

Congratulations, Class of 2016!



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Proud parents, family, and friends cheered on the 256 students attending LPC's 26th Annual Commencement Ceremony on May 27th in the Gym. This year, LPC conferred more than 1,100 degrees and certificates and celebrated the transfer of 179 students to the University of California system and 489 students to the California State University system.

Photos from top left: 1. LPC President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D., presents the Friend of the College Award to Blanca and Eduardo Posada, owners of Posada restaurant and catering in Livermore. 2. Grads share their LPC spirit. 3. Puente Project students line up. 4. Graduates at last! 5. CLPCCD members of the Board of Trustees and administrators are ready to lead the graduates in the procession. From left are Trustees: Carlo Vecchiarelli, President; Hal G. Gin, Ed.D., Secretary; Marshall Mitzman, Ph.D.; and William Macedo. Participating Trustees not shown are Isobel F. Dvorsky and Donald L. "Dobie" Gelles. Administrators from left, beginning at

the center, are LPC VP of Student Services Diana Z. Rodriguez, LPC VP of Administrative Services Diane Brady, LPC VP of Academic Services Roanna Bennie, CLPCCD Chancellor Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D., and LPC President Russell. 6. Chancellor Jackson, a retired Colonel, presents a Challenge Coin to graduating student veteran Tony Diaz in a palm-to-palm handshake—a high honor and recognition for a soldier's hard work. The Chancellor presented a Challenge Coin to each student veteran graduating from LPC's new Engineering Technology Program, developed with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Now open to all students, the program first targeted student veterans. Congratulations to Mr. Diaz, who has landed a new job as an Engineering Technologist.

LPC's Fire Service Honor Guard presented the Colors and our Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble provided music. Thanks to all who made Commencement a memorable event for our graduates and their friends and families!

Please visit the LPC homepage to view the video shown at Commencement, featuring the 2015-16 year and our great students!

LPC Thanks Our Scholarship Sponsors

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” —Helen Keller

Scholarship donors helped students' dreams come true at the Annual Student Scholarship Ceremony on May 19th. A total of \$155,395 in scholarships was awarded to 218 students. The college expresses sincere appreciation to our internal LPC scholarship sponsors—the Associated Students of LPC, programs, and clubs—and to the generous sponsors of the following scholarships.

American Association of University Women Tribute to Excellence Award
American Council of Engineering Companies East Bay Chapter Scholarship
American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges Student Math League Competition
American Society for Quality East Bay Section - Dr. James R. Kohnen Scholarship
Ansell Family Scholarship
Arthur Van Etten Scholarship
Associated Students of Las Positas College Cynthia Ross Big Heart Scholarship
Associated Students of Las Positas College President's Award
Associated Students of Las Positas College Scholarship
The Brill and Pihl Family Scholarship
Carmen and Louis Cota Memorial Scholarship
Clough Memorial Business Scholarship
Coach Costello Basketball Scholarship
Colleen P. Gouveia Memorial Scholarship
Daniel Allyn Nilson Scholarship
Daring to Return for Education Affirmation and Meaning (D.R.E.A.M.) Scholarship
Dorothy Hudgins Memorial Scholarship
ESL Commitment Award
GFWC Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club Scholarship
Gill Cruz Engineering Scholarship
Halliday Family Scholarship
Harry Karl Memorial Scholarship
Holtgrieve Scholarship for Outstanding in Cell and Molecular Biology 1C (Fall 2015)
Holtgrieve Scholarship for Outstanding in Cell and Molecular Biology 1C (Spring 2016)
Holtgrieve Scholarship for Outstanding Service to the Biology Department 2015-2016
John McKinley Scholarship
Korber Family Scholarship
Las Positas College Academic Senate Scholarship Behavioral Sciences, Business, and Athletics Division Academic Senate Scholarship
Las Positas College Classified Senate Scholarship
Las Positas College Foundation Scholarship
League of Women Voters



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Brianna Armario, left, was recognized with 10 scholarships, including one national award, at LPC's Annual Student Scholarship Ceremony. The honor society Phi Theta Kappa announced that she was named a Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Gold Scholar—one of only 50 Gold Scholars from across the country. A native of Pleasanton, Ms. Armario majored in Economics and Spanish and will be transferring to UC Santa Barbara in the fall.

Livermore-Amador Valley Scholarship
Livingston Family Scholarship
Louise Garcia Torres Memorial Scholarship
Maranatha Vision Church Scholarship
Marie Mizelle Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Student in Zoology (Biology 1B) Fall 2015
Marie Mizelle Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Student in Zoology (Biology 1B) - Spring 2016
Math Department Math, Computer Science, and Engineering Scholarship
Matthew Berven Memorial Scholarship
Michael Berven Memorial Scholarship
Milanese Political Science Scholarship
Muriel Allen Scholarship
Native Daughters of the Golden West, Angelita Parlor #32 Scholarship
Nissen Family Scholarship
Nissen Technical Scholarship
Phillip & Mary Ann Wagner Memorial Scholarship
Porta Family Re-Entry Scholarship
Randy Taylor Education Scholarship
Randy Taylor Math, Computer Science, Engineering or Science Scholarship
Randy Taylor Re-Entry Scholarship
Helen W. Taylor Education Scholarship
Robert S. Taylor Math, Computer Science, Engineering, or Science Scholarship
Roanne Cairel Dance Scholarship
Ruth's Book Scholarship
Sandia National Labs Honors Program
Shirley Friedel Scholarship
V.W. Willits UCB Transfer Scholarship
Wild Horse Properties Scholarship

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Students Present Original Science Research

Cosmetic surgery, ground squirrels, kale, leadership styles, and recycling behavior. What do these varied topics have in common? They all inspired research for LPC's 5th Annual Undergraduate Science Research Poster Session held on May 17th in the Library.

At the session, students presented their posters and answered questions about their original research in diverse fields, literally from A to Z: Anatomy, Cell and Molecular Biology, Chemistry, Microbiology, Psychology, and Zoology. Conducting original research and presenting it at a professional-level poster session is a rare opportunity at a community college. More than 70 posters represented research and experimentation conducted by over 140 students. Congratulations to these students on their accomplishments which celebrate a culture of scientific research at LPC! Biological Sciences Instructor and Program Co-Coordinator Nan Ho organized the event.



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Winners of the Library Research Award for the Undergraduate Science Research Poster Session are joined by their faculty mentor, Psychology Instructor John Ruys, Ph.D., far left. Student award recipients are, from left, Kevin Herrera, Olga Salgado, and Joe Sioson. Library Coordinator Tina Inzerilla, Ph.D., presented the award to the students for their research on the effects of coloring and stress reduction.

LPC Hosts Spring Career Expo & Job Fair



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The Tri-Valley One-Stop Career Center and LPC hosted the region's largest spring job fair on May 11th on the LPC campus. Whether hoping to find a first job, a better job, or a new career direction, job seekers found a wealth of opportunities at this free event, which was open to the public. More than 50 employers from both the public and private sectors were on campus and eager to hire for immediate openings in a wide range of fields. The Tri-Valley One-Stop Career Center connects qualified job seekers with employment and career development opportunities. Employers reach out to the center for job-ready candidates, recruiting assistance, customized training, and outplacement services. The center has two locations: on the LPC campus and at 6300 Village Pkwy., Suite 100 in Dublin. To contact the center, please visit www.trivalleyonestop.org.

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Osher Foundation Scholarships: Barbara Francisco Mertes, Bruce and Sharon Gach Health Care Professions, Claudia Pendo McCormick, Darcie and David Kent, Grayson Hund, Kelin D. Jacobsen, Las Positas College Foundation Board of Directors, Las Positas College Science/Technology and Engineering, Lockhart Family, Rheinheimer Family, Rotarian Foundation of Livermore, Rotary Club of Pleasanton North, Seppala Family, Wells Fargo, Wentz Family.

Veterans Scholarships: American Legion - Livermore Post 47, Corporal Ken Logsdon, James Taylor and American

Veterans, John Steffan and William Weisgram, Josefa Higuera Daughters of the American Revolution Livermore Chapter, Las Positas College Student Veterans Organization, Las Positas College Veterans First - Las Positas College Foundation, Lt. Robert D. Dern, Mary A. Henry, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Robert Tarte, Valley Veterans Foundation.

Outside Scholarships: Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society, Coca Cola Foundation, CMC3 Foundation, Phi Theta Kappa, Mario Pedrozzi Foundation.

key dates...

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

Summer Sessions

May 31 - July 1. 1st 5-Week Session

July 5 - August 4. 2nd 5-Week Session

June 20 - July 28. 6-Week Session

June 13 - August 4. 8-Week Session

June

June 28 Mini Job Fair for Early Childhood Development,
10 AM-1 PM, Child Development Center

July

4 **Holiday. Independence Day Observance**
28-31 *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, 8 PM,
Mertes Center Amphitheater. An ambitious young man
works his way up the corporate ladder in this hilarious
musical comedy satire—winner of the Tony Award for Best
Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.*

August

17 Instruction begins for Fall 2016 Semester

***Mertes Center. Tickets and info:**
laspositascollege.edu/performingarts

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Voters Pass Measure A

We thank our voters for their continued support and investment in quality higher education—benefiting our community and students now and for years to come.

Voters expressed overwhelming support on June 7th for CLPCCD's Measure A facilities bond, passing the bond with 64.49 percent approval; passage required 55 percent voter support. The \$950 million facilities bond will fund important repairs and upgrades at both Chabot and Las Positas colleges, supporting job training, classroom repair, student safety, and more.

Plans include the following: upgrading classrooms and labs to prepare students for high-demand fields of science, technology, engineering, and math; retrofitting buildings to improve earthquake safety; enhancing support facilities and educational resources for veterans; improving and maintaining classrooms and labs for career preparation in fields including healthcare and early childhood education; and improving access to facilities for people with disabilities.

Honoring Integrity and Excellence

President Russell hosted a recognition ceremony for employees on May 4th, honoring many faculty, staff, and administrators and sending long-time employees off to retirement with heartfelt thanks and

well wishes. Chancellor Jackson, left, and President Russell, right, also presented the prestigious Donald R. Milanese Award for Educational Integrity and Excellence to two employees: Office of Institutional Research and Planning Director Rajinder Samra, left, and Campus Safety and Security Department Supervisor Sean I. Prather.



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