

# New Student Group – Law Students for Community Advancement – Sees Wealth of Possibilities

*“In order that all [persons] may be taught to speak the truth, it is necessary that all likewise should learn to hear it.”*

– Samuel Johnson, 1709-1794, British essayist

By **Raquel Busani**, Vice President of Law Students for Community Advancement

When the soon to be board members of Law Students for Community Advancement first sat down over lunch to discuss the need for a new student organization at San Joaquin College of Law, they each brought their own unique experiences to the table. It was not dissatisfaction that brought them together, but mere curiosity. Curiosity, after all, is the currency of change that moves us from what is to what if. For the four, the “what ifs” and the possibilities were abundant. By the beginning of the Fall 2016 semester, Raquel Busani, Jason Crockford, Joshua Hernandez, and Teju Olubeko were ready to present Law Students for Community Advancement (LSCA) to the student body.

LSCA’s primary mission is to build a campus-based movement that will empower the student body and local community through inquiry, dialogue, and action. In light of its mission, LSCA will throughout the year invite guest speakers to present on various social and legal issues, encourage members to participate in community events, and will additionally offer opportunities for students to actively engage in community and campus issues. In doing so, LSCA hopes to -- among other things: (1) promote diversity, equality, and tolerance at SJCL and in the local legal community; (2) provide a space where knowledge is pursued and valued regardless of its practical



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application (3) promote and encourage alternative theoretical approaches to law and provide opportunities for members to discover the intersection of law with other disciplines; and (4) create a student organization recognized for its impact on the local community.

As a new organization, LSCA is thinking big and is already pursuing partnerships with various like-minded organizations across the Valley in order to achieve these goals. By forging relationships with already well-established organizations, LSCA seeks to offer its members the opportunity to actively engage in and address issues they care about without having to reinvent the wheel. This strategy is a “win-win” for everyone: law students have the opportunity to effect

change while networking with community leaders, and local organizations tap into a community of intelligent, willing, and able volunteers.

LSCA meets at the San Joaquin College of Law campus once a month. Membership is open to all SJCL students, California State University, Fresno students, and alumnae of both institutions. Faculty and staff of both institutions are welcome and encouraged to participate in events sponsored by the organization.

For more information about LSCA and upcoming events, or if you are interested in a partnership with the organization, please contact [LSCA@sjcl.edu](mailto:LSCA@sjcl.edu).