



# LAS POSITAS CONNECTION

The President's Monthly Report to the Board of Trustees, Campus, and Community | January 2020

Roanna Bennie, Las Positas College Interim President

## Thank you Interim President Roanna Bennie!

*Written by LaVaughn Hart*



Roanna embodies what a President should be: a compassionate, supportive, honest, knowledgeable, and dedicated leader. She shows her leadership in many ways especially in her willingness to have open, clear communications that demonstrate an understanding and commitment to the culture of our campus and to addressing issues proactively.

When she was hired as the Vice President of Academic Services in Spring of 2015, I don't think that she imagined that soon she would be the Acting and Interim President of Las Positas College. She stepped up to the challenge, and has moved our campus forward on many fronts, including, but certainly not limited to: updating the Facilities Master Plan and coordinating the planning of five new buildings; guiding the development of accreditation reports; developing the LPC Winery Bond; supporting Guided Pathways work; and hiring numerous full-time faculty, classified professionals, and administrators. Roanna has also been a strong and enthusiastic advocate for LPC in the community and within

our district. Each of us can think of countless other ways that Roanna has made LPC a better place for our students and each of us.

Roanna, we wish you well as you enter the next phase of your life. Your contributions towards our shared successes will be with us for years to come. Your steadfast support for LPC, our students and all of us who work here, has made an astonishing difference. Please know how much we appreciate you and all that you have done for us over the last five years.

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Thank you!!



# 2019 Highlights of Las Positas College Foundation

The LPC Foundation would like to thank all the individual contributors, college community, and community partners for their support in helping Las Positas College students succeed. The LPC Foundation has helped address some of the most pressing needs of our students.

Some of the more notable projects included a foundation grant for the LPC athletics department Tri-Valley Basketball Camp. In August the Foundation hosted a reception for all new full-time faculty members which was followed by two new scholarships – the Nissen-Hansen P.E.O. and the XL Construction Scholarships. XL Construction Pledges \$20,000 in support as a Community Partner. In the last two months of the year the LPC Foundation supported the Veteran’s Center 2.2 Walk and 5K run event to raise awareness of veteran suicide rates and raise funds for mental health support for veterans and their families. They established the Valerie Ball Memorial Scholarship Fund, and closed 2019 with a sponsorship for the 5-year anniversary celebration of the Engineering Technology Program, a partnership between Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and LPC.

We thank all of our sponsors and look forward to 2020. THANK YOU



## The Mini-Market Food Pantry



The Student Life Office has extended the services of “The Market” food pantry to also include a “Mini-Market” food pantry as well.

The “Mini-Market” is available for all. This includes the community, students, staff and faculty.

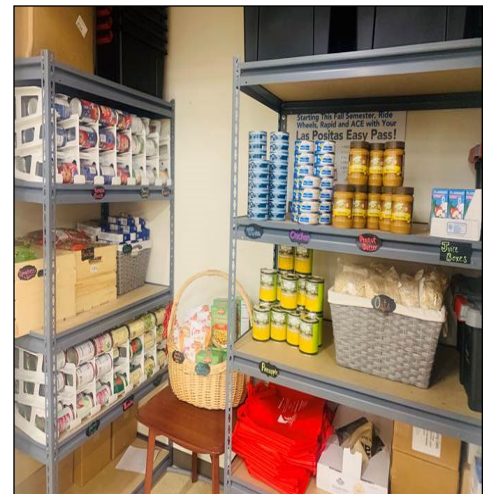
The “Mini-Market” has an array of pantry food items that include pineapples, peas, carrots, tuna, chicken, peas, pears, tomatoes, as well as non-canned items such as corn muffin mix, oatmeal, beans, rice, pasta and much more.

Josue Hernandez, Program Coordinator for Student Life and Leadership, invites you to visit the “Mini-Market” and encourage anyone you know to participate that may need the services.

Hours of operation vary, please check with the Student Life Office (bldg. 1600 room 1646) for more information.



The Mini-Market inside the Student Life Office





# 2019-2020 LPC Holiday Breakfast



Left to right: Interim Chancellor Ron Gerhard, Interim President Roanna Bennie, Trustee Dr. Marshall Mitzman, Trustee/Board President Ed Maduli.



Left to right: Ms. Rifka Several and Mrs. Kristina Whalen

In December the President's Office hosted the annual Holiday Breakfast Banquet for the LPC Staff, Maintenance and Operations, Districts personnel, Board of Trustees, and special guests. The event started with the "early bird" breakfast at 7:30 AM to accommodate all early scheduled staff and continued on until 10:00 AM in the lobby of the Mertes Center for the Arts. Food was catered by the onsite Hawk Grill and music was provided by the LPC Music Department students.



Left to right: Mr. Art Valencia, Mr. Walt Blevins, Mr. Owen Letcher

As a way to show their appreciation the Administrative Team volunteers served breakfast and made pancakes for all the invited guests.

**Thank you all for your service and support!**



Left to right: Mr. Ken Cooper and Mr. Shawn Taylor



Left to right: Ms. Diane Brady, Ms. Sui Song, Ms. Jadin LeeForbes



Left to right: Ms. Angie Lopez and Ms. Tamica Ward

# Calendar

Please visit our website for more details about the latest news and events.

January 13	Spring Vocal Ensemble Auditions
January 21	The Market - food pantry
January 22	Men's Basketball vs. Skyline
January 22	Women's Basketball vs. Skyline
January 23	LPC Veterans First Program MVP Mixer and Recognition Event
January 23	2020 Dreammakers and Risktakers
January 29	Chill & Chat
January 29	Job Fair
January 30	Dr. Ana Minian, author, "Undocumented Lives: The Untold Story of Mexican Migration"
February 05	Chill & Chat
February 05	Internship Fair

## Barbara & David Mertes Scholarship Recipient Update

Your gift to the LPC Foundation provides amazing students like Mackenzie Bammer (below) the opportunity to reach and exceed their dreams. Mackenzie, recipient of the Barbara & David Mertes Scholarship, is beginning her junior year at Northwestern College as a Nursing Major. Below is a note from her:

*I cannot thank everyone at Las Positas College and those associated with the Mertes Scholarship enough. I am so thankful for the opportunity to follow my dream and become a registered nurse along with finishing out my soccer career. All of you are helping me make my dream come true and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for making this dream of mine a reality. - Mackenzie Bammer*



## New Online Library Catalog System

The LPC Library has gone live with a new library catalog system, OneSearch (also known as ALMA and PRIMO).



The State of California approved the community colleges to move to a new platform by allocating \$5 million dollars. 110 community college libraries including Las Positas and Chabot worked during the last year in implementing ALMA and Primo. In addition, students will have a chance to become familiar with the same interface for the library catalog that most community colleges and all CSUs currently use.

## LPC News in Brief

**Welcome Week Tabling:** Las Positas College Outreach services and Las Positas College Student Government hosted a welcome table the first three days of the spring semester 2020 from January 13 through January 15, adjacent to the Reception/Information Desk and Welcome Center/Student Life Office, respectively. The information table included class schedules, brochures and flyers on academic and student support services, and campus maps. A big thanks to Mike Alvarez, Outreach Specialist for his coordination.

**Global Studies Lecture & Discussion:** Come hear about how undocumented Mexican male migrants, feeling rootless, nevertheless contributed to their communities on both sides of the border. Dr. Ana Minian, Author of "Undocumented Lives: The Untold Story of Mexican Migration", will take questions and draw parallels between her work and present-day

immigration politics in the US and Central and South America. Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 5:30 PM. Las Positas College, building 1600, Cafeteria.

**Cash for College Workshop:** The Las Positas Financial Aid Staff will be available to provide one-on-one FAFSA and California Dream Application support to current students, high school seniors, parents, and the public. Please bring the following: Driver License number (if you have one), your and your parent's Social Security number (if you have one), student's A-Registration number (if not a citizen), record(s) of untaxed income, 2018 Federal Income Tax and W-2 Forms (student and parent), you and your parent's marital status/date if married, remarried, or divorced (if applicable). Las Positas College is partnering with local high schools, and the California Student Aid Commission to provide these hands-on workshops for the public. Saturday, February 08, 2020, Las Positas College, building 2400, room 2412. RSVP is appreciated, but not required.



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