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Las Positas College is dedicated to building a vibrant and inclusive campus community where every student, staff, and faculty has the opportunity to engage, lead, and thrive. We believe that students are not only the heart of our college, but also essential voices in shaping its future. Through meaningful involvement in college governance, student organizations, activities, and cultural events, students play a vital role in the shared decision-making process that drives our institution forward.

Our commitment extends beyond the classroom, with a strong focus on leadership development and extracurricular programs designed to deepen understanding of college and district governance, enhance preparedness, and empower students to apply their skills in real-world settings. The Student Life Office is dedicated to enhancing student success and engagement by promoting access, equity, and inclusion for all students through active involvement in Las Positas College Student Government and campus clubs.

Las Positas College Student Government

The Las Positas College Student Government (LPCSG) is the campus student government, providing opportunities for students to participate in the governance of the College by serving on College and District committees. In addition, LPCSG members advocate on local, state and federal levels for student interests, and advocate for 9+1 Student Rights.

LPCSG is organized in two bodies – the Executive Board (which is composed of elected officers) and the Student Senate (which is composed of members who have been elected by LPCSG). Elections of LPCSG Executive officers are held each spring. Students can become senators at any time during the academic year.

All LPCSG Executive officers and Senators must meet eligibility in accordance with California Education Code Section 76061 and Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (CLPCCD) Board Policy 5410

LPCSG supports resources for students including the The Market/Mini Market (free food distribution), Welcome Back Week, Club & Resource Fair, social and cultural events, a space in the Welcome Center (with couches, a single-serve coffee bar, ice maker, etc.), student and professional panels, and other resources that vary as opportunities develop.

LPCSG collects Student Representation Fee (\$2), (\$1) of it is provided to the Student Senate of Community College and Student Activity Fees (\$10) that provide funding for planned activities, club funding, and representation advocacy.

LPCSG is located in Student Services & Administration, Building 1600, Room 1643, First Floor. The office telephone number is (925) 424-1490. For more information, visit: <http://laspositascollege.edu/lpcsg>

Student Clubs

Las Positas College Student Government (LPCSG), through Student Activity Fees, provide funding to clubs. Additionally, student clubs are able to fundraise for additional funds. LPCSG promotes communication and cooperation among clubs on campus.

Students are encouraged to create clubs based on a wide range of interests—including social, recreational, cultural, educational, honorary, religious, gender-related, philanthropic, and more. These clubs offer a safe and welcoming environment where students can connect, share ideas, and build community around the things that matter most to them. Each club must have an advisor who is college faculty or staff member, recruited and nominated by the club members. All clubs are open to all students registered at Las Positas College. All club officers must meet eligibility in accordance with California Education Code Section 76061 and Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (CLPCCD) Board Policy 5410. For more information, visit: <http://laspositascollege.edu/studentlife/>

Honor Societies

There are four recognized Honor Societies on campus. Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) is a statewide Honor Society open to any student who has completed at least 12 units at LPC with at least a 3.0 grade point average (GPA). Beta

Beta Beta is a national honor society that is open to students who are Biological Science Majors who have completed at least three semester courses in Biological Science, of which at least one is not an introductory course, with an average grade of "B" in those courses, have a "B" average in all courses and be in good academic standing. Mu Alpha Theta is a national honor society that is open to students with an interest in Math who have at least a 3.0 GPA in math courses from College Algebra/Precalculus or above. Psi Beta is a national honor society for Psychology students who have completed at least 12 units at LPC, passed at least one 3-unit Psychology course with a grade of "B" or better, and have a 3.0 GPA. Membership in honor societies will be noted on students' transcripts when they graduate or transfer from Las Positas College. For more information, contact the Student Life Office at (925) 424-1490.

Social Activities

LPC offers numerous social activities each semester through groups like LPCSG. Students interested in working on social activities and entertainment should contact Student Life at (925) 424-1490.

The Express Newspaper

The award-winning Express newspaper is produced by students in the Express College Newspaper class and is published online and in print. Students practice and refine journalism skills, including recognizing newsworthy events, writing stories, taking photographs, designing pages, and creating multimedia stories including podcasts and broadcasts. They distribute their work in print, online, and through social media. Students are introduced to concepts related to journalism, photojournalism, multimedia production, business management, graphic arts, design, social media, leadership, and editing. They also learn about the important role that journalism plays in democracy. To join the team, sign up for Express College Newspaper in the Journalism and Media Studies Department. The Express Newspaper is available on campus and online at <http://lpcexpressnews.com>.

Naked Magazine

Naked Magazine, Las Positas College's award-winning student magazine, launched in Fall 2008. The magazine production class allows students to create a journalistic-style student magazine in a lab setting. Emphasis is placed on developing content, writing in-depth magazine articles, producing photographs and other visual elements, correlating copy and visuals, laying out pages in the production process, copy editing, promoting advertising and sponsorships, and exploring ethical issues. This class is offered in the fall semester. To join the magazine, sign up for College Magazine in the Journalism and Media Studies Department. Naked Magazine is available on campus and online at www.lpcnakedmagazine.com.

Havik, the Journal of Arts and Literature

Havik, Las Positas College's award-winning journal of arts and literature, is published each spring by students in cross-listed English and Journalism and Media Studies classes. "Havik" is Dutch for hawk, which is the college's mascot as well as a play on the word havoc. The class allows students to experience the creation of a journal, from the solicitation of submissions to the selection of works to the design and creation of the book. During the production process, students work with poetry, artwork, photography, short fiction, creative nonfiction, academic papers, and experimental works. The final step is a publications and awards ceremony, featuring contributors and the newly published journal. To join the journal staff, sign up for the Journal of Arts, Literature, and Writing in either the English or Journalism and Media Studies Department. You may also submit work for consideration. Havik is available for sale in Room 2409. For more information, visit the journal website at <https://havikjournal.wixsite.com/website>.

Speech and Debate Team

The award-winning LPC Speech Team (also known as Forensics), the Talk Hawks, is a competitive activity that provides students with an intensive focus on enhancing research, writing and performance skills. Forensics students compete at tournaments against other colleges and universities from across the nation in the areas of Public Speaking, Oral Interpretation, and Debate. In addition to traveling statewide, nationally and internationally

to competitions, the program hosts tournaments and Speech Performance nights.

Performing Arts

A wide range of opportunities are available to Las Positas College students in the performing arts.

The Theater Arts Department offers students training and experience through classes in Technical Theater, Acting, Musical Theater, and History and Theory. Performance opportunities include an average of four productions per year, which may include fall and spring shows, an outdoor summer musical, student directing projects, and a Theater for Young Audiences production. Theater Arts offers AA and AA-T degrees, Certificates of Achievement in Technical Theater, Acting, and Musical Theater, as well as the cohort-style Actors Conservatory that features multiple embedded certificates.

The Music Department offers two degrees: The Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Music, and the Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer (AA-T) in Music. Stackable certificates in Music and Commercial Music are also offered. These include Certificates of Achievement in Scoring for Film and Multimedia, Music Business, Teaching Beginning Piano, Teaching Intermediate Piano, Piano Teaching Fundamentals and Music Technology Fundamentals. The department offers Applied one-on-one lessons on a variety of instruments as well as voice and composition. Students who complete the Applied program are well-equipped to successfully audition for Bachelor programs.

Students have multiple opportunities to perform, compose, produce, and participate in a variety of events - both on campus and in the community - throughout the semester. Performance ensembles include Chamber and Concert Choirs, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combos, and Chamber Orchestra. The recording studio "The Hawks Nest" houses state-of-the-art equipment and software, and is available for Music students to record and produce music at a professional level. In 2022, Las Positas College acquired a Steinway Spirio | r (the world's finest high-resolution player piano capable of recording and editing) and thus earned the coveted All-Steinway School designation, joining the ranks of other elite colleges and universities worldwide.

The Dance Department offers courses in technique, composition and performance. Students have the opportunity to work with professional guest artists through the Choreography for the Stage course. A range of performance opportunities are made available through formal and informal productions. Performance venues include unique environments throughout campus and three state of the art theater spaces.

The Communication Studies Department offers classes in Oral Interpretation of Literature and Activities In Forensics, also known as the Speech and Debate Team. Students have multiple opportunities to perform interpretive and original material in classroom environments, at intercollegiate competitive tournaments and on LPC's main stage theater.

Intercollegiate Athletics

Intercollegiate Athletics at Las Positas College offers student-athlete participation on nine different sport teams, serving approximately 150 student athletes each year. We provide intercollegiate teams for women's basketball, volleyball, soccer, water polo, and swim/dive. For men, we provide intercollegiate teams in basketball, soccer, water polo, and swim/dive. Athletics at LPC, as with all California community colleges, is governed by the constitution and bylaws of the California Community College Athletic Association (3C2A) as well as specific regulations of the Coast Conference which is where LPC holds membership. Students who participate in athletics must meet the requirements set forth by the 3C2A.

Academic standing, enrollment within an intercollegiate class, completed and approved eligibility forms, and a physical exam/impact testing are required to compete in an intercollegiate sport.

Per 3C2A Article 1.5.3, the Athletic Director and the College President monitor the integrity of the intercollegiate athletic program regarding rules, compliance, and eligibility. Students will work with our dedicated athletic counselor towards earning a degree, certificate and/or transfer. All incoming student-athletes must meet with a counselor and complete a Student Educational Plan (SEP). Periodic reports on attendance and class progress may be requested from student-athletes' instructors. These

reports are reviewed by the respective coaches, and potentially the AD, Dean, or athletic counselor.

Las Positas College is a member of the 3C2A Coast Conference. Both the men's and women's athletic teams engage in competitive conference and non-conference competition against both Northern and Southern California teams. Students interested in more information regarding athletics, please visit the College's athletics website at: <http://athletics.laspositascollege.edu>.