

LPC Accreditation Reaffirmed

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, has reaffirmed LPC's accreditation.

"This is great news," said LPC President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D. "I want to thank the whole campus for the work they did to make this accreditation cycle a success." LPC will provide a report in March 2017 on five of the commission's recommendations. "Many of those recommendations are already in process on the campus," President Russell said. The evaluation team visited the campus October 5th through 8th, 2015 and the next site visit will be in April 2017. For more information about LPC's accreditation, please visit the website at <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/accreditation>.

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LPC Celebrates Black History Month

From STEM professionals discussing their careers to children beating rhythms on drums, LPC celebrated African American culture and achievement during Black History Month in February. LPC's Black Student Union hosted a number of events, including African Americans in STEM, a panel discussion featuring professionals who shared with our students their personal backgrounds, typical job duties, how they have achieved success in their careers, and how their race has influenced their careers and professional experience in the STEM field. The Black Student Union also joined toddlers and preschoolers at LPC's Child Development Center for a celebration of African culture with drumming and dancing presented by the Pleasanton-based Cheza Nami Foundation, Inc.



Mary Lauffer

Good vibrations: Black Student Union member Clinton Noble joins toddlers around a gathering drum at LPC's Child Development Center.

Plan Now for the Foundation's Best of the Best Auction and Gala

One of the most anticipated college events of the year is almost here: LPC Foundation's 13th Annual Best of the Best, a fundraising online auction and gala. We thank our generous sponsors and welcome new sponsors. To donate auction items or become a sponsor, please visit the online auction website.

Best of the Best Gala

April 23rd, 6:00 p.m.

Mertes Center for the Arts

Tickets: lpcfoundation.org/bestofthebest or (925) 424-1014

Enjoy the best in performing arts, gourmet food, and wines—including

the finest from our very own Las Positas College Cellars. Ticket buyers get an early-bird incentive: a chance to win two VIP tickets to the April 10th Carrie Underwood concert at Oracle Arena. Every purchase of two tickets qualifies for one entry in the drawing for two seats in the Wells Fargo suite. Ticket purchases must be made by March 31st to qualify.

Best of the Best Online Auction

April 18th – April 29th

biddingforgood.com/lpcfoundation

Bid on prime sports tickets, golf packages, a stagecoach ride, and more. Items make great gifts!

LPC Serves as a Community Center for Science

Courtesy of Expanding Your Horizons



Middle school girls get hands-on science experience at Expanding Your Horizons in LPC's state-of-the-art facilities. See more photos at <http://bit.ly/1VZ8BOK>.

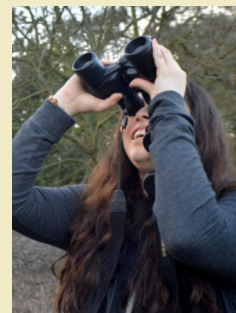
LPC served as a nexus of science activity during Livermore's Science and Engineering Month, designated for February by the City of Livermore and the Livermore Unified School District. We celebrated with a BioBlitz Bonanza, middle schools girls learning in our science labs, and an exciting science bowl.

BioBlitz Bonanza. The Biological Sciences Program planned activities to engage the campus and community, celebrating the rich biodiversity we have on campus: exploring birds, insects, plants, microbes, and more.

Students with the Biology Club and Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society also visited Livermore elementary schools to lead science activities and serve as science judges.

Expanding Your Horizons. Approximately 300 girls attended the February 27th Tri-Valley Expanding Your Horizons, a science and math career conference for area middle school girls, which LPC has hosted since 2013. The girls explored math and science through hands-on activities and workshops with the help of our staff and student volunteers. The girls' parents were invited to attend a college planning program, where they learned about academic pathways, transfer, and financial aid.

Regional High School Science Bowl. We continued our long standing partnership with Sandia National Laboratories by co-hosting the 2016 Regional High School Science Bowl. Congratulations to the team from Dougherty Valley High School, which, for the third year in a row, will advance to the National Science Bowl.



Ashley Kim

Binoculars boost BioBlitzing Birding Bonanza.

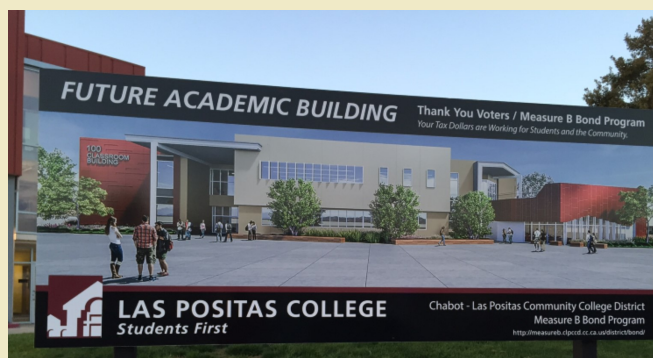
Journalism Pro Visits Campus



Tami Shepherd

CSN Bay Area's Fallon Smith, right, visits with a student after her presentation about her professional journey and what it takes to succeed in the field. The Journalism Club and *The Express* newspaper hosted the February 24th talk by the Emmy-award winning sports anchor and reporter.

Sign Heralds New Building



President Russell

A new sign near the Mertes Center heralds LPC's future Academic Classroom Building 100, which will provide classrooms and labs needed for our increasing enrollment. According to a survey conducted by CCW Research, LPC is the 27th fastest-growing community college in the nation in its enrollment size category. Ground breaking for the new building is planned for June 2016.

LPC Provides New Behavioral Health Service

LPC's Health and Wellness Center has partnered with the Portia Bell Hume Behavioral Health and Training Center, a non-profit community mental health center, to offer a new service to our students. A Hume Center clinician is now available to provide behavioral health services on Mondays and Tuesdays. "We believe that students are most successful when they are at their best

both physically and emotionally," said Nurse Practitioner Dayna Barbero, LPC's site administrator. Students can find services for their physical, social, and emotional well-being at LPC's health center, which offers medical wellness services, personal counseling services, and preventative health services.

Distinguished Psychology Speakers Coming to Campus

The LPC Psychology Program brings world-renowned speakers and events to the campus and Tri-Valley community.

Psychology Instructor Ernest Jones has announced three upcoming speakers, sponsored by the Psychology Program, Psi Beta Psychology Honor Society, and Psychology Club.

Jeff Bell

Spokesman for the International Obsessive Compulsive Foundation, motivational speaker, KCBS News anchor, and author

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

March 15th | 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Room 2420 Lecture Hall | Free

Dacher Keltner

Leading authority on prosocial emotions, best-selling author, UC Berkeley psychology professor, director of the Berkeley Greater Good Science Center, and consultant for Pixar's film, *Inside Out*

The Science of the Meaningful Life

May 10th | 7:30 p.m. | Mertes Center

Tickets: \$10 students, \$15 general

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2473982>

Temple Grandin

Considered the world's most famous and influential person with autism, Colorado State University Professor of Animal Science, best-selling author, subject of award-winning movie, and inspiration to thousands

An Evening with Temple Grandin

September 15th | 7:30 p.m. | Mertes Center

Tickets on sale soon at brownpapertickets.com

Supporting Military Families



Mary Lauffer

Thanks to everyone who helped out for the Military Donation Drive to support our local men and women who are in the military and stationed overseas. The Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society and Student Veterans Organization sponsored the collection, which went to the Pleasanton Military Families organization.

Spreading the Word about LPC

LPC is our community's college! We have more classes, more faculty, and more programs to serve our growing student population. We also collaborate with business, industry, and government partners to help fuel economic development. Here, President Russell checks out our recent banner at the Livermore outlet mall.



Courtesy of President Russell

key dates...

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

March

- 15 Jeff Bell, *Obsessive Compulsive Disorder*, 9:30 -10:45 AM, RM 2420, Free
Celebrate Women! 2016, a photographic art competition with paintings/etchings, reception, and awards, 6-8 PM, Bldg. 2400.
- 16 Music Guest Artists: Audio Radiance, 8 PM*
- 17 *Celebrate Women!* Art Panel, 2-4 PM, Bldg. 300
- 22 3rd Annual LPC “Shark Tank” presentations, 6-8 PM, Mertes Center
- 23 Theater: Student Directed One Acts, 12 PM*
- 24 4th Annual Honoring Women Veterans, 10 AM, RM 801
- 25 Theater: Student Directed One Acts, 8 PM*
Music Guest Artists: The Bluesettes Quintet, 8 PM*
- 28-April 2 Spring Break

April

- 5 *Computation for Predictive Medicine*, 6-7:15 PM, RM 2420, Free
- 6 Jody Bagno-Dill, *Inside Secrets of an Executive Coach: The Three Characteristics of Effective Leaders*, 6:15-7:30 PM, RM 2420, Free
- 8 LPC Jazz Ensembles Concert, a New Orleans Celebration, 8 PM*
- 14 Choral & Vocal Jazz Spring Concert, 7 PM*
- 23 Best of the Best Gala, 6 PM, Mertes Center. Tickets: lpcfoundation.org/bestofthebest or (925) 424-1014
***Mertes Center. Tickets and info:**
laspositascollege.edu/performingarts

Please see the Athletics website for Schedules. Go, Hawks!

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Men’s Basketball Completes Record-Breaking Season

Although LPC’s Men’s Basketball team lost in the third round of the Northern California regional playoffs, the #4-seeded Hawks can claim a record-breaking season filled with many highlights. They broke school records for most conference victories (8) and highest conference finish (3rd), along with a 10-game winning streak, finishing with a 19-10 record in Coach James Giacomazzi’s first season at LPC. Additionally, sophomores Brandon Eboigbodin and Cameron Moses have been named to the 1st-team All-Coast Conference North Division squad.

CCCMBCA to Welcome Tony Costello into 2016 Hall of Fame

The California Community Colleges Men’s Basketball Coaches Association will welcome the late LPC Men’s Basketball Coach Tony Costello into the 2016 Hall of Fame at noon on March 12th at the Double Tree Hilton, 7050 Johnson Drive in Pleasanton in the Gold/Silver Room. A luncheon will be held; the cost for guests is \$25, payable at the door.

Chicago Dazzles

LPC’s production of *Chicago* sizzles, sparkles, and dazzles cheering audiences. A review in *The Independent* said, “There is no doubt that this cast and crew are gifted, hard-working professionals. The singing, dancing, sets, costumes, lighting and music are top-rate, making the production an energetic, razzle-dazzle thrill to behold.... Having a college theater department that delivers exceptional quality productions in a state-of-the-art venue for nominal prices is of enormous value to the community.”

Read the entire review and see photos at <http://bit.ly/1OWk8sx>. Director Titian Lish praised the musical’s staff and students. “I am so proud of the students for their hard work and commitment to this popular work of theater,” she said.

African Americans in STEM



Courtesy of BSU

Black Student Union President Alby Ungashe, far left, thanks guest panelists after the February 23rd African Americans in STEM panel discussion during Black History Month. Please see the related story on page 1.