

# LAS POSITAS CONNECTION

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## **All LPC Wines** Win Awards

LPC toasts the success of our Viticulture and Winery Technology Program! All nine LPC wines won ribbons this year—the most awards ever for the program. Ribbons came from Alameda, Orange County, and California State fairs. Fruit was sourced from our very own Campus Hill Vineyard and other vineyards. The Alameda County Fair Gold Medal winner, Passió (shown below), is an excellent representation of our program—showcasing the efforts of students, faculty, and staff at every level of production, including managing the fruit during the growing season, processing the grapes, monitoring the fermentation, analyzing for stability, performing sensory evaluations, blending, bottling, and labeling. Here are the



Grenache Blanc (two entries), Double Gold; Cabernet Sauvignon (four entries), Silver; and Garnacha and Syrah, Bronze.

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# **LPC Remembers 9/11**



Student veterans raise the flag on LPC's new flagpole during a ceremony.

Veterans, government officials, and members of the LPC, District, and greater community gathered together on campus on September 8th to observe the 15th anniversary of the September 11th attacks. The Veterans First Program and Student Veterans Organization sponsored the event, "Never Forget: A 9/11 Remembrance." Following are highlights of the observance. Flagpole Dedication. LPC held a dedication ceremony for our new flagpole, located just east of the Veterans Resource Center. LPC President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D., greeted guests, a USMC Color Guard presented the colors, and remarks were delivered by District Chancellor Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D., Veterans First Coordinator Todd Steffan, and guest speaker Joe Torrillo. "Buried Alive with the Will to Survive: From Devastation to Inspiration." Keynote speaker Joe Torrillo, a retired FDNY lieutenant, shared his harrowing and inspiring story about being buried alive—twice—beneath debris of both the South and North Towers of the World Trade Center.

## We Welcome a World of Cultures

President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D., top center, welcomes new international students at their orientation last month. The college's highly regarded International Student Program seeks to enhance global connections, increase diversity and exchange of ideas, and encourage mutual understanding.



# LPC Welcomes New VP, Deans, and Faculty

LPC recently appointed individuals to key administrative and faculty positions. We welcome the following additions to the LPC family.

#### Diane Brady, Vice President of Administrative Services.



VP Diane Brady

Ms. Brady has served LPC in her new position for five months. She previously worked in economic development and fiscal services at the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office for 15 years. She has additional economic and business development experience in commercial banking and with federal and state governments. She

holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from Penn State University and a master's degree in Education from Southern Illinois University.

Nan Ho, Interim Dean of Academic Services for Math, Science, Engineering and Public Safety. Since joining the Biological Sciences Program faculty, Ms. Ho has been instrumental in the program's advancement and in establishing LPC as a premier educational center for science education. As a program coordinator, she has championed student opportunity, including establishing

the Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honors Society at LPC, and has strengthened LPC's relationship with the national laboratories, including launching the LLNL/LPC Science and Engineering Seminar Series. Ms. Ho earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees at Stanford University.



Interim Dean Nan Ho

Don Carlson, Dean of Academic
Services for Computing, Applied Technology and Social
Sciences. Mr. Carlson brings to LPC 26 years of

experience working in community and technical colleges in California and Minnesota, including 21 years serving in administrative positions. He has served as dean at three colleges and has extensive experience with



Dean Don Carlson

academic, career and technical education, and workforce development programs. He earned a B.S. degree in History and a Master in Business Administration, both from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

## **Meet Our New Full-Time Faculty**



LPC welcomes 16 new full-time faculty members for the 2016-17 academic year. From left, first row: Peter Kuo, Visual Communications; Ashley Young, Math; David Powers, Math; Sheena Turner-August, Psychology; and Kent Gomez, Counselor. Second row: Kimberly Burks, Counselor; Andrew Cumbo, Kinesiology and Men's Head Soccer Coach; Elizabeth Wing Brooks, Humanities; John Rosen, History; and Segal Boaz, Biology. Third row: Jared Howard, Counselor; Donald Hester, Computer Networking Technology; David Wagner, Art; Peet Cocke, Theater: and Jose Calderon. Counselor. Not shown is Kisha Turner, English.

# **Guests Benefit Students and Community**

### **President's Speaker Series**

A Latin music troupe, a NASA astronaut, and an internationally-acclaimed organist—with a long history at LPC—are featured in this year's President's Speaker Series, sponsored by the LPC Foundation. "Through this unique speaker series, Las Positas College continues its goal of offering high quality cultural and educational opportunities to both its students and the residents of the Tri-Valley region," said President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D. All events are free and open to the public.

#### Cascada de Flores | 7 p.m., September 14, Mertes Center



Cascada de Flores

LPC celebrates
National Hispanic
Heritage Month with
a concert by Cascada
de Flores, a musical
group showcasing the
songs and traditions
of Mexico and Latin

cultures. "Cascada de Flores brings intoxicating energy to the Latin American songbook. Playful, witty and artfully staged, the show is as charming as the music is breathtaking." —Andrew Gilbert, San Francisco Chronicle, San Jose Mercury News

# U.S. Navy Commander and NASA Astronaut Victor Glover | 11:30 a.m., November 16, Mertes Center

Victor Glover is one of eight astronauts, and the only African-American, selected in 2013 for the 21st NASA astronaut class. The California native earned a bachelor's degree in General Engineering from Cal Poly and holds advanced degrees from the U.S. Air Force's Air University and the Naval Postgraduate School. He is an F/A-18 pilot and

graduate of the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School.

# Victor Glover

# Organist Philip Manwell, Ed.D. | 7:30 p.m., February 28, Asbury UMC at 4743 East Ave., Livermore

As a soloist, chamber player, recording artist, and conductor, Philip Manwell has performed throughout the

world, including concerts at the White House and Carnegie Hall. But the LPC community knows him best as a beloved instructor and dean who retired in 2011 after 25 years of service to the college. "We are especially excited to welcome



Philip Manwell

back Dr. Manwell," said President Russell.

Dr. Manwell holds bachelor's and master's degrees from The Juilliard School.

## 4th Annual Business and Entrepreneurship Speaker Series

The Business and Entrepreneurship Speaker Series brings Bay Area business leaders to campus to share their expertise with students and the community. Sponsored by the Business Studies Program, the series is free and open to the public.



Corban Bell

"Staying Ahead of Change: Think Big and Follow Through" Corban Bell | 6:00-7:15 p.m., September 28, Room 2420 Corban Bell will share an inspiring story about success for young adults. He is a senior analyst with the Stanford Management Company.

Adam Lavine | 6:00-7:15 p.m., November 14, Room 2420 Adam Lavine, CEO of FunMobility, will discuss how his digital interactive marketing company engages and delights audiences.



Adam Lavine

## 7th Annual LLNL/LPC Science and Engineering Seminar Series

This series, Theory to Practice: How Science is Done, is designed to enhance the partnership between LPC and LLNL. All seminars are free and open to the public.

Harnessing Fusion: Creating a Sun on Earth 6:00-7:15 p.m., October 5, Room 2420 Presenter is Tammy Ma, Ph.D., Experimental Physicist,

Recipient of the 2016 Presidential Early Career Award for Science and Engineering, National Ignition Facility, LLNL.

Seminar | 6:00-7:15 p.m., November 3, Room 2420 Presenter is Brad Hart, Ph.D., Chemist, Director, Forensic Science Center, LLNL.

# **CALENDAR**

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

September 15	An Evening with Temple Grandin, 7 PM, Mertes Center. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$15 for students and seniors at http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2569657.
September 21	Health Center Events: Blood Drive, 10 AM- 3 PM, RM 1726; Be Well Health Fair & Therapy Dogs, 10:30 AM-1PM, Quad

September 23 Student Music Recital, 8 PM\*

September 27 Fall Flex Day: no instruction and offices are closed

September 28 Business and Entrepreneurship Speaker Corban Bell,

6-7:15 PM, RM 2420, free

September 30 Jazz Concert, 8 PM\*

October 5 LLNL/LPC Science and Engineering Seminar Series,

6-7:15 PM, RM 2420, free

October 20 Health Center Mental Health Event. 10:30 AM-1PM. Quad

\*Mertes Center. Tickets and info: laspositascollege.edu/performingarts

The season has kicked off for Soccer, Cross Country, and Water Polo! Follow the teams on the Athletics website. Go, Hawks!



## All Aboard! Students Get Free Bus Rides, Improved Service

LPC has partnered with the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, operator of the Wheels bus system, and ACE rail to provide students with improved access to campus. The partnership includes free rides for students with an LPC ID on all Wheels bus routes, including the new Rapid route serving the college every 15 minutes throughout the day and linking students to BART and ACE rail. ACE is offering a 50 percent discount on monthly and 20-ride fares for LPC students, available at the LPC Bookstore.

Free Wheels rides and the ACE discount will run through the summer of 2017. "The partnership is a game changer for the college and our students," said President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D.

## **Vets in Engineering Tech Present Their Work**



President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D., center, congratulates student veterans after the recent Student Internship Presentation at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). Students presented their work experience gained during summer internships at LLNL and AccSys Technology. The internships with these and other leading laboratories are part of LPC's Engineering Technology Program, a new two-year degree program developed with LLNL. Initially established for student veterans, the program is now open to all students.



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