

LPC Kicks Off the New Academic Year with Services to Support Student Success



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The Positive Power of Pets. Students learn about stress management strategies at this Student Health Center event.

Online Learning Orientations. Students enrolled in online and hybrid courses were invited to attend on-campus or live, virtual orientations to help them succeed. Topics included time management, tips for taking quizzes, and using course tools.

Welcome Table. Staff was on hand to answer questions, help students find their classes, review their class schedules, and direct them to resources.

Stress Management Support. The Student Health Center held two events to promote healthy coping skills and stress management: free chair massages and pet therapy, where students got to visit with furry friends. At the events, the center provided lots of information about wellness and ways to prevent and relieve stress.

LPC Presents Hispanic Heritage Celebration with Internationally Acclaimed Guests in New President's Speaker Series

LPC will celebrate Hispanic Heritage throughout this semester with internationally-renowned guests: an artist, art lecturer, and pianist. The events are part of LPC's new President's Speaker Series, designed to bring outstanding speakers, artists, and performers to campus to engage with students and the Tri-Valley community. Sponsored by the LPC Foundation, the series events will be held in the Mertes Center for the Arts; admission is free and open to the public.

Peruvian artist Claudio Jimenez Quispe is an internationally renowned maker of retablos, folk art in the form of portable boxes which depict religious, historical, or everyday events. We are pleased that Mr. Quispe will be on campus during part of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which is September 15th through October 15th.

Gregorio Luke, art lecturer. October 1st.

"Frida Kahlo, A New Look," 11:00 a.m.

Internationally-celebrated speaker Gregorio Luke will present new insights about the famous Mexican artist.

"Diego Rivera, The Man and His Murals," 7 p.m.

Mr. Luke's captivating lecture is beautifully illustrated with hundreds of slides.

Gustavo Romero, pianist. 7:00 p.m., November 5th.

Described by *The Washington Post* as "a pianist of genius," Gustavo Romero is internationally renowned for his exceptional technical brilliance and interpretive depth.

Claudio Jimenez Quispe, artist.

September 15-30.

Mr. Quispe will be on campus Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

An Exhibition

Opening Event will be 5:00-8:00 p.m., September 16th.



Courtesy of Claudio Jimenez Quispe

Claudio Jimenez Quispe

Convocation Inspires and Honors Employees

Each August, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District employees gather together at Convocation to plan for the new academic year, enjoy fellowship, share ideas, and honor outstanding contributions and achievement. The following are some highlights of this year's August 13th event.



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Vincent Tinto and Pres. Russell

Guest Speaker Vincent Tinto. Noted higher education theorist Vincent Tinto, Ph.D., presented “Student Success Does not Arise by Chance,” offering inspiration and insights into how

students succeed. A Distinguished University Professor Emeritus at Syracuse University and former Chair of the Higher Education Program, Dr. Tinto is a sought-after speaker, particularly regarding student success and the impact of learning communities on student growth and attainment.

The Reed Buffington Award. Randy Taylor, long-time Math Instructor and Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) Honor Society Advisor, was named this year's recipient of The Reed Buffington Award for excellence in teaching, considered the most prestigious faculty honor

in the district and named in honor of Chabot College's founding president. A recipient of many prestigious awards, Mr. Taylor is described by his colleagues as “an advocate and mentor of his students, encouraging them to achieve all that they can and directing them to scholarships and educational opportunities. He has also led students to great community service, supporting organizations such as the Tri-Valley Haven and the Alameda County Food Bank.”

Chancellor Awards. Chancellor Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D., recognized faculty, staff, and administrators with Chancellor Awards for their outstanding service to the district. The recipients, who are nominated by their colleagues, include 15 individuals from LPC: English Instructor Elena Cole, Swimming and Diving Head Coach Jason Craighead, Counselor Assistant Terri Danner, Academic Dean Lisa Everett, Ed.D., Counselor Joel Gagnon, Administrative Assistant Mary Hargiss, Computing Studies Instructor LaVaughn Hart, Counselor Assistant Constance Hildebrand, Academic Dean Don Miller, Ph.D., Academic Dean and Athletic Director Dyan Miller, Geography Instructor Thomas Orf, Ph.D., Admissions & Records Assistant Maria Pena-Bradford, English Instructor Michael Sato, Career Tech Education Project Manager Vicki Shipman, and Math Instructor Kristine Woods.

LPC Named Partner in Education



Courtesy of LVJUSD

LPC President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D., recently accepted the Partner in Education Award from the Livermore Management Association, the organization of Site and District Administrators in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. The award recognizes the strong partnership between LPC and the school district. President Russell is pictured here with district administrators.



Courtesy of Veterans First

Flanked by student veterans are Veterans First Coordinator Todd Steffan (left) and Student Services VP Diana Z. Rodriguez.

Thank you, Sentinels of Freedom!

LPC's Veterans First Program expresses sincerest gratitude to the Sentinels of Freedom for its recent gift supporting our student veterans. Sentinels founder Mike Conklin and his wife Peggy with the Blue Star Moms of Danville have been generous supporters of our Veterans First Program since its inception in 2006.

Business & Science Series Bring Experts to LPC

4th Annual Business and Entrepreneurship Speaker Series



Courtesy of Nanette Hunter

Nanette Hunter

Students in all majors can learn the secrets of perseverance from a pro and find out how to make them work in their own lives at the upcoming Business and Entrepreneurship Speaker Series event. Oakland entrepreneur Nanette Hunter will present ***“Why You Need Perseverance to Succeed in Today’s Business World,”*** at **6:00-7:15 p.m. on September**

24th in the Multi-Disciplinary Building Lecture Hall, Room 2420. The recipient of numerous awards, Ms. Hunter is President/CEO of D-Unique Tools, Inc. and President of YourTools, LLC. She will take the audience along on her own entrepreneurial journey—fueled by perseverance, commitment to her goals, and a passion to succeed. Sponsored by the Business and Marketing Department, the series features Bay Area business leaders who have embraced an entrepreneurial approach and startup spirit to achieve professional and organizational success. Events are free and open to the public.

6th Annual LLNL/LPC Science and Engineering Seminar Series

Scientists will shake things up and reveal secrets about microbes in LPC’s 6th 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, faculty, and staff. **All seminars take place at 6:00-7:15 p.m. in the Multi-Disciplinary Building Lecture Hall, Room 2420;** seminars are free and open to the public. Following are the two seminars this semester.

Computer Simulations of Earthquakes in the San Francisco Bay Area **September 30th**

Arthur Rodgers, Ph.D., Seismologist
LLNL Atmospheric, Earth and Energy Division



Dr. Rodgers

Microbes Breathe and Eat More Than We Do: Using DNA and the Periodic Table to Uncover Their Secrets **November 5th**

Xavier Mayali, Ph.D., Microbial Oceanographer and Staff Scientist
LLNL Nuclear and Chemical Sciences Division



Photos Courtesy of LLNL

Dr. Mayali



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LPC Students Jump Ahead in Math; 100% Said They Would Recommend Math Jam to a Friend

LPC is proud to be among the first California community colleges to offer a comprehensive, multi-level Math Jam program. The second week-long Math Jam session was offered in August, and the results add up to success for the 110 students who completed the program. Math Jam is an intensive one-week math program, with pre- and post-testing, offered the week prior to the start of the spring and fall semesters. Students accomplish one of two goals: preparing for their math class or jumping one or two levels ahead.

Following are some student comments about LPC’s Math Jam. “From my pre- to my post-test I jumped from 36% to 88%.” “It helped me regain my math skills and feel confident in math again.” “I feel more confident going into my next math class.” “I liked that the tutors and other staff were really friendly.” “It was so much fun and I had a great time.”

key dates...

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

September

- 10 LPC Faculty Showcase, 7 PM, Mertes Center**
- 11 9/11 Remembered at LPC, special guest speaker Bert Upson, 1 PM, Mertes Center*
- 15 Flex Day: no instruction; all LPC offices are closed
- 15-30 President's Speaker Series: Peruvian artist Claudio Jimenez Quispe exhibit; artist will be on campus 10 AM-6 PM, Monday-Thursday, Mertes Center*
- 16 President's Speaker Series: Peruvian artist Claudio Jimenez Quispe exhibit opening event, 5-8 PM, Mertes Center*
- 24 Business and Entrepreneurship Speaker Nanette Hunter, 6-7:15 PM, RM 2420*
- 28 Transfer Day, reps from 50 colleges, 10 AM-1 PM, Quad
- 30 LLNL/LPC Science and Engineering Seminar, 6-7:15 PM, RM 2420*

October

- 1 President's Speaker Series: Art Lecturer Gregorio Luke, 11 AM & 7 PM, Mertes Center*
- 22 Jazz Concert Benefit, 7 PM, Mertes Center**

***Free and open to the public**

****Ticket info at laspositascollege.edu/performingarts**

Parking permits are required on campus.

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LPC Observes 9/11 with Speaker
LPC's Veterans First Program
will present *9/11 Remembered at LPC* featuring speaker and author Bert Upson, who was on the 78th floor of the south tower of the World Trade Center when the first plane crashed into the north tower. Mr. Upson will speak at 1 p.m. in the Mertes Center. Please visit the website for details.

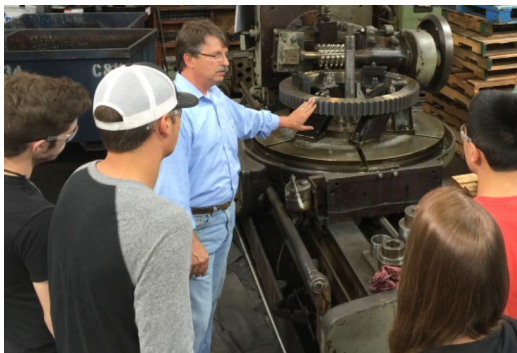


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Water Polo Makes Waves at LPC

It's on! LPC's inaugural water polo teams dive into their first season this month. Keep up with the Women, whose first meet is September 10th, at <http://athletics.laspositascollege.edu/sports/wwaterpolo> and the Men, whose first meet is September 11th, at <http://athletics.laspositascollege.edu/sports/mwaterpolo>.

More sports news: soccer season has kicked off! Please visit the Athletics website for all sports schedules. Come cheer on our Hawks!



Scott Miner

LPC Welding Camp Sparks Interest in High School Students

This past summer, LPC's Welding Technology Program gave area high school students a chance to ignite their interest and learn marketable skills in the field of welding. In a two-week LPC Summer Welding Camp, 25 students, including students from every high school in the Tri-Valley, learned from college instructors, learned safety, got hands-on experience in LPC's welding lab, took home their own barbeque grills they made, and went on a field trip to local welding companies. The camp was offered in partnership with the Tri-Valley ROP. Planning is currently underway for an expanded welding camp opportunity for Summer 2016.



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