

LPC Invites Comments from Community

LPC invites members of our community to comment on an important self-study report. This report has been prepared for the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges as part of the standard six-year process for continuing our accreditation. The Accreditation Self-Study Report 2015 (draft) will be posted until May 27th at <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/accreditation/index.php>. LPC appreciates the many individuals who collaborated on the document.

We are proud of our students and our high-quality programs here at LPC. We strive for constant improvement and greatly appreciate feedback from our community. Thank you, community members, for your continued support.

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Celebrating 40 Years as Our Community's College

Guests Enjoy Retrospective, Ribbon Cuttings, Music, Tours



Photos by Mary Lauffer

Students, staff, faculty, district trustees, friends, alumni, retirees, veterans, government leaders, and community members gathered under sunny skies for LPC's 40th Anniversary Celebration and Open House on April 17th. Following are some of the highlights.

"LPC Through the Years." Sophie Rheinheimer, one of the original founding faculty members and a beloved champion of LPC, presented a retrospective program about the college's growth. Photo, top right, L-R: former LPC President Karen Halliday, Sophie Rheinheimer, LPC President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D., and former LPC President and former District Chancellor Susan A. Cota, Ph.D.

Library Ribbon Cutting. LPC's Library has been remodeled to include new computers, laptops for checkout, more study rooms, faster wireless connection, new furniture, and plenty of natural light from a new skylight. Photo, bottom right, L-R: Trustee Isobel F. Dvorsky, Chancellor Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D., Trustee Hal G. Gin, Ed.D., President Russell, Trustee and Board Secretary Carlo Vecchiarelli, Trustee Marshall Mitzman, Ph.D., ASLPC President Rafi Ansari, Student Veteran Mary Nelson, Student Trustee Eric Bolin, and Library Coordinator Tina Inzerilla, Ph.D.

New Veterans Center Ribbon Cutting. Building 1310 has been transformed into a new Veterans Center for LPC's highly-regarded Veterans First Program. The center offers more resources and more space for veterans to study and connect with other veterans. Photo, top left, L-R: Student Veteran Anthony Santos, Veteran and former Livermore Mayor John Shirley, Livermore Mayor John Marchand, and Trustee Marshall Mitzman, Ph.D.

We appreciate all of our students who led campus tours, the Jazz NightHawks who provided entertainment, and the many individuals who organized the event. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped LPC celebrate our 40th anniversary!

LPC Students and Instructor Win Top State Honors



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Congratulations to three LPC students and an instructor who were honored at the recent Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) Honor Society state convention.

Claire Huestis (second from right) received the prestigious Tom Jackson Award, recognizing the student who has demonstrated academic excellence and outstanding service and leadership to his or her chapter, campus, and community. The Jackson recipient is the highest scoring

scholarship applicant in the state. **Jamie Atchinson** (right) received the Charles Bell Service Award, presented to students “who have given outstanding service to their chapters, campuses, and communities.” The Bell recipients are the four highest scoring applicants in the service category. **Brianna Zantman** (left) received the Kathleen D. Loly Scholarship Award, an academic scholarship “recognizing our most outstanding scholars.”

Math Instructor and AGS Advisor **Randy Taylor** (far left) received the Outstanding Advisor Award for 2015. In addition, the AGS State Advisory Board is creating the Randy Taylor Award, a new scholarship beginning next year for the single top scoring service applicant.

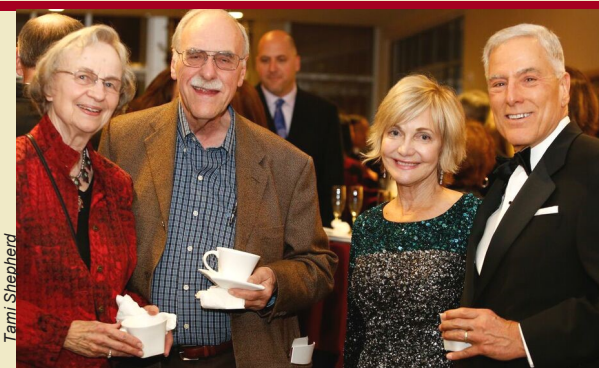
At the convention, students and Mr. Taylor also met **James Rogan, a judge of the Superior Court of California, former congressman—and LPC alumnus.**

Two Students Rank Highest in Honor Society

Two LPC students made the First Team of the All California Team of Phi Theta Kappa, an honor society recognizing outstanding community college students. **Jamie Atchinson** (middle) and **Ryan Daubenmire** (right) were among only 30 students from throughout the state who placed on the First Team. They were honored at a ceremony sponsored by the Community College League of California and attended by President Russell (left).



Courtesy of President Russell



Tami Shepherd

Thank you, Guests and Supporters! You Are the Best

Guests enjoyed great company, dined on delicious food, sipped fine wines from the Livermore Valley, and applauded outstanding student performances—all while netting over \$100,000 for LPC’s 12th Annual Best of the Best Gala, held at the college on April 25th. A special “Fund-A-Need” event to support science students raised over \$14,000. Sincerest appreciation goes to the members of our LPC Foundation and CEO Ted Kaye, Ph.D., for hosting the event which benefits the entire college community. At left, Dale and Ted Kaye (right) visit with major supporters Judy and Fred Porta.

Judges Bite at Student Pitches

Five students reeled in awards at the recent “LPC Shark Tank,” an entrepreneurship competition in the style of the popular ABC TV show of the same name. Awards were cash prizes and complimentary mentoring sessions from Livermore’s i-GATE Innovation Hub. L-R: Dayllan Maar, Marcella Williams, Ryan Adler, Komal Sharma, and Bobby Ho.



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Swim & Dive Wins Championships! Scores at State, U.S.



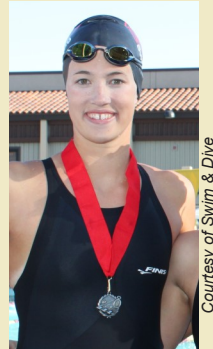
Courtesy of Swim & Dive

LPC Swim & Dive has made history this season at the conference, state, and national levels. LPC won championships for both men and women at the Coast Conference meet April 16th-18th—marking the second and third conference titles for swimming. The women won in 2013 and both the men and women won this year. **The men's total points score was the highest in conference history.**

The following student athletes made the All-State list for the men: **Luke Shaffer, Gabe Nieto, Kedric Bender, Austin Johnson, Brett Melloch, Manuel Hernandez, and Brad Severn.** Diver **Gabe Nieto** made the All-American list.

Three women made All-State and All-American. **McKenna Stevulak** (bottom right) was named the Most Outstanding Swimmer of the Coast Conference meet for the women, winning her three individual races and setting two conference records. She went on to score three top four finishes and broke three school records at the state meet. **She made the All-American list of swimmers among all community colleges in the U.S. with two 4th places, a 6th place, and 11th place.** At the state meet, LPC divers **Valentina Barbalinardo** and **Donna Rotello** finished second and fourth, respectively. **Both divers made All-American.**

Congratulations to all of the Swim & Dive student athletes, the coaches, and head coach Jason Craighead (far left in group photo). Go, Hawks!



Courtesy of Swim & Dive

Making Waves:
All-American swimmer
McKenna Stevulak

LPC Awarded \$1.5 Million Grant for Renewable Energy Project

Already a leader in sustainability and resource management, LPC has received a \$1.5 million grant for a renewable energy project. The California Energy Commission selected the LPC Microgrid Automation Project as one of only 10 proposals statewide to be awarded grant funding. LPC is the only community college to win a grant. The project will help develop a microgrid blueprint that will benefit other campuses and institutions.

The project uses a 250,000-watt flow battery that will store excess energy generated from LPC's 2.35 megawatt solar arrays during daylight hours. A microgrid network will manage the release of the stored energy during the evening. The projected annual savings for LPC is \$100,000. The college already generates 55 percent of its own electricity and strives to reduce its carbon footprint and become energy independent.

LPC Celebrates Women Veterans

LPC observed Women's Military History Week with its Third Annual Honoring Women Veterans event, presented on March 12th by LPC's Veterans First Program. Students, staff, faculty, district trustees, veterans, and members of the community attended the event, which featured a panel discussion of women student veterans and a presentation by keynote speaker Star Lara (right), 2014 California Woman Veteran of the Year. Retired Colonel and CLPCCD Chancellor Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D., welcomed the audience; LPC alumna and Navy Veteran Kelly McFarland served as master of ceremonies; and event organizer and Veterans First Coordinator Todd Steffan provided introductions.

Many thanks to the Travis Air Force Base Honor Guard for its Presentation of Colors and to student Dulce Tovar for her beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. LPC extends sincere appreciation to the Daughters of the American Revolution and PG&E for their generosity in presenting scholarships to LPC women student veterans.



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key dates...

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

May

- 21 Last Day of Instruction (full-term courses only)
- 22-29 Final Examination Period
- 25 Memorial Day Holiday
- 30 25th Annual Commencement Ceremony, 10 AM, PE Complex

June

- 15-July 23 6-Week Summer Session
- 15-Aug. 6 8-Week Summer Session

July

- 23-26 *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, Outdoor Amphitheater. Fun for the whole family!*

August

- 17 Fall 2015 Semester Instruction Begins

**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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Cabaret Wows Crowds



Aaron Burg

The song beckons, “Come to the cabaret”—and we did. LPC’s April production of *Cabaret* sold out its entire run, plus added performances, all before opening night. And, the musical won rave reviews. “If you have not yet ventured to Las Positas College to see a theatrical production - go. Go now,” said *The Independent*. Characters were “portrayed with jaw-dropping talent by the cast of *Cabaret*, under the superb direction of Titian Lish, Director of Theater Arts.” Bravo!

LPC News Notes: Honors, Awards, Accolades, Transfer, Art, Service

Stanford Honors Symposium. Two LPC students were among 88 students selected to present their research at the honors symposium at Stanford University; 206 proposals were submitted. **Ciri Rathgu’s** project is “Calcium Concentrations in Drinking Water” in the Tri-Valley; her mentor is **Edward Brennan, Ph.D.** **Ciera Soliz’s** project is “A Population in the Shadows: Autistic Adults in American”; her mentor is **Mona Abdoun**.

Journalism Awards. LPC brought home 11 awards from the recent state convention of the Journalism Association of Community Colleges, including the Online General Excellence Award for *The Express* student newspaper. Congratulations to the following award-winning students: **Jessica Rhoades, Travis Danner, Shelby Escott, Kalama Hines, Martin Gallegos, Brianna Guillory, Tami Shepherd, and Angelica Estacio.**

Talk Hawks Awards. Four Talk Hawks earned the Silver Sweepstakes Award in Individual Events at the Phi Rho Pi National Community College Speech Championships. The team competed against 56 community colleges from 11 states. Congratulations to Talk Hawks **Katie Lai, Trevor March, Jacob**

Montez, and Jessica Samorano. At another competition, LPC’s show, *The Splendid Stones*, won the semi-finalist award and a special award for Best Achievement in Script. It was compiled and directed by Speech Instructor **Janet Brehe Johnson.**

Biology Alumni Panel. The Biology Department, Biology Club, and Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society sponsored the annual Biology Alumni Panel, featuring alumni from UCs and CSUs who shared their experiences and advice about transfer.

37th Annual LPC Spring Fine Art Festival. Congratulations to our students and faculty on another successful festival. Thank you for sharing your creativity and talent with the campus.

Military Family Drive. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Military Family Drive, supporting our local men and women who are in the military and stationed overseas. The drive was sponsored by LPC’s Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society.

Community Connections. Thanks to our Cross Country student athletes who volunteered at the Livermore Half Marathon.



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