

LAMC CalWORKs Newsletter

• Testimonial •

“When I moved to U.S. from Iraq with my family in 2011, my husband and I were seeking a job. But because we didn’t have experience in the U.S. and our English skills were weak, we failed in our efforts. Hence, we decided to enroll in college. In our third semester of college, the CalWORKs program offered my husband Nidhal a position as a work study student. I cannot describe his excitement when he started working after two years of being jobless. The following semester, the program supported me by hiring me as a student worker in the campus Learning Resource Center. This major step gave me much needed power. Several times I was planning on giving up, but the CalWORKs staff always encouraged me to keep going. The pressure of a part-time job, full-time studying and my full time responsibility was not easy; however, I accepted the challenge and have succeeded thus far.

The CalWORKs program at LAMC motivates me and my husband in many ways. They pay for our books and supplies that we need for our studies. When we are confused and have questions, the staff helps us patiently and leads us on the right path. Most importantly, it gave us the opportunity to gain work experience which would’ve been close to impossible without CalWORKs. We encourage our family and friends to enroll in the college and we explain how the CalWORKs program is a supportive system for every member.

Ayeda Noaman ~ Portraits of Student Success 2015



“All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.” ~ Walt Disney ~

CALWORKS WORK-STUDY PLACED 34 STUDENTS IN PROGRAMS AND OFFICES ACROSS THE CAMPUS IN 2014-2015

The CalWORKs Program placed 34 students in work-study positions around the campus at no cost to the programs/departments such as Business Office, Child Development Center, Learning Resource Center, Facilities, Culinary, EOP&S, Counseling, Admissions, Fitness Center, Veterans, Bookstore, FKCE, CTE, Transfer Center, Students Services, Admin Services and the President’s Office. Additionally, two students were placed at our community partner, Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) North Hollywood office. Work-study offers an opportunity for students to gain valuable employment experience while attending college.

The LAMC CalWORKs Program has accomplished yet another successful year. We can venture to say that our students have made us very proud. Despite all their financial struggles, they always prevail on their journey towards self-sufficiency. This year, more than **35** of our students had made it to the Dean’s and the President’s lists, **10** became recipients of various scholarships, **17** students graduated with AA/AS, more than **20** earned certificates and **11** students transferred to four year universities. Congratulations to them all!

Once again, the LAMC faculty and staff put their time and efforts to make two CalWORKs students happy during last year’s holiday season. The Administration of Justice Department had kindly adopted Julio Mares, who is one of our many successful students in the program and an Administration of Justice major himself. He was recognized and presented with some wonderful gifts by two of AJ faculty members, whom, the CalWORKs staff would like to also thank.



Ruth Posey was another student who had worked exceptionally hard during last year inspite of some personal hardships she had to overcome. In an effort to acknowledge her hard work, the CalWORKs Office staff adopted her family for Christmas and presented her with a gift basket.

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