

15th Annual Poetry Slam

LPC welcomes back its annual Poetry Slam and contest. Fifteen years strong, the Poetry Slam will allow students to de-stress and express themselves during the last week of classes. This year's slam is hosted by the Speak Easy Poetry Squad and Bri Blue, a slam national finalist. Students who perform have the chance to win prizes. The event is free to attend and will be held in the Mertes Center for the Arts Black Box Theater on May 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Havik Book Release

This year's edition of the *Las Positas Anthology* was rebranded as *Havik*. The book release ceremony for *Havik: Rise* will take place Saturday, May 19th, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., in room 2409. Copies will be available for purchase. In addition to art and photograph displays, an awards ceremony will be held for prizewinners in the prose, poetry, photography, and arts categories during the event. Local artists will also provide music during the event.

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Dr. Barry Russell Announces Retirement

"Dr. Russell's love for the college, the students, and the staff was always evident through everything he did." —Chancellor Jannett Jackson



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Dr. Russell served as the sixth president of Las Positas College. He began his tenure at LPC after serving as the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office in Sacramento from 2009-2013.

Las Positas College honored Dr. Barry Russell with a retirement reception on Tuesday, April 17th. Attendees included LPC classified staff, faculty, students, and many community leaders.

Dr. Russell said, "... I am delighted to say that I am proud of the work we have accomplished and the goals we have achieved at the college. The coordinated efforts of the faculty, staff, and administration have made a significant difference for all involved with the college. I leave behind many friends and co-workers who have become my 'close family' over the course of these last years." Chancellor, Jannett Jackson, closed with, "He always did a tremendous job at expanding our community outreach and building new partnerships with area businesses and non-profit organizations throughout his five-year tenure. Dr. Russell has always been focused on bringing new educational opportunities to our students. He will be truly missed, and we wish him only the best in this new chapter of his life."

Dr. Barry Russell addresses the crowd at his retirement reception.

President Bennie Congratulates Campus Groups on Year-End Celebrations

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| • Classified Professionals | • Student-Athletes |
| • Middle College | • Puente |
| • Scholarship Recipients | • International Students |
| • Transfer Center | • Veterans |
| • Umoja | • EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs |

CALENDAR

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

May 15	Transfer Celebration, 10AM, Room 1604
May 15	Viticulture & Winery Technology Seminar 6 PM, Room 1814, Free
May 16	Poetry Slam, 7PM, Mertes Center Black Box Theater Free
May 17	Celebrating New Music, 7 PM, Mertes Center*
May 18	Scholarship Awards Night, 7PM, Mertes Center Free
May 18-19	Children's Theater Production, 7PM Friday 2PM Saturday, Location TBA
May 26	Commencement, 10AM, 2500 Gym

*Tickets available at laspositascollege.edu/performing_arts

Success at Reno Jazz Festival

The LPC Music Department traveled to Reno, NV the last weekend in April. The department's Vocal East Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo competed in their respective categories. Both LPC ensembles received "superior" ratings from their adjudicators. Six students received "Outstanding Soloist" awards. Vocal East was awarded 3rd place overall in the 2-Year College category. Our students represented LPC well, showcasing dedication, musicianship, focus, and joy in their experience. The music department closes the semester with a final concert, "Celebrating New Music", on May 17th.

Hawks Swim and Dive Teams End Season on a High Note



For the first time in seven years, the California Community College Athletic Association held the swimming and diving championships in Northern

California. DeAnza College was hosted this year's meet on May 3rd, 4th, and 5th. After sweeping the Coast Conference championship for the fourth year running, Las Positas College sent 17 athletes to the state meet - seven female swimmers and one diver and nine male swimmers. The Hawks qualified for all five relays for

both men and women. At the conclusion of the meet, both the women and men finished 19th overall. Women swimmers broke three relay records and one Coast Conference record. This is the third consecutive year that both the women and men finished in the top 10 in the state. Athletes included: Mackenzie Bammer, Amaya Batiza, Stephanie Cromwell, Gabriela Perez Del Rio, Hannah Tsui, Julia Vares, Brooke Christian, Negin Tehranian-Torgabeh, Audrk Antonio, Nikolas Cory, Andrew Doss, Michael Eckles, Lawrence Li, Addison McLaggan, Esteban Perez Del Rio, and Caleb Wagner.

Mark Tarte Honored



Photo Courtesy of David Johnson

Mark Tarte receives honors from Assemblywoman Catherine Baker.

Assemblywoman Catharine Baker, 16th Assembly District, presented Mark Tarte, Administration of Justice Instructor, with Legislative Recognition for his profound commitment to Las Positas College and the Tri-Valley Educational Valley Collaborative/Criminal Justice Academy. Mr. Tarte will be retiring from LPC this June.



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