

## Safety Is #1 at LPC

LPC's Campus Safety and Security Office works year-round to keep our campus safe. One initiative is employee training. This past semester, the office presented three two-and-a-half hour training classes in Critical Incident and Emergency Preparedness and Response for employees. Employees learn about a variety of possible critical incidents and the appropriate response action, such as lockdown and shelter in place. The training also focuses on preventative measures and recognizing red flags, warning signs, and indicators within the five stages of an active shooter. All LPC administrators and supervisors have completed an eight-hour Critical Incident and Emergency Preparedness and Response training course.

The LPC community takes pride in our safety record and ongoing efforts to make safety a top priority on campus. The results are obvious to an overwhelming majority of students. In a recent survey, 91 percent of students said they strongly agree or agree with the statement: "Overall I feel safe at Las Positas College." The college's commitment to safety is also well known among the state's community colleges; representatives from other campuses have visited LPC to learn about our safety practices and procedures.

## Honoring Our Veterans

### *LPC Holds 10th Annual Veterans Day Observance, Thanks Safeway for Generous Donation*

The LPC Veterans First Program hosted the 10th Annual Veterans Day Observance on November 8 in the Mertes Center, bringing together distinguished speakers, veterans and friends from our greater community, and members of our district and campus family.

President Russell welcomed everyone to the event and remarks were presented by Chancellor Jackson, Congressman Swalwell, and Todd Steffan, featured in the photo at right. Special guests in the audience included John Shirley and John Marchand, former and current Livermore mayors, respectively. LPC was honored to present two keynote speakers, veterans John McPartland and Jim Zenner, who shared stories about their experiences and answered questions from the audience. Many thanks go to them and others who made this a memorable event at LPC, including the Travis USAF Honor Guard, the Travis USAF Concert Band, veterans service dog owners, and all of the student veterans who participated. Following the presentations, LPC served a barbeque lunch, which was free for all veterans.



Photos by Mary Laufer

LPC thanks Safeway for the generous \$30,000 contribution to our Veterans First Program, presented at the Veterans Day event. From left: Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Chancellor Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D.; LPC President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D.; Safeway Public and Government Affairs Manager Wendy Gutshall; LPC Veterans First Program Coordinator Todd Steffan; Congressman Eric Swalwell; and LPC English Instructor Jim Ott, who served as the Veterans Day master of ceremonies.



Kicking off our Veterans Day Observance, Elaine Johnson sings a stirring rendition of the national anthem as area veterans—and a veterans service dog—stand at attention.

# CALENDAR

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

Through December 16	Child Development Center Silent Auction, <a href="http://www.laspositascollege.edu/childdevelopmentcenter/CDC_Auction.php">http://www.laspositascollege.edu/childdevelopmentcenter/CDC_Auction.php</a>
December 2-11	<i>Silent Sky</i> , Fri./Sat., 8 PM and Sun., 2 PM; Black Box*
December 9	Holiday Celebration of Music Concert, 8 PM*
December 23-January 2	Winter Recess
January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday
January 17	Instruction Begins for Spring 2017 Semester

**\*Mertes Center. Tickets and info:**  
[laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts)

Keep up with our teams on the Athletics website. Go, Hawks!

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

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Courtesy of Theater Arts

Don't miss the engaging Theater Arts production of *Silent Sky*, a new play about Henrietta Swan Leavitt and the real women "computers" working at the dawn of modern astronomy—a celestial romance and true story of discovery. Please see the calendar, left, for details.

## LPC Soccer Teams Celebrate a Sensational Season

Congratulations to the Men's and Women's Soccer teams on their outstanding season! Men's Soccer advanced to the playoffs during its first season with new Head Coach Andrew Cumbo. "We had a record-breaking season, full of awards and recognition," said Coach Cumbo. "Most importantly, we all had a fun experience and represented Las Positas College in a positive way." In its first playoff match, the team was in the lead, but gave up the winning goal in the final minute. Women's Soccer has achieved significant success under the direction of



Men's Soccer team and coaches. Photo courtesy of Athletics.

Head Coach Paul Sapsford, who has held the position since fall 2014. Their record of 12 wins, 4 ties and only 2 losses resulted in a #8 ranking in Northern California and advancement into the playoffs, where they were eliminated in the second round. In the past three seasons, the team has improved from 17th in 2014 to 13th in 2015, and now 8th. This year, the team scored 73 goals—the

most goals ever scored in a single season in the history of the program. Furthermore, the team conceded only 20 goals, which ties the college record for fewest goals conceded.



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