

Interim Chancellor Attends Town Meeting



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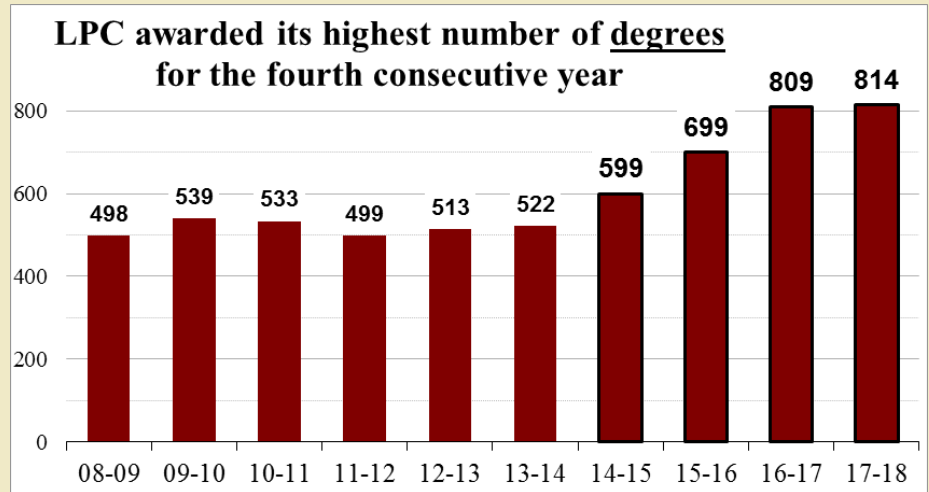
Dr. Thomas Fallo, Interim Chancellor for the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District attended LPC's Town Meeting in October. Chancellor Fallo has had a 45 year career in the California Community College system. He retired in 2016 as Superintendent/President of El Camino College after serving 21 years as President. Chancellor Fallo most recently served as Interim Chancellor for South Orange County Community College District and previously worked at the Los Angeles Community College District as Vice Chancellor of Business Services and Interim Chancellor. The search for a permanent Chancellor for CLPCCD has begun.

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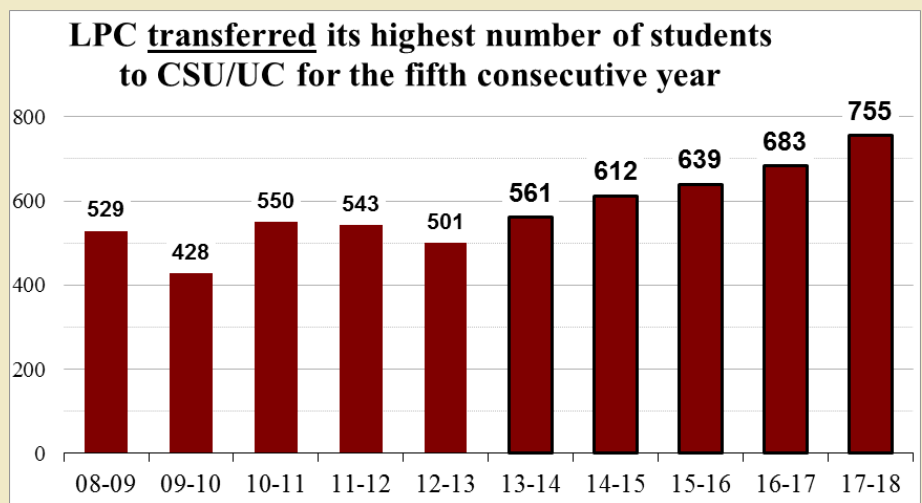
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Record Highs at Las Positas College

Key goals of Las Positas College's mission are to provide students with educational opportunities and support for completing an associate degree or transferring to a 4-year university. Based on the data, Las Positas College has continued to award its highest number of degrees and transfer an unprecedented number of its students to CSU or UC.



Source: CLPCCD Institutional Research Data Set.



Sources: Information Center, University of California; Division of Analytic Studies, California State University.

Students First

Veterans Program Receives \$200k in New Funding

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office recently allocated \$8.5 million to 59 community colleges that have veterans resource centers, and after submitting their application for the Veterans Resource Center State grant, LPC will receive \$200k of those funds. The funds will be used to support veterans as they transition to civilian life. The goal of the one-time funding is to support those California Community Colleges that have no Veterans Resource Center, or ones that have a limited Veterans Resource Center. In addition, the goal is to develop, expand, or increase programs and services available to veteran students. The funds will help to increase awareness, access, and usage of student support services. The new funding will also allow LPC's Veterans First Program to augment Operation Gateway, the two-day intensive new student orientation for veterans, provide additional academic support services for students completing gateway courses, and improve case management to promote student success.

Brewers on Tap for Business Lessons

Photo courtesy of Mary Lauffer



Academic Dean Amir Law, Ed.D. (far left) moderates the discussion among guest panelists (left to right) George Beardsley, Brian Blackburn, and Stephen Sartori.

Entrepreneurial expertise was on tap October 1 at Las Positas College's 6th Annual Business and Entrepreneurship Speaker Series event, "Brewing Up a Business: A Panel Discussion of Top Livermore Brewers." Presented by the Business Studies Program, the series brings Bay Area business leaders to campus to share their expertise with students and the community. Events are free and open to the public. Attending the event were members of the community and students in a wide range of majors, including business, welding, and viticulture.

Panelists included the following three brewers: Eight Bridges Brewing Company President George Beardsley, Shadow Puppet Brewing Company Founder and CEO Brian Blackburn, and Altamont Beer Works Owner/Head Brewer Stephen Sartori. Serving as moderator was Amir Law, Ed.D., Dean of Business, Health, Athletics, Work Experience, and Kinesiology.

The panelists shared stories about starting their breweries, described the life of an entrepreneur, and stressed the importance of business education and experience in their success.

Great Shakeout Earthquake Drill

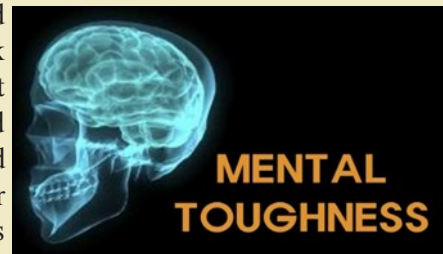


Las Positas College students and employees will **DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON** during the Great ShakeOut Earthquake drill scheduled for October 18, 2018 at 10:18 a.m.



Athletics Hosts Mental Toughness Speaker

On September 26, the Athletics Department hosted nationally recognized speaker, Mark Potter, who made the journey from Sedan, Kansas to speak about mental toughness strategies and what he called a “silent epidemic.” He defines silent epidemic as the lack of communication and conversations regarding anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Potter and his wife, Nanette, recently formed **d2up**, a company which stands for “Dedicated to Uncommon Principles.” Potter speaks on many topics including mental toughness and motivation. He shares the story of his personal battle with severe depression. Thirteen years ago as a successful coach, Potter knew “something wasn’t right and he began a downward spiral into a world of darkness.” In spite of his dedication, Potter missed basketball games and practices due to severe depression. Since that time, he has been on a crusade to educate and encourage others suffering from mental illness to seek assistance. His passion is to share his story in hopes that people will pursue treatment and find a way to live productively with mental illness. Nanette often shares her perspective to encourage those living with someone suffering from a mental illness. Potter was named coach of the year five times and has been named top 15 most influential people in the Wichita sports world. He was recently inducted into the Wichita Sports Hall of Fame. James Giacomazzi, LPC Men’s Basketball Coach, first heard Potter speak during a CCCAD convention and shared that he was so impressed and inspired by the passion of Potter’s words and the vulnerability in which he spoke, he personally introduced himself, thanked him, and invited him to speak at LPC.



Veterans First Program Holds Cycling and Walking Event

The Las Positas College Veterans First Program hosted a pair of fundraising events on October 6. Over 250 cyclists participated in a 30, 55, or 115-mile cycling event. Over 120 walkers including children, dogs, and the San Jose Shark’s mascot, Sharkie, participated in a 2.2 mile Campus Challenge Walk. Challenge stations were set up and sponsored by the Student Veterans Organization, veteran’s representatives from LLNL Veterans Energy Technology and Science (VETS), the Army, the Marines, LPC’s Automotive and Fire Sciences Departments, LPC’s Swim Team, and VFP/Therapy Dogs. This event was a tremendous success thanks to many volunteers, including Blue Star Moms, Rotary of Livermore, Pleasanton Military Families, SVO, and VFP. LPC campus staff supporting the event included Campus Safety, LPC Veterans First staff, and Maintenance and Operations. Special thanks go out to the many sponsors including John Muir Health, SAP, KLA Tencor, Webcorbuilders, 6 Fifteen Cyclery, Kohls, Osmo, Jamba Juice, Chabot Credit Union, Sutter Health, CJM Associates, Omega Road Winery, and Altamont Beer Works.



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CALENDAR

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

October 16	Asian-American Bone Marrow Donor Drive, 11:00 a.m., Building 1600 Courtyard
October 16	The Market Food Pantry, Student Government Patio, 1:00 p.m.
October 17	Job & Internship Fair, 11:00 a.m., LPC Quad
October 18	Jazz Ensemble & Orchestra, LPC Main Stage* 7PM, \$5-10
October 19-28	Arcadia, LPC Black Box*, Various times, \$10-15
October 24	Public Safety Majors Fair, 10:00 a.m., LPC Quad
October 30	Health Fair & Wellness Screening, 11:00 a.m., Quad
November 1	LPC Jazz Combos Concert, Main Stage* 7:00 p.m.
November 8	LPC Music of the World, Main Stage* 7:00 p.m.
November 9	Chancellor's Award Luncheon, Roundhouse Market & Conference Center, San Ramon, 11:30 a.m.

**Mertes Center for the Arts. Tickets available online at laspositascollege.edu/performingarts*

Music Department Welcomes New Instructors



LPC welcomes eight new part-time instructors to the Music Department. Joining the brass faculty are Mario Silva, an American trumpeter, composer, and arranger who holds a master's degree from California State University East Bay; Will Baker, a bass trombonist who graduated from UCLA and Northwestern University; and Sadie Glass, a hornist who also plays for the Monterey Symphony. Joining the percussion faculty is Vinnie Rodriguez, an elementary school teacher, and Michael Downing a professor of percussion at Fresno Pacific University and the University of the Pacific. Joining the strings department faculty are violinist Rebecca Wishnia who is also a violin/viola instructor at New World Music Academy and cellist Jessica Ivry who is also an orchestra teacher of the Piedmont Unified School District. Lastly, we welcome new bassoon instructor, Katie Brunner, to the woodwind faculty. Brunner is a graduate of Indiana University.

Transfer Day

Transfer Day held on September 24th was a great success with 47 colleges and universities and over 300 students attending. All UC campuses, 8 CSU campuses, and colleges from Oregon, Nevada, and Arizona attended.



LPC News in Brief

Flex Day: Professional development will be offered to Faculty and Classified Professionals during Flex Day on October 23. Over 30 workshops will be offered. The keynote seminar will be "Guided Pathways — Voice of LPC."

Middle College Open House: Scheduled for October 23, School District Administrators and Staff, Board of Trustees, and students, parents, and families will enjoy tours of the campus and classrooms and learn more about the Middle College program.

LPC Students Win 48 Hour Film Project: Five students took home the top prizes at the 48-Hour Film Project in San Francisco recently. The film, titled "Special," is a "sci-fi film mockumentary made to capture the life of a scientifically created boy born from synthetic DNA." The students were just 1 of 36 teams across the Bay Area who competed and turned in a short film in only 48 hours. Congratulations go to Sami Cowan, Alynn Lima, Celia Reddoch, Seth Benton, and Geneva May Colcol. Check out the full story in the LPC Express Newspaper at: <http://lpcexpressnews.com>



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