



Dr. Dyrell Foster, Las Positas College President

Welcome Dr. Dyrell Foster New LPC President

Dr. Dyrell Foster has been an administrator in the California Community College system for over 20 years. He is a student-centered leader, with a proven track record of advancing educational access, equity, student retention and success. He is collaborative in his approach to implementing institutional practices, behaviors, and policies that provide a positive climate on campus and effectively addresses the diverse needs of students.

As President of Las Positas College, Dr. Foster is committed to providing strong leadership with a high degree of integrity, passion, and commitment to fully serving our students in a growing and supportive community. Dr. Foster is passionate about cultivating effective partnerships and promoting innovative approaches to enhancing student success outcomes for the students at Las Positas College. More recently he was recognized as a 2020 Wheelhouse Fellow for the fourth cohort of the Institute on Leadership from The Center for Community College Leadership and Research at the University of California, Davis.



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Previously, Dr. Foster served as the Vice President of Student Services at Moreno Valley College; Dean of Student Affairs at Rio Hondo College; Associate Dean of Counseling and Director of Student Life at Mt. San Antonio College; Director of Student Life at Evergreen Valley College; and Activities Coordinator at San Jose State University. In addition, Dr. Foster has served as a part-time lecturer in the College of Education at both California State University, Long Beach and California State University, Fullerton.

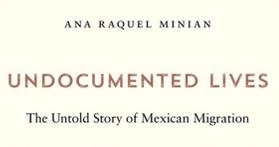
Being the first in his family to attend college, Dr. Foster received his Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Southern California, his Master of Science in Counseling: Student Development in Higher Education from California State University, Long Beach, and his Bachelor of Science in Applied Behavioral Science from the University of California, Davis, where he served as co-captain of the UC Davis Aggies football team. He and his wife, Tami, have two young children, Maylea and Daylen.

Las Positas College would like to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Foster and his family as they become a part of the LPC family and the Tri-Valley community!

Global Studies Welcomes Dr. Ana Minian

On January 30, the LPC Foundation and the Global Studies program sponsored a visit from Stanford history professor Dr. Ana Minian.

Dr. Minian's recent book, *Undocumented Lives: The Untold Story of Mexican Migration*, is a fascinating look at how Mexican male migrants initially engaged in circular migration after the bracero program ended in 1965, going back and forth between the U.S. and Mexico without papers, but stayed in the U.S. and encouraged their families to join them once the border started to harden in the 1980s. Minian told the audience that migrants were not only unwanted by the U.S. government but also by the Mexican government because it was unable to provide for its own citizens' needs. This meant that Mexican migrants felt what she called a "double exclusion."



Still, migrants built community in the U.S. They became activists and raised money to send to Mexico to provide for paved roads, health clinics, and other necessities. She also shared how gender affected migration. It is common to observe that, before 1986, men were the primary immigrants and women stayed home, but Minian pointed out that queer men were not migrating by and large, avoiding the risk because they did not have families to provide for and occupied the jobs that family men left behind. She also noted that women, before they started joining their husbands in the U.S. in the 1980s, saw their freedom constrained by husbands who, fearing their wives would be unfaithful, wrote home asking friends and family to monitor their activities. Minian's story was enriched by quotations from migrant letters and newspaper articles, and students and faculty alike asked engaging questions about her talk and our present-day politics of migration.

MVP and 2.2 Recognition Mixer

On January 23 the Las Positas College Veterans First Program hosted a Mentoring Veterans Program Mixer and Recognition Event. Program highlights included the award of "Quilt of Valor" to Las Positas College student Ron Payne and the recognition of veteran service organizations that sponsored the Veteran's First 2.2 challenge walk and 5K run. This was an interactive networking exercise for student veterans to meet with other students and community leaders.



Sponsors/Veterans Service Organizations included: Sean Brock Foundation, LPC Foundation, Chabot Federal Credit Union, Jamba Juice/Carl's Jr/Picology, Knights of Columbus – Livermore, Gene's Fine Foods, Sentinels of Freedom, Blue Star Moms Danville, California Cattlemen Association (Alameda/Contra Costa), Some Gave All - The Joey Graves Foundation, Warriors Watch Riders, Pleasanton Military Families, Denco Promotions, Gladden Equipment Erectors, Association of the United States Army, Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley, Rotary Club of Livermore, Alliance of Therapy Dogs, Thump Whistle, HITT Factory, VFW – Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., Ising's Culligan, Trilogy at the Vineyards Veterans Association, Team RWB.



All photos are courtesy of Allen Lewis

Chabot - Las Positas Community College District Receives Mental Health Services Grant

To address the mental health needs of students across the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (CLPCCD), Chabot and Las Positas Colleges have received a \$500,000 grant from the State Chancellor's California Community Colleges Mental Health Services Program.

It's estimated that as many as one in four students has a diagnosable mental illness, but as many as 40 percent of those students are not currently seeking mental health services. Addressing student mental health leads to greater learning outcomes, fewer instances of homelessness and a reduction in suicide rates, which claim more than 1,100 lives every year.

With demands for mental health services on the rise, CLPCCD submitted a joint application to support expanded direct mental health services for students, professional development and mental health first aid training. The District's submission was one of 16 funded proposals.

Vice President of Student Services William Garcia, said the college will use its \$100,000 grant to support and expand mental health services. "The college is experiencing an increase in mental health referrals and this investment by the state will allow for the Student Health & Wellness Center to hire additional personnel, explore online services, and outreach to vulnerable student populations."



LPC Academic and Student Support Resources Fair



Las Positas College held an academic and student support resource fair in the lobby of building 1600 on February 11. Students were given information on various academic and student support services that are currently available at LPC. Students who attended learned about the over 20 programs that are available. Staff was on hand to answer questions on how to take advantage of these programs, provide referrals, and share best practices.

Guided Pathways Retreat Spring 2020

Guided Pathways held its Spring 2020 retreat on January 31 which included areas of interest for students, faculty, classified staff, and administrators.

This retreat included morning and afternoon breakout sessions as well as a student panel that allowed Las Positas College stakeholders to learn from the student perspective how Guided Pathways helped with improving their experience on campus. The student panel provided feedback on their academic involvement at LPC and how they were supported in order to achieve their academic goals.



Left Photo: Student Panel Right: Faculty, staff and community partners in attendance

Calendar

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

February 06	Installation of Art, “Black History”
February 06	Dr. Claude Steele Talk
February 11	Tax Help for Students
February 11	Club Rush
February 12	Military Appreciation Night @ the Nest
February 13	Black Love, Words of Affirmation
February 13	Henhouse Presents: Daughters of The Dust and Beyoncé’s Lemonade
February 18	The Market Food Pantry
February 19	Elder’s Panel
February 20	HIV/Hep C Testing with APEB
February 26	Chill & Chat
February 27	Key Note Reception for Black History Month

Pre-Law Club Welcomes Representatives from Congressman Eric Swalwell’s Office

On February 10, 2020 the Pre-Law club welcomed two representatives from Congressman Eric Swalwell’s Office. Deputy Director, Mallory De Laure and Constituent Services Representative, Scott Miller discussed with a group of over 40 students and staff their experience about attending law school and how they started their governmental careers.



Las Positas vs. Chabot College & Military Appreciation

On February 12, Las Positas College Hawks welcomed to their nest sister college Chabot to a face off in basketball. This was also Military Appreciation Night at the Nest. The women’s game began at 5:00 PM with the Presentation of Colors and National Anthem at 4:45 PM. The Men’s Basketball game began at 7:00 PM with the Presentation of Colors and National Anthem at 6:45 PM. During the men’s game halftime, there was a 2 on 2 shoot out with LPC Veterans vs. Chabot Veterans.



LPC News in Brief

Automated Teller Machine (ATM): Chabot-Las Positas College District issued a request for information in fall 2019 to solicit vendors to provide Automated Teller Machine (ATM) services at Las Positas College. An open competitive process took place and a review committee was formed to evaluate the proposals received in response to the RFI. Upon a thorough evaluation of the proposals received, the Chabot Federal Credit Union was chosen. The Recommendation will be forwarded to the Chabot - Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees for their review and approval at the February

2020 board meeting. The ATM will be placed within the Student Services & Administration Building (1600). Additional information is forthcoming.

Assessment Center Update: The Assessment Center will be open additional days and times for the remainder of the spring semester 2020. The new schedule is as follows: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The center will be closed on Fridays.



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