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Dr. Dyrell Foster, Las Positas College President



LPC GOLF TOURNAMENT SUPPORTS STUDENT SUCCESS

On February 15th, the Las Positas College Foundation hosted a spirited Golf Tournament at the Ruby Hill Golf Club in Pleasanton, bringing together more than 60 community members, supporters, and campus leaders for a day of camaraderie and philanthropy in support of LPC students.

Thanks to the generosity of participants, sponsors, donors, and volunteers, the event raised nearly \$14,000 for student and program support at Las Positas College. These funds will help expand educational opportunities, remove barriers to completion, and strengthen programs that prepare students for academic achievement and career success in the Tri-Valley region.

The Foundation extends special appreciation to Board Member Veena Kaul for her outstanding leadership in organizing the tournament, to her son, LPC student Nikhil Kaul, for his invaluable assistance in coordinating event logistics, and to Veena and her husband, Raj Kaul, for graciously hosting the post-event mixer at their home. Their dedication and hospitality helped create a welcoming atmosphere that fostered meaningful connections among supporters of the college.

The Foundation is deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to the success of this event. The strong turnout and enthusiastic support underscore our community's shared commitment to empowering Las Positas College students and investing in the region's future workforce. Plans are already underway for next year's tournament, with the goal of building on this momentum and expanding the event's impact.

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A²MEND'S ANNUAL TASTE OF SOUL BRINGS THE LPC COMMUNITY TOGETHER



The A²MEND Annual Taste of Soul took place on February 18th in the student quad, bringing together students, faculty, administrators, and college leadership for an afternoon of culture and connection. LPC President Foster joined attendees in celebrating the lively atmosphere filled with soul music, games, and joyful interaction across the campus community.



The event featured the irresistible aroma of Southern Comfort Kitchen, adding authentic Southern flavor to the celebration. The first 250 attendees enjoyed fish, shrimp, and chicken sandwiches that quickly became a crowd favorite.

The A²MEND Program is committed to fostering mentor-based relationships that improve educational outcomes and help close achievement gaps for men of color. By creating meaningful connections, A²MEND helps strengthen students' sense of belonging and engagement on campus.



The Taste of Soul celebration was enhanced by the presence of the Black Cultural Resource Center (BCRC), which remained open throughout the event and was the perfect compliment to the energy of the day. The Center served as an inviting hub where attendees could relax, enjoy food, study, network, or simply spend time together. As a supportive and inclusive space, the BCRC provides students with access to resources that help them pursue their personal goals while feeling empowered to be themselves.

Laughter, music, and a shared spirit of unity made the Annual Taste of Soul a memorable experience for everyone there.

ACCCA 2026 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR, DR. NAN HO

Las Positas College congratulates Dr. Nan Ho on being named a co-recipient of the 2026 Volunteer of the Year Award from the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA).

Dr. Ho was recognized for her contributions to the planning team for the ACCCA Webinar Series. Established in 2000, the Volunteer of the Year Award honors members who go above and beyond by contributing their time, expertise, and talent to support the association's mission.

ACCCA works to support current and future California community college administrators through professional development, networking, and advocacy.

Congratulations, Dr. Ho, on this outstanding achievement!



WELCOMING THE YEAR OF THE FIRE HORSE



On February 25th, LPC hosted its 3rd Annual Lunar New Year Festival in the Student Quad, welcoming students, alumni, prospective students, faculty, staff, and community members to join in the vibrant celebration.

The festivities began with the rhythmic sounds of traditional music and a dragon dance that instantly energized the crowd. The excitement continued with a series of acts showcasing remarkable strength, flexibility, balance, and coordination. Each performance pushed the limits of physical skill and artistry, drawing enthusiastic applause from spectators. Guests also enjoyed delicious food provided by Panda Express, along with a variety of interactive games and activities.



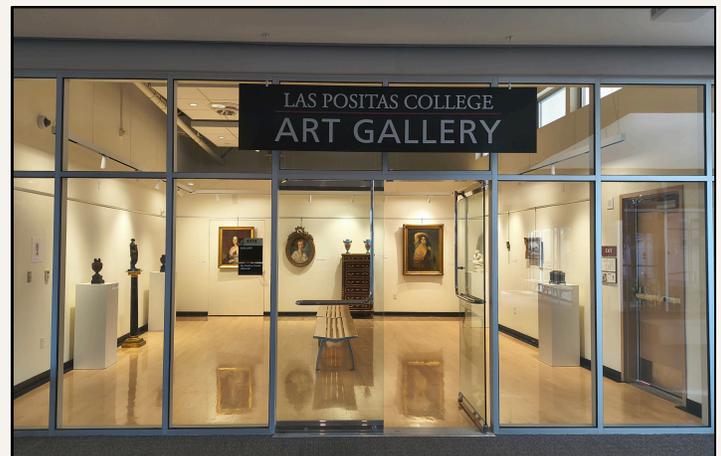
Lunar New Year marks the arrival of spring and the beginning of a new year on the lunisolar calendar. This year welcomes the Year of the Fire Horse, symbolizing strength, independence, and ambition. The festival reflected cultural appreciation, reinforcing LPC's ongoing commitment to inclusion, heritage, and shared experiences.

STUDENT LOANED COLLECTION TRANSFORMS THE ART GALLERY

During the month of February, the Las Positas Art Gallery featured Art of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, showcasing a remarkable collection of European and American paintings, sculptures, furniture, and ceramics from this influential period in art history. The exhibition, generously on loan from Las Positas College student Zane Henderson, offered students and other visitors a rare opportunity to experience historic works up close.

Spanning movements during these centuries, the exhibit highlighted topics being explored in LPC's art and humanities classes. The pieces reflect cultural and social changes and are part of an artistic evolution that helped shape the world today. Students were able to think beyond the book and see pieces from the era they are learning about, creating a more memorable connection.

The Las Positas Art Gallery continues to offer exhibitions that bring history to life. The Art of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries helped connect the past and present for students studying these topics and LPC is proud to have students who are able to help make these experiences possible.



SIP, SAVOR - WINE WEDNESDAY IS HERE!



On February 11th, doors opened for the very first Wine Wednesday tasting and sales event. Thanks to the incredible support of everyone who attended, the Return of the Hawk red blend completely sold out! The kickoff event was a huge success and Campus Hill Winery is grateful for such a wonderful start to their wine tasting and sales season.

If you missed the first one, don't worry — there are more opportunities to sip and savor with them this spring. Every tasting and purchase directly supports student education and provides real-world training for future wine industry leaders.

Campus Hill Winery is an amazing place for students to study viticulture and work alongside faculty and industry professionals to produce each bottle. It is their hope to eventually collaborate with local business partners and expand Campus Hill wines into the surrounding community. Stop by to support the next generation of winemakers while enjoying a unique campus experience. Cheers!



WINE WEDNESDAYS:

- March 11th
- April 8th
- May 13th

From 3:00 PM-6:00 PM
in Building 3600



LPC Mission

Las Positas College is an inclusive, learning-centered, equity-focused environment that offers educational opportunities and support for completion of students' transfer, degree, and career-technical goals while promoting lifelong learning.

College Priorities

Equity:

Establish a knowledge base and an appreciation for equity; create a sense of urgency about moving toward equity; institutionalize equity in decision-making, assessment, and accountability; and build capacity to resolve inequities.

Student Success & Completion:

Increase student success and completion through change in college practices and processes; coordinating needed academic support, removing barriers, and supporting focused professional development across the campus.

Health and Wellness:

Establish a knowledge base and an appreciation for health and wellness in the workplace; create a sense of urgency about wellness in decision-making, assessment, and accountability; and build capacity to support wellness.

BECOME A PRESIDENT'S SCHOLAR

Become a President's Scholar! Applications for the 2026–2027 cohort close on March 29th at 11:59 PM. This program offers a full scholarship covering tuition, fees, parking, and textbooks for two years. President's Scholars also gain valuable opportunities for leadership, service, and mentorship. Apply today at www.laspositascollege.edu



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