

Shaping Our Future: Partners Join District at Charrette to Collaborate on CLPCCD Plans



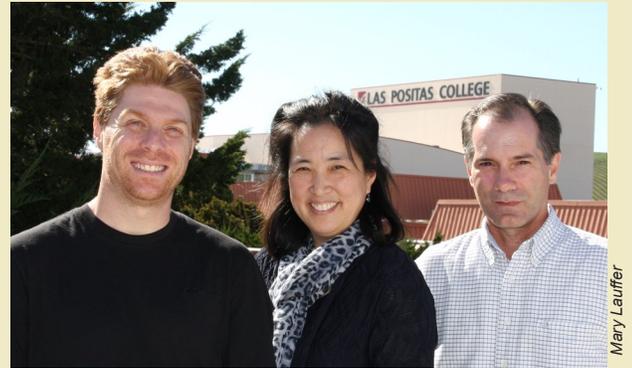
A landmark planning event focused attention on one of the state's premier community college districts and supported the future of high-quality higher education in our region. On February 20th, the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (CLPCCD) held an all-day charrette, an intensive planning session where participants collaborated on the colleges' Educational Master Plans and a District-Wide Strategic Plan for CLPCCD. Thanks go to everyone in the district and all the district friends and community, educational, and governmental partners who contributed their time and talents to this important event. The photos above capture some moments from the charrette, which

was held at CLPCCD's Dublin office. From left to right, top row: LPC President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D., meets with Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program partners; district Trustees Hal G. Gin, Ed.D., and Isobel F. Dvorsky attend; district Chancellor Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D., welcomes guests. Second row: School of Imagination Co-Founder Mitch Sigman with President Russell; LPC students; President Russell with a representative from Congressman Eric Swalwell's office; district Trustee Carlo Vecchiarelli contributes to a discussion. Third row: LPC students, faculty, staff, and administrators collaborate in a group discussion, facilitated by President Russell.

Photos by Mary Lauffer

LPC Faculty, Staff Win National Excellence Awards

The League for Innovation in the Community College has announced three LPC recipients of the John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Awards, which celebrate outstanding contributions and leadership by community college faculty and staff. The award winners are, from left, Mathematics Department Instructor Howard Blumenfeld, Biology Department Co-coordinator and Instructor Nan Ho, and Instructional Technology/Open Learning Coordinator Scott Vigallon. Congratulations to these winners who have made significant contributions to student success and provided extensive leadership and service to LPC. LPC is one of only 11 California community colleges or districts with award recipients.



Transforming Lives with the 2GenFund Scholarship



Joe Sanchez, 35, worked as a restaurant line-cook for nearly twenty years. He is now a student at LPC—and so is his daughter, two-year-old Sara-Anne. They are two of the first recipients of a new LPC scholarship program creating life changing opportunities for two generations of LPC learners—student-parents and their

children. The LPC Foundation created the 2GenFund, which provides scholarships for the toddler and preschool children of deserving LPC students—enabling the little ones to attend LPC’s state-of-the-art Child Development Center while their parents complete their education. The

new fund seeks to break the cycle of poverty that occurs when parents drop out of college because they cannot afford quality care for their children.

Mr. Sanchez, who plans to graduate in May 2016, expressed gratitude for the scholarships. “My daughter and I are best friends and the idea of having her so close during our school hours is fantastic.... I know that the program has a world of opportunities for my daughter.... Thank you so much for this honor on behalf of Sara-Anne, myself, and the rest of the Sanchez Family. God Bless.”

Judy and Fred Porta have generously pledged \$500,000 to the 2GenFund through the Porta Family Trust. To learn more about investing in the fund, please contact the LPC Foundation.

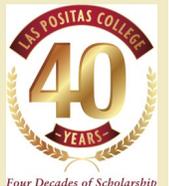
You’re Invited! Please Join Us for April Celebrations

40th Anniversary Celebration and Open House April 17

LPC turns 40 this year! To commemorate this milestone, LPC will host a 40th Anniversary Celebration and Open House on April 17th. Events will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the renovated Library and campus tours, featuring new buildings and facilities. Activities will be held for alumni, community members, and retired faculty

and staff. Please check our website for details. Come see how we have grown!

For an excellent overview of LPC, please visit pleasantonweekly.com and read the March 6th article, “Las Positas: Our Community’s College.”



12th Annual Best of the Best April 25 & Auctions: Two Ways to Invest and Have Fun



Spring brings two ways to have fun while supporting LPC. First, attend the 12th Annual Best of the Best Gala on April 25th, beginning at 6 p.m. and held in the beautiful Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts. Visit with friends and meet new ones, dine on delicious hors d’oeuvres, sip fine wines from the Livermore Wine Valley

(including LPC’s very own award-winning Campus Hill Vineyard), and enjoy the best in student performances. Second, take advantage of online, silent, and Fund-a-Need auctions—great for gift giving! Many thanks go to our LPC Foundation, which presents these annual fundraising events, benefiting the students, staff, faculty, and greater regional community that LPC serves. For gala tickets and auction information, please visit the Foundation website.

Athletics Roundup: Way to Go, Hawks!

Men's Soccer Wins Coast Conference North Division

They did it again! LPC's Men's Soccer team won the Coast Conference North Division for the second year in a row, without losing one game. Plus, 11 players were awarded All Coach Conference Awards, North Division 2014. Ryan Gollott won Defensive Player of the Year and Everardo Aguilar captured Forward Player of the Year. Congratulations to the winners, coaches, and team!



Courtesy, LPC Athletics

Celebrating the soccer season are, from left: Ryan Gollott, team Captain, transferring to Dominican University; Jonathan Orozco, team Captain, planning to transfer to

Grand Canyon University; Dyan Miller, Athletic Director and Dean of Behavioral Sciences, Business, and Athletics; President Russell; and Men's Soccer Coach Lawrence Aguiar.

Men's Basketball Team Makes Playoffs



Courtesy, LPC Athletics

Fans had lots to cheer about this season. Two years removed from a 6-21 season, the LPC Men's Basketball team completed the 2014-15 campaign by earning a berth into the Northern California Regional playoffs. Although the Hawks lost in the first round, Coach Lon Rork, in his second season, led his freshman-dominated team to a 16-13 record. The postseason appearance was the fourth in LPC's nine-year history and its first since 2012.

Highlights of the season included a 7-game non-conference win streak, a 4-game conference win streak, and a championship in the Skyline Tournament. In that tournament, the Hawks defeated Northern California's top-ranked team at the time, Skyline, in the title game. Freshman guard Martí Fanolla, an international student from Spain, was named MVP of the tournament and was later named first-team All Coast Conference North Division. Mr. Fanolla displayed his all-around skills by

averaging 12.6 points, 6 rebounds, and 3.3 assists per game. He became the fifth Hawks player ever to be named to the conference's first team. Teammate McKayle Harnell, a freshman guard from Livermore, was named to the all-conference honorable mention team after averaging 13.2 points, 4.5 rebounds, and shooting 46 percent from the field. *Thanks to Scott Vigallon for this hoops wrap up.*

Swim & Dive Hosts Meet

LPC's Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving teams started the first month of their season with a splash by hosting the largest invitational meet in Northern California and the fastest meet in the state this season. Athletes representing 18 schools from across the state participated in the February 20-21st meet. Visit the website for the season schedule. Go, Hawks!

key dates...

Please visit our website for more details about the latest news and events.

March

- 12 Honoring Women Veterans, 10 AM, Mertes Center
- 17 Business and Entrepreneurship Speaker Series, *For the Love of Food*, 6-7:15 PM, RM 2420, free
- 18 Student Directed One Act Plays, 1 PM, Mertes Center*
- 20 Student Directed One Act Plays, 1 PM, Mertes Center*
- 24 *Shark Tank* entrepreneurship competition, 1 PM, RM 801

March 30 -

April 3

Spring Break

April

- 8 *Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers*, 7:30-9:30 PM, Mertes Center; tickets: \$10, students; \$12, general; brownpapertickets.com
- 10-19 *Cabaret*, Friday & Saturday, 8 PM; Sunday, 2 PM, Mertes Center.* *Get tickets early!*
- 17 40th Anniversary Celebration and Open House; see page 2
- 25 Best of the Best Gala, 6 PM, Mertes Center; see page 2

**Ticket info at laspositascollege.edu/performingarts. Parking permits are required at all times on campus.*

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



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"It is spring again. The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart." -Rainer Maria Rilke

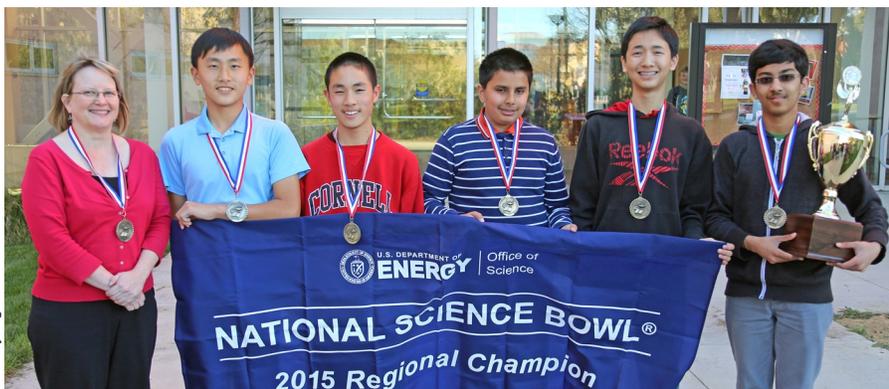
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Talk Hawks Capture Third Place

LPC's speech team, the Talk Hawks, talked its way into third place in Community College Sweepstakes at the February 7th competition among students from 13 two- and four-year colleges and universities including CSUs and UC Berkeley. At a February 21-22 tournament, Jacob Montez captured first place in Novice Impromptu Speaking and Katie Lai competed with two UC Berkeley students to win first place in Communication Analysis. The LPC team is currently ranked second in prepared Individual Events. Congratulations, Talk Hawks!

LPC Partners with Sandia to Host Science Bowl



LPC and Sandia National Laboratories continued their long-standing partnership by co-hosting the 2015 Regional Middle School Science Bowl. On February 21st, 24 teams gathered at LPC to compete in a fast-paced verbal forum to solve technical problems and answer questions in all branches of science and math. Congratulations to the winning team from Hopkins Junior High School, which will now advance to the National Science Bowl event to be held in late April in Washington, D.C.

