## LAS POSITAS CONNECTION

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Barry A. Russell, Ph.D., Las Positas College President

#### Fulbright and Stanford Recognize LPC Education

A letter to President Russell from the U.S. Department of State congratulated LPC on being named one of this year's Fulbright Program "top producers." The Chronicle of Higher Education featured LPC in a list of institutions, including 21 associate's degree-granting colleges, that had at least one Fulbright scholar. English Instructor Catherine M. Eagan, Ph.D., was a Fulbright American Studies scholar in Croatia this past spring. The State Department letter commended LPC for its "deep commitment to international exchange and to fostering stronger relationships between the U.S. and the more than 160 countries that take part in the Fulbright Program." This past year, Dr. Eagan led LPC in our successful application to join Stanford University's Educational Partnership for Internationalizing the Curriculum, which seeks to globalize the community college curriculum to prepare students for an increasingly interconnected world. Seven LPC faculty fellows will join a team of 12 community college faculty in working toward this goal.

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# **Congratulations, Class of 2017!** *"May the truth be with you, always."*

-Martha Kanter, Ed.D., Commencement Speaker



Ebullient grads, proud families, and supportive faculty, staff, and administrators filled LPC's gym at our 27th Annual Commencement Ceremony on Friday evening, May 26. Commencement Speaker Martha Kanter, Ed.D., encouraged graduates to employ all of the skills they learned at LPC to think critically, seek truth, and "take care of your family, friends, community, and

our nation." Dr. Kanter is Executive Director of the College Promise Campaign and Senior Fellow at the Steinhardt Institute of Higher Education Policy at New York University. Her distinguished career includes serving under President Barack Obama as the U.S. Under Secretary of Education. In his valedictorian address, Welding graduate Steven Jones inspired the audience with his personal story of achievement. He dropped out of high school to help support his family and persevered to follow in his late mother's footsteps and become a welder. President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D., presented the Annual Friend of the College Award to Pat Wheeler, who accepted the award on behalf of the Alliance of Therapy Dogs—four-legged friends who have visited LPC many times to support our students' success and mental health. LPC's Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble performed music for the ceremony and the LPC Fire Science Honor Guard presented the colors.

LPC conferred more than 1,200 degrees and certificates this year, and 300 graduates—a record number—participated in the commencement ceremony. Many LPC programs and organizations held additional graduation celebrations, including the Transfer Center, Veterans First Program, and Puente. The Honors Program held its annual Honors Research Symposium and celebration. Thanks to everyone who made commencement and graduation events successful and joyous celebrations for our graduates and their families.

Gathering together before the commencement procession are, from left, CLPCCD Chancellor Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D., Student Trustee Zainab Dogar, Valedictorian Steven Jones, ASLPC President Eric Pineda, Commencement Speaker Martha Kanter, Ed.D., and President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D.



#### Scholarship Sponsors Make Students' Dreams Come True

LPC extends sincere appreciation to the many scholarship sponsors who helped students' dreams come true at the Annual Student Scholarship Ceremony on May 17. A total of \$133,255 for 230 scholarships was

Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society Statewide Competition (3) Charles Bell Outstanding Service Scholarship Kathleen D. Loly Academic Scholarship Tom Jackson Academic, Service and Leadership Scholarship American Association of University Women Tribute to Excellence Award American Council of Engineering Companies East Bay Chapter Scholarship (4) American Legion - Livermore Post 47 Scholarship (2) American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges Student Math League Competition American Society for Quality East Bay Section - Dr. James R. Kohnen Scholarship Arthur Van Etten Scholarship Brill and Pihl Families Memorial Scholarship, Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 Carmen & Louis Cota Memorial Scholarship Casey's Gift Scholarship Clough Memorial Business Scholarship Coca Cola Gold Scholar Award Corporal Ken Logsdon (USMC) Memorial Veterans Scholarship (2) Daniel Allyn Nilson Automotive Technology Scholarship Dorothy Hudgins Memorial Scholarship GFWC Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club Scholarship Gill Cruz Engineering Scholarship Halliday Family Scholarship Harry Karl Memorial Scholarship (2) Helen W. Taylor Education Scholarship Holtgrieve Honorary Scholarship for Outstanding Contribution to the Biology Program (2) Holtgrieve Honorary Scholarship for Outstanding Student in Cell and Molecular Biology (2) Institute of Management Accountants - East Bay Northern California Chapter Scholarship James Taylor & American Veterans Scholarship (LLLAFVA) John McKinley Scholarship John Steffan and William Wiesgram Veteran Memorial Scholarship Josefa Higuera - Daughters of the American Revolution -Livermore Chapter Scholarship (3) Knights of Columbus Scholarship (2) Korber Family Scholarship League of Women Voters Livermore Amador Valley Scholarship Livingston Family Scholarship Louise Garcia Torres Memorial Scholarship (4) Lt. Robert D. Dern Scholarship Marie Mizelle Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Student in General Zoology, Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 Mario Pedrozzi Community College Scholarship

awarded to 129 students. Many thanks go to our internal LPC scholarship sponsors—the Associated Students of LPC, programs, and clubs—and to the generous sponsors of the following scholarships.

Mario Pedrozzi Undergraduate Scholarship Mary A. Henry Scholarship Matthew Berven Memorial Scholarship Michael Bergen Memorial Scholarship Milanese Political Science Scholarship (3) Native Daughters of the Golden West Angelita Parlor #32 Scholarship Nissen Family Scholarship Nissen Technical Scholarship Osher Foundation Scholarship (11) Osher Foundation/Barbara Fracisco Mertes Scholarship Osher Foundation/Bruce and Sharon Gach Health Care Professions Scholarship Osher Foundation/Claudia Pendo McCormick Scholarship Osher Foundation/Darcie and David Kent Scholarship Osher Foundation/Grayson Hund Memorial Scholarship Osher Foundation/Kelin D. Jacobsen Memorial Scholarship Osher Foundation/LPC Science/Technology & Engineering Scholarship Osher Foundation/Mayor Janet Lockhart Scholarship Osher Foundation/Rheinheimer Family Fire Service Technology Scholarship Osher Foundation/Rheinheimer Family Nursing Career Scholarship (4) Osher Foundation/Rheinheimer Family Physical Edu/Kinesiology Scholarship Osher Foundation/Rotarian Foundation of Livermore Scholarship Osher Foundation/Rotary Club of Pleasanton North Scholarship Osher Foundation/Seppala Family Scholarship Osher Foundation/Wells Fargo Scholarship Osher Foundation/Wente Family Scholarship Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic First Team Award (2) Philip Manwell Scholarship for Humanities Philip Manwell Scholarship for Literary Arts Philip Manwell Scholarship for Performing Arts Philip Manwell Scholarship for Visual Arts Phillip & Mary Ann Wagner Memorial Scholarship (3) Porta Family RE-ENTRY Scholarship Porta Family Social Sciences Scholarship Robert S. Taylor Math, Computer Science, Engineering or Science Scholarship (2) Ruth's Book Scholarship Sandia National Labs Honors Scholarship (2) Shirley Friedel Scholarship Tri-Valley Writers Scholarship V. W. Willits UC Transfer Scholarship Valley Veterans Challenge Grant Valley Veterans Foundation STEM Scholarship Wild Horse Properties Scholarship

### LPC Invites Students and Families to Spotlight Series

At our summer Spotlight Series, prospective students and their families can learn more about the many academic programs and student services at LPC. At each event in the series, the division dean, faculty, and staff will be on hand to visit with guests, and representatives from our many student services, such as admissions, financial aid, counseling, and special programs, will be available. Following is the series schedule; all events take place from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Math, Science, Engineering and Public Safety event was held June 6.

Arts and Humanities. Tuesday, June 27, Mertes Center for the Arts, Building 4000. Includes Music, Theater,

Dance, Languages, the Arts, and Humanities.

Business, Health, Athletics, Work Experience, and Kinesiology. Tuesday, July 11, Physical Education Complex, Building 2500. Includes Health, Nutrition, and Kinesiology activities. Athletics coaches will be available to discuss LPC's 10 intercollegiate team sports.

Computing, Applied Technology, and Social Sciences. Tuesday, July 25, Learning Resource Center (Library), Building 2000. Includes Early Childhood Development and Automotive and Welding Technology.

#### Horticulture Offers Free Adaptive Summer Program



Horticulture Lab Technician Josefina Bolufer Cervero tends Horticulture's new Aquaponic Garden, which will be part of the adaptive program education.

LPC is offering a free Adaptive Horticulture Summer Program for students with special needs from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Tuesday through Friday, July 18-21. The program will focus on vocational training, horticulture therapy, and experience with learning at a college campus. Planned activities include propagating new plants from cuttings, pruning shrubs, planting an annual

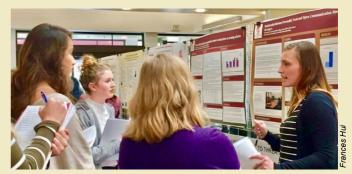
flower display, learning about plant water requirements, and installing a new landscape on the college campus.

Students will also take a fieldtrip to Sunflower Hill Gardens at Hagemann Ranch and learn about farming, growing plants for food, and urban agriculture. The application deadline is Friday, June 30. For information and applications, please contact Community Education Program Coordinator Frances DeNisco at FDeNisco@laspositascollege.edu or (925) 424-1467.

LPC's Adaptive Horticulture Summer Program is offered in partnership with Pleasanton Adult and Career Education, Regional Center of the East Bay, Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program, and Sunflower Hill, a sustainable residential community for individuals with special needs, located in Livermore and Pleasanton. Also providing support are the college's Career and Technical Education Office and the Disabled Students Programs and Services Center.

#### Students Present Original Research at Poster Session

Congratulations to the nearly 100 students who conducted research presented in 36 posters at LPC's 6th Annual Undergraduate Science Research Poster Session. Conducting original research and presenting it at a professional-level poster session is a rare opportunity at a community college. Library Coordinator Tina Inzerilla, Ph.D., presented the Library Research Award to zoology student Lauren Tabor and Honorable Mention to communications student Rohini Madan. Other disciplines included Psychology, Chemistry, Anatomy, Microbiology, and Biology.



Students discuss their research at the poster session, hosted by the Library and originally developed by Dean Nan Ho.

# CALENDAR

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

May 30 - July 3	1st 5-Week Summer Session
June 12 - August 3	8-Week Summer Session
June 19 - July 27	6-Week Summer Session
June 27	Spotlight Series: Arts and Humanities, 4-7 PM, Mertes Center
July 11	Spotlight Series: Business, Health, Athletics, Work Experience, and Kinesiology, 4-7 PM, PE Complex
July 13-16	Titanic: The Musical, 8 PM, Amphitheater*
July 5 - August 3	2nd 5-Week Summer Session
July 25	Spotlight Series: Computing, Applied Technology, and Social Sciences, 4-7 PM, Library
	*Mertes Center. Tickets and details: laspositascollege.edu/performingarts

Summer work hours are from Monday, June 5, through Thursday, August 3. Offices will be closed on Fridays.

#### Summer Fun Heats Up at Basketball Camp

Enrollment is filling quickly for LPC's popular Basketball Camp for girls and boys ages 7-16. LPC employees get a discount. For details and registration, please visit <u>http://bit.ly/2sL9hP8.</u>



Head Men's Basketball Coach James Giacomazzi and his daughter gear up for camp.

## LPC Student Athletes' Success Raises the Bar

Congratulations to all of our student athletes and their coaches on a banner year! The Athletics Program held a May 12 banquet celebrating student success and honoring achievement. Diver Valentina Barbalinardo, who captured third- and fourth-place national rankings, was named Female Athlete of the Year. Basketball forward extraordinaire Stokley Chaffee was named Male Athlete of the Year. Swim and Water Polo standout Charissa Taylor won Female Scholar Athlete of the Year and swimmers Matt Lee and Emil Graversen, who earned top scores at the state and national level, were co-recipients of Male Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Swim and Dive reached new heights this year with its back-to-back championship win, record-breaking performances, and All-State and All-American athletes. "We continue to grow, become stronger, and represent our college very well at the state and national level," said Swim and Dive Head Coach Jason Craighead. "I received a lot of compliments from other coaches, not only on our performances and how our program has developed, but the sportsmanship and character which our team displays."

Many of our student athletes have won scholarships and have signed at top four-year colleges and universities, including NCAA institutions. Two athletes will continue their careers at Division 1 schools: Soccer player Marco Neves has been awarded a full athletic scholarship to Seton Hall University in New Jersey and Basketball player Stokley Chaffee has accepted a full scholarship offer to attend Tennessee State University. Kudos to LPC Dive Coach Monte Young, who was selected as the CCCAA Men's Diving Coach of the Year. This is his second award in the last three years, having been honored as the Women's Diving Coach of Year in 2015.



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