

Vice President of Student Services and HSI Director to Attend Latino Prosperity Forum

Vice President of Student Services, Mr. William Garcia, and Hispanic Serving Institution Director, Mr. Rafael Valle, accepted an invitation to participate in The Roadmap to Latino Prosperity Forum to be held at the John F. Kennedy University Pleasant Hill campus on April 6th. This group of leaders is convened to identify critical, actionable goals and steps required to build momentum and remove barriers to Latino socio-economic prosperity. The forum will engage in an in-depth examination of four key pillars: Latino education, employment, entrepreneurship, and philanthropy.

LPC Physics Major Invited as Keynote

One of Las Positas College's own, physics major, Chris Yang, has been selected as a student keynote speaker at a statewide math conference. Mr. Yang will present his research at the 2018 CMC3 Spring Conference at Lake Tahoe Community College on April 28th. He will also receive a \$500 scholarship for his research.

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LPC Students Participate in Nation-Wide Walk Out



The Associated Students of Las Positas College coordinated an on-campus walk-out on March 14th in solidarity with the ENOUGH: National School Walkout campaign which aims to bring attention to Congress' inaction to pass federal gun reform legislation. Dozens of LPC students, faculty, classified professionals and administrators gathered in the quad at 10:00 a.m. for 17 minutes. A moment of silence was held for the students and faculty that lost their lives in the Parkland, Florida shooting. ASLPC President, Tatiana Hernandez, gave an emotional speech to the crowd, urging everyone to take action to help students feel safe in their schools again. A vigil for the lives lost in Parkland, FL stood nearby.

Adaptive Horticulture Pilot Program

Story by Frances DeNisco

Thomas Allen, Adult Education Manager at Las Positas College, participated in a presentation of the Adaptive Horticulture Pilot program to the members of ACCE, the Association of Continuing and Community Education in February.

The presentation team consisted of Mr. Allen, Beth Cutter, Assistant Director Pleasanton Adult and Career Education, Lynn Monica, Garden Director at Sunflower Hill, and Tom Fuller, Adaptive Horticulture Instructor at Las Positas College. These cooperative members of the Mid-Alameda County Consortium (AEBG) collaborated with community partners like Sunflower Hill and local ROPs to offer Adaptive Horticulture Career Training pilot classes to students with special needs last summer. The workforce training program pilot is ongoing this year, and continues to leverage multiple resources and support systems to fill a need for career education in our Community. The information sparked many questions about serving the student population and reaching out to them with meaningful training programs that lead to internships and work.

Photo Follow Up: LPC Club Day

Las Positas College students braved the weather to participate in Club Day earlier in the year. Students learned about clubs on campus and had the opportunity to join on the spot.



Photos courtesy of Mike Alvarez

Two Students Awarded Phi Theta Kappa Awards

LPC students Edgar Velazquez and Christopher Yang received recognition for making the Phi Theta Kappa All-California Team at a luncheon hosted by the Community College League of California.

Mr. Velazquez received first team honors, while Mr. Yang received second team honors. The Phi Theta

Kappa Honor Society's mission is to recognize academic achievement of college students and to provide opportunities for them to grow as scholars and leaders. These two LPC students submitted strong applications and have shown excellence in their academic work and community service.

Talk Hawks Melt Montreal!



Photo courtesy of Janet Brehe Johnson

Story by Janet Brehe

It was freezing in Montreal, Canada, but LPC's Talk Hawks were hot, winning the second place community college sweepstakes award, at the International Forensics Association's Championship Tournament, held March 9th-17th. Six LPC students melted the competition from 12 different colleges and universities including Casper College, Cerritos College, Northern Arizona University, Oklahoma City University, Oregon State University, San Diego Mesa College, Southern Texas University, University of Utah, West Texas A&M, among others.

15 Students Land Kaiser IT Internships

Story by Mary Lauffer

Fifteen Las Positas College students have been selected for Kaiser Permanente information technology internships at the Kaiser Pleasanton Technology Campus. The summer internship program, called KP LAUNCH, is also a first step on a path to apprenticeships with Kaiser.

Kaiser representatives interviewed 35 students at the college and said they were impressed with the candidates. “The process was difficult because there were some really great candidates involved. It was my pleasure to connect with the entire cohort,” said KP LAUNCH Program Manager Felicia Duncan. Up to four representatives interviewed each student in campus conference rooms over two days.

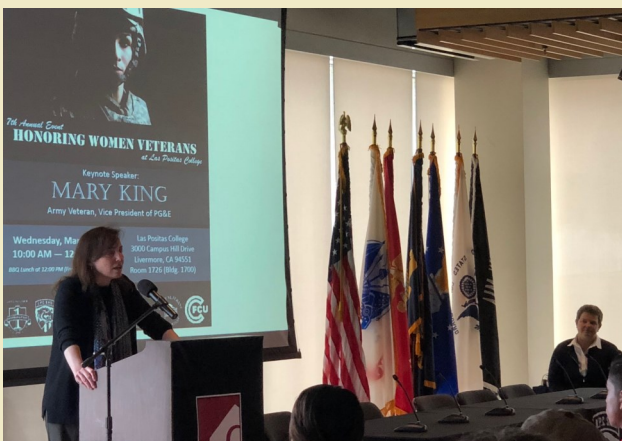
The Work-Based Learning Program partnered with Kaiser representatives throughout the planning and recruiting process. Students heard about the opportunity through many announcements from faculty, flyers, and [The Las Positas College Internship and Job Board](#). Kaiser reps also came to campus for the February 8 Job and Internship Fair to provide information about the internships. Support was provided by many campus programs and individuals, including Computer Studies faculty, staff, deans, the President’s Office, Administrative Services, CTE, and Student Services, which offered extra Smart Shop Series interviewing workshops for the internship candidates.

KP LAUNCH offers the following benefits to students:

- Full-time, paid internship positions with pay ranging from \$18 to \$24 per hour
 - Practical work experience with a range of interesting assignments and workshops
 - A chance to learn about the many career opportunities in information technology at Kaiser Permanente
- Networking and mentoring with the nation’s leading health organization

For more information about the program, please email WBL@laspositascollege.edu.

Las Positas College Honors Women Veterans



Keynote speaker, Mary King, shares her story.



Tribeswomen share a blessing ceremony with the attendees.

Las Positas College Veterans First Program hosted the 6th annual Honoring Women Veterans event last month. The event featured keynote speaker, Mary King, a United States Army Veteran, West Point graduate, and the Chief of Staff to the President of PG&E. Chancellor, Jannett Jackson, whom is also a veteran, gave a brief speech. Two tribeswomen shared a blessing ceremony with the crowd, blessing former, current and future veterans. To end the event, an all-female, veteran panel discussion was held, giving the attendees a chance to ask questions of the veterans.

CALENDAR

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

April 21	15th Annual LPC Foundation's Best of the Best Celebration, Mertes Center for the Arts www.lpcfoundation.org
April 26	The One Act Festival*, 4/26-1&7PM, 4/27-7PM
April 26	Choir and Orchestra Concert*, 7PM
April 26-27	Drama Workshop Festival*, 8PM
May 3	Student Recital Showcase*, 7PM
May 4	Speech Night*, 7PM
May 4-13	Under Construction (a play by Charles Mee)* 8PM Friday/Saturday, 2PM Sunday
May 9	Puente End-of-Year Celebration, 6PM, Cafeteria
May 11	Umoja End of Year Celebration, 5:30 PM
May 11	Dance Showcase*, 8PM
May 15	Board Meeting, Chabot College
May 18	Scholarship Awards Night
May 18-19	Children's Theater Production*, 7PM Friday/2PM Saturday

*Mertes Center for the Arts. Tickets available online at laspositascollege.edu/performingarts

LPC Horticulture Faculty and Student Receive Kudos

Faculty member, Tom Fuller, and Horticulture student, Laura Cornett, spent an entire day pruning over 20 rose bushes in the garden of the Dublin San Ramon Services District's drought garden. Originally planted several decades ago, the garden was due for a facelift. The DSRSD drought garden contains a selection of water-wise trees, shrubs, cactus and groundcovers and receives recycled water. The garden serves as an example of the beauty of water-wise plants and as an opportunity to educate and encourage wise water use.

LPC News in Brief

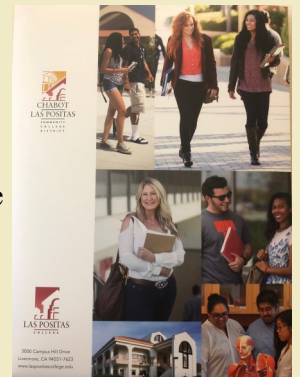
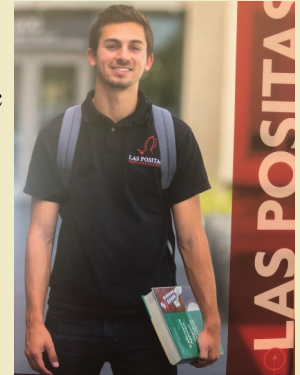
Dale & Ted Kaye Staff Innovation Grant; Grant funds are currently available through the LPC Foundation for innovative projects supporting the LPC campus community.

From Community College to CPA; LPC is hosting a workshop that will detail the journey from being a community college student to becoming a CPA. Event is held on May 2nd, 5:00-8:30 p.m. in building 2400.

Student Government Elections; The ASLPC will be holding elections for officers, senators, and student

LPC Folder Wins Silver

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Public Relations, Marketing and Government Relations department won the National Council for Marketing and Public Relation's prestigious Medallion Award for outstanding achievement in design and communication at community and technical colleges. The LPC folder, one of four awards won by the department, won silver in the competition.



Front and back covers of the LPC folder.



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trustee from April 23rd through April 29th.

Influenza Remains a Problem; The LPC Student Health and Wellness Center is providing flu kits to students. The kit includes a disposable thermometer, medication, and self-care information.

Blanket & Coat Drive; LPC's Christ in Action Club will be collecting sleeping bags, blankets and coats for the Warming Center of Livermore until April 30th. Barrels can be found near the cafeteria in building 1600 and in the library foyer.



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