

Remembering 9/11 with Honor

Las Positas College Veterans First and Fire Science Technology Programs held a memorial ceremony honoring the more than 400 emergency workers who lost their lives in New York City and our active and retired military. The event was held in the quad area of the 1600 building and included a keynote speech by Oakland Fire Captain Edward Guerrero, the presentation of colors by Oakland Firefighters Local 55, a vocal presentation of the national anthem by Elaine Johnson, a flyby, opening convocation by Chaplain Lawson Stuart, and a welcome address by President Roanna Bennie.

Of the 2,977 victims in the September 11 attacks, 412 were emergency workers from New York City who responded to the World Trade Center. In honor of those first responders, the LPC community was invited to donate 412 of their new or gently used shoes to represent the 412 fallen. They were displayed in the quad area with the names and flags of those victims.



Above: Donated shoe display

Quotes in Remembrance

"Remember the hours after September 11th when we came together as one to answer the attack against our homeland. We drew strength when our firefighters ran upstairs and risked their lives so that others might live; when rescuers rushed into smoke and fire at the Pentagon; when the men and women of Flight 93 sacrificed themselves to save our nation's Capitol; when flags were hanging from front porches all across America, and strangers became friends. It was the worst day we have ever seen, but it brought out the best in all of us." – **Senator John Kerry**



Above: Flyby Presentation

"If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate." – **Sandy Dahl, wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl, in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, in 2002.**

"One of the worst days in America's history saw some of the bravest acts in Americans' history. We'll always honor the heroes of 9/11. And here at this hallowed place, we pledge that we will never forget their sacrifice." – **President George W. Bush at the Pentagon in 2008.**

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Right photo: Oakland Firefighters local 55 with Captain and keynote speaker Edward Guerrero

Athletics Back in Full Force!



Men's soccer team huddle

The men's soccer team played Feather River on September where they lost 4-0.

The Las Positas Athletics teams are back in full swing this semester. The women's water polo team kicked off their season with a 20-2 defeat of City College of San Francisco on September 6 at the Las Positas Mini Tournament.

The men's water polo opened its season with a 10-8 win over Cabrillo College in the Jose Martinez Memorial Tournament at Ohlone College also on September 6.

Women's soccer team fell to the San Joaquin Delta 2-0 on September 4 and garnered another loss on September 5 against Feather River at Las Positas College.



Women's water polo

The Athletics Department hosted an athletes luncheon to start off the season where athletes and coaches enjoyed getting reacquainted and begin a strong 2019-2020 athletic program.



Athletics Luncheon : Student athletes and coaches

All photos courtesy of Alan Lewis

NorCal Vocal Jazz Academy Hosted by LPC Music Department

The LPC Music Department hosted their inaugural *NorCal Vocal Jazz Academy* on Saturday, August 10 at Las Positas College. There were over 50 local high school students that attended the one-day workshop dedicated to furthering vocal jazz education in the Bay Area. The event was hosted by the students of Spring 2019 Vocal East that offered a final capstone performance at the end of the day.

The mission of the Vocal Jazz Academy is to support and equip vocal jazz educators in their continuing education, reach out and educate students in vocal jazz solo performances, emphasize the importance of developing secondary skills like jazz piano, improvisation, working with a rhythm section, music technology, sound engineering, and arranging. They also provide a sound foundation of and appreciation for the traditions of jazz while actively seeking to evolve the music in today's culture.



Vocal East returns from Spring 2019 to perform as the host ensemble at the NorCal Vocal Jazz Academy

The next Vocal Jazz Academy is scheduled for Saturday, August 8, 2020 at Las Positas College. It will be hosted by the Director of Choral & Vocal Studies/Music Department Co-Coordinator/Music Technology Certificate Co-ordinator/Applied students Coordinator, Mr. Ian Brekke.



All Academy participants perform as a mass choir at the 5pm concluding concert for Vocal Jazz

All photos courtesy of Ian Brekke

Convocation and College Day Welcome Back Faculty and Staff



On Thursday, August 15, 2019 Interim Chancellor Ron Gerhard welcomed all the members of the Chabot Las Positas Community College District to Chabot College for the annual Convocation Day that starts the 2019 - 2020 academic year.

The Unity Award, “Recognizes individuals who remove barriers and promote collaboration.”

The first recipients for this year’s awards went to Nan Ho, Dean for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, Las Positas College and Amy Mattern, Dean Academic Pathways & Student Success for Chabot College. Chancellor Gerhard said they are receiving this award, “For their leadership and collaboration and district-wide effort,” and commended and thanked them both for their great work that goes on daily in serving our students and making them successful.



Left: Chancellor Gerhard, Rajinder Samra, Cynthia G. da Cruz, Kathryn Medina, Amy Mattern,

The second award was given to Andi Schreiber, Financial Aid Advisor for Las Positas College and Kathryn Medina, Director of Financial Aid for Chabot College. Their work on the new student funding formula as well as promoting collaboration between both campus location’s financial aid departments by conducting an all-day financial aid retreat to review the new funding formula and how it will affect our students. Chancellor Gerhard noted, “This shows cross collaboration across both campus locations.”

The last award was given to Rajinder Samra, Director of Research, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness for Las Positas College and Dr. Cynthia Gordon da Cruz, Coordinator, Institutional Research for Chabot College. Chancellor Gerhard talked about the critical importance their work means to the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) and thanked them both for tri-chairing with him to develop an understanding and cross collaborating with the district and both campus locations.

The Chancellor’s Award, “Recognize creativity and promote excellence.”

This year’s Chancellor’s award recipients for Las Positas College included Mike Alvarez, Victoria Austin, Roanna Bennie, Diane Brady, Linda Cross, William Garcia, Terry Johnson, Anne Kennedy, Mary Lauffer, Jadin Le Forbes, Paul Sapsford, Rafael Valle, and Marsha Vernoga.

LaVaughn Hart Receives Prestigious Reed Buffington Award, “Given to and Outstanding Faculty Member.”

Las Positas College’s esteemed STEM faculty member, LaVaughn Hart is this year’s recipient of The Reed Buffington Award for Excellence in Teaching, which is considered the most prestigious faculty honor in the district. Las Positas College Faculty Senate President, Sarah Thompson’s presentation of the award was met with a standing ovation for LaVaughn. Ms. Hart has made innumerable contributions to Las Positas College and its students.



LaVaughn Hart & Sarah Thompson

COLLEGE DAY



Las Positas College kicked off the new academic year with its annual College Day session on August 16, 2019. The faculty and staff enjoyed connecting with their colleagues and learning from each other at the breakout sessions that were conducted throughout the day.

Dr. Matthew Wetstein delivered the keynote speech for the day. He is currently the Superintendent/President for Cabrillo College. Dr. Wetstein’s research on the effects of the economic recession on California Community College Students has won national and state awards. He addressed the faculty and staff of Las Positas College where he delivered an educational and inspiring address on the Student Centered Funding Formula.

Congratulations to all the award recipients and a big warm welcome back to all the faculty and staff!



Calendar

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

September 16	Transfer Day
September 17	Path to Financial Empowerment
September 17	Women's Soccer vs. Lassen
September 17	The Market Food Pantry
September 17	Club Rush
September 18	STD Awareness
September 19	Men's Soccer vs. Napa
September 20	Women's Soccer vs. Butte
September 20	Men's Soccer vs. Lake Tahoe
September 24	Basic Skills Workshop
September 25	Tri-Valley Job Fair
September 26	Men's Soccer vs. Fresno

Business Program to Host Career Advancement Speaker

Ms. Felicia N. Duncan, an internship program manager, will share her experience preparing students for the corporate world as part of Las Positas College's 7th Annual Business and Entrepreneurship Speaker Series, which brings Bay Area business leaders to campus to share their expertise with students and the community.



Photo courtesy of Felicia Duncan

Ms. Duncan is the Kaiser Permanente Internship Program Manager and will present "Getting in the Corporate Door: Networking and Professional Presentation" at 6:00-6:50 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, in Building 1000, Room 1011. Sponsored by the Business Studies Program, the series is free and open to the public.

For the past 13 years, Ms. Duncan has worked in youth employment helping students develop their work skills to become competitive in the modern day work force. Past assignments have included the University of California, MESA program and City of Oakland, Mayor's Summer Jobs Program.

You're Invited to LPC's Fall Internship Fairs

Students should polish their résumés and practice their handshakes for four job and internship fairs planned for fall semester. Following is the schedule.

- September 26 Tri-Valley Job Fair, 3:00-6:00 p.m., Four Points Sheraton in Pleasanton, sponsored by the Tri-Valley Career Center
- October 9 Job & Internship Fair, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Quad
- November 13 Job & Internship Fair, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Quad

Many area employers attend fairs to recruit our students. Past participants have included Kaiser Permanente, Gillig, Draexlmaier, City of Livermore, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories, the office of Congressman Eric Swalwell, and many more. On-campus fairs are sponsored by the Work-Based Learning Program.



Employers present at Sept. 9, 2019 Job & Internship Fair.

LPC News in Brief

New Veterans Mentorship Program: Todd Steffan, Veterans Program Supervisor, recently announced the launch of a new mentoring program designed specifically for new student Veterans. The Veteran's mentorship program will be modeled after the Puente Project mentor program. Mentors have been solicited from the college and the greater community to help pair Veterans with peers and professionals that closely align with their educational or career interests. The official launch of the new mentorship program took place on Thursday, August 29, 2019 with the hosting of the first networking event. If you are interested in serving as a mentor please contact the Veterans First Program 925.424.1570.

New Online Student Orientation: The new online student orientation video is scheduled to be live on the LPC website

on October 1, 2019. Lead by Rafael Valle, Director of the Hispanic-Serving Institution Grant, Cynosure, was on campus during the first three days of fall semester taking photographs and videotaping students, employees, and campus leadership. They are producing a new online student orientation that will be available in Spanish and English and will welcome new and returning students to Las Positas College.

Scholarship Fundraiser for LPC Viticulture & Enology Students: Friends of the Vineyards is hosting a Twilight Tasting Event at Page Mill Winery on Thursday, October 3 from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. This event funds scholarships for Viticulture and Winery Technology Program students at Las Positas College. Page Mill Winery donates its \$10 tasting fee and 10% of purchases to Friends of the Vineyards for these scholarships.



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