

Math Jam Supports Student Success

Students can register now for Math Jam—an award-winning, intensive one-week math program offered the week prior to the start of the spring and fall semesters, in January and August. The program is designed to help students achieve their math goals—from preparing to re-take the Math Assessment (Placement) Test to getting ready for upcoming math courses.

Math Jam helps students complete their degree or transfer faster, while introducing them to a community of support and free resources at LPC. Students will work with faculty and tutors in a self-paced, fun, and supportive environment. LPC will provide everything students need, from food to supplies. Instruction will be offered at the following levels: PreAlgebra, Algebra (Elementary and Intermediate), Statistics, and Trigonometry/PreCalculus. Students can find out how to register at laspositascollege.edu/MathJam.

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Congratulations to LPC's Paramedic Graduates!



Barry Russell

LPC's second Paramedic class graduated in an October 27th ceremony, with Congressman Eric Swalwell presenting the keynote speech. Eighteen students graduated, including six veterans. LPC offers one of the few programs in California using the latest, state-of-the-art National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards curriculum. "We have patterned our program after the most progressive and most successful medical and nursing schools," said Paramedic and Emergency Medical Technicians Program Director Sebastian Wong. He acknowledged strong community connections for the program such as local hospitals, including ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton.



Diana Rodriguez

Attending the graduation were friends and families of the graduates as well as community leaders. From left are: LPC President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D., Congressman Eric Swalwell, Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, CLPCCD Chancellor Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D., CLPCCD Trustee Isobel F. Dvorsky, Livermore Mayor John Marchand, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, and LPC Paramedic Advisory Board Member and BART Board of Directors Member John McPartland. Christy Stanker from Assemblymember Joan Buchanan's office also attended.

LPC Theater Delights Area Children with Touring Show



Roy Conger

The Lion and the Mouse, one of the featured fables in LPC's production, had audiences of all ages roaring with laughter.

In October, LPC's Theater Department took its show on the road to five elementary schools in the Tri-Valley area, and also presented performances on campus. *The Fabulous Fable Factory*, about some of Aesop's most famous fables, delighted audiences of all ages. Congratulations to Instructor Ken Ross, Director/Producer, and the talented cast and crew for bringing a fun filled show to children in our community.

Science Alumni Panel Helps Students Succeed



Nine alumni returned to LPC on October 22nd to present a Health Science Alumni Panel to a capacity audience of LPC students. The alumni are enrolled in health science programs or practicing in fields including nursing, respiratory therapy, pharmacy, and occupational therapy. Alumni talked about their experience and shared advice about many topics including patient care and transferring from a community college into Allied Health programs and how to prepare and strengthen applications to the programs. The panel was sponsored by the LPC Biology Department and Biology Club.

Thanks to the nine LPC alumni who presented on the Health Science Alumni Panel. Students appreciated the tips and advice on how to succeed in the next step of their education and careers.

Students Give LPC High Marks in Survey

LPC students give the college good marks in the latest fall 2014 student survey, which is based on a sample of 1,535 students. Percentages of the responses for Student Services and Learning Programs are based on students who used the services. Here are some of the college's high scores.

GENERAL IMPRESSION OF LAS POSITAS COLLEGE	VERY SATISFIED OR SATISFIED
Overall experience at Las Positas College	87%
FACILITIES	VERY SATISFIED OR SATISFIED
Maintenance/cleanliness of buildings and grounds	89%
CAMPUS CLIMATE	STRONGLY AGREE OR AGREE
I feel welcome at Las Positas College	88%
Overall I feel safe at Las Positas College	91%
At LPC, I have generally been treated with respect by Instructors	89%
At LPC, I have generally been treated with respect by Students	88%

STUDENT SERVICES AND LEARNING SUPPORT	VERY SATISFIED OR SATISFIED
Admission and Records	96%
Assessment/Placement Testing	93%
Bookstore	93%
Cafeteria	93%
CalWORKs	95%
Campus Safety/Security	90%
Child Development Center	98%
Computer Center	99%
Counseling Services	88%
Disabled Students Programs/Services	95%
Extended Opportunity Programs/Service	95%
Financial Aid Office	89%
Health Center	96%

STUDENT SERVICES AND LEARNING SUPPORT	VERY SATISFIED OR SATISFIED
Honors Transfer Program	97%
Intercollegiate Athletics	95%
English as a Second Language	93%
Open Math Lab	93%
Library	90%
Student Online Orientation	92%
Program Planning Session	91%
Student Life (clubs/activities/student gov't)	93%
Textbook Loaner Program	90%
Transfer Center	91%
Tutorial Center	96%
Reading and Writing Center	98%
Veterans First Program	94%

Sweet Success: Trick or Treat So Folks CAN Eat

LPC Arts Events Raise Over \$3,000, Collect Hundreds of Canned Goods to Benefit Alameda County Food Bank



Jeanette Robsahm



Tami Shepherd



Matt Rosefield

LPC's Art and Performing Arts departments teamed up in October to benefit the Alameda County Food Bank. The Art Department presented the *We Can* art exhibit, auction, and canned foods collection. Current and former students and faculty created and donated artwork depicting canned food, which was exhibited in the Mertes Center for the Arts Gallery (photo, lower left) and available for purchase through an online auction. On

October 30th, the Performing Arts Department presented *Trick or Treat So Folks CAN Eat*—a multi-media extravaganza featuring the Jazz Ensemble and Combo, the Orchestra, and students from the Video and Photography programs (photos, top and lower right). With sponsorship from the LPC Foundation, the departments raised more than \$3,000 and collected hundreds of canned goods.

key dates...

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

November

- 12 Veterans Day Observance; please see website for details
- 14 - 23 *The Comedy of Errors*, Fri/Sat, 8 PM; Sun, 2 PM, Mertes Center*
- 15 Child Development Center Family Fun Day
- 19 Club Day, 11 AM-2 PM, Quad
- 26-29 Thanksgiving Holiday
- 30 Chamber Choir *Messiah* Concert, 2 PM, Bankhead Theater*

December

- 3 Music Department Recital, 12:30 PM*
- 6 Dance Department Fall Production, 8 PM*
- 7 Chamber Choir, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, 3 PM*
- 11 Stories and Speeches, 7 PM*
- 12 Winter Jazz Night, with guitarist Mimi Fox, 8 PM*
- 24 - Jan. 19 Winter Recess

**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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LPC News Notes

- ◆ A new Men's and Women's Water Polo Program will begin in fall 2015.
- ◆ Congratulations to ASLPC for hosting a Candidates Panel on October 29th.
- ◆ LPC's October American Red Cross Blood Drive exceeded its goal. Thanks to all donors!
- ◆ A capacity crowd attended the November 5th LLNL/LPC Science and Engineering Seminar Series event.
- ◆ The Student Health Center is offering flu vaccinations free for students and \$25 for staff and faculty.
- ◆ LPC's AGS Honor Society collected 627 items for October's Keep Them Warm Coat Drive for Shepherd's Gate. Thanks to everyone who donated!
- ◆ Twenty-one LPC AGS Honor Society students and two advisors attended the Northern Regional Conference, where AGS Vice President Jamie Atchinson was elected as an AGS student trustee.
- ◆ The Child Development Center silent auction continues through November 15th.
- ◆ The Christ on Campus Shoe Drive continues through December 1st.

LPC Presents Fun-Filled Farce *The Comedy of Errors*

The LPC Theater Arts Department will open William Shakespeare's rollicking farce of mayhem and mistaken identity, *The Comedy of Errors*, at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 14th, in the Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts Main Stage Theater. Separated as infants, twin boys and their twin servants arrive in Ephesus separately, each in search of a long-lost twin brother, unaware that the boys' father has also arrived there on the same quest. What ensues is fun for the whole family, directed in a way that brings this classic comedy to life for modern audiences.

"Director Wendy Wisely breathes new life into the play by encouraging each member of the cast to flesh out their characters and make every word they speak and every action they perform meaningful to their character's objectives.... Her ultimate goal is to have the actors, through their performances, translate Shakespeare's comedy to today's modern audience," explained Denise McGrory, who plays one of the twin servants. The production features stage management by Ksenia Antonoff, set design by Anne Kendall, lighting design by Mike Rinaldi, costumes by Jessica Luchetta, props by Reena Ocampo, and sound by Adam Danska.

The Comedy of Errors will be presented November 14, 15, 21, and 22 at 8:00 p.m., and November 16 and 23, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students, staff, and seniors. Tickets are available at the door (cash and checks only) or in advance at brownpapertickets.com.

