

LPC Salutes Veterans with Observance



Photos by Mary Laufer

LPC honored veterans with its 8th Annual Veterans Day Observance on November 12th, presented by LPC's Veterans First Program, Student Veterans Organization, and many sponsors. The observance began with the landing of a Vietnam-era Huey helicopter and included a complimentary lunch for veterans, served by LPC's Campus Safety and Security staff. Photos, from top, left to right: a crowd in front of the Huey, speaker Livermore Mayor John Marchand, speakers Vietnam veterans Raymond F.

LaRochelle and Bill Green, speaker and retired Colonel Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Chancellor Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D., district Trustees Hal G. Gin, Ed.D., and Isobel F. Dvorsky, and district Trustee Marshall Mitzman, Ph.D., Brigadier General Lucie Titus, LPC President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D., and district Trustee Carlo Vecchiarelli. Thanks to the many individuals and organizations who made this a day to remember for our campus, our community, and our veterans.

LPC Science Students Win Innovation Awards

Photo courtesy of Innovation Tri-Valley



Congratulations to two LPC student innovators. Yone Phar Lin (left in photo) and Thomas Chan (right) were honored with Dreammakers and Risktakers Awards at Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group's Fifth Annual Dreammakers and Risktakers luncheon on November 14th. Both students are working on honors projects and both participated in the UC Berkeley Transfer-to-Excellence summer internship program.

Mr. Lin is a Biochemistry major who is working on his honors project with Biology Instructor Nan Ho, who earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from Stanford University. Mr. Chan is a Chemical Engineering major who is doing an honors project with Chemistry Instructor Michael Ansell, Ph.D., recipient of the 2013 Outstanding Community College Faculty/Scholar Award from the California Sector of the American Chemical Society.

Business Club Students Excel at State Competition



Business Instructor and Club Advisor Rajeev Chopra, far left, celebrates success with students at the state conference.

Students in LPC's Business Club are continuing their winning streak. They placed second and third in recent competitions at a state conference with 210 students from 10 colleges, including UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC Riverside, UC Irvine, UCSD, USC, and other four- and two-year colleges. The competition was sponsored by the California Phi Beta Lambda, a division of the Future Business Leaders of America. Last spring, the club placed second in the state at the Business Leadership Conference.

LPC News Notes: Farewells, Welcomes, Kudos, and Opera

- ◆ LPC extends much gratitude and many best wishes to the following four employees who are retiring this winter: Soccer Head Coach Larry Aguiar, Office of the President Administrative Assistant Sharon Gach, Director of Maintenance and Operations Tim Nelson, and Early Childhood Development Professional Development Coordinator Jeanne Virgilio. Thank you for your many years of service and your support of LPC students.
- ◆ LPC welcomed two new employees in November. David Rodriguez is the new Research Analyst for the Office of Institutional Research and Planning. Justin Santos joined the Kinesiology and Athletics Programs as a Physical Education Athletic Assistant.
- ◆ Six LPC Talk Hawks brought home eight awards from the November forensics competition. See the Talk Hawks in action at their annual *Stories and Speeches* at 7:00 p.m. on December 11th in the Mertes Center.
- ◆ Congratulations to LPC's Men's Soccer team for making it into the playoffs for the second year in a row; LPC lost to San Francisco City College 2-1 in overtime. Last year, the Hawks were the North Coast Conference Champions—the first for Men's Soccer and the second conference championship at LPC.
- ◆ Three ASLPC students were guests of President Russell's at the San Francisco Opera's production of *La Bohème*. This was the first time the students had attended an opera.

Biology Club Hosts “Healthy is Happy” Fair



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Visitors got flu shots, tested their blood pressure, learned about health care job opportunities, and more at LPC’s November 17th and 18th “Healthy is Happy” Health Fair, sponsored by the Biology Club (with some members manning the club table, above right). Many LPC and community organizations helped make the fair a success. Community participants included Palo Alto Medical

Foundation, National Food Lab, AXIS Community Health, University of San Francisco, Tri-Valley Haven, Pathways for Wellness/Becton Healthcare Resources Outpatient Services, and AMEDD (U.S. Army Medical Department). Many thanks go to all of the individuals who helped raise awareness of health issues, programs, and services.

LPC Spreads Holiday Cheer

LPC continues its annual tradition of sharing the spirit of the season. Following are some of the college’s activities.

Toys for Tots. The Veterans First Program and Student Veterans Organization collected unwrapped new toys for the children of Alameda County in its Toys for Tots drive. The groups also provided holiday refreshments on December 1st in the new LPC Veterans Resource Center in Building 1300.

Holiday Fun for Children. LPC invites children of the community to a free Holiday Fun Day from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on December 5th in the Child Development Center. Recommended for children ages one through six, the event will feature stories, skits, singing, and crafts presented by the award-winning LPC Talk Hawks speech team, the Child Development Center, and the Library staff.

Food for the Homeless. Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) Honor Society is holding a food drive to benefit the homeless through Abode Services in Livermore. Last year, AGS and its advisor, Math Instructor Randy Taylor, were recognized with a Community Partner Award for their efforts on behalf of Abode Services.

Hallelujah! LPC’s Chamber Choir performed in Handel’s *Messiah* with the Pacific Chamber Symphony on November 30th at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.



Students Explore Interests, Opportunities at Club Day

LPC offers students more than 30 clubs—including honors, engineering, Spanish, horticulture, and public safety. Students got to learn about LPC’s many club opportunities at the November 19th Club Day, sponsored by the Associated Students of LPC.

key dates...

December

- 6 Dance Department Fall Production, 8 PM*
- 11 Stories and Speeches, 7 PM*
- 12 Winter Jazz Night, with guitarist Mimi Fox, 8 PM*
- 24 - Jan. 19 Winter Recess

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

January

- 19 Holiday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 20 Spring 2015 semester instruction begins

****Ticket info at laspositascollege.edu/performingarts.
Parking permits are required at all times on campus.***

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

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Audiences Applaud *The Comedy of Errors*, More Theater Classics and Fun to Come



Students perform in Shakespeare's rollicking farce of mayhem and mistaken identity, *The Comedy of Errors*. Photo courtesy of the Theater Department.

Congratulations to the Theater Department for its successful November production of Shakespeare's fun-filled farce *The Comedy of Errors*. Audience members can mark their calendars for more theater ahead. April 10-19, the department will present the musical *Cabaret*, now enjoying a revival on Broadway. And, later in the year, audiences will be treated to the hilarious musical comedy, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*—presented in the renovated Outdoor Amphitheater. Auditions for the musical will be in May 2015.

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In Memoriam: Bill Paskewitz

LPC mourns the loss of beloved Art Instructor Bill Paskewitz who passed away unexpectedly at the age of 61 on November 20th.

"His students loved him," said President Russell. "He was a fantastic teacher and will be greatly missed." Students were known to register as soon as possible to make sure they got a spot in his popular art classes.

In October, Mr. Paskewitz organized the "We Can" art show to benefit the Alameda County Food Bank. He told the student newspaper, *The Express*, that he wanted to give back to the community "as a thank you for letting me have a wonderful 28 years here teaching." He had planned to retire in June 2015.

Grief counseling is available at LPC through the Health Center (925) 424-1831 and Counselor Jill Oliveira (925) 424-1596. Funeral services were held on November 29th. Mr. Paskewitz's family invited the entire campus community to a reception at Mr. Paskewitz's home following the funeral.

