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THE LEGACY LETTER

The Newsletter of the Laney College Parenting Scholars



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DEAR PARENTING SCHOLARS:

PARENTING SCHOLARS

Raising Families. Achieving Dreams.

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As we enter this season of gratitude, I want to take a moment to express how thankful I am to have each of you as part of our Parenting Scholars family. I am incredibly proud of your perseverance, dedication, and determination to keep pushing forward, even when life gets busy and the balancing act of parenting, school, work, and everything in between feels overwhelming.

Can you believe we are just ONE MONTH AWAY from the end of the semester?! You've come too far to slow down now. Keep showing up, stay focused, ask for support when you need it, and finish strong!

This month's issue is filled with helpful resources, upcoming events, reminders, and encouragement to keep you motivated as we approach the finish line.

Remember, your hard work is planting seeds that will grow into opportunities for you and generations to come. I see you, I celebrate you, and I am so proud of you!

Keep pushing. Keep persevering. Keep building your legacy! 💜

Shanice Millican, M.S., Program Coordinator

SCHOLAR RESOURCES

A successful semester starts with knowing where to find the support you need.
Take a few minutes to explore these valuable services and save the links for easy access throughout the semester.
Your Success Starts Here

- **BenefitsCal –** Apply for or manage public assistance benefits, including CalFresh, Medi-Cal, and CalWORKs.
- **Welcome Center**
  Get help with admissions, registration, orientation, and enrollment services.
- **Laney College Bookstore** – Purchase textbooks, school supplies, and Laney merchandise.
- **Library** – Access research databases, study spaces, computers, and librarian support.
- **Tutoring & Learning Labs** – Receive free academic support in a variety of subjects to help you stay on track.
- **Student Accessibility Services (SAS)**
  Connect with accommodations and support services for students with documented disabilities.
- **The Eagles Nest** – Access free food, clothing, hygiene products, and other basic needs resources to help you thrive.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Nov. 3 - GO VOTE!**
- **Nov. 11** – Veterans Day: **No Classes**
- **Nov. 18** - Last Day to Withdraw with a "W"
- **Nov. 26-29** -Thankgiving Break**: No Classes**

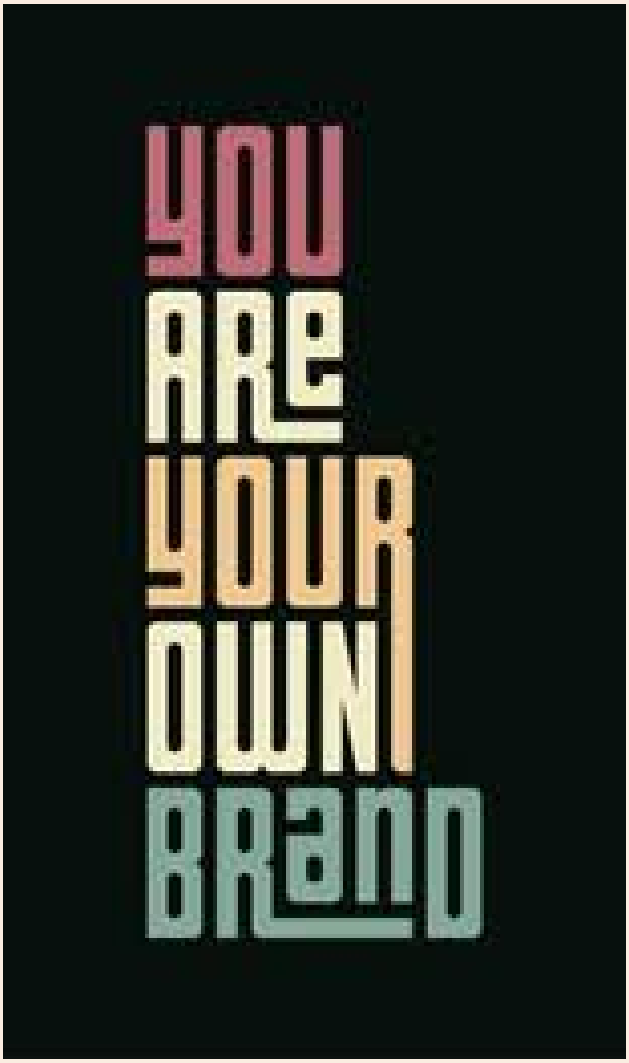
Workshop of the Month:

"FRIENDS GIVING"
Date: Thursday, Nov 19th
Time: 3PM-5PM
Location: TBA
Please RSVP & Sign up if you are bringing a dish

CLICK HERE TO RSVP : FRIENDS GIVING

SIGN UP TO BRING A DISH





LEGACY CORNER

💼 YOUR NAME IS YOUR BRAND

Your reputation speaks before you enter the room!

Whether you're in the classroom, at work, or building your professional network, your name carries value. Your reputation is shaped by how you communicate, show up, treat others, and follow through on your commitments. As a Parenting Scholar, you're not just earning a degree; you're building a future and creating opportunities for yourself and your family. Remember, your name is your personal brand, and how you represent yourself today can open doors tomorrow.

7 Ways to Keep Your Name a Good Brand.

1. **BE RELIABLE:** Show up on time, attend class, meet deadlines, and keep your promises.
2. **WATCH YOUR WORDS:** Communicate respectfully, professionally, and thoughtfully—even when frustrated.
3. **OWN YOUR ACTIONS:** Take accountability for mistakes, learn from them, and make things right.
4. **BE CONSISTENT**: Let your work ethic, attitude, and character speak for themselves.
5. **PROTECT YOUR DIGITAL FOOTPRINT:** Think before posting, commenting, or sharing. Your online presence is part of your brand.
6. **BUILD POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS**: Treat classmates, coworkers, instructors, and supervisors with respect.
7. **LET YOUR WORK SPEAK:** Produce quality work, stay prepared, and always strive to improve.

💚 **LEGACY REMINDER:** You don't have to be the loudest person in the room to make an impression. Let your character, consistency, and commitment make your name unforgettable. Build a name that opens doors and leaves a legacy!

Positive Affirmation

“I am intentional about the name I build, the reputation I carry, and the legacy I leave behind.” 💚



LEGACY SPOTLIGHT

SHINES A LIGHT ON THE PEOPLE, PLACES, PROGRAMS, EVENTS, AND IMPORTANT UPDATES THAT EMPOWER OUR PARENTING SCHOLARS COMMUNITY TO SUCCEED.

A LEGACY OF LEARNING, SERVICE, AND NEW BEGINNINGS

Angela Johnson's story is a beautiful reminder that it is never too late to pursue your dreams, embrace new opportunities, and create a legacy that inspires generations.
Born in San Francisco, Angela's family roots trace back to Longview, Texas, where her mother and grandmother were born before making California their home. Today, as a mother and grandmother herself, Angela understands the importance of family, generational wisdom, and the lessons we pass down.

After dedicating nearly 28 years to Contra Costa County, where she retired in April 2023 as a Lead Eligibility Worker, Angela decided it was finally time to pursue a lifelong goal: earning her associate degree. Returning to school marked the beginning of what she describes as the second half of her life journey—a season of growth, discovery, and new possibilities.
Angela chose Laney College as an opportunity to experience something new. What started as a personal educational goal quickly blossomed into a passion for serving others. She became a student worker in Admissions and Records, tutored English through Umoja, and served as a Student Assistant with Parenting Scholars. Her commitment to helping others while continuing to learn is a reflection of the heart of our Parenting Scholars community.

In Spring 2026, Angela accomplished an incredible academic milestone, graduating with six associate degrees, including degrees in African American Studies, Ethnic Studies, Social Science, Humanities, and two Associate Degrees for Transfer in Social Justice. She is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and a 2026 Valedictorian Candidate!
But Angela's journey is far from over. In Spring 2027, she plans to transfer to Cal State East Bay to pursue her bachelor's degree and continue building her next chapter.

Angela's Legacy Lesson:
"As parents, we should give our families a legacy they can build on. By sharing our knowledge, values, and lessons learned, we help prepare the next generation to go further than we did."

Angela, your journey reminds us that our dreams do not have expiration dates. Your dedication, service, and determination are leaving a legacy that extends far beyond the classroom. We are proud to celebrate you!