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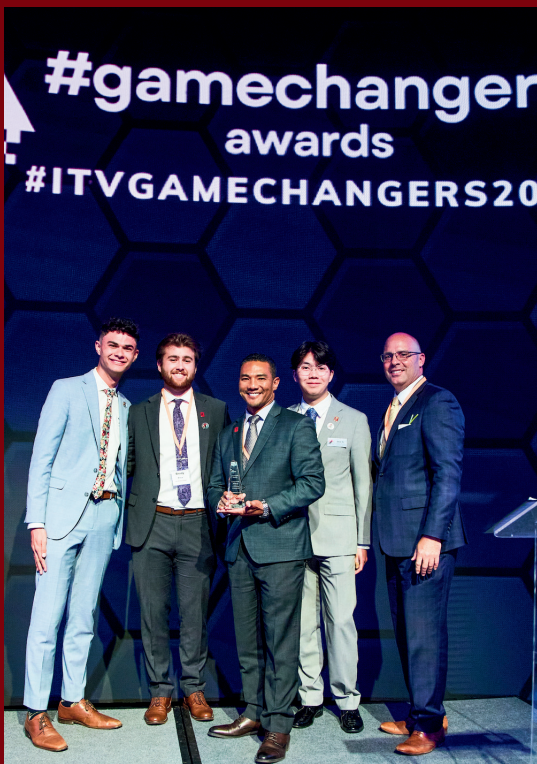
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The President's Monthly Report to the Board of Trustees, Campus, and Community

Dr. Dyrell Foster, Las Positas College President



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Las Positas College Receives ITV's Founder's Award

Las Positas College (LPC) continues to be a game changer in the Tri-Valley and beyond. This year Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group's (ITV) 2024 #GameChangers awards honored LPC with their Founder's Award. The award is a recognition of how the college is fostering innovation and strengthening the talent pipeline through industry partnerships. Kyle Johnson, an LPC alum, presented President Dyrell Foster and the LPC team with the award. Kyle received the ITV DreamMakers and RiskTakers award just two years back.

ITV is a collaborative group of industry leaders dedicated to the Tri-Valley: The Heart of California Innovation. By bringing together companies, non-profits, and regional thought leaders committed to innovation, ITV is enhancing the business climate, spurring job growth, and expanding the vibrant Tri-Valley community.

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Las Positas College is Host to Film Fest, Literary Arts Fest and Livermore Beer Fest!



Las Positas College hosted several festivals in the past weeks beginning with the LasPo Film Fest. This event took place on April 20 at the Mertes Center for the Arts, and is presented by the college's Film Studies and Photography programs. The festival showcases student and Alumni short films including narratives, documentaries, experimental, animations, and music videos. Students in middle school and high school were also encouraged to submit their works. The Film Fest awarded prizes and recognitions in filmmaking during this event.

On May 11, the Las Positas College Literary Arts Festival and the 8th Annual Livermore Valley Craft Beer Fest were both held on campus. This was the second year in a row that the Livermore Valley Craft Beer Festival raised funds for the LPC Fire Service Technology program that trains future firefighters. 42 breweries participated in this year's event.

The 4th Annual Literary Arts Festival went on without a hitch on the other side of campus. This year's keynote speaker was James Spooner who presented, "Community over Capitalism," as well as offered a zine/graphic novel workshop. James Spooner is an award winning graphic novelist, filmmaker and tattoo artist. His debut graphic novel, *The High Desert* was the LPC Campus Read for 2024. It was named "Best of 2022" by Publishers Weekly, The Washington Post and The New York Public Library.

The Lit Fest offered many other workshops and activities, some included Dera R. Williams, author and member of the San Francisco Grotto. Her workshop focused on teaching



James Spooner and Michelle Gonzales, LPC Professor



Dera R. Williams

the publication and submission process for agents, publishing houses and self-publishing. In addition, world-famous author Daniel Handler, offered a fireside chat with Megan Garcia, Community Education Coordinator, as well as a workshop titled, "How to Write Like a Burglar."



Daniel Handler, photo credit: Meredith Heuer



LPC Places Second in State Business Conference Competitions



Story by Mary Lauffer



Mary M. Lauffer, Business Professor with LPC Business Club students

LPC finished second place in competitions at the California Future Business Leaders of America State Business Leadership Conference in Emeryville on April 12-14. This is the second consecutive year that LPC Business Club students won second place, competing with students from two-year and four-year colleges and universities. Additionally, LPC earned the highest number of first-place wins.

Thirty-four LPC students participated and won awards for individual and team competitions that were both knowledge and performance based. Some were timed case studies in which students were required to analyze an issue, find a solution, and present it to a panel of judges. LPC students studied and practiced extensively to prepare for the competitions. The 36 competitive events included Management Case Study, Entrepreneurship Pitch, and Business Ethics. The conference featured business speakers and workshops in addition to the competitions.

LPC's Business Club is a chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America, the largest business career student organization in the world. The club, which has 48 members this year, offers workshops, presentations, and social events and is open to students in all majors.

Congratulations to our future business leaders of America!

LPC President Scholar Recognized & Dates to Remember



President Dyrell Foster, Delaney Roehrs, Supervisor Miley

Delaney Roehrs, a 2022 President Scholar, was honored on May 14 with a Commendation from Alameda County Board of Supervisors President, Mr. Nate Miley.

Delaney was commended for her outstanding achievements and contributions to the community and her dedication to academic excellence, leadership, and service.

Delaney will be graduating this year along with the first cohort of President Scholars.

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 Planning Priorities

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.

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.

Date	Time	Location	Event
May 24	12:00 PM & 2:30 PM	Bldg. 2500	LPC Commencement Ceremony
May 27	All Day	LPC Closed	Holiday
May 28	All Day		Summer Class Session Begins
June - July	N/A	LPC Closed Fridays	Summer Schedule on Campus
July 4	All Day	LPC Closed	Holiday
August 1	All Day	Campus Wide	Last Day of Summer Class Session
August 15	All Day	Campus Wide	Convocation Day / No Services Provided
August 16	All Day	Campus Wide	College Day / No Services Provided