



LAS POSITAS CONNECTION

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Roanna Bennie, Las Positas College Interim President

Facilities Master Plan Open House



Las Positas College shared its updated Draft Facilities Master Plan (FMP) with the Las Positas College and Tri-Valley community on Wednesday, February 6, 2019.

The draft plans will continue to be on display for staff, faculty, students and community members to view and provide comments through April 8, 2019, as well as to note their preference on which projects should be prioritized prior to the FMP receiving final approval from the Board of Trustees.



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Veterans First Program Receives Safeway Foundation Grant

The Safeway Foundation has awarded a grant in the amount of \$35,000 to help The Las Positas College Veterans First Program support services to those who have served, in the armed forces, are currently serving, or are dependents and spouses of Veterans.

The LPC Veterans First Program is primarily responsible for the administration of veterans educational benefits programs. They provide other resources and contacts, such as career planning, financial aid, transition counseling services, and other needed services for our returning Veterans. The goal is to provide the Veterans and their families with resources and services that will help them achieve their educational goals.

The next time you visit your neighborhood Safeway, please help us express our deepest gratitude to the store (and their great customers) for their support of Las Positas College Veterans First Program.



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Additional Accreditation for LPC's Fire Academy

Las Positas College's Fire Academy was recently recommended by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and the Office of the State Fire Marshall, State Fire Training Division (OSFM-SFT) as an Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) in the State Fire Training (SFT) system. The program, accredited for an initial period of three years, will provide certificates from SFT and the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) and is intended to provide an educated recruit base for fire departments in the state of California. The first academy class under the new accreditation started their work on January 2019, with 30 students under the tutelage of LPFD firefighters and officers appointed to teach through the semester. The first cohort of students are slated to graduate May 2019.



LPC Men's Basketball Team Make Playoffs!



Men's Basketball roster left to right: Tyler Langowski, Decaurey Brown, Goose Persin, Michael Hayes, Elan Spencer, Asst. Head Coach - Jordan Whittenburg, Head Coach - James Giacomazzi, Asst. Coach - Spencer Wood, Alafia Oluwosogo, Nana Appiah, Wesley Burse, Marc Starling, John Ketchel, and Alvon Marshall.

The Las Positas College Men's Basketball Team made the playoffs for the 4th consecutive year under the leadership of Head Coach James Giacomazzi, Assistant Head Coach Jordan Whittenburg, and Assistant Coach Spencer Wood. The Team received the 11th seed for the Northern California Regional playoffs. The Hawks (21-6), who finished second in the Coast Conference-North Division, traveled to No. 6 Santa Rosa (21-7) but came up short with 88-75 final score.

The Men's Team ended with season honors: Michael Hayes is 1st Team All-Conference, #3 scorer in California, #1 rebounder in Conference; John Ketchel 1st Team All-Conference, and #1 Assist in California; Alafia Oluwosogo: 2nd Team All Conference.

Women's Basketball Team Ends Season

The eager Women's Basketball team finished conference play with a 77-54 loss at Skyline on Feb. 20. Ashley Hart led the Hawks with a triple-double of 15 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists, and Alexis Caringal and Taylor Freitas both scoring 10 points.

The team ended their season: Ashley Hart as 1st Team All Conference, 7th in State in scoring and 3rd in Conference scoring, 1st in State & Conference steals, 1st in Conference blocks, and was selected to play in the Sophomore Showcase; Taylor Freitas was selected to play in the Sophomore Showcase; Alexis Caringal-Holmes is reserve for the Sophomore Showcase.



Women's Basketball Roster in no order: Kiara Jones, Jadey Thorsteinson, Rahia Gedde, Ashley Hart, Aliyah Barone, Alexis Caringal, Eme Espinoza, Brandy Robles, Taylor Freitas, Head Coach - Clarence Morgan, Assistant Coach - Jeannette Bumagat, and Manager - Chelsey Thornsteinson.

Students Earn and Learn in Work-Based Learning Program

Courtesy of Mary Lauffer

In LPC's Work-Based Learning Program, students earn and learn: They earn income and college credit for working and they learn valuable work and career skills to support their success.

Serving students in all majors, the program offers work experience classes, The Las Positas College Internship & Job Board, and job and internship fairs. The program also develops partnerships with area employers who offer our students opportunities in the workforce.

Student internships are on the rise with many of our industry and business partners in diverse areas such as engineering, information technology, business, and marketing. Students in LPC's award-winning Engineering Technology Program have landed internships with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories, Dräxlmaier, Lam Research, Nationwide Boiler Inc., Metal Improvement Company - Curtiss-Wright Surface Technologies, and other prestigious employers. Many of these students are veterans.



A Transit Authority marketing and communications supervisor, left, and LPC student intern.

Last spring, Kaiser Permanente began hiring our students for new information technology internships and apprenticeships at the Kaiser Pleasanton Technology Campus. Kaiser is hiring more of our students this year as well. Some of our many other internship partners include UNCLE Credit Union, 1st United Credit Union, Armanino accounting firm, and Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority. After their internships, students often land permanent positions with their employers.

LPC also collaborates with the community partners including Innovation Tri-Valley, the Pedrozzi Foundation, and The Switch to offer the Boomerang Program, which seeks to bring bright students studying throughout the country back home to the Livermore area for the summer. Students get internships at The Switch, a startup workspace, and also enroll in our Work Experience classes. In a Work Experience class, students earn college credit and learn valuable 21st century work skills while they are working. Often, they earn promotions and raises as well. "This class did a great job in helping me improve my relationship and communication with my boss," said one student. "My boss really enjoyed this class and was very invested in helping me complete it. I even got a raise!"

Many thanks go to all of our valued business and industry partners. Together, we build a strong workforce and provide pathways for student success.

Black History Month Celebrations at LPC



Calendar

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

March 07	Honoring Women Veterans
March 07	Behold Livermorium
March 08	Straight Talk about Gay Conversion
March 08 -17	LPC Theater Art Presents : "The Drowsy Chaperone"
March 12	Job and Internship Fair
March 12	Student Tax Assistance
March 13	13 Reasons Why Not
March 14	From Julie Dash to Beyoncé: Screen Sisters
March 16	Rillamas Serrada Escrima
March 19	The Market Pantry
March 21	Jazz Ensemble & Orchestra
March 25	Tax Assistance



Reminder that daylight savings time in California begins Sunday - March 10, 2019.

Business Program to Host Tech Management Speaker

Courtesy of Mary Lauffer

A Bay Area tech executive will share his career insights as part of Las Positas College's 7th Annual Business and Entrepreneurship Speaker Series. This event brings Bay Area business leaders to campus to share their expertise with students and the community.

David Rowley, Chief Technology Officer of Ask Media Group, will present "From Coding to the Board Room: Lessons from a Career in Tech Management" at 6:00-6:50 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, in the Multi-Disciplinary Building Lecture Hall, Room 2420. Sponsored by the Business Studies Program, the series is free and open to the public.



Speaker David Rowley

Two New Music Certificates at LPC!

Beginning this Fall LPC will begin to offer two new music certificates to students: Scoring for Field and Visual Media, and Jazz Studies. Scoring for Film and Visual Media is designed to prepare students to enter careers related to film scoring and video game music. For students more interested in performance, LPC will now offer a Jazz Studies certificate. This certificate was developed by faculty Dan Marschak, Ian Brekke, and Cindy Browne Rosefield as jazz musicians who saw the opportunity to expand LPC's offerings. The Jazz Studies certificate is offered as part of an articulation agreement with California Jazz Conservatory.

LPC News in Brief

Measure A Call for Comment - The draft plans will be on display for staff, faculty, students and community members to view and provide comments until March 15, 2019. As well as to note their preference on which projects should be prioritized prior to the FMP receiving final approval from the Board of Trustees.

Behold Livermorium: A Quest for New Elements - The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Las Positas College Science and Engineering Seminar series provides LLNL scientists and engineers a forum to share basic and applied research with LPC students and faculty and the Tri-Valley community. The presentations will typically focus on how teams of scientists work together to solve problems from

theory to practice. Building 2400, Room 2420. Free and open to the public.

LPC to host SAT March 09, 2019 - Las Positas College is all set to host its first ever SAT test group since being approved by the College Board as an approved SAT testing center. In its inaugural run, LPC will facilitate testing to 500 Tri-Valley students.

The Drowsy Chaperone- LPC Department of Theater Arts will produce the Tony Award-winning musical, The Drowsy Chaperone, March 8-17. "The Drowsy Chaperone is a very funny satire about musical comedies in the 1920s," said Director Ken Ross. "It's a joyous, lively and family-friendly show that will be enjoyed by everyone from children to grandparents."

For more information please visit www.laspositascollege.edu.



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