



LAS POSITAS
COLLEGE

CONNECTION

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

Dr. Dyrell Foster, Las Positas College President



LPC's New Horticulture and Viticulture Buildings

On November 15, President Foster welcomed the Las Positas College and Tri-Valley Communities to the ribbon cutting of the newly completed horticulture facility and groundbreaking of the viticulture building.

The new agriculture science facility includes a classroom, greenhouse, shade structure, growing grounds and an orchard area along with new parking spaces that double as a water run-off.

The viticulture building design took roughly two years prior to ground breaking by Beals Martin construction. LPC has a 4-acre vineyard and will complement the 1-acre viticulture facility that will house a winery classroom, a wine crush pad and barrel storage areas.

The College welcomed visitors to tour the facility and enjoy the beautiful grounds on the top of Campus Hill Drive during the ceremony.



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Las Positas College Preview Night

The Outreach Team hosted the Las Positas College Preview Night on November 29th with over 200 students and parents from area high schools attending. The event was held in Building 2400 and featured an Academic and Resource Department Open House followed by an Information Session and Student Panel. During the first hour, attendees were able to explore all that LPC has to offer with representatives



tabling from resource departments including Counseling, Financial Aid, Disabled Student Programs and Services, Veterans First, CalWORKs and the Career Center. In addition, faculty from many academic departments participated to promote their programs and answer questions.



Educational Travel Study



Nezrin Hasanly

Nezrin Hasanly was fortunate enough to study abroad in Prague, Czech Republic. Aided by two financial awards from CIEE, she took a month-long course on Intercultural Communication and Leadership, which she found crucial for her major.

Nezrin was able to learn about the perspective of disabled communities, gain insight from the homeless, and also learn about the Roma, Europe's largest ethnic minority.

LPC faculty and students are starting to venture out into the world again! Global Studies coordinator Katie Eagan is grateful to work with district and LPC administrators, faculty, and staff to revise the Board and Administrative policies on travel study to pave the way for LPC faculty interested in running trips for credit in the future. Meanwhile, students are signing up for non-credit-bearing but educational travel opportunities with LPC faculty and earning college credit for travel through other colleges and organizations like CIEE, the Council on International Educational Exchange.

Students from groups that are underrepresented in study abroad should check the website for the Frederick Douglass Global Fellowship: <https://www.ciee.org/go-abroad/college-study-abroad/scholarships/frederick-douglass-global-fellowship>. Any student who applies, but is unsuccessful, will receive \$1500 to put towards another CIEE trip, and additional financial scholarships may be available. Students must identify as an ethnicity typically underrepresented on study abroad programs and apply by February 14, 2023. In 2023, fellows accepted into the program will spend four weeks in the U.S., South Africa, and Ireland, engaging in a comparative study of social justice leadership.

EVENTS AND MORE AT LPC



Catalytic Converter Etching at LPC with Livermore PD

The LPC students in the Automotive Technology Department and the Livermore Police department held an anti-theft catalytic converter etching event at Las Positas College.

Students earned extra credit and helped the community by etching the vehicle's identification number (VIN) on the catalytic converter as well as Livermore Police Department logo painted, with hopes that it will deter any would-be thieves.

The Livermore Police Department will be holding another event in February 2023 for anyone that may be interested in this service.

CATALYTIC CONVERTER ANTI-THEFT ETCHING EVENT



LPC Honors Veterans



On November 10, 2022 the LPC Veteran's First Program held its annual Veteran's Day Celebration. This year Evelyn Andrews directed the event which included a welcome by Chancellor Ron Gerhard, Presentation of Colors by the Livermore American Legion, the National Anthem by Alejandra Quezada Sermeno, a guest speech by Mr. Howard "Butch" Wilson, the Presentation of Quilts of Valor, and a Sky Diver. The event was emceed by Ron Payne, LPC Alum.

THE POWER OF GIVING



LPC President Dr. Dyrell Foster and Keynote speaker Colleen Gregerson

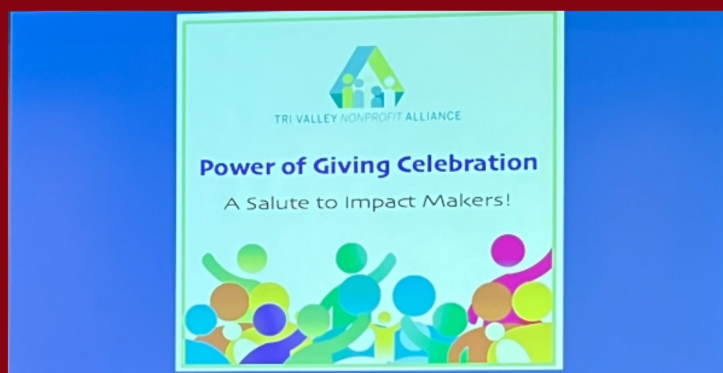
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The Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance (TVNPA), selected as the Nonprofit of the Year by the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce recently, held its second annual ‘Power of Giving’ event at the Bankhead theater in Livermore. Nonprofit organizations, volunteers, donors and community members, gathered to recognize and celebrate those who dedicate themselves to improving the lives of community members in need.

Las Positas College President, Dr. Dyrell Foster served as emcee. The Keynote speaker was Colleen Gregerson of Battery Powered (based at The Battery Club in San Francisco). Comedian Regina Stoops provided entertainment for the evening. Livermore Valley Arts was the lead sponsor of the event.

Colleen Gregerson gave two core suggestions to nonprofit leaders (1) ensure that your nonprofit Board is representative of community served and reflects the lived experience of those accessing services and (2) rest .

Thanks to the generous support of the event sponsors, those in attendance, and the matching support from the CHEF, the celebration raised more than \$75,000 for the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Fund.



LPC 2022 HOLIDAY BREAKFAST



LPC Mission

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.

College Planning

Priorities

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.

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.

Dates to Remember: Concurrent Enrollment for High School Students

High School students may begin submitting all required Concurrent Enrollment documentation for Spring 2023 through Adobe Sign until January 06, 2023.

Registration date for all High School students began November 30, 2022.

Date	Details
January 17, 2023	Spring semester begins (full-term classes only)