



Dr. Dyrell Foster, Las Positas College President

Las Positas College: Class of 2022



The 32nd Annual Las Positas College Commencement Ceremonies were held on Saturday, May 28, 2022.

President Dyrell Foster welcomed graduates, friends, and families and shared a heartfelt message indicating “it is a privilege to serve as President of Las Positas Community College because of the unwavering dedication and commitment of our outstanding faculty, staff, and administrators.” This was evidenced by the number of College and District groups that President Foster recognized and thanked for making the two in-person commencement ceremonies possible.

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District’s (CLPCCD) Chancellor, Ron Gerhard, congratulated the graduates who earned their degree or certificate while navigating the challenges of a world-wide pandemic. CLPCCD Board of Trustee President, Tim Sbranti and Board Trustee Secretary, Linda Granger, congratulated and thanked the graduates for choosing to make their important personal journal on LPC’s campus.

LPC’s 2022 Friend of the College Award was given to Randy Pico, Engineering Directorate Senior Superintendent at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and alumn of LPC for his leadership and ability to build innovative and enduring partnerships throughout our community.



President Foster thanked Mr. Pico for his leadership in establishing the Engineering Technology Learning Community, his ongoing contributions as a valued member of the Engineering/Engineering Technology Advisory Board, his tremendous support of last summer’s internship program held at LPC, and helping to pilot LPC’s Vacuum Technology Program.

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Highlights from the ceremonies include students from the Instrumental Music Program performing music for the prelude and processional; LPC Veteran Student Kenia Vasquez-Garcia, leading the Pledge of Allegiance; presentation of colors by members of the Golden Gate Young Marines Color Guard; and singing of the Star Spangled Banner by students of the Choral and Vocal Music Program.

LPC Black Graduation

Las Positas College and Chabot College held a joint Black Graduation Ceremony on May 12, 2022.

Las Positas College invited 185 Black students who were graduates from the Fall 2021 semester and candidates from the Spring 2022 semester for the Degree of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science, the Degree of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science for Transfer, the Certificate of Achievement, and the Certificate of Completion.

About 150 graduates, friends, and families attended the virtual Black Graduation Ceremony.



LPC Puente Graduation

Eighteen students were recognized at Las Positas College's Puente End-of-Year Graduation and Celebration event on May 11, 2022. The event recognized Puente students receiving Degree of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science, the Degree of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science for Transfer, the Certificate of Achievement, and the Certificate of Completion.



The event also recognized seven scholarship recipients and the Puente mentors. Two Puente graduates are heading to U.C.L.A., two to U.C. Berkeley, and one to Stanford University on a full-ride scholarship. Congratulations to all LPC Puente graduates.

LPC Foundation Scholarships



The Las Positas College Foundation held their annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at the Mertes Center for the Arts

Through the generous donations of individuals and organizations, the LPC Foundation awarded nearly \$290,000 to 107 LPC students this year, with some of the scholarships paying for continuing students at four-year institutions.

The Barbara and David Mertes Memorial Transfer Scholarship awardees are Grey Garcia and Kyle Johnson. The Barbara Fracisco Mertes Memorial Performing Arts Transfer Scholarship awardees are Colin FitzMaurice, Mathew Glynn, James Happ, Liva Langer, Osvaldo Mora, and Jacob Swift. The Barbara and David Mertes Memorial Scholarship—Valley Care was awarded to Lauren Johnson. In 2017, the late Drs. Barbara and David Mertes bequeathed a gift of \$6.85 million to Las Positas College, the largest donation in college history.

Several new scholarships were awarded this year by the Foundation including the Vanna Born Memorial Early Childhood Development Award for students studying in the LPC Early Childhood Development Program; the Promising First Responders Scholarship established by Patricia Wheeler in support of Veteran students in LPC First Responder programs; and the Ruth Hanna/Reed Buffington Geosciences Scholarship.



Photos courtesy of Carolyn Scott



LPC Fire Academy Graduation



LPC's Fire Academy Graduation Ceremony was held on May 27, 2022 at the Mertes Center for the Arts with a welcome by Fire Service Technology Instructor/Coordinator, Matthew Jewett. Academy Coordinator, Captain Scott Canfield addressed the graduates as well as Class Representative, Cadet Christopher Foo.

2022 LPC Fire Academy Cadets



- Brady Bowles
- Kevin Camporeale
- Joel Castillo
- Jessica Cleese
- Spencer Ellis
- Gabriel Espinal
- Deandre Espinoza
- Christopher Foo
- Luis Garcia Montoy
- Robert Jones
- Wesley Katz
- Dyonn Lawrence
- Patrick Richards
- Jensen Roldan
- Cole Seely
- Dalton Seymour
- Jacob Vales
- Grant Vorous
- Brandonlee Williams

LPC Middle College Graduation

Las Positas College’s 6th Middle College Commencement Ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 with 62 graduates from Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton Unified School Districts. The Middle College graduating class of 2022 donned their colorful caps and gowns and entered the Barbara J. Mertes Theater to the traditional *Pomp and Circumstance*. President Dyrell Foster and Tri-Valley ROP (TVROP) Superintendent, Julie Duncan, welcomed graduates, friends, families, and Tri-Valley partners, including School District Superintendents, members of Executive Cabinets, and TVROP Board of Trustees. Also in attendance were Chabot-Las Positas Community College Board of Trustee President, Tim Sbranti and special guest, Dr. Odie J. Douglas, Retired Assistant Superintendent PUSD and LVJUSD.

The Middle College graduates had a collective and cumulative college GPA for four semesters of 3.2, and over 2,000 Las Positas College units were completed. Approximately 70 percent of the graduates will continue their education at LPC while the remaining will be transferring to UCs, CSUs, and private or out-of-state four-year universities.

Students shared heartfelt speeches thanking families, staff, and peers for helping them on their Middle College journey and shared stories of their special time here at Las Positas College. Graduate Hilary Chu won this year's Middle College speech contest and shared her speech on what the Middle College community meant to her. During the ceremony, graduates shared musical talents and recipients of two special awards were announced.



LPC Mission Statement	College Planning Priorities
<p>Las Positas College is an inclusive, learning-centered, equity-focused environment that offers educational opportunities and support for completion of students’ transfer, degree, and career-technical goals while promoting lifelong learning.</p>	<p>Establish a knowledge base and an appreciation for equity; create a sense of urgency about moving toward equity; institutionalize equity in decision-making, assessment, and accountability; and build capacity to resolve inequities.</p> <p>Increase student success and completion through change in college practices and processes: coordinating needed academic support, removing barriers, and supporting focused professional development across the campus.</p>



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