



Las Positas Connection

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Thank You for Your Service *LPC Holds 9th Annual Veterans Day Observance with Presentations by Three WWII Veterans*



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President Russell; other photos by Mary Lauffer



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LPC honored veterans on November 11th with our 9th Annual Veterans Day Observance—featuring the landing of a Vietnam-era Huey helicopter, historical presentations by three WWII veterans, a barbeque lunch, and more. Photos: 1. Tots from LPC's Child Development Center wait to see the Huey land. 2. WWII veterans captivated the audience in the Mertes Center with their personal accounts. From left are Leo Croce, John Shirley, and Mickey Ganitch, with moderator and veteran Brian Thompson, who serves as the U.S. Department of Education Special Advisor for Military Affairs. 3. LPC President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D., and CLPCCD Chancellor and Veteran Jannett N. Jackson,

Ph.D., greet guests as they arrive to see the landing of the Huey, which brought our speakers to campus. Both administrators also presented remarks before the WWII presentation. 4. CLPCCD Trustees William L. Macedo (far left) and Carlo Vecchiarelli (far right) join veterans for the traditional cake cutting after lunch. Each year, the youngest and oldest marine veterans perform the honors. This year's team is Fiona Teramu, 24, and Phil DeGroat, 94. Many thanks to all the area veterans, members of our community, and our campus family who helped make the observance a memorable and heartfelt tribute to our nation's veterans. Kudos to the sponsors: LPC's Veterans First Program and Student Veterans Organization.

Growing to Serve Our Community

Thank You, Voters, for Measure B!



Architect's rendering of LPC's new Academic Building

LPC continues to plan ahead to meet the growing educational needs of our community—resulting in a new Educational Master Plan, a new building, and more faculty.

Creating a New Educational Master Plan

The LPC community has completed a new Educational Master Plan, charting the college's course for the next five years. "The plan is a culmination of over a year of work on campus," said President Russell. "I would like to thank everyone for their hard work on this document. There was extensive input from throughout the campus community." A copy of the plan is posted on the LPC website at <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/about/StrategicPlanning.php>.

Currently, the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District is updating its Facilities Master Plan to support the new District-Wide Strategic Plan and Educational Master Plan of both Chabot and Las Positas colleges. The update will ensure the continuation of efforts to modernize and renew our facilities to support our students' success as outlined in these new plans.

Breaking Ground on a New Academic Building

This coming year, LPC will break ground on a new two-story, 40,000-square-foot Academic Building, providing much-needed additional classrooms and computer labs. The new Building 100 will be located at the front entrance to the campus, replacing buildings 100, 200, and 300.

The Academic Building is made possible through Measure B, the 2004 voter-approved bond measure which has transformed the campus with award-winning

facilities and improvements that have achieved some of the highest sustainability standards and are saving hundreds of thousands of dollars annually through reduced energy costs.

CLPCCD continues its responsible stewardship of Measure B. In 2013, the district took advantage of historically low interest rates to refinance Measure B bonds without extending the term of those bonds—reducing the community's total tax bill by \$12 million. The district returned this savings to the taxpayers. While the district will not receive any part of the savings, the Board of Trustees and district administration pursued this opportunity strictly on behalf of local taxpayers.

Hiring 19 More Full-Time Faculty

Thanks to additional state funding, LPC is able to hire 19 new full-time faculty for fall 2016 to meet growing educational needs. The positions are in the following areas: Anthropology, Art – Studio, Biology, Computer Networking Technology, Counselor (three positions), Emergency Medical Services, English, Health, History, Horticulture/Viticulture, Humanities, Kinesiology – Head Men's Soccer Coach, Math (two positions), Political Science, Psychology, and Theater, with Technical Theater Emphasis.

To support our search for new faculty, LPC conducted a November 14th recruitment event, which attracted more than 150 part-time faculty. President Russell and others served as panel speakers, and Mathematics Instructor Howard Blumenfeld conducted a faculty hiring seminar. Persons interested in joining LPC's outstanding faculty can visit the CLPCCD Human Resources website to check for postings and to apply.

'Tis the Season for Sharing at LPC



Mary Laufer

While students and faculty are gearing up for final exams, they still take time to remember those in need during the holiday season. Following are some of the opportunities for giving.

Pairing Up for Shoes. The Muslim Student Association and The Way and The Truth Christian Club have paired up to sponsor a shoe drive benefiting Tri-Valley Haven, a local shelter serving adults

and children. Collection barrels are overflowing with shoes. Thanks to everyone who contributed!

Still Time for CalWORKs. CalWORKs is accepting donations through noon, December 10th for gift cards to

brighten the holidays for CalWORKs students and their children. Our CalWORKs students pursue higher education, work part-time, and single-handedly raise children with very little support. Here's how to contribute: drop off donations at the CalWORKs office, Room 1668; email Amanda Ingold or call her at (925) 424-1430; or call the LPC Foundation with a credit card number at (925) 424-1010.

Feeding the Hungry. The Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) Honor Society thanks everyone who donated to its annual food drive benefiting Abode Services in Livermore. We were able to deliver an abundance of canned and boxed food.

Keeping Them Warm. The Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) Honor Society delivered hundreds of coats, sweaters, and sweatshirts to Shepherd's Gate in Livermore for its annual "Keep Them Warm" coat drive. Thanks to everyone for their generosity!

Celebrating Student Awards and Achievement

We're Number One! At the third tournament in a row, the LPC Talk Hawks forensics team captured the First Place Sweepstakes Award by finishing ahead of 10 other colleges and universities—making LPC the top forensics team in Northern California. Congratulations to the students and faculty mentors!

Journalism Students Make News. LPC Journalism students won 11 awards at the recent Journalism Association of Community Colleges NorCal conference.

The awards covered the spectrum of student journalism: writing, design, photography/videography, and illustration. The LPC delegation of 12, including staff from both *Naked Magazine* and *The Express*, attended workshops and entered competitions throughout the day at the conference, which was held at CSU Sacramento.

Women's Soccer Makes It Into the Playoffs. Congratulations to our Women's Soccer team for making it into the playoffs. Way to go!

LPC to Support Veterans in New Housing

LPC plans to offer on-site classes and career workshops for veterans in a new Dublin housing development targeted to veterans and their families. CLPCCD Chancellor Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D., (center) was on hand for the Veterans Day ground-breaking ceremony held by the City of Dublin, Eden Housing, and partners. Some of the other participating officials include, from left, Congressman Eric Swalwell, Dublin Mayor David Haubert, Assemblymember Catharine Baker, and Janet Lockhart, Board of Directors, Eden Housing. The housing site is located across the street from the district office and less than a block from the West Dublin/Pleasanton BART station.



President Russell

key dates...

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

December

- 4-12 *The Importance of Being Earnest*, 8 PM Fridays and Saturdays, 2 PM Saturdays; Mertes Center*
- 5 Dance Concert, 8 PM, Mertes Center*
- 9 Student Music Recital, 1 PM, Mertes Center*
- 10 Orchestra & Chamber Choir Concert, 8 PM, Mertes Center*
- 11 Stories and Speeches, 7 PM, Mertes Center*
- 13 Instrumental & Vocal Jazz Concert, 3 PM, Mertes Center*
- 12-18 Final Exams
- 24-Jan. 1 Winter Recess

January

- 18 Holiday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 19 Regular Full-Term Instruction Begins
- ***Ticket info at laspositascollege.edu/performingarts**
Parking permits are required on campus.

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

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*Las Positas College
Wishes You a Joyful
Holiday Season and a
Happy New Year!*

LPC Theater Presents Romantic Comedy

Don't miss Oscar Wilde's classic romantic comedy, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, presented by LPC's Theater Arts Program. This timeless farce about mistaken identities has been adapted to the big screen, most recently starring Colin Firth and Reese Witherspoon. See the secret to its popularity in LPC's performances at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Saturdays, December 4th-12th in the Black Box Theater of the Mertes Center.

LPC News Notes

Register Now. There's still time to register for fall 2016. Please visit our website for details and the Schedule of Classes.

Business Hooks Students with Workshops. The Business Program is holding a series of free workshops to prepare interested students for LPC's Shark Tank, an entrepreneurship competition to be held 6:00-8:00 p.m. on March 22nd on the Main Stage of the Mertes Center. The competition is open to all students in all majors. For information, please contact Instructor Mark Grooms.

Psychology Features OCD Speaker. The Psychology Program recently featured a presentation by Jeff Bell, spokesperson for the International Obsessive Compulsive

Disorder Foundation and nationally recognized motivational speaker, author, health advocate, and longtime news anchor on KCBS News Radio in San Francisco.

Library Impresses Council. President Russell welcomed the regional group of the Council of Chief Librarians of the California Community Colleges, which held its meeting in LPC's newly-renovated Library. In its report, the council noted the Library's "bright, welcoming space," "cheerful ambiance," the large teaching rooms, and smart technology.

Automotive Stresses Safety. The Automotive Technology Program invited the entire campus to observe airbag deployments as part of a lecture on auto safety systems. Each deployment is 200 milliseconds.

Courtesy of Theater Arts



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