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

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Las Positas College Shines in the Independent's Cover Story

LPC received notable recognition in the September 5th edition of The Independent, with the headline, "Las Positas College Enrollment Grows 25% Over Past Two Years," and the subhead, "Expanded Programs, Supportive Environment are Major Draws."

The article highlights a 25% increase in enrollment over the past two years. Preliminary figures for this fall show a 9.6% rise from fall 2023, with enrollment exceeding 8,300 for the first time since the pandemic. LPC's fall classes are also currently 95% full, an all-time high.

The growth is attributed to a variety of factors, including the introduction of new academic and trade programs, state-of-the-art facilities, and a focus on creating a supportive campus environment. Recent developments include programs in viticulture and piano technology, as well as new buildings and facilities to support student success.

The article also notes that Las Positas College's commitment to a positive learning environment, expanded support services, and a focus on embracing and supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion has played a key role in this significant growth.



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LPC HOSTS MARYLIN AVE. STEAM ACADEMY

Livermore's Marilyn Ave. STEAM Academy, a title one elementary school, and Las Positas College (LPC) came together for its first ever STEAM Summer Camp, a 5-day camp that was held during the first week of August where rising 5th graders participated in interactive, STEAM-themed workshops led by our LPC faculty and Livermore Valley Joint School District teachers. Students enjoyed workshops, such as welding, chemistry, engineering, and graphic design. This collaboration aimed to inspire our young community members to explore and pursue studies in STEAM.



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LPC Welcome Back Week: A Tropical Blast to Kick Off the Fall Semester!

Las Positas College students were transported to a tropical paradise during our annual Welcome Back Week, hosted by LPC Student Government on September 4-5. The Main Quad and the boulevard outside Building 1600 were transformed with vibrant tropical decorations, from colorful leis and beach balls to palm trees, creating a fun island vibe.

Over 45 campus departments, programs, and clubs set up tables, offering a fantastic opportunity for students to connect with resources that support their academic and personal growth.

The event featured delicious free food, including tacos from a popular taco truck and refreshing treats from the Kona Ice Truck. With over 2,500 tacos served across the two days and a variety of shaved ice flavors available, everyone left satisfied. Students also enjoyed cooling off under canopies equipped with shade and misters, making for a comfortable and enjoyable experience despite the 100+ degree temperatures!

A great time was had by all as we celebrated the start of the fall semester in true tropical style!



LPC Bookstore Goes Virtual



Las Positas College is partnering with Follett to transition the LPC bookstore from a physical location to an online store starting September 28, 2024. This change is aimed at enhancing convenience and providing 24/7 access to essential resources and LPC merchandise.

Students will enjoy a streamlined shopping experience with access to textbooks, course materials, supplies, LPC-branded gear and gifts, and tech—all in one place. The online store will feature personalized recommendations, flexible delivery options, and an intuitive search function. To ensure a smooth transition, the current bookstore website will remain active.

Additionally, all in-store LPC clothing and gifts will be discounted from now until the end of September. We encourage students, faculty, staff, and our Board of Trustees to take advantage of these savings and show your LPC pride!

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.

Date	Event	Location
September 11	Remembering 09/11	BLDG 1000, RM 1011
October 20	Deadline to Apply for Associates degree / Certificate for fall	
October 24	Fall Flex Day	College Closed until 4:00 PM
November 11	Veterans Day	College Closed
November 27-30	Thanksgiving Recess	College Closed