

key dates...

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October

- 17 LPC *Orchestra Concerto Concert*, 7:30 PM, Mertes Center. Purchase tickets at laspositascollege.eduperformingarts.
- 19 *Great Choruses Choral Concert*, LPC Chamber Choir with Valley Concert Chorale, 7:30 PM, First Presbyterian Church, Livermore. Purchase tickets at laspositascollege.eduperformingarts.
- 23 Brian Copeland's *Not a Genuine Black Man: My Life as an Outsider*, 7 PM, Mertes Center. \$15 tickets at Bookstore.
- 31 New deadline for Art On Campus Entries. For information, please visit laspositascollege.edu/nike.

November

- 1-2 Children's Theater *Invisible Treasure* by Janet Brehe Johnson, Nov. 1 at 7 PM; Nov. 2 at 2 PM, Mertes Center. Free.
- 7 Veterans Day Observance beginning at 9:30 AM. Mike Dowling presentation, 10:30 AM, Mertes Center, free.
- 15-24 Play *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury, Nov. 15, 16, 22, 23 at 8 PM; Nov. 17, 24 at 2 PM, Mertes Center. Purchase tickets at laspositascollege.eduperformingarts.
- 17 Piano Master Class with Hans Boepple, 10 AM-12:30 PM, Mertes Center. Free.

Please visit the Athletics website for schedules.
Go, Hawks!



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Brian Copeland's Hit One-Man Show Comes to LPC October 23rd



Photo by Joan Marcus

Stage Theater. Tickets are on sale for \$15 at the LPC Bookstore.

Recognized by the legendary Steve Allen as "the brightest comedy mind I've seen in years," Mr. Copeland is a multitalented comedian, writer, television host, talk radio host, and commentator who has earned both public and critical acclaim for nearly a decade.

His one-man show recounts his story about moving to San Leandro with his family when he was eight years old. In a monologue that has been described as both funny and poignant, Mr. Copeland explores how our surroundings make us who we are.

The LPC Department of Psychology and Psychology Club are sponsoring the event. For information, please visit the LPC website.

Nationally renowned performer Brian Copeland will present his hit one-man show *Not a Genuine Black Man: My Life as an Outsider* at 7:00 p.m. on October 23rd in the Mertes Center Main



Interim President Keeps LPC Moving Forward

Photo by Deanna Horvath



Janice Noble, Ph.D.

While the college searches for a new permanent president, seasoned leaders are guiding LPC through the transition and moving the college forward as planned. New Interim President Janice Noble, Ph.D., replaces Guy Lease, Ed.D., who was heartily thanked for his leadership at a September 27th reception. "The college is in good hands with Dr. Noble as Interim President," Dr. Lease said. During this transitional period, Vice President of Student Services Diana Rodriguez has assumed the additional role of Vice President for Academic Services, Dr. Noble's previous position. Dr. Noble came to LPC in 2008 as Dean of Academic Services after serving as Associate Dean of Instructional Services, Nursing, and Allied Health at Mt. San Jacinto College. Prior to her work in community college academic administration, she was Chief Nursing Officer and Chief Operations Officer in two acute care hospitals in Southern California. Dr. Noble holds a Doctorate in Education with a specialization in Higher Education Administration, a Master's in Business Administration, and a Master of Arts in Education. She is also a Registered Nurse with more than 20 years of experience in acute care hospital patient care, education, and administration. She has written a book chapter and journal articles on personnel evaluation practices in hospitals.

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First we shape our buildings, then they shape us. - Winston Churchill

LPC Celebrates New Facilities with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Tour



Photo by Mary Lauffer

Thank you, voters, for your approval of Measure B! Las Positas College and the community had three good reasons to celebrate with a September 17th Ribbon Cutting and Tour: the new Student Services and Administration (SSA) Building, the state-of-the-art Science Technology II Building, and the beautiful Campus Boulevard that connects the upper and lower parts of campus. Attending the special event were Board of Trustees members, the district Chancellor, government officials, and members of the campus and greater community.

Wielding giant ceremonial scissors, groups cut ribbons for each of the new facilities. Gathered at the Campus Boulevard Ribbon Cutting above are, from left: Trustee Carlo Vecchiarelli; former Interim President Guy Lease, Ed.D.; Trustee Donald L. "Dobie" Gelles; Trustee Isobel F. Dvorsky; ASLPC President Christopher Southorn; Chancellor Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D.; Director of Student Life and Instructor Cynthia Ross; Counselor and Instructor Jim Gioia Ph.D.; Trustee President Arnulfo Cedillo, Ed.D.; Vice President of Student Services Diana Rodriguez; Interim President Janice Noble, Ph.D.; Trustee Barbara F. Mertes, Ph.D.; Trustee Hal G. Gin, Ed.D.; and Trustee Secretary Marshall Mitzman, Ph.D.

The new facilities were funded by Measure B, the \$498 million Chabot-Las-Positas Community College District capital improvement bond which voters passed in 2004. The buildings are designed to be LEED Certified. LEED, meaning Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is an internationally recognized "green" building certification system and standard for measuring building sustainability. All Measure B improvements are planned as "Sustainable Facilities That Educate" and designed to protect the environment for future generations and reap energy and cost saving benefits for years to come. Following is a description of the three new facilities celebrated at the event.

Campus Boulevard. Connecting the upper and lower parts of campus, this accessible pedestrian pathway is surrounded by attractive landscaping and provides gathering spaces for students and special events.

Science Technology II Building. This new 21,000 square-foot building houses classroom and lab space that helps meet the growing demand for LPC's science programs. It is located next to the original Science Building which benefited from significant renovations thanks to Measure B funding. The new building contains four new "wet labs" for biology and a "dry lab" for engineering graphics.

Student Services and Administrative (SSA) Building. This 68,016 square-foot building houses administrative offices and consolidates all student support services previously located in many different areas across campus.

Representatives from approximately 50 public and private four-year colleges and universities lined Campus Boulevard for Transfer Day on September 30th to visit with our students about transfer opportunities.



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Huey Landing, Marine and Military Dog Presentation LPC Honors Veterans with Nov. 7th Events



Speaker Mike Dowling

A flyover and landing of a Huey helicopter and a speaker who trained K-9s and served in Iraq will be part of Las Positas College’s annual Veterans Day Observance beginning at 9:30 a.m. on

November 7th. Speaker Mike Dowling is a Marine Corps and Iraq War veteran who was born and raised in the East Bay Area. He and his military dog Rex served in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004 and were part of the first group of Marine Corps K-9 units to operate on the front lines of combat since the Vietnam War. For their actions, they were awarded a Navy Achievement Medal. His critically acclaimed book *Sergeant Rex:*

The Unbreakable Bond Between A Marine and His Military Working Dog is a memoir of his time serving with Rex in the Marines. Mr. Dowling will present a K-9 demonstration and talk beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Mertes Center. Mr. Dowling’s presentation is free and open to the public; parking is \$2. For details about the Veterans Day Observance, please visit the website at laspositascollege.edu/veterans.

Guest Speakers Enrich Education of Students and Community

Las Positas College provides educational opportunities to our students and community in many ways that extend beyond the classroom and include featuring guest speakers who inform, inspire, enlighten, and entertain.

Audience members filled the Multi-Disciplinary Building Lecture Hall for this month’s campus speakers who have sparked interest and discussions in the fields of business, psychology, and science. LPC expresses sincere appreciation to the following speakers who

shared their talent and experience through their lectures.

Sponsored by the Business and Marketing Department, the October 1st Business and Entrepreneurship Speaker Series event featured former iPhone executive and current venture capitalist **Bob Borchers** presenting *Innovation: The Search for New Ideas that Change the World*.

The Psychology Department and the Psychology Club presented an inspirational and informative discussion on

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder on October 3rd with nationally-known author, news anchor, and motivational speaker **Jeff Bell**.

The Fourth Annual Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory/Las Positas College Science and Engineering Seminar Series on October 8th featured a talk by LLNL Biologist **Nicholas Be**, Ph.D., about his work on developing new diagnostic tools using genomics and proteomics to help combat infections in traumatic combat wounds.

LPC Students Capture Prestigious Awards

Talk Hawks Speech Team Soars to First Place



Talk Hawks Photo by Tim Heisler

The LPC Talks Hawks speech and debate team, above, triumphed over 22 two- and four-year schools, including Pepperdine and U.C. Berkeley universities, to win its first tournament of the season last month.

“We finished with at least 240 points; it was hard to hear the announcement with all the cheering. The second place team had 186 points. That’s a huge difference in the speech world,” said Instructor and Director of Forensics James Dobson. “We finished the weekend with two of the top three speakers at the Tournament—students Erica Efigenio and Sam Rogers—and we are the only school that can say every student we brought took home an award. We took home 28 awards in all.”

The Talk Hawks have a proud history of state, national, and international awards in forensics including debate, public speaking, oral interpretation of literature, and Readers Theater. They begin this year continuing their winning legacy. Congratulations, Talk Hawks and Mr. Dobson!

Journalists Win Top Conference Awards

LPC Journalism students won 18 awards, including four first-place awards and the coveted General Excellence Award for the Express newspaper website at last month’s Journalism Association of Community College’s NorCal Conference.

“LPC editors and writers attended workshops and entered competitions, leaving the conference with increased knowledge, new strategies, and a big stack of awards,” said Instructor and Media Advisor Melissa Korber.

Congratulations to the journalism award winners and to their advisors Ms. Korber and Instructor Marcus Thompson.

Musical Notes: Donation Strikes Perfect Chord

LPC Thanks Donor for Gift

Las Positas College expresses sincerest appreciation to Ms. Miriam Miller who generously donated a customized harpsichord to the college. “It is a privilege to have such a unique instrument as this at a community college,” said Director of Instrumental Music Cindy Browne Rosefield.

Alum and Harpsichord to Take Center Stage at Concert

The harpsichord will make its concert debut at the LPC *Orchestra Concerto Concert* at 7:30 p.m. on October 17th in the Mertes Center Main Stage Theater. Performing on the harpsichord will be Tony Marsili, a recent LPC graduate with top honors in music composition and piano performance who has been accepted to U.C. Berkeley for Spring 2014. Learning to play the college’s new harpsichord is one of Marsili’s parting gifts to LPC. “Tony stayed this semester when he found out the harpsichord was being donated to LPC so we could present a Bach Concerto that featured the

harpsichord,” said Ms. Browne Rosefield. “He practiced all summer to get the feel of the instrument. The harpsichord strings are ‘plucked’ while the piano strings are



Photo by Mary Lauffer
Director of Instrumental Music Cindy Browne Rosefield expresses appreciation to Ms. Miriam Miller who donated this harpsichord to LPC.

‘hammered’ creating a totally different feel for the musician as well as a much different tone,” she explained.

Performing with Mr. Marsili will be Dylan Mills, violin, and Jarret Lafleur, flute. They will perform Bach’s Brandenburg Concerto no. 5 with a smaller string group from the orchestra as well as other pieces by Mozart and Brahms. For ticket information, please visit the website at laspositascollege.edu/performingarts.

Hans Boepple Presents Piano Master Class Nov. 17

Hans Boepple, an acclaimed Steinway International Artist with a career of over forty years, will present a Piano Master Class with LPC’s new Steinway piano from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. November 17th. “This is our first piano master class with the Steinway piano,” said Ms. Browne Rosefield. “We are so pleased to bring Hans Boepple to campus to work with our students. He is a local legend in the piano performing and educational world.” As part of the master class, Mr. Boepple will perform three pieces before working one on one with the students. Mr. Boepple is a Professor of Music at Santa Clara University where he currently serves as department chair. Mr. Boepple is a sought-after teacher of gifted pre-college pianists; his students have earned more than 150 state, national, and international awards.

Welding Students Tour Company on National Manufacturing Day

LPC Welding Technology students got an inside look at Cal-Weld when they attended the National Manufacturing Day Open House on October 4th.

“It is companies like Cal-Weld that make the ‘Made in USA’ slogan relevant in today’s modern manufacturing economy,” said Welding Technology Instructor Scott Miner. “It is programs like Welding Technology that feed skilled hands into the workforce with goals of supporting companies like this and others.

“Field trips like this motivate students to succeed. Seeing real world applications first hand is important for the student to personally connect classroom learning and employable skills,” Mr. Miner said. He noted that several LPC alumni currently work at the Fremont facility.

Honor Society’s Keep Them Warm Coat Drive to Benefit Shepherd's Gate in Livermore

Fall’s chill heralds LPC’s annual *Keep Them Warm* drive to collect gently used coats, sweaters, and sweatshirts and donate them to Shepherd’s Gate, a Livermore shelter for women and children.

The Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) Honor Society, which organizes the drive, has placed donation barrels in in the SSA Building, the Integrated Learning Center (Room 601), the Library, and the PE building.

Individuals are asked to drop off items by October 31st. Math Instructor and AGS Advisor Randy Taylor noted that, each year, AGS sends between 500 and 1,000 items to Shepherd’s Gate.

AGS recognizes students for their academic excellence as well as their involvement in the community and their commitment to helping others.



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Students demonstrate how easy it is to donate. Business students from left are: Jaafar Lakkis, a Student Assistant, and Rosario Toral, President of the Business Club.