



# CONNECTION

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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's Holiday Breakfast

The LPC Classified Staff and Faculty discovered the joy of the season at the annual LPC Administrator's Breakfast. The event was a blend of camaraderie, a delicious meal served by LPC Administrators, a surprise visit by the Grinch, and Santa himself.

This was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the hand work of our Classified Professionals and Faculty this year. There was a not so ugly sweater contest and visit by the Little Hawks, the children of the Early Childhood Education Program.

Season's Greetings to all and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year!



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# LPC Invited to Apply for the 2025 Aspen Prize

Las Positas College has been invited to apply to the Aspen Institute Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.

The \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, awarded every two years, is the nation's signature recognition for America's community colleges—as President Obama called it, “basically the Oscars for great community colleges.” The Aspen Prize honors colleges with outstanding achievement in six critical areas: teaching and learning, certificate and degree completion, transfer and bachelor's attainment, workforce success, access, and equity for students of color and students from low-income backgrounds.

By focusing on student success and lifting up models that work, the Aspen Prize aims to celebrate excellence, advance a focus on equitable student success, and stimulate replication of effective culture and practice.

The College is one of 150 institutions invited to apply for this prestigious award. It is a two-year-long process that assesses student outcomes at over 1,000 U.S. community colleges, leading to the selection of 10 finalist and, ultimately, one winner.

Good Luck LPC!



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# Ribbon Cutting at Las Positas College for Academic Support and Office Building



Las Positas College was host to over 150 guests to celebrate the ribbon cutting of the newly built Academic Support and Office Building and Landscape Project. The building includes classrooms, computer labs, the tutoring center and the expansion of the College library. Funds for this project came from Measure A, a \$950 million bond that was approved by voters seven years ago.

The project was awarded the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification for its efficient, cost-saving and green construction process. The LEED recognition is said to honor the building's environmental, fiscal and social benefits.

The Landscape renovation project is a series of outdoor upgrades to the campus landscape. Designed by Cupples Keller Designs with input from LPC students and college staff, the outdoor space rests at the entrance of the Student Services & Administration Building (Building 1600). Completed upgrades include a new "Las Positas College" sign, new grass and trees, and outdoor seating areas.

Students, staff and community members are welcome to enjoy the newly completed building and outdoor spaces.



# LPC in the Community



## President Dyrell Foster Appointed to Workforce Development Board

President Dyrell Foster was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to the Alameda County Workforce Development Board (ACWDB). ACWDB members are respected leaders from different businesses and agencies (private and public) and bring a wealth of experience and diverse perspectives to workforce.

The ACWDB is a 27-member employer-led body responsible for overseeing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I program, outside the city of Oakland.

WIOA services are available to meet the training and employment needs of local area job seekers, including youth and young adults. Business services are also available to help employers meet their goals around talent recruitment and business training needs.



## LPCSG Attends the SSCCC Advocacy Academy



The Student Senate for California Community College's (SSCCC) Advocacy Academy is an event that was held to educate student leaders and provide them with the tools to create lasting change in their respective college campuses. This event included multiple guest speakers that included student government senators and college counselors.

The main focus of this event was to expand the student government officers understanding of student advocacy, to help them express the student voice, and persuade them to advocate for their constituents. It also provided an opportunity to engage with campus leaders, board of trustee members, legislators, and other staff.

Brody Price, LPC Student Body President said, "I learned how to better collect and categorize data with surveys, also known as coding, to understand student concerns and issues and represent the students' voice."

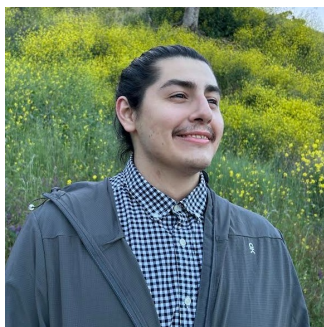


# Innovation Tri-Valley's DreamMakers & RiskTakers Awards

The Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group honored 11 standout young trailblazers with its 13th annual Tri-Valley DreamMakers & RiskTakers Awards. The morning ceremony was emceed by Stephanie Beasley, executive strategy professional at Sandia National Laboratories, and College President Dyrell Foster – the group's board chair and vice chair, respectively.

This year's Dreammakers and Risktaker Award for Las Positas College is Daniel Santoyo.

ITV officials noted that Daniel has "profoundly influenced Las Positas College's Tutoring Center processes by developing data visualization platforms using key performance indicators for student retention and satisfaction. Taking his knowledge and experience beyond the Tutoring Center, Daniel spent last summer conducting bioinformatics research on mice RNA sequences as a research fellow at UC Merced."



## 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	Event
December 25 - January 1	College Closed - Winter Break
January 15	College Closed - Martin Luther King Jr.
January 16	Spring Semester Instruction Begins
March 2	Priority California Financial Aid Deadline