



**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



## Mini Market Grand Opening

Las Positas College Mini-Market had its grand opening and ribbon cutting on September 28.

The grand opening of the Mini-Market is significant because it allows us to provide essential items to students for free so our students can put more focus and energy towards their studies. We are so proud of this new resource because it directly supports student retention and success.

The Mini-Market was a group effort that was led by VP Jeanne Wilson, Director Shawn Taylor, Student Life Coordinator Josue Hernandez, LPC Student Government President Lara Wiedemeier, and the generous contribution and coordination of Diana Markley, Program Director from the Alameda County Food Bank.

In the first two weeks of being open the mini-market food pantry has serviced over 1000+ students.



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## Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration was kicked-off with La Bienvenida (Welcome Day), and continued with an LPC library literary display that showcased books and Latinx authors. The LPC staff and faculty were invited to share their photos for Caras de Las Positas which displayed the faces of Latinx staff at LPC. A Career Panel: *To Infinity and Beyond-Exploring Careers in STEM*, was held October 12 and *LPC Becomes Punk*, where LPC English Professor Michelle C. Gonzales read and discussed an excerpt of her book, "*Spitboy Rule*."



The Latinx/Hispanic heritage celebrations continued with "*Mi Familia Militar, Stories of Serving My Country*," with keynote speaker Luis "Hector" Rodriguez, Machinist Mate 2nd Class Petty Officer and LPC alum, and was emceed by Jose Ayon, CA Department of VA Affairs, Program Analyst, US Army. The event also included a welcome by President Foster and an LPC Veterans First Student Panel.

Sponsorship for this Veteran's event was provided by the Safeway Foundation and the Las Positas College Veterans First Program.





# LPC'S BLACK EDUCATION ASSOCIATION RETREAT 2022



On September 30 the Black Education Association (BEA) held a planning retreat. The BEA team spent time defining and committing to their purpose, plan and pursuits for Black Community Success.



## Career Fair

LPC had the first fall 2022 semester Career Fair on September 14. Eleven employers and over ninety students participated.



## Transfer Fair

Terrance Thompson, Career Center Coordinator planned and executed the LPC Transfer Fair. Tabling representing 85 universities including HBCU covering 39 guaranteed transfer universities for our Students.



## RAISING OF THE LGBTQ+ FLAG



On October 13 in celebration of LGBTQ+ History Month, Las Positas College Student Government raised the pride flag on campus for the first time ever. The college community was invited to be allies by showing support for our students, staff, faculty, and community members.

"The flag is a symbol of our inclusivity and a statement to all that you are welcomed here, you belong here, and you can be your authentic and true self.

It's a powerful message and one which reflects our institutional values," said President Foster.

LPCSG President Lara Wiedemeier opened the event, followed by comments from LPC President Foster, and CLPCCD Chancellor Ron Gerhard.



## ACCJC

## ACCREDITATION VISIT AT LPC

On October 11, LPC concluded the ACCJC Accreditation Visit with an Exit Report. During the brief Exit Report, Dr. Timothy Karas, the Chair of the Peer Review Team, acknowledged the beautiful campus and noted the visiting team received sufficient answers to their questions regarding the four core inquiries related to LPC (and the one core inquiry related to the district office), and did not have any outstanding questions or concerns. It was evident to the visiting team that LPC puts "students first" and that students are at the center of the college's decision making. The visiting team was able to observe and experience the high level of collaboration, collegiality, and care that staff and faculty have for one another. He noted that there were instances during the Open Forum when members of our college community took liberty to acknowledge other colleagues or their respective departments for their outstanding work. Collectively, the College as a whole should feel good about this process, the college responses and the great work that continues at LPC. Congratulations on a job well done!



# ART FOR DECOLONIZING WORKSHOP

Asian American Pacific Islander Interest group hosted the Art for Decolonizing Workshop. Thirty six people attended, including students, staff, and faculty. Teaching artist, ChiChai Mateo guided an engaging workshop, and attendees illustrated

amazing self-portraits.



## 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 October 14, 2022 - January 06, 2023. Registration date for all High School students begins November 30, 2022.

Date	Details
October 01, 2022	Begin to submit CCCApply Applications for Spring 2023 term
October 14, 2022 to January 06, 2023	Submit High School Concurrent Enrollment Applications for Spring 2023
November 30, 2022	High School Concurrent Enrollment students can start registering for classes for the Spring 2023
January 17, 2023	Spring semester begins (full-term classes only)

## 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.