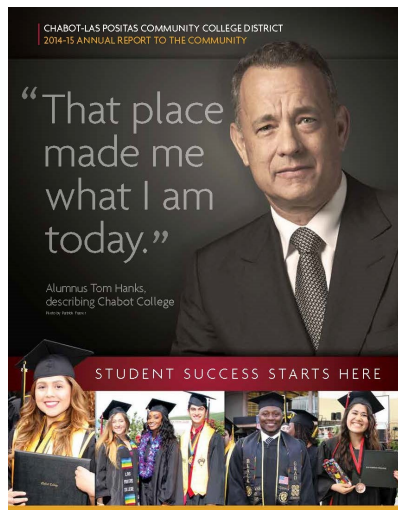


## LPC Highlights Featured in District Annual Report



Top transfer rates, math success, Middle College opportunities, services for Hispanics—learn about these LPC pathways to success and more in the *CLPCCD 2014-15 Annual Report to the Community*, posted on the district website at <http://www.clpccd.org/newsroom/Annual Report>. Read about one of CLPCCD's most famous alums, get updates on Measure B, and find out why LPC is consistently ranked as one of the best community colleges in the state.

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## LPC Wins State 2015-16 Exemplary Program Award



Courtesy of Early Childhood Development

LPC is honored with the 2015-16 Exemplary Program Award at the January 20th ceremony in Sacramento. From left, California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris, Ed.D.; Foundation for California Community Colleges President and CEO Keetha Mills; California Community Colleges Academic Senate President David Morse, Ph.D.; CLPCCD Chancellor Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D.; LPC Math Instructor Diane Belak; retired Early Childhood Development Professional Development Coordinator and Instructor Jeanne Virgilo; California Community Colleges Board of Governors President Geoffrey L. Baum; and California Community Colleges Board of Governors Vice President Cecilia V. Estolano.

### ***Innovative Program Drives Student Success, Changes Lives***

Regina Garcia enrolled at LPC, determined to transfer and earn a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Development (ECD), but completing the math requirement was holding her back. As a student in her 40s, she had extensive teaching experience, but had not taken a math class for years. She was not alone.

With the leadership of the ECD Professional Development Coordinator, the ECD Program addressed this challenge by creating an innovative and highly successful ECD – Math Learning Community, recognized by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors as one of two 2015-16 Exemplary Program Award winners in the state. The ECD Program received \$4,000 for the award, sponsored annually by the Foundation for California Community Colleges.

*Please see Award on page 2.*

# Spring Business Speakers and Science Seminars

## Business and Entrepreneurship Speaker Series

How can students advance their careers? What makes a leader effective? Learn about these topics at the 4th Annual Business and Entrepreneurship Speaker Series events this semester.

Sponsored by the Business and Marketing Program, the series brings Bay Area business leaders to campus to share their expertise with students and the community. Past speakers include an Apple executive, an aviation entrepreneur, a corporate division president, and more. Events are free and open to the public.



**Ken Avery, CPA & CFF**  
Partner in Deloitte Financial  
Advisory Services LLP

“From Accountant to Investigator to Expert”  
6:15-7:30 p.m. | February 17th | Room 2420



**Jody Bagno-Dill**  
Founder of JAZZ Business Consulting  
“Inside Secrets of an Executive Coach: The  
Three Characteristics of Effective Leaders”  
6:15-7:30 p.m. | April 6th | Room 2420

## LLNL/LPC Science & Engineering Seminar Series

Science enthusiasts can look forward to two events this semester in the Annual Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL)/LPC Science and Engineering Seminar Series, Theory to Practice: How Science Gets Done. The popular series is designed to enhance the partnership between LPC and LLNL and provides a forum for laboratory scientists and engineers to share their broad range of basic and applied research with the college’s scientific community of students, staff, and faculty. Seminars are free and open to the public. Both lead LLNL speakers have attended LPC as students.

### “Next Generation of Neural Interfaces Treating Neurodegenerative Disorders of the Brain with Neuromodulation”

Sat Pannu, Ph.D., Director, Center for Bioengineering, LLNL, and members of his research team  
6:00-7:15 p.m. | March 7th | Room 2420

### “Computation for Predictive Medicine”

Ana Paula Sales, Ph.D., Computational Biologist and Applied Statistician, LLNL  
6:00-7:15 p.m. | April 5th | Room 2420

## Award

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The new program brought together faculty from ECD and Math, and this collaborative spirit extended beyond the campus, with First 5 Alameda County and local community early childhood programs. The groups worked together to create a math series that uses materials and assignments relevant to ECD students. A part-time math instructor taught the ECD students in a learning community format.

“The math instructor was amazing,” said Ms. Garcia. “She held us to the highest standard and always expected us to fully understand concepts before moving on. Our learning community was an experience that we all will never forget and one that truly helped us reach another step in our education. We spent over two years together helping and supporting one another to get through all math levels, including statistics,” said Ms. Garcia, who transferred to Cal State East Bay. “For many of us, passing math courses was what was preventing us from progressing toward our degrees.”

As the Center Operations Manager at CAPE, Inc., the Tri-Valley Head Start program, Ms. Garcia and other graduates of LPC’s ECD – Math Learning Community work in early care and education programs in Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin. Most ECD graduates teach children in the Tri-Valley and many transfer to four-year colleges as well.

President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D., noted that the benefits of LPC’s Exemplary Program extend far beyond the lives of the ECD students. “Although the initial goal of the program was thought to be student success in math, in reality, the ultimate goal of the program may be its contribution to society by providing a supportive and successful program to educate those who will teach our children,” he said. “This program is changing lives.” Since the program started in 2012, retention and success rates for those students in sequenced math courses have increased significantly. The program serves as a model for other colleges facing similar challenges, both in California and beyond.

# Opera Star, Musical, and Concerts in Mertes Center

## Opera Legend Performs at LPC

LPC students received special pricing to hear the internationally renowned opera singer Frederica von Stade perform on the Main Stage of the Mertes Center for the Arts in an event co-hosted by the LPC Foundation. LPC President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D., conducted a lively on-stage interview with Ms. von Stade (right). The event benefited the Livermore Valley Opera.



Courtesy of Livermore Valley Opera

## Chicago Sizzles with Song, Dance, and All That Jazz

### *Chicago: The Musical*

Fridays, Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.; Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

March 4th -13th

Main Stage Theater, Mertes Center for the Arts

Tickets: \$10 students, faculty, staff, seniors, military/veterans; \$15 general admission

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Aaron Burg

Soaring voices in the practice rooms, whirring sewing machines in the costume shop, and steady hammering on a two-story prison on the Main Stage—all are sure signs that the curtain will soon rise on LPC's production of the blockbuster *Chicago: The Musical*.

Sizzling with “razzle dazzle” and “all that jazz,” the show is now in its 20th year on Broadway and holds the record as the longest-running American musical in Broadway history.

Set during the Roaring Twenties in Chicago, this smash hit tells a gripping story through song and dance about

murder, corruption, and the “celebrity criminal.” It is based on a 1926 play of the same name by reporter Maurine Dallas Watkins about actual criminals and crimes she wrote about in the *Chicago Tribune*.

*Chicago* lead characters who are accused of murder, Roxie Hart and Velma Kelly, vie for the spotlight and headlines, seeking fame and fortune.

“We have been trying to get the rights to this show for years,” said Theater Arts Coordinator Titian Lish, who is directing the play. “We are the only company in the immediate area which was able to secure the rights, and we are very excited and proud to present it.” Ms. Lish said the students and staff are working feverishly on every component of the show—from extra practice in choreography to rigging and painting the set. “As with all of our productions, our students and technical theater staff are working long, hard hours to bring the design to life.”

Coming up next for Theater Arts is *A Raisin in the Sun*, opening May 6th. With discount pricing for students, faculty, staff, seniors, and military/veterans, LPC's live shows are less expensive than a movie.

## Tune in to LPC Music

A lecture by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra composer-in-residence, masterclasses, guest musicians, original work performed by Music Instructor Dan Marschak (far left in photo), a faculty showcase, a workshop with a guest vocalist, concerts, recitals, and more are at the Mertes Center. Visit the website's performing arts calendar to see the exciting Music Program events for our students and community.



Courtesy of Music Program

LPC student composers Brandon Yim, Lucas Sanchez, and James Walker work with composer collective LA Signal Lab after having their original compositions workshopped and recorded in the Black Box Theater.



# key dates...

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

- February** *LPC Celebrates Black History Month. Please see the website for Black Student Union events.*
- 9 *Brian Copeland: Not a Genuine Black Man, 7:30 PM, Mertes Center. Tickets \$15 general and \$10 students, [brownpapertickets.com/event/2473846](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/2473846)*
- 11 *Music: Kalil Wilson/Dan Marschak Duo with Special Guest Cindy B. Rosefield, 7 PM\**
- 12-15 *Holiday, Presidents' Day Weekend*
- 16 *LPC Flex Day: offices closed, no instruction; evening classes will resume*
- 17 *Business & Entrepreneurship Speaker Ken Avery, 6:15-7:30 PM, RM 2420, Free*
- March**
- 4-13 *Chicago: The Musical, Fridays, Saturdays 8 PM; Sundays 2 PM\**
- 7 *LLNL/LPC Science & Engineering Seminar, 6-7:30 PM, RM 2420, Free*
- 16 *Music Guest Artists: Audio Radiance, 8 PM\**
- 23 *Theater: Student Directed One Acts, 12 PM\**
- 25 *Theater: Student Directed One Acts, 8 PM\*  
Music Guest Artists: The Bluesettes Quintet, 8 PM\**

**\*Mertes Center. Tickets and info:**  
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*Please see the Athletics website for Schedules. Go, Hawks!*

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## LPC News Notes

**Transfer Applications Increase.** A total of 265 students from LPC applied for fall 2016 transfer to at least one University of California campus. This represents an 11 percent increase over the fall 2015 transfer application cycle. LPC's Transfer Center offers Transfer Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to assist students with applications and general transfer questions.

**Library Enhances Services.** The Library has redesigned its website and extended its hours: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**LPC Partners with Sandia Labs to Host Science Bowl.** On January 23rd, LPC and Sandia National Laboratories continued our long-standing partnership by co-hosting

## Math Jam Success Multiplies



A crowd of students, faculty, administrators, and tutors give Math Jam an enthusiastic thumbs up.

Successes keep adding up for Math Jam, LPC's program that helps students reach their math goals. Compared to January of last year, LPC enrolled more than double the number of students this year. Of the 194 students who completed the program, almost one third jumped into a higher level math class for this semester—saving them a semester of time and doubling their chances of successfully completing a transfer-level math class. Math Jam students are more successful in their math classes, and they begin a math class ready to learn and confident that they are in the right class. LPC is proud to be among the first California community colleges to offer a comprehensive, multi-level Math Jam program. This free, intensive, one-week program is offered the week prior to the start of the spring and fall semesters.

the 2016 Regional Middle School Science Bowl on the LPC campus. Congratulations to William Hopkins Junior High School in Fremont, winners for the ninth year in a row. LPC will partner again with Sandia on February 27th to host the High School Regional Science Bowl. Many thanks to the scientists and volunteers who generously share their time for these events.

**LPC Athlete Honored.** The California Community College Athletic Association and California Community College Sports Information Association recognized LPC basketball player Cayla Nava as an Athlete of the Month in December. The sophomore guard averaged 21 points per game and made 58 three-pointers to lead the state in three-pointers. Ms. Nava hails from San Ramon and is a graduate of Dougherty Valley High School.



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