



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

Dr. Dyrell Foster, Las Positas College President



LPC Theater Arts Presents *Macbeth*

Las Positas College's Theater Arts program is excited to bring William Shakespeare's iconic tragedy *Macbeth* to the Mertes Center for the Arts Black Box Theater. Running from October 25 to November 2, this thrilling production, directed by LPC's very own Theater Department Coordinator, Titian Lish, explores ambition, betrayal, and dark magic as Macbeth's quest for power leads him down a dangerous path of murder and madness.

Featuring a talented cast of 18, this modern adaptation of *Macbeth* includes non-traditional casting and bold costume designs inspired by high-fashion influences like Alexander McQueen. Don't miss this suspense-filled tale of power and fate—join us for two weekends of unforgettable performances. Tickets range from \$10 to \$20 and can be purchased online.



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RAZA ALI REPRESENTS LPC AT PENN RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Las Positas College student Raza Ali recently achieved a remarkable milestone by being one of only two community college students chosen to present at the National Research Conference at the University of Pennsylvania. His presentation, part of an honors project under the guidance of faculty mentor Segal Boaz, was titled 'Bioactive Molecules in Islamically Recommended Foods,' and merges traditional wisdom from his Muslim community with innovative biological research.

Raza's achievement not only highlights his individual excellence but also underscores the quality of LPC's Honors Transfer Program. Balancing his research with personal challenges, including serving as a primary caretaker for his grandmother, Raza's time at LPC reflects his hard work, academic talent, and determination to succeed.



LPC Invites Community to Preview Night

Las Positas College is excited to welcome prospective students, their families, and community members to Preview Night on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. This annual 'open house' event provides attendees with an opportunity to explore the college's academic programs, student services, modern facilities, and campus life. Through an academic program and student services fair, along with informative sessions, participants will gain valuable insights into what LPC has to offer.

Faculty, staff, and administrators will be available to answer questions about academic programs, student support services, and financial aid options. Highlights of the evening will include a student panel and information on concurrent/dual enrollment for high school students, UC and CSU transfer programs, as well as opportunities for adult learners to advance their education or shift career paths.



Please join us on campus to find out why LPC is the smart choice.

**Wednesday, October 16
5:00 - 7:00 pm**

5 pm to 6 pm - Visit tables and meet with representatives from many of our academic departments.

6 pm to 7 pm - Hear from Counselors, and LPC Students about the Las Positas College pathways.

Register Now!



HSI Grant Awarded to LPC

Las Positas College has been awarded the FY 2023 Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (DHSI) Program's FY 2023 grant. The grant project would commence on October 1, 2024 with a 5-year performance period. The project is titled: Guided Pathways Implementation as a Catalyst for Institutional Transformation. Funding would allow the college to: identify and recruit Hispanic/Latinx and low-income students (cohort) to the Guided Pathways program from high schools, community, and current LPC enrollees, provide comprehensive orientation and identification of pathway, development of comprehensive student educational plans, support Hispanic/Latinx and low-income students to complete first year of study, and student cohorts to be advised, tutored, and supported throughout their academic and personal journey. Funding for the project is in the total amount of \$2,998,459 from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2029.

Talk Hawks Soar at GGO Forensics Tournament

The Las Positas College Talk Hawks Speech and Debate Team is celebrating a remarkable season, highlighted by their recent triumph at the Golden Gate Opener (GGO) Forensics Speech and Debate Tournament held at San Francisco State University from September 27-28, 2024. Competing against 23 teams, the LPC squad showcased their exceptional skills and took home the First-Place Sweepstakes Award, finishing over 100 points ahead of the second-place team.

Lindsey LoBue was a standout at the tournament, earning the prestigious Top Speaker Award by accumulating the highest individual competitive points over the two-day event. The team achieved an impressive total of 50 individual awards, with several first-place performances. Notable wins included first places for Lindsey in Novice Informative, After-Dinner, and Impromptu Speaking, as well as 1st Place finishes for teammates Claire Willard, Zhulie Wahidi, Kiana Porr, Lindsay Ko So, and Elana Boyd in various categories.

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.

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