

Instruction and Student Services Week 5 Message

Welcome to Week 5 of the Fall 2025 Semester!

The semester is in full swing! Enrollment is up, and you can feel the energy on campus. We have witnessed so many positive student interactions. We are grateful for the dedication you all show to our students. We have included our week 1 message on both the Vice President of Instruction [Webpage](#) and the Vice President of Student Services and Equity [Webpage](#). This message will also be linked for easy access.

Below are key updates and reminders from Instruction and Student Services to support a smooth and successful progress through the semester:

Key upcoming items:

- **Faculty Prioritization Process**
 - On Friday, faculty received an email from Academic Senate President Veronica Lopez and VPI Angela Milano for details regarding the Prioritization process.
 - Please see the [Timeline](#) for the process.
 - ARC is expecting between 15 to 25 new positions that will have hiring committees in the spring of 2026 for a Fall 2026 start.
- **Fall Grade Checks** for our student-athletes will be sent out on Friday, September 19th, via email - subject line reads "Athletic Grade Check Survey Request Notification" and will be due back from professors on **Friday, September 26th**. Please submit these grade checks back before the due date. This helps greatly with our intervention efforts with our student-athletes.
- **[Homecoming](#)**- Week-long engagement Highlights:
 - **Tuesday, Oct. 28 – ARC Club & Resource Fair:** Programs, areas, and divisions are invited to host a table. [Sign up here](#).
 - **Wednesday, Oct. 29, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. - College Isn't Scary @ Natomas Center** - Natomas Center Showcase of academic programs, student support, college life, and community engagement with food! Programs, areas, divisions, student organizations, support services are all invited to host tables, play games, run demonstrations, etc. [RSVP here](#)
 - **Saturday, Nov. 1 – ARC Spirit Fest & Football Game:** Programs, clubs, and departments can host a tent/spot at the Spirit Zone. [Sign up here](#).
- **Student Equity Plan (SEP)** - We have been reflecting on our planning documents and DI reports as we start the process of informing the next SEP. A small group of faculty, classified professionals, and managers will continue to develop the plan and get feedback from the Academic Senate, Classified Senate,

Student Senate, and the Governance Councils. The new plan is due to the board November 6th and then the Chancellor's Office!

- **Institutional Equity Plan (IEP):** The (IEP) was recently approved by the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) and has been assigned to the Institutional Effectiveness Council (IEC) for implementation. The IEC is now forming a project team to guide this work. The IEP is a one-year planning effort (2025–2026) that will update ARC's institutional equity plan for 2026–2030. Its purpose is to reaffirm ARC's commitment to equity and student success, address disproportionate impact among populations such as Black/African American, Latinx, Native American, LGBTQ+, foster youth, undocumented, first-generation, disabled, low-income, and system-impacted students, and align with campus, district, and [Vision 2030](#) equity priorities. The project will produce a renewed framework, data-informed recommendations, and a roadmap for embedding equity and anti-racist practices across all institutional plans and processes. You can view the full project charter here: [IEP Charter](#).
- **HomeBases Co-location:** **Over three years ago, under the previous administration, eight locations were launched using soft-funding (limited-term money). Because that funding has never been sufficient to sustain all eight, and our reserves are now depleted, we are in a position where co-location has become necessary.** The college has been exploring options for co-locating our HomeBases to improve student access, collaboration, and visibility. Based on recent listening sessions with students, faculty, classified staff, and managers, we are leaning toward a plan in which the MCT HomeBase will be located in the new Career and Technical (CT) Building, while the seven remaining HomeBases would be co-located in the Learning Resource Center (LRC). Although we are exploring the left side of the LRC (tutoring side), other spaces are being considered, and conversations are ongoing with the Academic Senate, Classified Senate, Student Senate, as well as IT, Operations, and other partners to assess feasibility. You can view the presentation and listening session summary here: [HomeBase Co-location Summary](#).
- **Undocumented Student Success Week:** The California Community Colleges will also host the Annual Undocumented Student Success Week from October 13–17, 2025. This statewide call to action highlights the voices, resilience, and impact of students with mixed immigration status. This year's theme, *Together in Purpose, Grounded in Belonging*, urges institutions, educators, and policymakers to take bold, equity-focused steps to affirm identities, support student success, and uplift communities. An in-person convening will take place on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm at the DoubleTree by Hilton Sacramento (2001 Point W Way, Sacramento, CA 95815). This free event

includes breakfast and lunch. For full event details and registration, visit the [California Community Colleges event page](#).

- **[Latinx Hispanic Heritage Month](#)**: American River College is proud to celebrate Latinx Hispanic Heritage Month with a series of events that highlight culture, community, and collaboration.
 - 9/24/2025 – Carefest
 - 09/25/2025 – Bridging Pathways: Learning Together for Student Success
 - [Latinx Hispanic Heritage Month Flyer](#)
 - [Bridging Pathways: Learning Together for Student Success Flyer](#)
 - 09/26/2025 – Adelante Conference: A pre-college conference in collaboration with Manufacturing, Construction, and Transportation to demonstrate the CTE opportunities at ARC.
 - 10/02/2025 – Cinema Serenity: A full day of crafting, resources, and activities across campus to honor Suicide Prevention Awareness in collaboration with PRISE.
 - 10/09/2025 – Pozole Pride: Celebrate LGBTQ+ culture and community within Latinidad with food, crafting, and comunidad in collaboration with the Pride Center.
 - 10/15/2025 – Pink Day: Wear pink to promote Breast Cancer Awareness Month and discuss medical discrimination in collaboration with the Black Student Success Center.
 - 10/28/2025 – Día de los Muertos
 - 11/03/2025 – Día de los Muertos Part 2
- **Important Night and Weekend contacts:**
 - Campus Police: 916-558-2221, dial 0 for Dispatch (Roof leaks, broken window, vandalism, emergencies)
 - Custodial On-call: 916-484-8255 (building classroom access, minor cleanup)
 - Emergency: 911 (medical emergencies, fire)
 - After-Hours Admin - 916-484-4500 (Administrator support for evenings/weekends)

Instructional Updates

- **Enrollment and Scheduling**
 - We are continuing to see growth in enrollments. Currently, we are up around 5% in **student enrollment**.

- Scheduling for Spring 2026 should be finalized soon - Check in with your Deans and Department Chairs regarding this process.
 - **Curriculum Updates**
 - **Common Course Numbering** went into effect for 11 ARC courses starting this Fall Semester. These include courses in Communications, English, Political Science, and Statistics. To learn more about what changes this fall, visit [our dedicated common course numbering webpage](#). More information from the California Community College Chancellor's Office regarding CCN can be found at: [Common Course Numbering](#).
 - **Cal-GETC (AB 928)** - Students can now begin to use the Cal-GETC pattern. The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) is the new general education pattern designed to make transferring from a California Community College to a California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) easier and more efficient. Student communications regarding these changes that started Summer 25/Fall 25 were sent to all students and can also be found at the ARC Counseling website [\[https://arc.losrios.edu/student-resources/counseling/cal-getc-and-general-education-guidance\]](https://arc.losrios.edu/student-resources/counseling/cal-getc-and-general-education-guidance).
 - **Facility Updates:**
 - New, more adaptable furniture will be replacing old furniture in our **portable spaces** soon. A revamp of these spaces will continue into the Spring 2026 semester. Operations is working hard to improve these learning spaces.
 - The **new Davies** planning process is beginning with User Groups and campus listening sessions. The actual demolition and Construction should begin in Fall 2027 with a tentative completion date of Fall 2029.
 - If you have items in Davies Hall, please work with your Dean and Operations to arrange for their retrieval by the end of September. After that date, we may no longer be able to retrieve items due to Health and Safety concerns.
 - **Instruction-Wide Division Chair Meetings:** Last Spring's Division-Wide Chair Meetings were so valuable and informative that I will be doing these again this fall. I truly value the opportunity to spend time with each department and learn how I can better support you. Scheduling of these meetings is starting now!
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Student Services Updates

- [HSI](#): On September 10, 2025, the U.S. Department of Education announced it will end discretionary funding for Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) and other Minority-Serving Institution (MSI) programs, citing the U.S. Solicitor General's determination that these programs "violate the equal-protection component of the Fifth Amendment's Due Process Clause" by requiring racial or ethnic quotas. This decision affects institutions across the country and will phase out critical grant programs that have supported Latinx, Black, Native, Asian American, and other historically underrepresented students. At American River College, we recognize the profound impact this loss of funding will have on our students and programs. We are working closely with our HSI team at ARC, the District Office, grant writers, and partner organizations to advocate for these essential resources. In the meantime, we are applying for a no-cost extension to retain our current HSI funds for another year, ensuring continued support for Latinx and disproportionately impacted students while we push for long-term solutions.
- [Dependent Child Verification Page is available!](#) Students with dependents may submit their verification form in eServices (other resources tab) to receive priority registration until November 23, 2025. Only one verification submission is required. Once submitted, priority 0 will remain in effect on the student's account until the student's youngest child turns 18.
- **TRIO Upward Bound Programs:** Our Grants were awarded for one more year! Our first Saturday Academy is happening on October 18th with collaboration with WAC. Our next Saturday Academy is November 15th (test taking) and our hiking experience is December 6th. If you can recommend an easy hike in Sacramento or nearby, let me know. GMA shared a glimpse of two Upward Bound TRIO champions and SSS at University of the Pacific. [Check it out!](#)
- **TRIO ETS:** Our Grants were awarded for one more year!
- **Supporting Undocumented Students:** For more information on how to support undocumented and mixed-status students in the event immigration officials come to campus, including protocols and "Know Your Rights" Red Cards, visit the district resource page: [How to Respond to Immigration Enforcement on Campus | Los Rios Community College District](#).
 - During FLEX, LRPD, Legal Counsel, and the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights ([CHIRLA](#)) provided a [FLEX training facilitated](#) by Yolanda Garcia, Oday Ariana Frausto (DOJ Accredited Representative, CHIRLA), and Peter Khang (Interim Chief Counsel, Los Rios CCD). This workshop covered how to respond to encounters with immigration enforcement, advocate for yourself, and support others through informed action.

- Los Rios Undocu Centers, ARC Undocu Scholar Resource Center, in collaboration with CHIRLA and other colleges, will be hosting the Undocu-Knowledge Workshop Series. To find more information and register for the series: [■ Undocu-Knowledge Series Flyer 2025.png](#)
 - ARC Undocu Scholar Resource Center also provides textbook assistance for undocumented students. The application can be found on the UndoScholar Resource Collection [website](#).
 - **Student Advocacy and Accountability Office:** We're excited to share that our Student Conduct Office has a new name—**Student Advocacy and Accountability Office**—a change supported by our Associated Student Body (ASB) to better reflect our shared commitment to a culture of care, responsibility, and support. This new name emphasizes our focus on empowering students to navigate challenges, take ownership of their actions, and access the resources they need to succeed.
 - **Counseling and Transfer:** **Transfer Day** on Thursday, October 9th in the Student Center ([Transfer Days | American River College](#)) and **HBCU Caravan** on Tuesday, November 4th ([ARC CCC to HBCU Caravan | American River College](#)).
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Students' Services and Resources

- [Campus Map](#)
- **Counseling Center:** ARC Counselors provide students with academic, career, personal, and crisis counseling necessary to reach their goals. Counseling Center Hours of Operation:
 - Monday through Thursday: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm
 - Fridays: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- **ARC Student Health & Wellness Center:** Support for students' physical and mental wellness, so they may achieve their educational and life goals.
 - Hours: Monday -Friday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm - walk-ins or appointments are welcome! Make a FREE physical or mental health appointment.
 - Located behind the Student Center (near the Community Rooms).
- **Learning Resource Center:**
 - [BEACON Supplemental Instruction \(SI\) Program](#)
 - [English as a Second Language Center](#)
 - [LRC Tutoring Program:](#)
 - Monday through Thursday: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
 - Fridays: 10:00 am to 4:30 pm
 - Saturdays: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (remote)

- Fall 2025 LRC Tutoring Services can be found [here](#).
 - [Reading Across the Disciplines](#)
 - [The Writing Center](#)
- **[Beaver Cares Basic Needs Center](#)**: dedicated to supporting and empowering students by providing essential resources and services to address their basic needs—food, housing, accessing resources, and wellness.
 - Food Pantry services are also available at the Natomas Center - come to the main office for access.
- **[Library](#)**: [Hours](#)
- **[UNITE Center Hours](#)**:
 - Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
 - Friday: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
- **[Natomas Tutoring Services](#)**:
- **[Science Success Center](#)**: Offers individualized instruction in reading and study skills geared to support students' efforts in various science classes. Instructors meet with students weekly for 30 minutes and discuss different learning strategies and techniques that the students then try in their science courses. Please stop by the SSC or email ssc@arc.losrios.edu for more information.
 - Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, Science Area 491
 - Friday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, Online
- **[Transfer Center](#)**: provides comprehensive services and resources to assist students in preparation to transfer to bachelor's granting universities.
- **[TRIO Student Support Services](#)**: TRIO (SSS) serves students by providing holistic student support from a team of dedicated counseling faculty, classified advisors, and peer mentor and tutoring staff. Please encourage students to apply or come by our space in the Welcome and Support Center to get connected!
- **[Upward Bound Programs](#)**: Pre-College program supporting 180 students from Center, Del Campo, El Camino Fundamental, and Inderkum High Schools. Our mission is to prepare students for college before graduating for high school through workshops, trips, advising, and mentoring. Our program is a year round program and our biggest component is our summer program where students take college courses and experience living on a college campus. Best part, all our services are Free!!!
- **[EOP&S, CARE, NEXTUP](#)**: is dedicated to serving students who have been historically excluded and/or underserved due to language, social, economic, and/or educational system barriers and who are often among the first generation in their families to attend college.
 - Mon, Thu, Fri: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
 - Tue, Wed: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

- [CalWORKs](#): is dedicated to serving parenting students receiving county aid. The intent, purpose, and resources of the CalWORKs Program are directed at assisting CalWORKs-eligible participants in achieving their academic, enrollment, retention, transfer, and career goals.
 - Mon, Thu, Fri: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
 - Tue, Wed: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
 - [Disability Services & Programs for Students \(DSPS\)](#): DSPS is dedicated to ensuring equal access to education for students with disabilities. We provide a wide range of services and accommodations, including academic advising, assistive technology, course accommodations, note-taking support, sign language interpreting, alternative media formats and more. Our goal is to partner with faculty and staff to create an inclusive learning environment where all students can fully participate and succeed.
 - Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
 - Tuesday: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
 - [Center for Leadership and Development](#)
 - [WEAVE](#): The Los Rios Community College District has partnered with WEAVE to provide confidential support for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and sex trafficking. Tess Covarrubias, the Confidential College Advocate and Educator, is available to meet with students in person, virtually, or by phone to offer advocacy, emotional support, and guidance on reporting options.
 - [Title IX](#): American River College is committed to maintaining a safe environment free from sexual harassment and violence. Under Title IX, the college promptly responds to reports of sexual misconduct, provides confidential support, and works to prevent further harm.
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Important Upcoming Dates

Please see the [Academic Calendar and Deadlines](#) page for a complete listing.

- **October 1: Last day to withdraw from classes with a "W" notation on record for 1st 8 week classes**
- **October 3: Deadline to petition to graduate for Fall 2025.**
- **Start of November: Counselors in collaboration with students may submit a Priority 0.5 request for Spring 2025 enrollment.**
- **November 18: Last day to withdraw from classes with a "W" notation on record for Full Term Classes**
- **November 23: Deadline to submit Dependent Child Verification & Priority 0.5 Requests**

- **November 24: Spring 2026 Enrollment Starts (see [priority levels](#)) and deadline to change Fall 2025 Major**
 - **November 27: Last day to withdraw from classes with a "W" notation on record for 2nd 8 Week classes**
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