

## LPC Talk Hawks

The Talk Hawks competed in the Golden Gate Season Opener Tournament held at San Francisco State University on September 23rd and 24th. Team members who competed include: Marlo Bourland (Finalist Open Informative Speaking, Finalist Novice Extemporaneous Speaking) Milla Lindevall (Top Novice Informative Speaking), Paulo Yanez (Finalist Novice Poetry Interpretation of Literature), Brandon Chin, Andrew Europa, and Emma Kettering.

## Freelen Promoted to Captain



Ron Johansen

George Freelen, Adjunct Professor, was recently promoted to Captain by the City of Oakland Fire Department. He is credited as being a part of why the Fire Services Technology Program at LPC is tremendously successful. He was also a student of LPC over 20 years ago. Captain Freelen worked on a task force for FEMA and was deployed to Texas in response to Hurricane Harvey. He is back working at Fire Station 23 and teaching at LPC.

## LPC Men's Basketball Shines in SoCal Showcase

The Las Positas men's basketball team traveled to Los Angeles in late September to participate in the largest Junior College basketball showcase in the country. Over 100 NCAA college basketball coaches and scouts were in attendance. Las Positas outscored all four teams they played including Moorpark, Southwestern, Irvine Valley, and Victor Valley. The men received accolades from national bloggers Cameron Belden (@cbMullenSports) and John Bynum Jr. (@sgnlthelgthoops) with Mr. Bynum Jr. quoted as saying the men represented, "...NorCal very well."



## Fire Technology Program Students Climb for a Cause

Thirteen students from the Las Positas College Fire Service Technology Program participated in a 52+ floors Stair Climb for a total of 1,197 stairs. The event was a fundraiser and platform to bring awareness to PTSD for first responders. The event was held on Saturday, Sept. 9th, 2017 at the Bank of America High Rise in San Francisco. All 13 students not only completed the climb, but did so as a group with full turnouts, helmets, and SCBA packs on their backs. These students were identified by all participants as one of the highlight groups of the event to have done the climb under true firefighter tradition and the challenge of wearing full gear; a total weight configuration of at least 50 additional pounds. They were also by far the largest single group from any college. The students raised the money and paid to participate on their own with an entry fee of \$50.00 per person. Mr. Ron Johansen,

Program Coordinator for Fire Service Technology, has received comments from professional firefighters about how great the students represented LPC and what a great team performance they accomplished.

The event is held each year in remembrance of those who gave their lives on 9/11 and those Fire Fighters, Police, EMS and Dispatchers whose lives are forever affected by exposure to traumatic events. Funds raised were in excess of \$140,000 for the day's event and will help pay for first responders throughout the state of California to attend PTSD programs.

Fire Technology students in full firefighter turnout, an added weight of 50+ pounds.



Alyssa Freels (Student FST)

# CALENDAR

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October 18 Romeo and Juliet by S.F. Shakespeare, 12:30 PM\*  
October 20-29 The Water Engine by David Mamet, Friday/Saturday at 8 PM  
Sunday at 2 PM\*  
October 24 Fall 2017 FLEX Day, classes resume at 4:00 PM  
October 26 Choir & Orchestra Concert, 7 PM\*

November 1 8th Annual LLNL/LPC Science & Engineering Seminar Series,  
Graham Bench, PhD, Research Staff, 6 PM, Room 2420, free  
November 8 Jazz Concert, 7 PM\*  
November 9 Honoring Vets—Navy Seal Presenter, 11 AM - Veterans  
Resource Center  
November 9-10 Side by Side by Sondheim, 8 PM\*  
November 10 Holiday—Veterans Day

\*Mertes Center

Ticket & Info: [laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts)



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## Stanford Blood Drive

Students, faculty, and staff at Las Positas College contributed to the success of this Fall's Stanford Blood Drive. 103% of the donation goal was collected, impacting over 170 lives. This included 62 productive units and three double red-cell donations. As a bonus, for every blood donation, the Stanford Blood bank made a contribution toward funding the Annual Solid Organ Transplant Camp by Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford, making some pediatric patients very happy.

## Transfer Day Success



Milla Lindevall

The 2017 Transfer Day at LPC was, again, a success. A record number 53 colleges were on hand to talk with students and provide information about their universities.

Transfer Center Director, Michelle Zapata, has received positive feedback from the transfer admission representatives about how supportive LPC is of their transfer students.

## A Peek Over the Fence...

A behind the scenes look at the new Academic Building.



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