visit or call:

Federal Trade Commission

www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams
1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357)
(TTY for the hearing impaired: 1-866-653-4261)

US Department of Education

Office of Inspector General Fraud Hotline
www.ed.gov/misused
1-800-MIS-USED (1-800-647-8733)
oig.hotline@ed.gov

For more ideas about where to find free information on student aid, visit Looking for Student Aid Without Getting Scammed at www.studentaid.ed.gov/LSA

DON'T LET ANYONE STEAL THE FUTURE

REPORT FRAUD TODAY

Each year individuals steal federal education dollars or misuse them for their own personal use—vital funds aimed at providing education opportunities that build the future of America.

**Don't let them get away with it!
If you suspect waste, fraud or abuse,
REPORT IT TODAY!**

Call the
Office of Inspector
General Hotline:
1-800-MISUSED
(1-800-647-8733)
www.ed.gov/misused.
Email: oig.hotline@ed.gov
Write: U.S. Department of Education,
Office of Inspector General,
400 Maryland Avenue S.W.,
Washington, D.C 20202-1500

The Financial Aid Office has created a Facebook page! Get up to date information about grants, scholarships and loans. We will also be posting information about federal regulation changes, how to borrow student loans responsibly, and links to other helpful websites. Come like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/avcfa?ref=hl>



Antelope Valley College Financial Aid Office Facebook Page is for information purposes only. Due to federal privacy laws the Financial Aid Office will not be able to answer any personal account information on this page. If you have a question about your Financial Aid please log into your myAVC account at www.avc.edu.

The Financial Aid Office Facebook page will follow the terms and conditions of Facebook, these terms can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/policies/>. Any rude comments, bullying, or harassment will be reported and deleted.

Events Calendar:

March:

- 5th **Walk In Wednesdays: AVC Karaoke**
Student Lounge
4 p.m.—6 p.m.
- 6th **Be Active, Live Healthy: Zumba**
Student Lounge
4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.
- 10th **Providence Blood Drive**
Next to the Health Science Building
9 a.m.—3 p.m.
- 12th **Providence Blood Drive**
Next to the Health Science Building
9 a.m.—3 p.m.
Walk In Wednesdays: Spoken Word Night
Student Lounge
4 p.m.—6 p.m.
- 14th **ASL@AVC Silent Game Night**
Cafeteria
5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
- 18th **Spring Fest**
Location TBA
Time TBA
- 19th **Walk In Wednesday: Outdoor Movie**
Fine Arts Quad
4 p.m.—6 p.m.
- 20th **Spring Fest**
Location TBA
Time TBA
Be Active, Live Healthy: Insanity
Student Lounge
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- 26th **Walk In Wednesdays: Movie Marathon Night**
Student Lounge
4 p.m.—6 p.m.
- 28th **Cosmic Bowling with ASO**
Brunswick Sands Bowl
(Off of Sierra HWY)
11 p.m.—1 a.m.

Please watch for our emails and flyers. Events days, times, and locations may change throughout the semester.

April:

Spring Break

March 31st—April 5th

- 7th **Red Cross Blood Drive**
Next to the Health Science Building
9 a.m.—3 p.m.
- 8th **Red Cross Blood Drive**
Next to the Health Science Building
9 a.m.—3 p.m.
- 9th **Walk In Wednesdays: AVC Karaoke**
Student Lounge
4 p.m.—6 p.m.
- 10th **Be Active, Live Healthy: Boot Camp**
Student Lounge
4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.
- 11th **ASL@AVC Silent Game Night**
Student Lounge
5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
- 14th **Take Back the Night**
Fine Arts Quad
5 p.m.—6:30 p.m.
- 15th **Grad Finale**
Student Lounge
2 p.m.—7 p.m.
- 16th **Job Placements Annual Job Fair**
Fine Arts Quad
10 a.m.—2 p.m.
Walk In Wednesdays: Spoken Word Night
Library Plaza
4 p.m.—6 p.m.
- 22nd **Tolerance Week**
Student Lounge
Time TBA
- 23rd **Tolerance Week**
Student Lounge
Time TBA
Walk In Wednesdays: Sex Signals
Cafeteria
4 p.m.—6 p.m.
- 24th **Tolerance Week**
Student Lounge
Time TBA
Be Active, Live Healthy: Piyo (Pilates/ Yoga)
Student Lounge
4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- 30th **Community Day**
Behind the Library
10 a.m.—1 p.m.
Walk In Wednesdays: Movie Night
Student Lounge
4 p.m.—6 p.m.

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WALK IN WEDNESDAYS

Looking for something fun to do on a Wednesday Night?

Student Activities Council invites you to join us for Walk In Wednesdays. Every Wednesday, from 4 p.m.—6 p.m..

Every Wednesday is a different activity, we are hosting Movie Nights, Karaoke, and Spoken Word Nights. Come join us for free food, refreshments and fun.

Brought to you by:
Student Activities Council and ASO

STUDENT health101™

In the March Issue of AVC Student Health 101

The 10-Dollar Challenge:
How to eat healthfully on a budget

Failure is a Part of Success:
How to feel empowered and move forward!

Tone Up With Tech:
Innovative tools to help you hit your fitness goals

Stand Out From The Crowd:
5 questions to answer in your cover letter

Creating Your Own Happiness:
Realize the joys of being single

Optimize Your Idle Time:
Tips for making the most of your commute

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<https://www.facebook.com/AVCStudentHealth101>

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