

## Fundraising Gala April 22



14th Annual Best of the Best Gala

April 22, 2017

6:00 – 10:30 p.m.

Mertes Center for the Arts

Tickets: [http://](http://www.lpcfoundation.org/news-events/foundation-events)

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It's the best! The LPC Foundation puts the fun in fundraising with its annual gala benefiting LPC's students and programs and supporting our mission of providing the highest quality education for our community. Guests can enjoy the best in performing arts, gourmet food, and fine local wine—including award-winners from our very own Las Positas College Cellars. Purchase tickets now by visiting the above website.

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## LPC and LLNL Win the 2017 East Bay Innovation Award



LPC Engineering Technology student veteran Steven Leahy works as a LLNL intern.

LPC and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) have been awarded the 2017 East Bay Innovation Award from the East Bay Economic Development Alliance for the Veterans to Technology education program, a degree program which combines career technical education with hands-on internships.

LPC and LLNL joined forces in 2013 to create the two-year Associate in Science degree in Engineering Technology to meet the demand for highly skilled engineering technologists in the East Bay. LLNL, alone, expects to hire 300 engineering technologists by 2020. The program was first offered in fall 2014, with the first cohort graduating in 2016. LLNL has already hired six of the first cohort's graduates, with a starting salary of about \$65,000 a year.

## Nothing But Net at The Nest!

## LPC Hosts Basketball State Championships—Again

For the second year in a row, LPC hosted the California Community College Athletic Association Men's and Women's Basketball State Championships in our gleaming gym, aka The Nest. Hundreds of visitors packed The Nest and filled local hotels and restaurants during the March 9-12 games. LPC was chosen to host for two consecutive years in part because of our outstanding Physical Education Complex. Kudos to all of the students, faculty, staff, and administrators who made this event a slam dunk!



**Reppin' LPC with Hawk Pride.** Student athletes representing Women's Basketball and Soccer greet visitors and sell snacks and tickets at the CCCAA Basketball State Championships.

Photos by Mary Lauffer

# LPC Celebrates Women's History Month

## Honoring Women Veterans

The Veterans First Program presented an inspiring 5th Annual Honoring Women Veterans event on March 1 in the Mertes Center, featuring the U.S. Air Force female Honor Guard, two keynote speakers, a women veterans panel discussion, and scholarship presentations.



Susan Campbell, right, representing the Valley Veterans Foundation, presents a \$10,000 STEM scholarship to LPC student veteran Destiny Goddu, a Student Veterans Organization president who is completing the Engineering Technology program, interning as an engineering technologist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and working on transfer requirements.

## Celebrate Women!

Women are honored and celebrated in a photography exhibit and competition in Building 2400. Awards will be presented at a reception from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on March 30 in Room 2420.

## Women and the Business of Art

On March 7, LPC hosted a panel discussion with professional women artists working in the art field.



Panelists share their art industry expertise and experience with our students.

# Theater Arts Presents *Brighton Beach Memoirs*

LPC Theater Arts will present Neil Simon's popular semi-autobiographical Broadway comedy *Brighton Beach Memoirs* on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from March 31 through April 9 in the Mertes Center Black Box Theater. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday performances are at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students/staff/seniors/military. Purchase tickets in advance at [www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts). With a cast and crew primarily comprised of LPC theater

students, *Brighton Beach Memoirs* is directed by Theater Arts Instructor Ken Ross. This heartwarming coming-of-age comedy paints a portrait of the playwright as a young teen in 1937 when he lived with his family in a crowded, lower-middle class walk-up in the Brighton Beach section of Brooklyn.



Actors rehearse a classic Neil Simon Broadway comedy.

# Seasoned Pro to Offer Students Career Advice



Karl Schroeder, President of Albertsons/Safeway Division, will present a talk, *Building Your Personal Brand*, as part of the 5th Annual Business and Entrepreneurship Speaker Series. The event will be held at 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, in the Multi-Disciplinary Building Lecture Hall, Room 2420. Presented by the Business Studies Program, the series is free and open to the public.

Mr. Schroeder, who began his higher education at a community college, will highlight 10 key tips for career success and share his story about how he began his Safeway career as a courtesy clerk and rose through the ranks to become a division president of the Fortune 100 company. He will also reveal qualities he seeks when hiring new employees and provide management insights based on his experience leading the efforts of almost 250 stores.



# Carnival Themed Club Day Captivates Crowds

Students filled the Quad for the March 10 Club Day, showcasing many of LPC's 30-plus clubs. This year's event featured a carnival theme, with clubs displaying their creativity for fun and games as well as recruitment. Following are just some of the many club activities: The Art and Design Club painted faces, Puente created a

goldfish toss and puppy-kissing booth, the Associated Students of LPC provided free food, the Engineering Club crafted a water gun game, and the Business Club devised a matching game with prizes.

Kudos to our innovative student clubs!



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## LPC News Notes

**Transfer Class.** Students can register now for a late-start online class, *Psychology-Counseling 18: University Transfer Planning*, to be held March 27 – May 19.

**Preschool Enrollment.** The Child Development Center's open enrollment period for this coming year's state preschool is March 20-24.

**Transgender Rights.** Members of the college and greater community gathered on campus on March 6 to voice support for transgender rights. A representative of Congressman Eric Swalwell delivered remarks.

**Veterans Advocacy.** Staff and student veterans traveled to Sacramento on March 8 for the California Community College Veterans Summit, participating in the advocacy event Operation Veterans Resource Center Funding.

**Music Careers.** Music faculty presented an Industry Roundtable on February 24, informing students about the field.

**President's Speaker Series.** The LPC Foundation sponsored an Organ Concert on February 28 by Philip Manwell, former LPC Music Instructor and Dean. An audience of campus and community members enjoyed the enchanting concert at the Asbury UMC Church in Livermore.



Christopher Hartwell

Philip Manwell welcomes guests before his organ concert in Livermore.

# CALENDAR

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

March 20 - 25	Spring Break
March 31-April 1	Swim and Dive Hawk Invitational, PE Complex
March 31-April 9	<i>Brighton Beach Memoirs</i> , Friday/Saturday, 8 PM and Sunday, 2 PM*
April 4	Business and Entrepreneurship Speaker Series, <i>Building Your Personal Brand</i> , 6-7 PM, RM 2420, free
April 7	Choral Concert, 8 PM*
April 10	LLNL/LPC Science and Engineering Seminar Series, <i>Additive Manufacturing</i> , 6-7:15 PM, RM 2420, free
April 14	Vocal Jazz Concert, 8 PM*
April 19	Majors Fair, 10 AM-2 PM, Mertes Center

**\*Mertes Center. Tickets and details:**  
**[laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](https://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts)**

Congratulations to our Men's and Women's Basketball teams on an awesome season! Keep up with Swim and Dive on the [Athletics website](#). Go, Hawks!

## Academic Senate Approves Resolution Reaffirming Values of Respect and Inclusivity

At its recent meeting, LPC's Academic Senate approved a resolution reaffirming its commitment to a diverse and inclusive campus respectful of students and employees of all ethnicities, religions, abilities, gender identities, sexual identities, racial identities, political viewpoints, and citizenships.

The document further resolves that faculty members value teaching and modeling inclusivity and respect, promoting academic freedom and free speech, and combatting prejudice and hate-speech in their classrooms and through their work as educators.



## Collecting for Our Community: Clothing Drive and Operation Backpack

LPC students have a proud tradition of giving back to our community. This spring, two organizations are asking for help providing necessities for the needy.

**Warm Clothing Drive.** Just in time to help you with spring cleaning, the Christ in Action Club is collecting gently used coats, jackets, sweaters, and shoes for the homeless and needy through April 14. Please find blue donation barrels in buildings 1600, 2000, and 2400.



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**Operation Backpack.** The Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society is collecting items for Operation Backpack, providing local homeless and at-risk youth with new backpacks and school supplies. For supply lists, visit <https://www.voa-ncnn.org/fill-a-backpack>. Please find blue donation barrels in buildings 600, 1600, and 2400.

Thank you for your support of our student organizations and the needy in our community!



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