

## LPC Offers New Program for Income-Eligible Preschoolers



Courtesy of Child Development Center

LPC's state-of-the-art Child Development Center has been awarded funding from the California Department of Education, Early Education and Support Division, under the California State Preschool Program Expansion for fiscal year 2016-17. This funding will be used to open and subsidize a new state preschool classroom of 18 income-eligible children, providing access to quality early care and education for underrepresented and income-eligible preschool aged children and their families. For eligibility requirements, please visit <http://bit.ly/29ozMVp>. For more information, please contact the center office at (925) 424-1575.

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## Ready to Serve Our Community

## Congratulations to LPC Police Academy Grads



Courtesy of Alameda County Sheriff's Office

Congratulations to 44 Administration of Justice students who were awarded California Peace Officer's Standards and Training Basic Academy Certificates by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office at a ceremony on June 16th. LPC's highly-regarded academy program prepares students for direct job entry with a California law enforcement agency. The program also offers an Associate in Arts degree and an Associate in Science

Degree for Transfer. In the program, students get real-world instruction from veteran criminal justice professionals; learn about law enforcement, courts, corrections, crime scene investigation, and more; and gain volunteer experience through LPC's connections with important agencies, including police, sheriff, district attorney's office, and juvenile hall.

## LPC Hosts TEDxLivermore, Exploring Empathy



Courtesy of TEDxLivermore

LPC President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D., welcomed guests at the all-day TEDxLivermore 2016 conference held June 25th in the Mertes Center. Thought leaders explored this year's theme, "The Economics of Empathy," in the style of

the popular TED talks. Members of our LPC community attended and two individuals also presented: graduate and award-winning Talk Hawk Jennie De Rose, who is CSU Chico-bound this fall, and English Instructor Jim Ott, Ed.D. (left). Dr. Ott discussed the topic of his dissertation, including studies he conducted with student veterans about the benefits of writing about their military experience. This past year, he organized an event for LPC veterans to read stories of their personal journeys. Dr. Ott received the Saint Mary's College annual Outstanding Dissertation Award from among all the dissertations completed in 2015.

# key dates...

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

Courtesy of Theater Arts



July

28-31

*How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, 8 PM, Mertes Center Amphitheater. An ambitious young man works his way up the corporate ladder in this hilarious musical comedy satire—winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Amphitheater opens at 7 PM. Bring a lawn chair and blankets and pack a picnic or enjoy the food trucks serving Latin food, specialty coffee, and desserts. Ticket info at [laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts). Parking permits are required at all times on campus.

August

17

Instruction Begins for Fall 2016 Semester

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## Community Connections

**Welding Camp.** Local high school students participating in a two-week Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program (ROP) Welding/Manufacturing Camp at LPC visited Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory last month to learn about programs and employment opportunities. Led by Welding Technology Instructor Scott Miner, the camp included juniors and seniors from every high school in the Tri-Valley.

**Gateway for Veterans.** The Veterans First Program is presenting an orientation for veterans, the 8th Annual Operation Gateway: A Veteran's Transition to Success, July 14th and 15th—a great opportunity for veterans to experience firsthand the community and camaraderie at LPC.

**Livermore Rodeo Parade.** Proudly representing LPC in the June 11th Livermore Rodeo Parade were Fire Service Technology's 26th Fire Service Wildland Academy and Honor Guard, which took first-place honors as the top Senior Color Guard.

## Celebrating Extraordinary Instructor and Graduates

Courtesy of Craig Kutil



Instructor Craig Kutil, right, and Soshi Claudio Artusi

**Mathematics and Kinesiology Instructor Craig Kutil** has received internationally-recognized honors in martial arts: promotion to a 6th degree black belt in Jujitsu; the grade of Kyoshi, which can be translated as "expert teacher"; and the title of Shihan, which translates as "master model." Mr. Kutil likes to pass on the self-discipline that is part of the

martial arts culture. "I want to help students become more confident in themselves and to give them the belief that they can be whatever they want," he said. He teaches two martial arts classes at LPC: Danzan Ryu Jujitsu and Goshin-Jitsu, which is offered through Community Education. In Math, he primarily teaches Calculus, Differential Equations, and Statistics.

Jeanie Heigh



Student Veteran Damon Alcorn, right, and President Russell

**Student Veteran Damon Alcorn** was presented with the Sandia National Laboratories and Livermore Chamber of Commerce College Student of the Year Award. In May, he graduated with highest honors with an Associate of Science degree in Engineering Technology.

**Mother of Five and Two-Sport College Athlete Doreen Wagner** graduated in May with a degree in Kinesiology. "Las Positas College has been a real gift in my life," she said. "The diversity of the students in background and age, and the high quality of education that we all benefit from is just amazing." Read more about her story on the LPC Athletics website, <http://athletics.laspositascollege.edu>.



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