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## End of Year Recognitions

### 2021 Don Milanese Award, Classified Senate Awards, Academic Senate Awards, and Retirements

#### Don Milanese Award

The Don Milanese Award is awarded to an individual who demonstrates the utmost integrity, consummate professionalism, unfailing commitment to students, and unwavering dedication to educational excellence. This year's honor is awarded to Nadiyah Taylor, Department Coordinator & Faculty, Early Care and Education. Congratulations Nadiyah!

#### Classified Senate Awards

The Outstanding Classified Professional of the Year award is awarded to Stella Del Rosario. Thank you for going above and beyond to improve the college during this last very difficult year Stella! The following classified professionals were also acknowledged for their leadership and contributions to the campus community by the Classified Senate: Melissa Brown, Jean O'Neil-Opipari, Amanda Ingold, Carmen M. Ortiz, Anela Schenone, Mary Hargiss, Thomas Rothman, Daysi Valle, Sharon Davidson, Stephany Chavez, Scott Vigallon, Heidi Ulrech, and Frances DeNisco.

#### Academic Senate 10+1 Awards

The following LPC employees were acknowledged for their leadership and contributions to the campus community by the Academic Senate: Ashley Young, Collin Thormoto, Craig Kutil, Katie Eagan, Rifka Several, Melissa Korber, Kimberly Burks, Kristy Woods, Elizabeth Owens, Anette Raichbart, Shawn Taylor, Kristina Whalen, Todd Steffan, Sean Prather, David Rodriguez, Sheri Moore, Diana Navarro-Kleinschmidt, Miguel Alvarez, and John Armstrong.

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#### Retirements

Las Positas College thanks you for your years of service and all your hard work and dedication. Colleagues like you are irreplaceable. We wish you joy and relaxation. Happy Retirement!

**Julie Thornburg, LaVaughn Hart, and Karen Zeigler**

#### Academic Services New Program and Course Offerings

Las Positas faculty and support staff added very innovative curriculum to our offerings, including career-ready programs in Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence, and Red Hat Administration, to name a few. We also expanded opportunity with 6 noncredit programs in Automotive Concepts. Finally, LPC very proudly now includes an Associate in Arts for Transfer in Social Justice Studies: LGBTQ Studies in its selection of Degrees and Certificates. These programs are supported by new courses, including LGBT 1 and LGBT 2. Both LGBT 1 INTRODUCTION TO LGBTQ and LGBT 2 LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER STUDIES were just approved for CSU GE-B Area D and IGETC Area 4 – Social and Behavioral Sciences. Finally, Las Positas is poised to assist students wishing to meet the new GE Area F Ethnic Studies. ETHN 6/SOC 6 INTRODUCTION TO RACE AND ETHNICITY has been approved for this GE Area, starting Fall 2021.

## The Express Podcast Network

This semester, the students of *The Express* created a podcast network. It is steaming on Spotify and Apple Podcasts with new material added every week. Currently streaming, 2 Guys, 1 Ring: "All levels of the fight game will be discussed and savored." Featuring Nate Canilao and C.J. Flores, and Left Coast Hockey: "A new show about diehard hockey fans on the left coast." Featuring Taylour Martinez Sparkman and Josh Jones.



## Handshake LPC's New Job Board

The Las Positas College Internship & Job Board is now partnering with the career management platform Handshake. Previously available only to four-year colleges, Handshake recently expanded to include two-year colleges and is now the leading early career community in the U.S.

Watch this [video](#) and see how easy it is to sign up. For more information, please visit the [LPC Career Center](#) website.

The Las Positas College Internship & Job Board is now Powered by **Handshake**: The #1 Way College Students Find Jobs

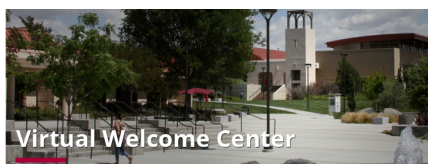
- Learn about virtual career events.
- Get alerts about positions you want.
- Find jobs and internships.
- Explore career paths.
- Attend virtual workshops to help you get hired.
- Connect with employers.
- Network with students and alumni for advice.

For More Info Visit the [LPC Career Center Website](#).

Click Here to Sign Up Using Your Zonemail Address.

## Virtual Welcome Center

In an effort to provide access to college support services, the College has launched the Virtual Welcome Center. Students are able to meet with staff, in a live Zoom session to ask general questions or to receive referrals to enrollment services, counseling/advising, financial aid, and tutoring. Other student support services that are accessible include the Library and Computer Center. Please visit the: [Welcome Center webpage](#).



## Academic Program Maps Have Arrived

The Guided Pathway's "Year of Action" has momentum. LPC is excited to share with students the exciting launch of a major milestone—the public release of [Academic Program Maps](#), referred to commonly as Program Mapper. The Las Positas College Academic and Career Pathways website makes three years of thoughtful college-wide course sequencing work accessible to students.

### What are program maps?

Las Positas program maps help students make informed decisions about how to navigate their program of study and speed progress. Framed by career information, our program maps are contextualized within our campus-designed Academic and Career Pathways. Drawing from instructional and counseling faculty expertise, program maps suggest a semester-by-semester course selection sequence for students. It's an important step in providing students with resources for success, timely completion, and career-focused exploration.



### How will maps remain accurate and current?

As program maps were built in the web tool, so too was the process for maintaining accurate maps. Current maps were designed off the 2020-2021 Catalog. Over the next few months, modifications and additions from the 2021-2022 Catalog will be incorporated in the maps. Moving forward, program mapping accuracy will be folded into the yearly updates of programs and courses supported by Academic Services and will manifest in the maps more quickly. Next year, faculty will be supported as we add customizations (e.g. advisory notes, recommended electives, etc.) and enrich the resource.

### Does it work?

A recent publication (October 2020) by the RP Group reported robust student use of Program Mapper by early adopters and evidence within that student group of more "on path" course selection.

## Vocal East Jazz Ensemble Performance

Vocal East Jazz Ensemble hosted a livestream performance of their spring concert set from our LPC campus Black Box Theater. This is being broadcast on the Music Department YouTube channel. We invite you to attend virtually in support of our extremely talented students. This will be the first performance opportunity within the same physical space for the students in over 15 months. [Please click here to view the performance.](#)



## Las Positas Literary Arts Festival

*Written by Dean of A & H, Amy Mattern*

The Las Positas Literary Arts Festival was an absolutely incredible day filled with inspiring creativity, insightful speakers, and beautiful stories/prose/poetry/art. Reyna Grande's keynote theme of the transformative power of writing was clearly born out as students, colleagues, community members, and professional writers shared their work. The day culminated in a stirring Poetry Slam that was somehow just as powerful online as you'd expect in-person.

Why was the Literary Arts Festival so amazing?

Because Richard Dry, Toby Bielawski, and Marty Nash are visionaries! They poured their heart and soul into creating this event, first as an in-person event that was supposed to take place last spring, and without missing a beat turning it into a fully virtual experience that was captivating and impactful. They were steadfastly dedicated to not only making this event happen, but ensuring neither content nor quality were compromised. They are an unstoppable team.

The Festival could not have happened without event-planning maven, Rifka Several. Her expertise with sponsorships, publicity, and logistics were invaluable, along with her endless enthusiasm and encouragement. Similarly, Liz McWhorter shifted her outreach and networking skills into high gear to help promote the event in every way possible. Stella Del Rosario and Megan Garcia made themselves available to offer endless support and expertise in support of the Festival, including day-of facilitation and participation. Christine Hornbaker was instrumental in bringing her technical skill to bear to ensure the Livestream and Zoom sessions allowed the virtual event to come alive and move along seamlessly. Melissa Korber and Tony Bielawski hosted an absolutely breathtaking Publication & Awards Ceremony for the LPC journal, Havik. The online format enabled those who submitted from across the globe (over 600 submissions from 11 countries) to not only be featured in the journal, but to also share their pieces live online.



And, you know the English Department were cheerleaders for this group every step of the way. They encouraged, promoted, and uplifted their colleagues, and came out on Saturday to participate, facilitate, and rejoice in the inaugural event.

At the end of a long, long, LONG year, I know my cup was refilled in such a moving and beautiful way. For that I am grateful. Thank you to the campus and community members who presented, attended and/or promoted, and once again thank you to Richard, Toby and Marty for this gift.

## Phi Beta Lambda Business Club Virtual Conference Competition

LPC students in the Phi Beta Lambda Business Club competed in both the fall and spring semesters' virtual conferences. They competed against Cerritos College, College of the Canyons, Diablo Valley College, University of California, Riverside, University of California, San Diego, and YEAH Education Group. The students were able to prepare, recruit others, and obtain successful victories against other colleges and universities. Ultimate Chapter Winners - 2nd place, State Officers - Ruby Yan, California State President.

Objective Tests: Accounting Principles - 4th place Ruby Yan, Contemporary Sports Issues - 1st place Manav Patel, Entrepreneurship Concepts - 3rd place Ruby Yan, Marketing Concepts - 2nd place Justin Lim, Networking Concepts - 4th place Hened Malak, Organizational Behavior & Leadership - 2nd place Maham Khawar, and Personal Finance - 3rd place Justin Lim.

Production Events: Human Resource Management - 3rd place Emma Caufield & Hened Malak, Management Analysis & Decision Making - 1st place Ruby Yan, Marketing Analysis & Decision Making - 2nd place Ying Yin Chen, Nezzrin Hasanly, and Justin Lim.

Interview Events: Future Business Executive - 1st place Ruby Yan, Business Ethics - 1st place Anna Chuang and Sophia Xing, Client Service - 2nd place Maham Khawar, and Impromptu Speaking - 2nd place Hened Malak. Congratulations to all the LPC students for their stellar performance and their advisor Dr. Tracy Coleman!

## Community Voices for Administration of Justice

In response to President Foster's Call to Action last year, the Administration of Justice program has been working for several months on developing a new certificate program designed to encourage law enforcement officers to complete their Associates degree and move on to complete their Bachelor's degree, with a bold expectation of building a new generation of police leaders.

Our first Community Voices listening session, Reimagining Policing was a resounding success. On the afternoon of April 29th, 59 of 75 registered participants came together to share thoughts and experiences as Winston Ashby moderated our discussion about Las Positas College's plans to develop a new certificate of achievement for working law enforcement officers. Our group that day consisted of engaged community members, students, elected officials, college staff, and other important people who all have a common desire to participate in constructive, meaningful change in the way our communities are policed. We had attendees from all over our region including Fremont, Tracy, Livermore, Dublin, Castro Valley, Alameda, Hercules, San Leandro, Hayward, Oakland, and others from afar (Long Beach!).

A few of the important takeaways from the meeting of April 29: Systemic change and increased accountability for police officer actions is sought. Occupational culture may be one key to significant change. A majority of those in attendance have either personally had, witnessed, or have family members whose interactions with law enforcement were not positive in nature/quality. We know that any police use of force merits great scrutiny, however the lessor actions/decisions of police can also leave community members feeling confused and emotionally injured. Things to consider suggestions from those in attendance: Building Trust and Legitimacy, Policy and Civilian Oversight, Technology & Social Media, Community Policing & Crime Reduction, Training & Education, and Officer Wellness & Safety.

We continue to seek your feedback and input as we modify and improve upon the curriculum. Until our program specific webpage is up and running, you can send your thoughts and ideas to Mike McQuiston: [mmcquiston@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:mmcquiston@laspositascollege.edu)



### News in Brief

#### Commencement Activities for the Class of 2020 and 2021:

Las Positas College's 30th and 31st Annual Commencement Ceremonies will be held virtually on May 28, 2021. 2020 Virtual Commencement will be streamed at 3:30 PM, and the 2021 Virtual Commencement will be streamed at 6:30 PM. For more information please visit the [Commencement Ceremony Page](#).

**2021 Student Art Exhibition:** Another year of hard work and inspiration from the Art Department at Las Positas College! Please enjoy a collection of excellent works by our students. [LPC 2021 Student Art Exhibition](#)



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