



LAS POSITAS CONNECTION

The President's Monthly Report to the Board of Trustees, Campus, and Community | January 2021

Dr. Dyrell Foster, Las Positas College President

Welcome Trustee, Dr. Luis Reynoso



The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees has appointed Dr. Luis Reynoso as the new Trustee for Area 1, representing the city of Hayward.

Dr. Reynoso has served as a university professor at Notre Dame de Namur University and DeVry University where he is still currently teaching. He brings 18 years of experience as a Hayward Unified School District Board Trustee.

Dr. Reynoso holds a doctorate of Education in Organizational Leadership from University of San Francisco, a master's degree in Educational Leadership and Administration as well as a bachelor's degree in Computer Science from CSU, East Bay.

Dr. Reynoso shares on his website that he "will optimize student access and success in higher education." Further, he indicated he will "continue to champion education that is fair, equitable, and free of racism."

Las Positas College would like to welcome Dr. Reynoso to the Chabot - Las Positas College Community College District.

President's Speaker Series

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As part of LPC's Call to Action and our institutional commitment to address systemic racism to obtain racially equitable student outcomes for Black students, the Office of the President, in collaboration with the Presidential Task Force and in partnership with the LPC Foundation, is sponsoring a monthly President's Speaker Series. The purpose of the Speaker Series is to provide campus-wide professional development opportunities for faculty, classified professionals, administrators and students on topics related to anti-racism, culturally responsive practices, and implicit bias.

Please save the dates for the Spring 2021 President's Speaker Series which focuses on "Educational Equity: Why Race & Culture."

President's Speaker Series
Spring 2021

In Partnership with:

Educational Equity: Why Race & Culture Matter

	February 2	Dr. Jeff Duncan Andrade, Associate Professor, RAZA Studies and ELST, San Francisco State University. Click here for bio.
In Collaboration with:		
	March 2	Dr. Shawn Ginwright, Associate Professor of Africana Studies and author, San Francisco State University. Click here for bio.
	March 30	Dr. Vajra Watson, Director of California State University Sacramento's Doctorate in Educational Leadership Program. Click here for bio.
	May 4	Dr. Bryan Brown, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Education, Stanford. Click here for bio.

✓ Times: 3:00-4:30 p.m.
 ✓ Speakers scheduled from 3:00-4:00 p.m. with a follow-up discussion on the speaker's topic
 ✓ Location: Confer Zoom
 ✓ Please visit the President's website for prior Speakers in this Series
 ✓ These events have been approved for variable flex for full-time faculty

Education Master Plan Progress

Las Positas College (LPC) began preparing for its Educational Master Plan (EMP) planning process in August 2019. In December 2019, the LPC EMP Task Force was formally convened and began meeting on a weekly basis to determine how the College would review, evaluate, and build upon its existing EMP. The EMP Task Force's original goal was to have many of the major elements of the EMP collected by the end of the spring semester and a working EMP draft produced over the summer. This original schedule was delayed by several months due to the impact of the COVID-19 crisis, the subsequent campus closure, and the shift to online instruction and operations. Beginning in mid-March of 2020, all planning activities were conducted entirely online via Zoom.

During the Fall 2020 semester, the EMP Task Force worked with the Signatures Solutions team to finalize the content, writing, and graphic design for the plan and continued to gather input from external stakeholders where possible. The EMP Task Force met on a nearly weekly basis throughout 2020 to complete the plan, holding a total of 41 task force meetings over the course of the year. The draft EMP was distributed to the college community in October 2020 for final comments and input. The final revised draft was reviewed and approved by LPC's College Council and the Academic Senate. The EMP will be submitted to the District Board of Trustees during spring 2021 for approval. Las Positas College would like to acknowledge the following individuals who worked diligently to engage the College community in the strategic planning process and produce the plan: Rajinder S. Samra (College Lead), Elena Cole, Dr. Stuart McElderry, Frank Polanco, David Rodriguez, Dr. Karin Spirn, Nadiyah Taylor, and Dr. Kristina Whalen.

Facilities Project Update

Facilities upgrades to LPC's largest lecture hall, located in Building 2400, have recently been completed. Upgrades included replacing room displays and an AV system with LED flat panel system, movable lectern, and upgraded speakers and cameras.

Spring Flex Day

LPC's Professional Development Committee is currently accepting proposals for Spring 2021 Flex Day which is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9. The final deadline to submit proposals for consideration in the program is Monday, February 8 by 5:00 PM.

Please visit the Professional Development Committee webpage for more information at <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/gv/pdc/index.php>

LPC Art at Cuda Ridge Winery

Cuda Ridge winery will be hosting "Art is Essential" through January 2021. It features artwork from four Las Positas College students, Alexa Faulkner, Buffy Davis, Jay Sarkis Kelly, and Susan Lewis.

The collaboration was coordinated by Liz McWhorter, LPC outreach specialist and Larry Dino, an owner at Cuda Ridge winery.

The exhibit will be open for limited viewing by request.

Please contact Cuda Ridge for more information at infor@cudaridgewines.com



News in Brief

Community Education: The Spring 2021 Community Education brochure is now available. You can sign up for a Language course, Wellness and Activity, Art, and many other educational courses. Visit the [Community Education webpage](#) to sign up.

Spring SmartShop Series: Las Positas college will continue to offer the SmartShop workshops this semester from January 25 through April 27. For more information please visit the [SmartShop Series webpage](#).



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