



Las Positas Connection

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LPC Welcomes New VP



Courtesy, Roanna Bennie

LPC welcomes Roanna Bennie as the new Vice President of Academic

Services, replacing Janice Noble, Ph.D., who retired. "We are excited that we are getting such a talented person for this position," said LPC President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D.

Ms. Bennie brings more than 15 years of experience as an academic administrator to her new position. She comes to LPC from Miramar College, where she served as the Vice President of Instruction. She has also held administrative posts at Allan Hancock College, Cuesta College, and Life Pacific College. For more than eight years, Ms. Bennie also taught Speech Communication courses. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Speech Communication from Montana State University and California State University, Northridge, respectively.

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Celebrating Our Community

Summer Heats Up with Parade, Veterans Orientation, LLNL Internships, Library Exhibit, and Musical Comedy



Bill Nale

We Love a Parade! Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Chancellor Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D., above left, and President Russell ride in the LPC Fire Truck at the June 13th Livermore Rodeo Parade. Our Veterans First Program also was on hand, as well as our Fire Service Technology Honor Guard and students.

Operation Gateway for Veterans. The Veterans First Program is presenting an orientation, Operation Gateway 7: A Veteran's Transition to Success, July 23rd and 24th—a great opportunity for veterans to experience firsthand the community and camaraderie at LPC.

Student Veterans Intern at LLNL.

LPC has developed a new two-year Engineering Technology degree program with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory specifically for veterans. Hear our student veterans talk about this outstanding opportunity and their LLNL internships in a video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BxFt2ywi8RQ>.

LPC Research at Livermore Library.

LPC students share their original research with the community in the Undergraduate Science Research Poster Exhibit at the Livermore Public Library. On display through July 31st, the posters were selected from LPC's May professional-level poster session—a rare opportunity at a community college. LPC posters also will be part of the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group's July 30th Innovation Forum & Expo.



Courtesy, Theater Arts

Don't Miss This Hilarious Musical in LPC's Outdoor Amphitheater!

Alfresco fun awaits guests at LPC's inaugural production in the Outdoor

Amphitheater of the Mertes Center for the Arts: *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, at 8 p.m., July 23rd-26th. Winner of six Tony Awards, including Best Musical and Best Book, it's a joyous, musical romp through Rome with desperate lovers (pictured above), scheming neighbors, and secrets behind every toga. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic or enjoy the LPC food truck. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 student, staff, and seniors (55+). Purchase tickets at the door or at <http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts>.

key dates...

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

July

- 23 6-Week Summer Session Ends
- 23-24 Operation Gateway for Veterans; please see page 1 article
- 23-26 *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*,
Outdoor Amphitheater, 8 PM; please see page 1 article*

August

- 6 8-Week Summer Session Ends
- 13 District Convocation at Chabot College
- 14 College Day at Las Positas College
- 17 Instruction Begins for Fall 2015 Semester

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

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President Russell Leads Peru Tour

President Russell (second row, second from left) led LPC's Community Education trip to Peru last month. Travelers visited breathtaking sites and met with villagers and school children, bringing them gifts from LPC. For information about LPC's many Community Education opportunities, please visit the website at <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/communityed/index.php>.



Courtesy, President Russell

Athletics Roundup: New Coaches, Class, Champ, Camp

New Coaches. LPC is pleased to welcome two new head coaches with extensive experience as coaches and athletes. Livermore resident James Giacomazzi becomes LPC's third Men's Basketball Coach in the team's nine-year history. He comes to LPC from Cosumnes River College where he led the team to 209 victories over 11 years. Trevor Rose has been named Head Coach of the new Women's Water Polo team. He most recently served as a water polo coach for seven years in the East Bay and Lamorinda area. Livermore resident Kate Faix-Bennett will serve as Assistant Coach.



Coach Giacomazzi



Coach Rose

New Class. LPC is offering a new Kinesiology class this fall semester: an introductory course of the martial art system of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu. For information, please visit the online course schedule.

New Champ. Congratulations to Kinesiology Instructor Geoff Smyth who won the title of National Handball Champion in his age group at the 65th National Four-Wall Handball Championships.

New Camp. Summer fun was a slam dunk at LPC's Children's Basketball Camp for girls and boys earlier this month. Men's Basketball coaching staff and players taught young people skills, teamwork, respect, and good sportsmanship in a fun and positive environment.

