A Message from the Director

The 2013–2014 year was another eventful year in the Learning Resource Center. In Summer 2013, ASI Tutoring and Math and Science Help combined services to become Bronco Tutoring and the LRC adopted a new scheduling system, Accudemia. Beginning Fall 2013, the LRC tutoring programs, Bronco Tutoring and University Writing Center, were funded through the Student Success Fee. With this new funding, the programs were able to hire more tutors and enter into extended tutoring with later hours (Winter 2014) and online writing tutoring (Spring 2014). We look forward to expanding extended tutoring even further in the coming quarters.

And with the close of this year, the LRC is sad to see the departure of Teri Vail and Melissa Stocking. We hope that you will all join us in sending best wishes to these two amazing women.

Tracy McDonald, LRC Director
Spring 2014 News and Events

On April 10th, all LRC tutors, student assistants, and staff attended a Kognito training session, which reinforced skills to recognize students in distress.

On May 13th, the LRC was asked to send two tutors to the “Safety & Well---Being” event at the University Village to give a short presentation about the LRC’s services. Our tutors Aaron Gonzalez and Andy Reynaga represented the LRC at this informational session.

The CRSP Program held its annual Graduate Luncheon on May 29th. During the Graduate Luncheon, tutees and tutors shared their experiences with the CRSP Program and accepted awards commemorating their graduation. The CRSP Program announced that in the next academic year, they will be changing their program name. More information on the CRSP name change can be found below.

On June 2nd, the LRC launched its pilot of online writing tutoring through Blackboard. More information regarding Online Tutoring can be found on page 5.

The annual LRC Awards Ceremony was held on June 5th. More information on the LRC Awards Ceremony can be found on pages 3 and 4.

On June 6th, the LRC (sponsored by the Office of Academic Programs) hosted the annual Dawn Van Bruggen Memorial Scholarship Ceremony, and awarded two students with this scholarship. Awardees at this year’s ceremony were Molly Duong (CRSP Tutor) and Martha Rojas (CRSP Tutee).

In coordination with the International Student Center, the LRC’s Writing Center also helped host a Mock GWT Exam, in which students took the exam, a faculty member scored the exams, and students were given feedback on ways to improve their GWT scores.

The LRC hosted many workshops this quarter, including workshops for Math 12, Chemistry 122, the MDPT, GWT, as well as workshops on Grammar and Avoiding Plagiarism.

------Stephanie Gibbons, Graduate Student Assistant

CRSP Updates Program Name to Reflect Its Broad Array of Services

The College Reading Skills Program was founded in 1988 with the primary purpose to improve participants’ retention and graduation rates by helping to make them stronger readers. Successful college-level reading demands strong vocabulary, comprehension, and critical reading skills. Over time, the program has developed an array of services. As a TRIO Student Support Services Program, the program has services for a wide variety of low-income students, first-generation college students, and students with disabilities. Changing the program’s name to the Reading, Advising, & Mentoring Program (RAMP) reflects the key opportunities the program offers and communicates its applicability to those who may not need or want to use the reading component of the program. While a focus on reading improvement remains central to the program’s identity and its core tutorial service, this change will facilitate the program’s reaching out and appealing to a broader segment of the Cal Poly Pomona population.

------Robert Matranga, RAMP/CRSP Advisor
LRC Awards Ceremony

On June 5th, 2014 the LRC hosted its annual Awards Ceremony in the URSA Minor room in the BSC.

Cal Poly Pomona’s Associate Provost, Dr. Claudia Pinter---Lucke, presented the Welcome Address. We were very honored to have Dr. Pinter---Lucke take the time out of her very busy schedule to speak to our tutors and student staff in her Welcome. A former LRC Business Tutor, Tracey Carter, presented the Keynote Address. Ms. Carter spoke very fondly of her time working in the LRC, and shared with the audience not only the skills she learned, but also the opportunities that became available to her because of her tutoring experience while in the LRC.

The awards and awardees at this ceremony were presented as follows:

- **CRLA Level One Tutor Certifications**
  - Bronco Tutoring (MaSH)
    - Sean Agler
    - Erik Augustine
    - Aaron Gaut
    - Hayden Krygsman
    - Scott Sanger
    - Eric Severson
    - Tommy Tran
    - George Yap
  - Bronco Tutoring (General)
    - Jasmine Baraoidan
    - Mike Bleck
    - Justin Bowman
    - Cynthia Cea
    - Bobby Coffin
    - Dylan Costello
    - Briana Ho
    - Somi Kang
    - Raimundo Martinez
    - Edan Ortnner
    - Tony Pineda
  - College Reading Skills Program
    - Johnathan Lopez
    - Jasmine Martinez
    - Stephanie Martinez
  - University Writing Center
    - Sofia Araya
    - Brittany Kemp
    - Monika Kozan
    - Lindsey Lozano
    - Calvin Lu
    - Maxwell McAllister
    - Laura Razo
    - Sierra Trujillo
    - Lauren White

- **CRLA Level Two, Advanced Tutor, Certifications**
  - Bronco Tutoring (General)
    - Jasmine Baraoidan
    - Chau Tran
  - College Reading Skills Program
    - Stephanie Martinez
  - University Writing Center
    - Lindsey Lozano
• **Graduating Tutor and Student Assistant Awards**
  - Bronco Tutoring (MaSH)
    - Sean Agler
    - Aaron Castellanos
    - Brandon DePaul
    - Eric Emerson
    - Michael Hachache
    - Lorenc Hoxha
    - Derek Noreen
    - Miguel Rodriguez
    - Javaneh Taghipour
    - Henry Vuong
    - Bill Weigel
    - George Yap
  - Bronco Tutoring (General)
    - Jasmine Baraoidan
    - Robert Caprine
    - Kirstie Gallacher—Ang
    - Briana Ho
    - Somi Kang
    - Michael Kemp
    - Saba Momayez
    - Edan Ortner
    - Tony Pineda
    - Chau Tran
  - College Reading Skills Program
    - Molly Duong
    - Lauren Sumabat
  - University Writing Center
    - Ninet Ashastourian
    - Sofia Araya
    - Kevin Parra
    - Laura Razo
    - Jill Walker
  - Student Assistants
    - Jessica Gonzalez
    - Carmen Velasco

• **Awards of Appreciation**
  - Molly Duong
  - Amanda Riggle
  - Emily Jasien
  - Derek Noreen
  - Somi Kang
  - Tony Pineda
  - Brittany Kemp
  - Jill Walker
  - Jaclyn Hannah
  - Christian Garrido

• **Outstanding Tutor Awards**
  - Lauren Sumabat
  - Michael Hachache
  - Scott Sanger
  - Bill Weigel
  - Michael Kemp
  - Chau Tran
  - Sapna Jethani
  - Robert Zavala

• **LRC Director’s Award**
  - Amanda Thomason

**Photos: Awards of Appreciation and Outstanding Tutor Awards**

*From top to bottom: Student Assistants Awards, Writing Center Awards, Bronco Tutoring (MaSH) Awards, Bronco Tutoring (General) Awards, & CRSP Awards*
Online Writing Tutoring: e---Tutoring on Blackboard

The Learning Resource Center’s online writing tutoring is now open for all interested students. At the University Writing Center, tutors work with students from various disciplines across campus, and some students commute a long distance to make their appointments. With the new online tutoring option, students who are open to being tutored asynchronously can get feedback and even stamp credit for their papers and written assignments without face-to-face appointments.

Through our e---Tutoring program, papers are submitted through the assignment function on the Blackboard organization “LRC Online Tutoring,” and tutors respond to drafts remotely within three business days. Tutees can ask for help in one of three areas: global (content), grammar/mechanics, or general. This online option is beneficial for tutors who want to work from home, and tutees who want to avoid an extra trip to campus. For any questions or help, please email lrcconlinewriting@gmail.com.

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Friday: Closed

“Learn More. Do More.”

Upcoming in Summer 2014:

The LRC will be hosting various Open House sessions for the Freshman and Transfer Student Orientations through July and August. Stop by to ask us questions about our services!

For updated Summer Event and Workshop dates hosted by the LRC, please visit our website under News and Events and Workshops.