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Dr. Dyrell Foster, Las Positas College President



LPC Fire Technology and Cal Fire Partner to Advance Industry Careers

Las Positas College (LPC) was proud to partner with Cal Fire to offer advanced training that bridges the gap between education and career advancement for firefighters. In November, LPC hosted 21 Cal Fire Hand Crew Firefighter I members from Santa Clara and San Mateo-Santa Cruz units for an intensive, 250-hour academy-style training program.

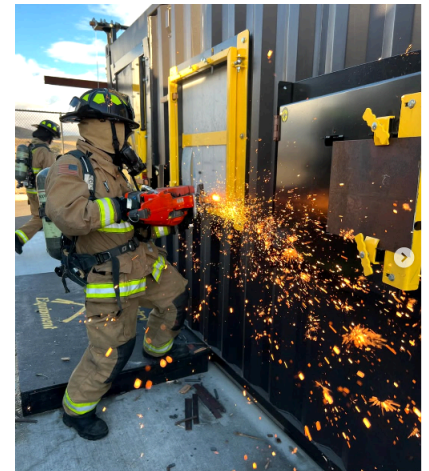
Held at LPC's state-of-the-art Public Safety Fire Training facility, the program prepared participants for promotion to full-time truck employees. Students successfully completed the State Fire Training Firefighter I Written and Skills Tests, along with specialized Cal Fire requirements.

"This program is a significant step forward for Cal Fire," said Chief Nicole Benty. "The collaboration with Las Positas College ensures our team is equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to advance their careers and better serve California communities."

With rigorous prerequisites and hands-on training, the program is designed to transform firefighter careers. LPC Fire Program Coordinator Captain George Freelen highlighted the program's impact: "This partnership is about more than meeting standards; it's about setting them."

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LPC SOCCER STAR SAUL TECLE NAMED NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR



LPC freshman forward Saul Teclé has made history by being named the United Soccer Coaches Junior College Division III National Player of the Year—the first LPC Soccer athlete to receive this prestigious honor. Originally from Frankfurt, Germany, Teclé led the Hawks with 27 goals this season, ranking 2nd in the nation and tying for 1st in California. His outstanding performance helped propel the Hawks to their deepest-ever playoff run in the 3C2A tournament.



“This is a historic moment for Saul and for LPC Athletics,” said Kevin Kramer, Dean of Public Safety, Athletics, Advanced Manufacturing, Transportation, Health, and Kinesiology (PATH) at Las Positas College. “His extraordinary talent, relentless work ethic, and leadership have elevated our program to new heights and set an incredible example for student-athletes.”



LPC'S 4TH ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARS PROGRAM



LPC is thrilled to announce the return of its prestigious President's Scholars Program this fall. Now in its fourth year, the program offers exceptional local high school students a comprehensive scholarship opportunity, including full tuition for two years, a \$1,000 annual bookstore credit, campus parking permits, and personal use of a laptop. Scholars also join a distinguished community of peers and participate in leadership, academic, and community service activities.



“This program is a reflection of our commitment to academic excellence and student success,” said LPC President Dr. Dyrell Foster. “Thanks to the generosity of LAM Research, Diablo Black Men’s Group, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the LPC Foundation, we’re able to support talented students in achieving their dreams while preparing them to make a lasting impact.”

Applications are open to high school seniors from local districts with a minimum 2.5 GPA. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2025.



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