Dear Students,

The University of La Verne community is happy you have chosen to call our campus your home. Our goal is to have open communication with all students and this email will provide you with information about parking changes for Vista residents for the Academic Year 2013-2014.

As you know, over the past two years, the university has experienced tremendous growth in student enrollment and as a result, our parking lots and neighborhood streets have been impacted. To address the parking issue and the City of La Verne’s concerns about this, the university has had to make changes to ease parking congestion on the main campus, while the city has implemented city parking permit requirements in surrounding residential and business areas.

Effective next fall, an additional change to ease parking congestion is to have all Vista La Verne residence students park in the university shuttle lot at the south end of A Street (Carson Industries lot). A section of the shuttle lot will be reserved for Vista students to ensure they can always find a parking space. While Vista students will not be able to purchase standard parking permits, they will receive a free “R” permit that will allow them to park in this reserved section of the shuttle lot. In addition, they will be able to park in campus parking lots on holidays, Spring Break, and every weekend from noon on Fridays until 7am on Mondays with this permit.

Parking in the shuttle lot is free. The hours for the shuttle will increase to run 24-hours a day, from Sunday at 3 pm to Friday at 11 pm to better serve the needs of Vista residents. While cars can be left in the shuttle lot over the weekend, students who wish to access their cars between Friday night and Sunday afternoon (during the time the shuttle lot is closed to access) should move their vehicle to a campus lot sometime Friday afternoon or evening. We will have security in place at the shuttle lot at all times (including weekends) to ensure all cars are safe.

By having this group park in the shuttle lot, the university is able to have a defined population of cars using the shuttle lot day and night, which is what is needed to address the parking crunch and the City of La Verne concerns.
To ensure that all Vista La Verne students and their families feel safe and secure in this transition, the university is working to make this process run as smoothly as possible. The university will:

1. **Not charge any parking fees to Vista La Verne residents parking in the shuttle lot;**

2. **Designate a specific portion of the shuttle lot for Vista Resident Students Only (with an “R” permit) to ensure each Vista student can find a parking spot at all times;**

3. **Have shuttle drivers wait at the Campus Center drop-off until students enter the rear door of Vista;**

4. **Add a video surveillance camera to cover the shuttle drop-off and Vista entrance;**

5. **Ensure Campus Safety maintains high visibility in the area during the early morning hours;**

6. **Provide a phone number Vista students can call to request the shuttle come to the Campus Center drop-off to pick them up if it is not there;**

7. **Add a GPS tracking feature so students can see shuttle location on mobile devices;**

8. **Expand parking and increase lighting in the shuttle lot.**

Please note: this is only one of several parking-related changes the University will be making. Earlier this spring, we halted the sales of student permits for spring semester and directed these new incoming students (both graduate and undergraduate) to park in the shuttle lot.

On behalf of the university, we apologize to you for any inconvenience this change may cause. We are working to develop better long-term solutions for our parking situation.

In the meantime, we thank you for your cooperation and understanding. If you have any additional questions/concerns please contact parking services at parking@laverne.edu.

Thank you,

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