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LPC Hosts *Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet Job and Resource Fair*, 9 AM-12:30 PM, PE complex. Free and open to the public. Transfer Day, 10 AM – 1 PM, Campus Blvd.

October

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Business & Entrepreneurship Speaker Series event: Bob Borchers presents *Innovation: The Search for New Ideas that Change the World*, 5:30-6:45 PM, Room 2420.

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LPC President Candidate Forums, Mertes Center. Please visit the website for times and details.

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New deadline for Art On Campus Entries. For information, please visit laspositascollege.edu/nike.

It's Soccer and Cross-Country season. Please visit the Athletics website for schedules.

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In Memoriam: Tony Costello

LPC's First Men's Basketball Coach Leaves Lasting Legacy of Student Achievement on the Court and in the Classroom



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"I'd never seen him more proud in his professional life here at Las Positas than on two occasions. The first was when I would meet him and one of his players to document the player's signing of a letter of intent to accept a scholarship to play at a Division I school. The other was each May at graduation when one or more of his players received their diplomas."

Celebration of Life remarks by Scott Vigallon, co-worker, friend, and the public-address announcer for the men's basketball games



Las Positas College, its Athletics Department, and its Men's Basketball program grieve the loss of Coach Tony Costello who passed away August 25th at the age of 57. Coach Costello, the first and only Men's Basketball coach at Las Positas College, waged a courageous year-long battle against pancreatic cancer. Our hearts go out to the entire Costello family and all of the close friends of Coach Costello.

A funeral service was held August 29th at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton. A Celebration of Life honored Coach Costello on August 31st in the LPC Sports Complex. The gym was filled with the coach's family, friends, coaching colleagues, players, and co-workers at LPC and Chabot. Many individuals spoke during the celebration including Board of Trustees President Arnulfo Cedillo, Ed.D., Chancellor Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D., and former Chabot College Coach Rich Botelho. "He was very thoughtful, very kind, and an extremely hard worker," said Dyan Miller, Athletic Director and Dean of Behavioral Sciences, Business, and Athletics. "He was always thinking about the student athletes. He will be sorely missed."

During his coaching and teaching career, which spanned over 30 years, Coach Costello was a positive influence in the lives of all who knew

him—players, students, co-workers, fellow coaches, referees, and many others. "While Costello's Las Positas teams have won 100 games to their 77 losses and made the playoffs three times, his legacy is not in scores and numbers but in the lives of the young people he inspired," wrote English Instructor Jim Ott in his local newspaper column.

"Working with Tony Costello was a partnership," said Business Department Coordinator Lisa Taylor Weaver, Ph.D. "His desire was that his athletes excel not just in basketball but in life. He knew the importance of achieving an education for each player. He and I would meet at least four times a semester to review how players were doing and how he could help motivate them."

"Coach Costello taught me to push myself beyond my comfort zone," said former player Jarred Jourdan, who is now playing at Cal State East Bay. "He challenged me to be a leader. I grew as a person in my last year at Las Positas." "Coach Costello and I had a good player-coach relationship. He believed in my playing abilities and work ethic," said Ryan Hebebrand, who is playing at Cal State East Bay. "He helped me build confidence in myself. I appreciate everything that Coach Costello has shown me, and I will continue to

use what I've learned in my future." Dwight Abad, who transferred to Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas on a full scholarship, said that he is now living his dream as a result of playing at LPC for Coach Costello. "Coach was a big influence," he said. "He gave me a chance to showcase my talent. He gave me a chance to play." Coach Costello came to LPC in 2005 and spent the season putting together the Men's Basketball program. The team made history when it won its inaugural game. Before coming to LPC, he coached for 17 years at sister college, Chabot. His basketball roots are here in the Tri-Valley. A 1974 graduate of Amador Valley High School, he assisted at Amador and served as head coach at Dublin High School for six years.

Coach Costello leaves behind his wife, Liane, and children Kelsey, Aaron, Becca, and Kyle. He is the son of Anthony and Joan Costello of Pleasanton. In his final weeks, Coach Costello was surrounded by the love and support of his seven siblings and scores of extended family and friends. The Costello family thanks all of the well-wishers for their thoughts and prayers. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to a scholarship for LPC athletes through the LPC Foundation. Checks can be made to "LPC Foundation" noting "Coach Costello Scholarship" on the memo line.

Tour Event Supports Student Success

The September 4th Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour event, sponsored by the Business and Marketing Department, was an extreme success. More than 200 students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and community members attended this four-hour motivational national touring event that helps people build an entrepreneurial mindset to support success in all majors and all careers. Guests were captivated from start to finish as EET speakers and panelists shared their secrets to success, their failures, their epiphanies, their personal stories, and their tips for overcoming fear and procrastination.

Audience members, mostly students, were completely engaged and having fun, while learning lessons about how to create a life plan and take action. One student rushed in saying his friend had just texted him, "You have got to come to this." The following four local entrepreneurs volunteered as panelists: Peter Gardner, tech and venture capital; Andra Keay, robotics; and the app/music/education KlabLab team of Doug Allen and Dave Haberman—an LPC alum. These entrepreneurs, plus the three national EET panelists, were outstanding and very generous with lessons gained from their experience.



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Chancellor Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D., welcomes the crowd at the September 4th Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour. With the help of a student, Business and Marketing Instructor Mark Grooms presents panelists with LPC Certificates of Recognition for their service at the event. Here, he hands an award to Dave Haberman, area entrepreneur and LPC alumnus who, with business partner Doug Allen, has been featured in many media, including TV's *Today Show*.



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Measure B Benefits Student Services & Administration Building *Transfer Center*

News Our Transfer Students Like to Hear: TAG, You're In!

Las Positas College is proud of its high transfer rate and now, with the new Student Services & Administration Building Transfer Center, it has one designated place to serve the many students seeking transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

Before the center, students had to go to different buildings to meet with support staff, complete forms, and attend workshops, explained Michael Schwarz, who serves as the Transfer Center Coordinator in addition to his other duties as Counselor and Instructor. With the new Transfer Center, all services are coordinated in one place. Increasingly, Las Positas College students

are taking advantage of guaranteed transfer programs with four-year colleges and universities, Mr. Schwarz said. Seven University of California (UC) campuses participate in the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program, and several California State University (CSU) campuses offer guaranteed admission to California Community College students who meet specific transfer degree requirements.

By participating in a guaranteed transfer program, students are eligible for early review of their academic records, early admission notification, and specific guidance about major preparation and general

education coursework. Mr. Schwarz noted that 70 percent of California Community College students who transfer attend a UC or CSU campus. Throughout this month, Mr. Schwarz has offered UC TAG drop-in labs at the Transfer Center where he answers questions and assists students with their TAG applications, which are due September 30th.

Students can learn more about transfer opportunities at LPC's September 30th Transfer Day when representatives from approximately 50 public and private four-year colleges and universities will line Campus Boulevard from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

iPhone Innovator Bob Borchers to Present on Oct. 1 *Innovation: The Search for New Ideas that Change the World*



"The best way to predict the future is to create it," noted Peter Drucker, widely regarded as the Father of Modern Management. Bob Borchers, who was on the original iPhone

team, played a significant role in creating the future through revolutionary technological and marketing developments. He will present his thoughts on the subject in a lecture, *Innovation: The Search for New Ideas that Change the World*, from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 1, in the Multi-Disciplinary Building Lecture Hall, Room 2420. The event is part of The Business and Entrepreneurship Speaker Series, sponsored by the Business and Marketing Department. Events are free and open to the public. Parking is \$2. Seating is limited; early arrival is recommended.

A mobile and consumer marketing veteran with more than 20 years of operating experience, Mr. Borchers served as Senior Director of Worldwide Product Marketing for the Apple Inc. iPhone and was on the original iPhone team. He was instrumental in the development, launch, and global expansion of the iPhone, iPhone OS, and App Store. While at Apple, he also led the Nike+iPod

partnership, expanded the iPod accessory ecosystem, and forged relationships with every major auto company to provide iPod integration. Mr. Borchers currently is a General Partner with Opus Capital where he is focused on investments in mobile software and services platforms as well as consumer oriented mHealth.

Mr. Borchers holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Stanford University and a Master's Degree from a joint program between the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Harvard Medical School in Health Sciences and Technology. He has more than 30 patents granted or pending.

LPC to Host *Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet Job and Resource Fair* Sept. 27

Las Positas College will host a major area job fair bringing together veterans seeking jobs and employers with job openings. The *Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet Job and Resource Fair* will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, September 27th in the PE Complex. The fair is free and open to the public.

More than 60 Bay Area employers are expected, including Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories, VA Palo Alto Healthcare, Santa Clara Valley Transportation

Authority, Livermore Toyota, Akima Infrastructure Services, Top Grade Construction, AMTRAK, Fluor Corporation, Livermore Police Department, and San Francisco Police Department.

The event assists military personnel, including National Guard members and reservists returning from active duty, with finding a job. Government agencies and community organizations also will be on hand to provide information regarding employment, benefits, training, education, apprenticeships, and other veteran services.

Attendees are advised to carpool, dress for job hunting, wear comfortable shoes, bring multiple copies of their resumes, be ready for interviews, and have a positive attitude. Sponsored by the California Employment Development Department, the event also is supported by the Las Positas College Veterans First Program, City of Livermore, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority Wheels. For more information, please visit the Las Positas College Veterans First Program website.

Measure B Benefits Student Services & Administration Building *Cafeteria*

Heart of the Campus Brings Students Together



inside the light-filled building...

...and outside on the terraces and patios.



Just as a kitchen grows into the heart of the home, the new cafeteria quickly is becoming the heart of the campus. Students are talking about how much they enjoy the new space, and studies reveal that it also contributes to their success. "Research tells us that the more involved you are in college, the more likely it is that you will stay enrolled and continue to reach your goals," explained Interim President Guy Lease, Ed.D. The cafeteria provides a space to get involved and connect with classmates and friends. "A major part of the learning experience during college is developing friendships. These friendships can influence your four-year college choice, job, and business partnerships." Many factors that affect a student's future can grow out of this dynamic—including the opportunity to make friends for a lifetime.



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View of the SSA building looking west from the library. The cafeteria is housed on the first floor of the red area of the building.

Thank you, voters, for your approval of Measure B

Fresh & Natural Cafeteria Catering to Every Taste

The college's spacious cafeteria on the first floor of the new Student Services & Administration Building has cooked up a recipe for success: high quality, low prices, locally sourced ingredients, selections made fresh daily, and variety to satisfy any taste and budget. The classically French trained chef and manager Lip Ngon takes pride in cooking from scratch with high quality ingredients and can be found cutting a chiffonade of fresh basil for pesto and roasting bones for pho, the popular Vietnamese noodle soup. The cafeteria menu choices include breakfast, grill, deli, salad bar, soups, international cuisine, and grab 'n go items. A favorite selection is the Hawks XL Breakfast Burrito for \$4.95. Starbucks coffee, including seasonal specialties, is served. Typical hours during the semester are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays. For more information, please visit the college website.



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Taking pride in providing outstanding cafeteria customer service are, from left, Mylai Ngon, Assistant Supervisor Edmon Aquino, Chef and Manager Lip Ngon, and Corporate Executive Chef Ryan Bellon.

Congratulations to Dr. Lisa Everett and Instructor Scott Miner

Kudos to Lisa Everett, Interim Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Public Safety who recently earned her Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree in Educational Leadership. Congratulations to

Welding Instructor Scott Miner who recently achieved the status of Certified Welding Educator and Certified Welding Inspector (CWE/CWI), elite and exceptional qualifications among college

educators. Mr. Miner now is qualified to certify that our students pass the American Welding Society Industry Test, significantly improving their employment prospects.