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

Dr. Dyrell Foster, Las Positas College President



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Welcome Week at LPC

LPC's Student Government and the Welcome Center hosted Welcome Week August 30th and 31st. There were over 550 students that participated as well as over 30 campus clubs and departments that offered information to encourage students to take advantage of the many services the college offers.



Donuts and Coffee with President Foster

President Foster hosted Donuts and Coffee in the President's Office to welcome all faculty and classified professionals back onto campus for the fall 2023 semester.

He took this opportunity to get to know some new faces and welcome back staff that have never visited the office.

He looks forward to doing this each semester.

WELCOME to the Fall Semester 2023!



LAS POSITAS
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Join Us for Black Family Day

Black Education Association
LAS POSITAS COLLEGE
PRESENTS

BLACK FAMILY DAY

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023
10:00AM - 2:00PM

MEET LPC FACULTY AND STAFF, ATTEND WORKSHOPS,
TOUR THE CAMPUS, ENJOY MUSIC, AND FREE FOOD!

RSVP: TINYURL.COM/LPCBLACKFAMILYDAY23

Black Family Day is open to all, inviting current students, prospective students, families and friends of all ages to experience the academic and cultural offerings available at

the college. The event will begin with a welcome from LPC President Dr. Dyrell Foster in room 2401 of the Multi-Disciplinary Building 2400, followed by breakout sessions, tabling and campus tours.

This occasion will give attendees insights into the academic and career programs and the student support resources, including the Black Cultural Resource Center.

Dr. Foster expressed his enthusiasm for the event, stating, "I am honored to invite students, their families and

friends, and interested community members to this special Black Family Day event on our campus. This celebration not only underscores our dedication to diversity and inclusion but also serves as a platform for students to connect, learn and thrive. It is a day to celebrate the strength, resilience and achievements of our Black community at Las Positas College."

The event is open to all and includes:

- Free food and music
- Explore college academic and career programs
- Explore student support services, including the Black Cultural Resource Center
- Engage in conversations with local 4-year colleges and universities
- Connect with Black faculty, staff and peers
- Campus tours

For more information about Black Family Day and to RSVP to this free event, visit <https://tinyurl.com/lpcblackfamilyday23>.

Defining LatinX Servingness

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with Dr. Gina Garcia

Journal of Hispanics in Education and Administration
Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs) in Practice
Defining "Servingness" at HSIs



Gina Garcia

Multidimensional Conceptual Framework for Understanding "Servingness"

Garcia, G. A., Núñez, A.-M., Sansone, V. A. (2019). Toward a multidimensional conceptual framework for understanding "servingness" in Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs): A synthesis of the research. *Review of Educational Research*, 89(5), 745-784. <https://doi.org/10.3102/0034654319864591>

Chabot College in collaboration with Las Positas College co-sponsored an event where Dr. Gina Garcia was invited to help students, faculty, administrators and classified professionals explore how our colleges can effectively define and embrace our commitment to serving the Latinx community.

President Foster and Vice President of Student Services Jeanne Wilson joined in the conversation with colleagues from Chabot College.

Dr. Gina Garcia's visit included a keynote speech with questions from the audience, and a book signing and reception.

Las Positas College is committed to making college accessible to as many students in the community as possible and looks forward to continuing these types of professional development events through the President's Speaker Series.



Our next speaker, Faith Alpher, is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2023. She is a comedian, inspirational speaker, actor and radio host.

For more information please visit the President Speaker series webpage.

First Gen College Day and Dates to Remember

On August 19, Las Positas College offered its inaugural First Gen College Day. This event was a welcome and orientation day for new students who are first generation college students in their family.

President Foster offered welcome remarks for this event, he is also a first gen grad! This was followed by a panel of first gen grads that included LPC classified professionals, faculty, and alumni. Speakers included Martin Nash, English Professor; Jenni Hernandez, LPC Alum; Sabrina Hopken, Counseling Assistant-EOPS; Alain Olavarrieta, Math Professor; and Stephany Chavez, Child Development Director.

Students and their families were able to participate in college success presentations, networking sessions, and a mini resource fair.



LPC Mission

Las Positas College is an inclusive, learning-centered, equity-focused environment that offers educational opportunities and support for completion of students' transfer, degree, and career-technical goals while promoting lifelong learning.

College Planning Priorities

Establish a knowledge base and an appreciation for equity; create a sense of urgency about moving toward equity; institutionalize equity in decision-making, assessment, and accountability; and build capacity to resolve inequities.

Increase student success and completion through change in college practices and processes: coordinating needed academic support, removing barriers, and supporting focused professional development across the campus.

Date	Event
September 16	Black Family Day
September 29	Las Positas College Foundation Fall Welcome Reception
October 3	President Speaker Series - Faith Alpher
October 4	LPC Town Meeting