



LAS POSITAS CONNECTION

The President's Monthly Report to the Board of Trustees, Campus, and Community | December 2018

Roanna Bennie, Las Positas College Interim President

High School Counselors Attend College

LPC Student Services held a High School Counselor Day on November 30. Over 35 counselors from the Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and Tracy school districts attended the event. In addition to a welcome message from Interim President, Roanna Bennie, and an introduction from Vice President Student Services, William Garcia, the counselors were provided with updates on the admission application, concurrent enrollment, Assembly Bill 705, Counseling Department, Federal student aid, California College Promise Grant, new academic programs at LPC, academic and student support programs, such as the Career & Transfer Center, Disability Resource Center, and the Tutorial Center. They were also provided with information on LPC's learning communities, including Engineering Technology, Gateway to Success, Puente Project, and the Umoja Program. The counselors were treated to lunch and given campus tours.

Trustee Dvorsky, 'You Will Be Missed'

After more than 30 years of unparalleled service as a Board of Trustee member, Ms. Isobel Dvorsky is honored as she exits her last term on the Board. The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (CLPCCD) Board of Trustees, Las Positas College staff, Chabot College staff, and members of the community gave thanks to Ms. Dvorsky at the November 13 Board meeting.



Her lengthy service brought the name of Chabot College and Las Positas College to the state and national arena as she represented the District in many roles throughout the years. She has represented Trustee Area 2 which encompasses the City of San Leandro. At the Board meeting, many voices praised her long and devoted service including Board President, Dr. Marshall Mitzman who closed the constituency remarks by thanking Ms. Dvorsky for "her unyielding support, devotion, and commitment to the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District.

Interim President's Contract Extended

The Board of Trustees approved an extension of Roanna Bennie's contract as LPC's Interim President through June 30, 2020 during the Board of Trustees meeting on November 13.

A large number of faculty and staff attended the meeting and spoke during the Public Comments section of the meeting showing immense support for Interim President Bennie. "Incredible collaboration, listening to our needs and concerns, communication, transparency, thoughtfulness, mutual respect and partnership, prioritizing the long-term health of the college, observing the bigger picture, and analyzing the college as a system" were just some of the words used to describe Interim President Bennie's leadership.

Prior to her current position, Ms. Bennie was serving as the Vice President of Academic Services. She has been in the Interim President role since the summer of 2017. Ms. Bennie recently made the decision to resign from her previous contract as Vice President of Academic Services to allow the college to have a permanent person in that leadership role after working with multiple interim VPs. The Board of Trustees accepted her resignation as VP at the November 13 meeting.

The search for a permanent Chancellor for CLPCCD continues.



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LPC Art and Design Club Out in the Community Making a Difference

Article Courtesy of Susan Lewis



Litter, graffiti and crime have been the new norm along the Livermore Arroyo Bike Trail. Homelessness, an increase in pollution in the stream, and personal safety remain a growing community concern. The Las Positas College Art and Design Club have partnered with the Livermore Beautification Committee to combat graffiti.

“The main point of this project is to bring our community together to take back the trail from blight, to encourage citizens to enhance the environment, and to negate the accumulation of trash. This project has brought together citizens of all ages and all levels of art talent” said Art and Design Club President, Susan Lewis.

Wildlife murals designed by the Art and Design Club has replaced the graffiti. Work on the first mural began in the fall of 2017 with two additional murals in 2018. The murals also serve to educate young children in our local schools about their surrounding environment. The murals feature Livermore’s native plants and wildlife.

All mural designs were presented by the Art and Design Club students for review and approval by the Beautification Committee and Livermore Art Council. With such a large-scale canvas for phase two and phase three, approximately 90 feet long and 15 feet high wall, the community was invited to participate in communal paint days. Accomplished artists were paired with a community member and jointly accomplished their image.

“This is the most gratifying and impactful project the Art and Design Club has undertaken” says Nessa Julian, Director, Student Equity and Success. The creation of a wildlife mural in our community is truly a surprise to those who frequent the trail. This project helps to address the current issues that involve graffiti, abatement, and crime, and it is a solution to improve current conditions of the trails.

The Art and Design Club’s next mural project will focus on a downtown parking garage at the Livermore Train Station opposite the Bankhead Theater with the theme of transportation past, present, and future. Design development is scheduled for January and February 2019, with approvals in March and painting in April and May 2019.



TVROP Middle College Receives Top Educational Honor



The Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program (TVROP) has been recognized with a top statewide educational honor, the *Golden Bell Award*, by the California School Boards Association (CSBA). TVROP received the award for **The Vision, the Partnerships, & the Resounding Success: Middle College High School at Las Positas College**. In this program, students are able to complete their high school diploma while earning up to 44 college units. This positions the students to transfer to a four-year institution as they pursue their long-term educational and career goals. There are 140 students participating in the Middle College Program at Las Positas College.



Julie Duncan, TVROP Superintendent commented “I want to thank Las Positas College and our Member Districts’ Trustees and staff at Dublin, Livermore Valley Joint, and Pleasanton Unified School Districts for having the faith and courage to take on a program that is truly an original. This program is the definition of collaboration and regional partnerships that is hard to find anywhere in the state.”

According to CSBA CEO & Executive Director Vernon M. Billy, “The Golden Bell recipients exemplify the spirit of innovation and excellence for which all of California’s public schools strive.”

LPC Set to Become an Accredited Regional Training Program in the State Fire Training System

The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Office of the State Fire Marshall has recommended that Las Positas College become an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system for an initial accreditation period of three years. The State Accredited Fire Academy program will provide certificates from State Fire Training (SFT) and the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG). This program and other similar programs statewide are intended to provide an educated recruit base for fire departments in the state of California.

The goal and objective of LPC’s Fire Academy program is to provide an academic, behavioral, physical, and manipulative skills base, which will enable a student upon graduation

to successfully compete for an entry-level firefighter position and to complete a department’s probationary requirements.

LPC’s program is designed to meet the dynamic challenges of fire department needs for pre-service recruits in the 21st century and enable students to successfully become employed by fire departments throughout the state of California and within the Alameda County Community College Districts’ service area. It is with great expectations that LPC Fire Academy graduates will become employed in every fire department in Alameda County as well as other departments in California or other states.

New & Continuing Students on the FastPass at LPC

New and returning students took advantage of the “FastPass” event hosted by Student Services the week of November 26. Students were able to complete the matriculation steps including admission application, financial aid application, online orientation, assessment testing, student educational plans, course registration and payment of fees in one visit.

Increasing Number of Students Take Bus to LPC

The Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) has reported that the number of Wheels bus riders to LPC for September and October are up 27% from last year. LPC students who pay the transportation fee of \$8 or \$9 (depending upon number of units enrolled each semester) may ride the Wheels and Rapid routes without having to pay the bus fare. LAVTA provides public transportation for the Tri-Valley communities.

CALENDAR

Please visit our website for more details about the latest news and events.

December 4	DSPS Open House
December 5	Men's Basketball vs. Gavilan, 5:00 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Gavilan, 7:00 p.m.
December 6	Holiday Breakfast, 8:00-10:00 a.m., B. 4000 Lobby
December 13	Holiday Concert, 7:00 p.m. Main Stage Theater
December 13	Men's Basketball at Monterey Peninsula, TBA Women's Basketball at Monterey Peninsula, TBA
December 14	Musical Theater Showcase, 8:00 pm, Black Box
December 14	Men's Basketball at Folsom Lake, TBA
December 15	Women's Basketball at Folsom Lake, TBA
December 21	Men's Basketball at San Jose, 5:00 p.m.
December 28	Women's Basketball vs. DeAnza College, TBA
December 29	Men's Basketball vs. DeAnza College, TBA



Holiday Concert



Join the entire Las Positas College Music Department for their annual Holiday Concert featuring Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combos, Chamber Choir, and Vocal East Jazz Ensemble. This diverse event has something for listeners of all ages and backgrounds. Showtime is December 13, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Main Stage Theater.

Musical Theater Showcase

December 14, 2018

8:00 p.m.

Black Box Theater
Free



LPC News in Brief

The Market: LPC Student Government will offer “The Market” on December 18 from 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. on the Student Government Patio in front of Building 1600. Free groceries will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis until food runs out.

Air Quality: Due to the recent poor regional air quality, classes were cancelled Thursday, November 15 through Sunday, November 18. The campus reopened and classes were held on Monday and Tuesday, November 19 and 20 prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.

LPC Club Helping Foster Youth: The Christ in Action

Club is hosting a “game drive” for “The Refuge,” a group of five teen foster homes for both boys and girls, ages 13-17, in Oakland. Collection barrels are located throughout the campus and the Club is asking for games that may have been collecting dust in your closet. New games are always welcome also.



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