

Learning Assistant Faculty Newsletter

February 2024

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LA NEWS

We're thrilled to announce the growth of our Learning Assistant program for the Spring 2024 semester! Our program currently has:

- 62 Learning Assistants, with 8 from CCD
 - 35 new LAs, and 27 returning LAs
- 66 unique sections supported by LAs
- 37 faculty members, with 11 from CCD

REMINDERS

- ✓ Faculty course proposals will be open from 3/1 - 3/29
 - [Link to website](#)
 - [Link to guide](#)
- ✓ Student Applications will be open from 4/8 - 4/19
- ✓ LA Hiring will be open from 4/22 - 4/29

LA TRAINING AND PEDAGOGY

At the beginning of the semester, our LAs received training on the following topics: An Introduction to the LA model, Active Learning, Collaborative Learning, Rapport, Focal Students, Imposter syndrome, and Learning How to Learn.

Additionally, Dr. Mark Koester's Pedagogy class has been focusing on topics about questioning patterns and techniques, refining feedback strategies, cultivating a growth mindset, and prior knowledge.

EVENTS

March 5

4:30-6:00pm, SI 1113
Imposter Syndrome
[RSVP Link](#)

April 12


4:30-6:00pm, Virtual
Knowing and Accessing
Mental Health Resources
[Zoom Link](#)

April 17

4:30-6:30pm, SI 1113
LA Professional
Development
[RSVP Link](#)

May 3

9:00-11:00am, SI 1113
LA End of Semester
Celebration
[RSVP Link](#)



FACULTY TIPS

In each newsletter we will be sharing an article centered around how faculty can better utilize Learning Assistant's in their classes. You can also find these on our website [here](#). This week's article is:

[Using Learning Assistants in Homework Help Sessions](#) by
Stephanie Chastain et al.