

key dates...

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

February
19 Basketball, LPC vs. Foothill, 5 & 7 PM, Men's & Women's home games
21 Swim & Dive Hawk Invite, 10 AM

March
1 Student Film Festival, 1-10 PM, free*
7 Swim & Dive, West Valley at LPC, 2 PM
14 *Wake The Dead*, Music & Performing Arts Benefit, 8 PM; \$10 student/senior/staff, \$20 general admission*
19 One-Act Plays, 1 PM, free*
21 One-Act Plays, 8 PM, free*
30 *Carmina Burana*, LPC Choir with Valley Concert Chorale, Bankhead Theater, Livermore, 3 PM. Admission. tickets.livermoreperformingarts.org.

*Held in Mertes Center for the Arts. Advance tickets can be purchased at www.brownpapertickets.com

Please visit the Athletics website for schedules. Go, Hawks!

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New Bill to Advance Adult Education

Californians recently got some good news about adult education support. Assembly Bill 86 appropriates \$25 million to the California Community College Chancellor's Office to help better serve the educational needs of adults.

LPC will play a key role in expanding adult education services through AB 86. "LPC is engaged in planning for adult education for our community," said LPC President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D.

"Over the next 18 months, we will be partnering with community-based organizations and K-12 school districts to make sure we respond to community needs."

For more information about the bill, please visit the website at ab86.cccco.edu.

"Wake the Dead" to Raise Funds and Spirits in Benefit Concert

LPC invites audiences to support performing arts while getting a head start on their St. Patrick's Day celebrations at the Wake the Dead benefit concert at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 14th, in the Mertes Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$10 for student/senior/staff and \$20 for general admission; parking is \$2. Tickets can be purchased at the door or through www.brownpapertickets.com. Proceeds benefit LPC's Music and Performing Arts programs.

Touted as "the world's only Celtic all-star Grateful Dead jam band," Wake the Dead blends Celtic traditional music and the songs of the Grateful Dead. The seven-member band has toured extensively throughout the Bay Area and has entertained concert and festival audiences from San Francisco's Fillmore Auditorium to the Oregon Country Fair.

"Wake the Dead is a romp that flows seamlessly from rock grooves to hot Irish reels, and from haunting airs to achingly

Tickets on Sale for Best of the Best

Once a year, the Las Positas College Foundation holds an entertaining and celebratory fundraising event. The 11th Annual Best of the Best Gala will be held April 26, 2014. The evening will be a mix of the best of the best in fun, performing arts, gourmet food, fine local wine, and distinctive signature cocktails. Tickets are now available, with the following added promotion: buy seven tickets and the eighth ticket is free. For tickets and more information, please visit the website at lpcfoundation.org/news-events/foundation-events.



Photo Courtesy of Wake the Dead
Our own LPC Director of Instrumental Music Cindy Browne Rosefield, front left, is the Wake the Dead bassist.

beautiful melodies familiar to Deadheads everywhere," according to the band's website. "Our music delights Deadheads, lovers of Celtic music, folkies, jam band fans, and adventurous music lovers alike around the world," said Cindy Browne Rosefield, LPC's Director of Instrumental Music and Wake the Dead bassist. She noted the success of the band's three albums which have been airing on national radio stations. For more information, please visit the Las Positas College Performing Arts website at laspositascollege.edu/performingarts.



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Service and Stewardship Leadership Team Paves Path for LPC Planning

Peter F. Drucker, regarded as the father of modern management, once said, "The best way to predict your future is to create it." LPC's leadership team is doing just that.

In creating the future of the college, the College Council has taken two important steps: formally adopting the Planning, Budget, and Assessment Cycle and establishing the Integrated Planning Committee. The cycle presents a clear process for setting and meeting LPC's priorities. The committee, which scheduled its first meeting for March 13th, will play a central role in producing and recommending planning priorities at our college. These two actions involve the entire campus community, ensure accreditation standards are met, and serve the needs of our community.

"I would like to thank all the members of the Planning Task Force who gave their time and energy to make these actions come to life," said LPC President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D. "They participated in intense research and discussion before engaging all corners of the campus to come to a consensus. What has resulted is a refined process that will serve the campus well."

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*Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.*

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Students Pass Resolution to Honor Dr. King

The Associated Students of LPC (ASLPC) observed Martin Luther King Jr. Day by passing a resolution honoring the spirit of the civil rights leader. Following is an excerpt from the resolution. "Resolved, that the ASLPC

commit themselves to upholding a body with equality and fairness at the heart of their organization and devote their efforts to see that equal opportunity and impartiality is awarded to all students at Las Positas College...."

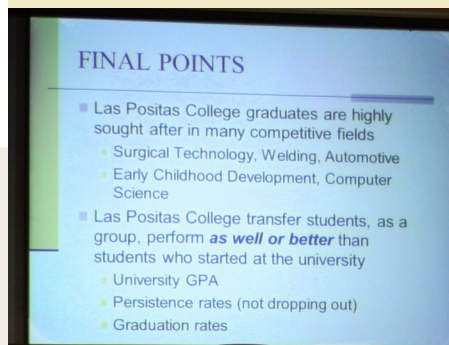
LPC Welcomes Record Number of High School Students and Parents on College Day



A record-breaking crowd of more than 1,100 high school seniors and their parents attended the February 8th College Day, an informational event to help students and their families plan for college.

Due to increased demand, LPC offered two identical sessions including discussion workshops, campus tours, and a barbeque lunch. College representatives shared information about student services, financial aid, academic programs, and degree, certificate, and transfer opportunities. Congratulations to Student Services Vice President Diana Rodriguez, Interim Dean Barbara Morrissey, and Executive Assistant Julie Thornburg for organizing this successful event. Thanks to all the students, staff, faculty, and administrators who made College Day a meaningful and informative experience for our community.

Top left photo: President Russell greets College Day guests. Also presenting are, from left, student body President Chris Southorn, Students Services Vice President Diana Rodriguez, and Dean Lisa Everett, Ed.D. Lower left photo: Transfer Director and Counselor Michael Schwarz explains degree, certificate, and transfer opportunities at a discussion workshop. He noted that LPC has one of the highest transfer rates among community colleges in the state. Photo below: members of student government are ready to greet visitors, answer questions, and guide tours. Photos by Mary Lauffer.



LPC Leads in STEM Education and Partners with National Labs

LPC values its strong partnerships with area schools, governments, healthcare organizations, community and civic groups, businesses, and industry. Together, we build our workforce, partner for prosperity, and create an enviable

quality of life in the Tri-Valley area we call home. As an educational leader in STEM—science, technology, engineering, and mathematics—LPC continues to strengthen its partnerships with the two national laboratories in Livermore—

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories. Together, we offer educational opportunities and innovation in STEM, benefiting our students, our community, and our regional economy.

STEM Partnering with LLNL LLNL/LPC Seminars Explore “Big Science”



Photo courtesy of LLNL
Dr. Fiuza of LLNL presents March 3 seminar.

Designed to enhance the partnership between LPC and LLNL, the series provides a forum for laboratory scientists and engineers to share their broad range of basic and applied research with the

college’s scientific community of students, staff, and faculty.

“The series offers a way to look at how science is done,” said Biology Instructor Nan Ho, who proposed the idea for the series a few years ago during her summer research at LLNL, which was funded by the U.S. Department of Energy. Ms. Ho, who earned both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Stanford University, was given a three-year appointment in the Academies Creating Teacher Scientists Program. “A unique feature of the series, especially for a community college, is the focus on the ‘big science’ that LLNL does that requires cross-disciplinary expertise,” she explained. Following are the two seminars for this semester. The series is

free and open to the public; parking is \$2.

Fusion Modeling: Using Big Computers to Understand One of the Universe’s Biggest Secrets

By Frederico Fiuza, Ph.D., Lawrence Fellow; LLNL Fusion Energy Sciences Program, Physics Division
March 3, 6:00-7:15 p.m., Room 2420

A Spoonful of Sugar Helps National Security Risk Go Down: DNATrax (DNA Tagged Reagents for Aerosol Experiments)

By George R. Farquar, Ph.D., Physical Chemistry, and Elizabeth K. Wheeler, Ph.D., Engineering, Research Scientists; LLNL Global Security Program
April 3, 6:00-7:15 p.m., Room 2420

STEM Partnering with Sandia LPC Hosts High School Science Bowl

On January 25th, high school students and scientists from throughout the Bay Area gathered on campus for the 2014 Bay Area Regional Science Bowl, sponsored by Sandia National Laboratories and hosted by LPC.

Twenty-four teams competed in a high-pressure, fast-paced verbal forum to solve problems and answer questions in science and math.

“The Science Bowl is a highly competitive event sponsored by the Department of Energy to encourage student involvement in math and

science activities,” said Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Public Safety Dean Lisa Everett, Ed.D., who welcomed participants and

presented awards and trophies at the event. The team from Dougherty Valley High School in San Ramon won the competition and will advance to the Department of Energy’s National Science Bowl competition in Washington, D.C. in April.

Congratulations to the winners and all the high school students who represented their schools. Many thanks go to everyone at LPC who worked to host the event.

LPC will partner again with Sandia National Laboratories on February 22nd to host the Middle School Regional Science Bowl.

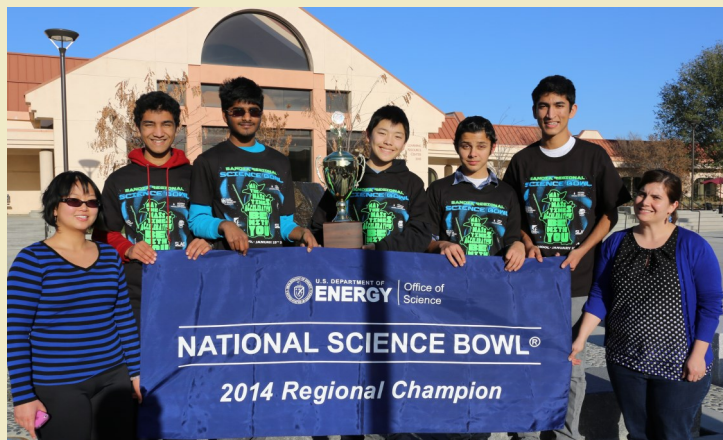


Photo courtesy of Ray Ng, retired from Sandia Labs
In front of LPC’s library, the Dougherty Valley High School team celebrates winning the regional science bowl competition hosted by LPC and sponsored by Sandia Labs.

Community Ed Supports Health & Lifetime Learning

Community Education for LPC

LPC employees can take advantage of a new Wellness Initiative class just for them. The class includes basketball, badminton, and weightlifting. “With the cooperation and support of the Athletics Department, we’ve been able to expand the class to include weight lifting this year,” said Community Education Program Coordinator Frances DeNisco. “Wellness opportunities for our colleagues can help foster a community attitude on campus and improve productivity,” she said. Thanks to

Ms. DeNisco and staff sponsor Sherman Lindsey for organizing the class.

Community Education for All Ages in the Tri-Valley

LPC’s Community Education offers programs and services for every age group in the Tri-Valley area. Some of the most popular offerings are fencing programs for children, even as young as 8 years old. Classes for teens include SAT Preparation, Spanish, and Test-Taking Skills. Adults can sign up for financial planning classes,

job skills classes such as EXCEL, and life enrichment classes, including Landscaping With Natives, about drought-tolerant plants. Parents can take classes in caregiving for their own parents and classes about how to transform their relationship with their children. Other class topics range from making healthy meals to becoming a professional organizer and even searching for paranormal activity in the new Ghost Hunting class. For a class schedule, please visit the website at laspositascollege.edu/communityed.

Shooting for a Cure Coaches vs. Cancer Games Dedicated to Coach

LPC’s January 31st Coaches vs. Cancer Basketball Games were about a much greater adversary than the opposing team. The games were played to raise funds to fight cancer and were dedicated to the memory of former Hawks’ Men’s Basketball Coach Tony Costello, who passed away August 25th after a year-long

battle with pancreatic cancer. LPC’s Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams both lost to Chabot College, but LPC did enjoy a big win. Proceeds from the evening totaled \$2,207, which will be donated to the Coach Costello Scholarship Fund for LPC athletes. Donations also can be made directly to the LPC Foundation,

noting the Coach Costello Scholarship fund on the memo line of a check. The Coaches vs. Cancer program is a partnership of the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches and has raised more than \$87 million to help the American Cancer Society’s mission.

Photo by Janet Brehe Johnson



Fairy Wings Exhibit Enchants Guests

Visitors walked among ethereal fairy wings at last month’s exhibit in the Mertes Center for the Arts Gallery. Last semester, students used the French serti technique of applying dye to silk to create fairy wings for the Children’s Theater play, *Invisible Treasure*. The wings, along with photos of the actors, children’s drawings, and information about the serti technique, were on display. Kudos to Speech Instructor Janet Brehe Johnson for organizing the show. She also wrote, directed, and produced the play. This exhibit was an interdisciplinary event and also was supported by the following instructors: Deanna Horvath, Photography; Bill Paskewitz, Art; and Titian Lish, Theater. Thanks, too, to Administrative Assistant Valerie Ball for all of her help.

LPC Choirs to Tour Rome and Florence. Music Lovers Welcome

Singers and music lovers, 18 years of age and older, are invited to sign up for an eight-day tour of Rome and Florence for June 2nd through June 9th, 2014.

The tour will explore the art, architecture, and other cultural attractions of these two Italian cities. Additional focus will be given to the development of sacred and secular choral music in Italy over the last thousand years. For details, please visit the website at www.efcollegestudytours.com/preview-tour.aspx?pt=1427746. For more information, please contact Director of Choral Music Rob Lappa at rlappa@laspositascollege.edu.

LPC Hosts Tri-Valley Haven Fundraiser

LPC’s Health and Wellness Center sponsored Tri-Valley Haven’s annual fundraiser, a theatrical performance of *The Good Body*, on February 7th, 8th, and 9th in the Mertes Center for the Arts. All proceeds from the performances benefited Livermore’s Tri-Valley Haven and its mission to end violence against women and girls. Kudos to everyone at LPC who made the fundraiser possible. Special thanks go to LPC’s Student Health & Wellness Center Site Administrator Dayna Barbero, PHN, MSN, FNP.