CAL STATE LA’S GUIDE TO
BLACK LIFE ON CAMPUS

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Greetings from
The Pan African Student Resource Center

Hello Pan African Family!
My name is Shanique Davis and if you are a new student, welcome to Cal State LA, if you are returning, welcome back!

Here at Cal State LA the Black students, staff and faculty are known as “The Crew.” This book will give you a chance to learn who our Crew members are and how to contact them. You can also get information about how to contact Black clubs and organizations on campus.

You should never feel alone or unsupported during your college experience. College is the time where you should not only earn your degree but find yourself and what makes you happy. The key way to do that is to get involved on campus. Getting involved could mean being president of an organization, being a member or simply participating in events.

The Cross Cultural Centers can start your journey to a successful year.

With opportunities to not only meet hundreds of students searching for meaningful relationships, the CCC also offers tutoring services, computers, microwaves, refrigerators and much more.

Come and visit the Pan African Student Resource Center, located on the second floor of the University-Student Union, Room 206 and plan on attending events hosted by the Cross Cultural Centers throughout the year.

As we move forward I want you to remember our purpose is to help enrich our community by becoming better individuals to and for our community. The worker must work for the glory of his vision, not simply for pay; the thinker must think for truth, not simply for gatekeeper fame.

- W.E.B. Du Bois

Best,
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Greetings from Cross Cultural Centers Director

Hello!
On behalf of the Cross Cultural Centers at Cal State LA, I extend a heartfelt greeting to you!
We pride ourselves on being a vibrant, energetic, and a supportive space for you. I would like to personally invite you to stop by and see how we’re working on to support you while at Cal State LA and beyond.

I invite you to stop by and tell me about yourself, for us to think about and discuss your plan of action. To be intentional and focused on your success, maybe you want to get more involved outside the classroom. Maybe you want deeper and more meaningful relationships with friends and teachers. Maybe you found yourself on the wrong path in another setting, but now you want to get back on the right track at Cal State LA!

Here are some personal tips I want to share with you that you may have missed out on about college:

- You are responsible for your own grade, learning, and success.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- On time means being there five minutes early.
- Sit in front in class. Introduce yourself personally to each professor. Learn their office hours and visit regularly to check in about your academic progress. Also know the name and location of your department chair and college dean.
- Represent your community (and families) in a positive light at all times. Think of how your choices would make them proud of or disappointed in you.
- Student loans are a better investment in yourself than credit cards and car loans. The problem comes when / if you stop school and don’t have the means to pay when the student loans kick in. Have fun, get involved, and make a positive name for yourself on campus. Seek out a cohort to help you get through your college career! This can consist of peers, like-minded friends, mentors, professors, faculty, staff, a therapist, and of course student affairs leaders on campus!

As well, I want you to know that I am here for you! Along with the other black staff, faculty, and students at Cal State LA, you don’t need to struggle alone. And when you succeed, we all succeed. So feel free to call on me and the other resources listed in this guide....for anything.

Take care and have a great year...and I expect 4.0s from all of you!

Best,
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Celebration of Black Graduates

Each June following University Commencement

This is an intimate ceremony culturally focused celebration. If you are interested in being a member of the Celebration of Black Graduates Committee or a participant please contact Shanique Davis via email at sdavis18@calstatela.edu or visit the Cross Cultural Centers, University-Student Union Room 206.
Cal State LA Academic Calendar

Fall Quarter 2015

September 24  Fall Quarter; Classes begin
November 11  Veteran’s Day; Campus Closed
November 26-28  Thanksgiving Break; Campus Closed
December 7-12  Final Examinations
December 13 -January 3  Student Recess

Winter Quarter 2016

January 1  New Year’s Day; Campus closed
January 4  Winter Quarter; Classes begin
January 18  Martin Luther King Holiday; Campus Closed
March 14-19  Final Examinations
March 20-March 27  Student Recess

Spring Quarter 2016

March 28  Spring Quarter; Classes begin
March 31  Cesar Chavez Day; Campus closed
May 30  Memorial Day; Campus closed
June 6-11  Final examinations
June 10-11  Commencement
June 12-19  Student recess

Academic Calendars beyond the 2015 date can be viewed by accessing the following link: http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/acadcal.htm
NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS (NSBE)

An organization designed to create a cohesive group among, not only Black engineers, but Black students and professionals as well. We are the largest student run organization in the world and a highly respected name in professional and academic fields.

Contact info: nsbecsula@gmail.com; also can be reached by calling one of the board members.
Black Student Union

The BSU was birthed on the campus of California State University Los Angeles in 1967 during the time of the civil rights and emerging Black power movements. The BSU’s main purpose was to enable mobilization and information distribution, as well as create a safe haven for young black radicals on campus. Today, while embracing the tenets of our origin, the BSU now serves as a conduit for information and resources relevant to today’s Black student. The BSU functions as a support system for all Afro-centric organizations at Cal State LA. The BSU operates under four core principles: Service, Community, Recruitment, and Black-Awareness.

Club email: csula.bsa@gmail.com
Since its founding on December 4, 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has supplied voice and vision to the struggle of African-Americans and people of color around the world. Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of Brotherhood among African descendants in this country. Alpha Phi Alpha has long stood at the forefront of the African-American community’s fight for civil rights through leaders such as: W.E.B. DuBois, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Edward Brooke, Martin Luther King, Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Andrew Young, William Gray, Paul Robeson, and many others.

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DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY INCORPORATED
EPSILON ZETA CHAPTER

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded January 13, 1913, on the campus of Howard University by twenty-two outstanding women. These visionary women had a vision to make a change through public service, scholarship and sisterhood. Today Delta bases their programs using the Five Programmatic thrust: Educational Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, Political Awareness and Involvement, Economic Awareness and Involvement, and International Awareness and Involvement. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Epsilon Zeta Chapter was founded at California State University, Los Angeles on January 18, 1962. Some of our programs include Delta Academy, AIDS Walk and Financial Fortitude. For more information on our illustrious Sorority please contact:

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SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY INC.
UNDERGRAD CHAPTER

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority’s aim is to enhance the quality of life within the community. Public service, leadership development and education of youth are the hallmarks of the organization’s programs and activities. Sigma Gamma Rho addresses concerns that impact society educationally, civically, and economically.

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ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY
RHO ETA CHAPTER

Founded January 16, 1920, Zeta began as an idea conceived by five coeds at Howard University in Washington D.C.: Arizona Cleaver, Myrtle Tyler, Viola Tyler, Fannie Pettie and Pearl Neal. These five women, also known as our Five Pearls, dared to depart from the traditional coalitions for black women and sought to establish a new organization predicated on the precepts of Scholarship, Service, Sisterly Love and Finer Womanhood. It was the ideal of the Founders that the Sorority would reach college women in all parts of the country who were sorority minded and desired to follow the founding principles of the organization. Founder Viola Tyler was oft quoted to say “[In the ideal collegiate situation] there is a Zeta in a girl regardless of race, creed, or color, who has high standards and principles, a good scholarly average and an active interest in all things that she undertakes to accomplish.”

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FACULTY / STAFF MENTORS

As a Black student on this campus, it is important to connect with various faculty and staff members that could be instrumental in your academic and social development. Here is a list of some really great people who shared in the excitement of wanting to reach out to students.

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ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE

As African American student on campus, you should know who you can contact when you have struggles in reaching your educational goals. Below you will find places, people, and programs you can go to for academic assistance.

ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT CENTER
LIB PW 1040A
323.343.4927

STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS
LIB PW 1040C
SA 215

TUTORIAL CENTER
LIB PW 1062
LIB PW 2097

LIBRARY, JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL
LIB N 1st Floor
*research assistance

COUNSELING (EOP)
323.343.4367

WRITING CENTER
323.343.5350

HOUSING SERVICES
323.343.4800
ADVISEMENT

ARTS AND LETTERS
MUS 221
323.343.4015

ATHLETICS
PE 110
323.343.3096

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
(Graduate)
SH C256B
323.343.5156

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
(Undergraduate)
SH C256B
323.343.2810

EDUCATION
(Graduate Studies Office)
KH D2070
323.343.4303

EDUCATION
(Teacher Credential Programs)
KH D2078
323.343.4342

ENGINEERING, COMPUTER SCIENCE,
AND TECHNOLOGY
E&T A241
323.343.5604

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
FA 238
323.343.5500

NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
KH D1044
323.343.4689

UNDECLARED MAJORS
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