

## Veterans First Program Awarded Safeway Grant



The Safeway Foundation recently awarded a grant totaling \$40,000 to the LPC Veterans First Program. It's the largest donation the initiative has obtained in its six year history of receiving the grant. The Las Positas College Veterans First Program provides services to those who have served in the armed forces, are currently serving, or are dependents and spouses of Veterans.

The LPC Veterans First Program is primarily responsible for the administration of veterans educational benefits programs. They provide other resources and contacts, such as career planning, financial aid, transition counseling services, and other needed services for our returning Veterans. The goal is to provide the Veterans and their families with resources and services that will help them achieve

their educational goals.

The next time you visit your neighborhood Safeway, please help us express our deepest gratitude to the store (and their great customers) for their support of our Las Positas College Veterans First Program.



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## Black History Month Celebrations at LPC

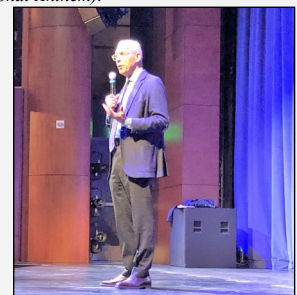
The LPC Black Student Union and Watemi (the LPC Council of Elders for Black and Brown Students) presented LPC's Black History month celebrations. The group of students, faculty and staff curated a month of events that included art exhibits, film, panel discussions, and presentations.



February 3, Signing of, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," (also known as the Black National Anthem).



February 6, Art Showcase and Presentation by Dr. Claude Steele, "Stereotype Threat and Identity Threat"



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# LPC Holds Honoring Women Veterans



Keynote speaker Lieutenant Colonel Jennifer L. Nolan - photo by Alan Lewis

On March 11, 2020, the Las Positas College (LPC) Veterans First Program featured keynote speaker Lieutenant Colonel Jennifer L. Nolan, US Army Reserve, special guests US Army Veteran, Xochiti Rodriguez Murillo, Deputy Secretary Minority Veterans Affairs, and US Navy Veteran, Lindsey Sin, Deputy Secretary Women Veterans Affairs.

This event featured a female student veterans panel discussion followed by a scholarship presentation. Scholarships were presented by Valley Veterans Foundation

which is a nonprofit organization providing financial support and resources for military personnel and veterans pursuing post-secondary education. Scholarships were awarded to Adriana Santos for \$1,000, Jaclyn Guzman for \$1,000, and Kristin De Lashmutt for \$5,000.

"We are proud to honor the special contributions made by women in the military by presenting this event during Women's History Month," said Veterans First Supervisor, Todd Steffan.

LPC has 420 identified Veterans who enrolled in classes for Fall, 2019:

21% are female Veterans of which 40% are Latino, 31% white, 9% Asian-American, 8% multi-ethnic, and 7% African-American. 19% of veterans are first time students at LPC, and 10% are first time college students.



Panelist and Dr. Snetter - photo by Alan Lewis



Scholarship recipients left to right: Kristin De Lashmutt and Adriana Santos - photo by Alan Lewis

## Black History Month Cont.

Shawn Taylor, LPC's Director of Student Equity & Success, was the keynote speaker for the final Black History Month event. Mr. Taylor discussed his ideas on "Black to the Future", what the future looks like for African-Americans. The event ended Spoken Word presentations by Umoja, Puente, and Chabot students.



## Community Welcomes The Fosters to the Tri-Valley and Las Positas College



A welcome reception for Dr. Foster was held at Las Positas College on February 20. The Chabot Las Positas Community College District welcomed Dr. Foster and his lovely family to the Tri-Valley Community. There were members from all over the Tri-Valley extending their well wishes.

Dr. Foster joins Las Positas College from Moreno Valley College in Moreno Valley, CA, where he served as the Vice President of Student Services, providing leadership in development of the college's strategic initiatives, educational partnerships, community engagement, and innovative instructional and student support programs.



# Calendar

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

- March 11 Financial Literacy Workshop
- March 17 The Market - Food Pantry
- March 18 Speaker series - Ellen Chen
- March 18 Chill & Chat
- March 30 Women in Firefighting Workshop
- April 01 Job & Internship Fair
- April 08 Sexual Assault Awareness
- April 09 Child Development & Early Childhood Ed. - Spring Fling
- April 14 LLNL/LPC Science and Engineering Seminar Series
- April 14 Tax Help for Students
- April 15 Spring Jaz Ensemble & Orchestra Concert
- April 16 HIV/Hep C Testing / STD Screening

\*Calendar of events may be subject to change

## LPC Hosts Region 4 Articulation Officer Meeting

On March 6, LPC hosted the Region 4 Articulation Officers Spring 2020 meeting for the first time. We look forward our continued support in facilitating these meeting in the near future.



## COVID-19 Update

Our District Office continues to receive and follow guidance from the State Chancellor's Office, the California Department of Health, and the Alameda County Department of Health.

**The campus is not closing at this time and remains fully operational** with the understanding that this is a rapidly-changing situation, and we are closely monitoring local, statewide, and national updates and guidance surrounding COVID-19. While we have zero reported cases among students or employees, we are taking the necessary steps out of an abundance of caution safeguarding the health and well-being of our students, classified professionals, faculty, and administrators. At this time we plan to offer courses via online education or limited in-person participation.

Please refer to the webpages listed below for Coronavirus Alerts at Las Positas College:

<http://districtazure.clpccd.org/urgentalerts/> and <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/index.php>

## LPC News in Brief

**HSI Grant Proposal:** The current U.S. Department of Education Hispanic -Serving Institution (HSI) grant awarded to Las Positas College that focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) that created the Gateway to Success (G2S) learning community will be coming to an end on September 30, 2020. However, Las Positas College recently submitted a subsequent HSI grant proposal titled, "Mapped Academic Programs and Services - Guided Pathways" or "MAPAS-GPS" which is a \$3 million grant for use in the next five years. If awarded, the new HSI grant will begin in October 2020.

A big thank you to Rafael Valle for working tirelessly on the HSI grant proposal.

**See Something, Say Something:** The LPC Office of Campus Safety & Security would like to remind all college employees to report any suspicious behavior that violates the standards of student conduct, applicable board policies or administrative procedures, or applicable federal or state laws. Campus Safety & Security Officers are available to take incident reports, provide escorts to and from campus building and parking lots, share best practices and techniques to address difficult situations and contact law enforcement, if warranted.



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