



## Thank you Vice President William Garcia

Vice President of Student Services William Garcia has been with Las Positas College for over three and a half years, and he recently announced that his last day at LPC will be December 4, 2020. William has been instrumental in leading very important initiatives at Las Positas College during his tenure. A few of his many accomplishments includes the establishment of: The Welcome Center, The Market community food pan-try and monthly free food distribution, the Meditation and Prayer Room, the Student Mobility Initiative which includes the partnership with Wheels and Rapid bus service and transportation for students and staff, and an online new student orientations available in English and Spanish. As a result of William's effective leadership in student services, he also initiated the alignment of the admission application with four-year universities which opens October 1 of each year for summer/fall terms, FastPass, a one stop shop for the completion of the matriculation process, and Maxient, the new online referral and reporting forms for academic integrity, discipline, grievance, mental health, and Title IX reporting.



Most recently, William was recognized at LPC as an honoree of the Donald R. Milanese Award for Educational Integrity and Excellence, which is given to a person demonstrating the utmost integrity, consummate professionalism, unfailing commitment to students, and unwavering dedication to educational excellence.

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Through his leadership during the initial Shelter in Place and the transition from face to face to virtual instruction and services in March. William's proactive approach and attention to detail has been impressive. With all of the planning and preparation that occurred in his respective areas in a short amount of time, he has continued to provide equitable an accessible support services to our students during this pandemic.

William has demonstrated the utmost integrity, professionalism, and support not only to students but to his colleagues and the teams that he leads in his division. William, we thank you for your valuable contributions to the college, your work ethic, leadership, and collaborative spirit will be surely missed. We all wish you nothing but continued success as you enter this new phase of your life.

# The Campus Hill Winery at LPC Releases Wines for Sale



On October 20, 2020 The Campus Hill Winery at Las Positas College began its first ever wine sale. It included two white wines the 2019 Sidekick and the Albariño.

Get ready for the holidays and come support the Viticulture & Winery Technology Program. Wines can be reserved online on the [Campus Hill Winery](#) webpage\*, and paid for and picked up in-person on Thursdays at 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

Red wine release will be after the first of the year.



*\*Must be 21 years of age or older; ID required; Wear a mask; Social distancing required; Stay home if sick.*



## First Ever Virtual Club Fair at LPC

Las Positas College Student Government and Inter Club Council hosted its first ever Virtual Club Fair on November 11th and 12th. Students were invited to join the Virtual Club Fair to learn more about how they can get involved in the nearly 30 Student Clubs.



# Thank you for your Sacrifice and Service

LPC honored veterans on November 11, 2020 with its 14th Annual Veterans Day Observance and first ever virtual presentation. The program began with the National Anthem and words of welcome by LPC President, Dr. Dyrrell Foster. Dr. Jim Ott then read excerpts from LPC student veterans' writings about their military and life experiences. Lastly, keynote speaker, Mr. David S. Maurer, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.), spoke about the history of Veterans Day and what Veterans Days means to him and his family.



On November 17, Service to Schools and Warrior Scholar Project will present the Veterans Success Series: *Gaining Academic Skills and Advancing to a 4 Year College/University*.

A heartfelt thanks to all the area veterans, members of our community, student veterans and our campus family.

## Las Positas College Welcomes its Inaugural Class of the Actors Conservatory

In the fall of 2019, LPC announced its launch of the two-year Actors Conservatory program. This fall the college welcomed 12 students to the first cohort. In the first year curriculum began with acting, musical theater workshop, stage speech, movement and voice. In the second year, students will perform in multiple productions. Titian Lish, Theater Arts & Actors Conservatory Coordinator said, "We have a charming and dedicated cohort of students working hard, in strange and impossible performing arts circumstances, to be their best creative selves."



Artistic director Titian Lish (top, left) leads a class with the Las Positas College Actors Conservatory.



# LPC Student Journalists Cap a Banner

Jennifer Snook, Arion Armeniakos and Travis Danner highlight another stellar showing by Las Positas College journalism students over the weekend. The Mass Communications Department had nine students recognized in 13 categories at the annual Northern California convention for the Journalism Association of Community Colleges.

The Express newspaper also took home the ultimate team prize, receiving the coveted honor of General Excellence for the print edition.



While 2020 has been tumultuous, the student journalists of Las Positas College have continued to produce award-winning work, rising to the occasion. In the calendar year, the media members of Mass Communication have totaled 33 honors over four contests, including first-place awards — Armeniakos (2), Danner, Alan Lewis and Kirstie Burgess. LPC student publications have also received four General Excellence commendations, two for The Express print edition, one for LPCEXpressNews.com and one for Naked Magazine.

Join us in celebrating our students who have done tremendous work and have been consistently recognized.

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## Talk Hawks Soar

The LPC Talk Hawks recently competed in two tournaments one Asynchronous and the other Synchronous. These students are representing the college so well that, James Dobson the forensic teams coordinator has been fielding calls from four year universities. The Asynchronous Tournament was hosted by Modesto Junior College. Listed below are the final results for LPC: Brennan Mock- 1st Place Communication Analysis, Extemporaneous Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, 2nd Place Prose Interpretation, and Top Speaker at the Tournament. Casey Hamilton- 1st Place Speech to Entertain, Informative Speaking, and 2nd Place-Top Speaker. Davis Valadez- 2nd Place Impromptu Speaking, 3rd Place Speech to Entertain, 5th Place Extemporaneous Speaking, and 3rd Place Top Speaker. Alexis Bondarenko- 1st Place Novice Impromptu Speaking, 2nd Place Informative Speaking, 4th Place Speech to Entertain, 5th Place Top Speaker. Nez Hasanly- 2nd Place After Dinner Speaking. Danny Georgiev-1st Place Prose Interpretation. Ashley Eastman- 3rd Place Communication Analysis. Marius Meyer- 3rd Place Informative Speaking. Alejandra Quezada-Sermeno - 6th Place Prose Interpretation. Rameesha Muhammad- 3rd Novice Extemporaneous Speaking, and 4th Informative Speaking.

The Synchronous Tournament hosted by Pacific University. Brennan Mock- 1st Place Communication Analysis, Impromptu Speaking, and Prose Interpretation. Davis Valadez- 3rd Place Speech to Entertain. Alexis Bondarenko- 1st Place Novice Impromptu Speaking, Novice Informative Speaking, and 6th Place Speech to Entertain. Danny Georgiev- 5th Place Prose Interpretation. Ashley Eastman- 3rd Place Communication Analysis. Marius Meyer- 3rd Place Novice Informative Speaking. Rameesha Muhammad- 2nd Place Novice Extemporaneous Speaking, and Novice Informative Speaking.



Congratulations to all the LPC Students on a job Well Done!

# Cherry & Golden Memorial Scholarship



The Las Positas College Foundation will be administering a new annual scholarship by the Pleasanton



Late President, David Cherry

North Rotary (PNR) Foundation in memorial of late presidents, David Cherry and Ed Golden.

The PNR Foundation funded the \$500 annual Rotary Club of Pleasanton North David Cherry and Ed Golden Memorial Scholarship in perpetuity with a \$12,500 grant from its endowment funds and donations from friends and family members.

The scholarship will be awarded to qualified U.S. military veterans enrolled at Las Positas College. The first recipient will be announced in the summer of 2021.



Late President, Ed Golden

## Chancellor Award Recipients Honored

Congratulations to the ten LPC recipients of the 2020 Chancellor Awards. Members of the Chabot Las Positas Community College District were honored in a virtual reception that included commendations from Chancellor Gerhard, as well as congratulatory speeches from Dr. Sperling, Chabot College President and Dr. Foster. The Chancellor awards are given to members of the district community that provide outstanding service to their college and district. Winners were nominated by their colleagues. Congratulations to the District, Chabot College and Las Positas College award recipients.



*Please help us in congratulating them!*

### News in Brief

#### Student Health & Wellness Center Webpage Refresh:

The New Student Health & Wellness Center webpage features updated information on COVID-19, health services, mental health services, medical insurance, and links to external resources. The Health Center has been open serving students and colleagues since April 2020. Flu shots are also now available for \$30.00 for college employees. TB testing is available on an appointment basis.

#### Class Schedule and Course Registration Now Available:

The Spring 2021 class schedule has been posted on the Admissions & Records Office webpage as a flipbook. Copies of the paper schedules have been sent to all residents in Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton via mail. Priority registration for Spring 2021 began November 10 for state mandated groups. Registration for college priority groups including student athletes and student government officers began November 12.



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