



Dr. Dyrell Foster, Las Positas College President

LPC Foundation 2021 Highlights

Fundraising In Support of COVID-19 Related Student Needs

Thanks to the generosity of the Las Positas College community, the Las Positas College Foundation was able to raise over \$12,000 in support of COVID-19 related student needs. The challenges of remote and hybrid learning meant finding ways to help our students continue their studies and provide critical tools and resources. With these funds, the LPC Foundation was able to purchase more than 20 Wi-Fi hotspots with a year of internet service for students who needed a way to connect to the web for remote learning, as well as 9 sewing machines for costume design students in the LPC Theater Program.



\$20,000 Gift Establishes New Scholarship for First Responders

Las Positas College students majoring in one of twelve areas of study are eligible to apply for the new “*Promising First Responders*” Scholarship. Established by Ms. Patricia Wheeler, long-time LPC supporter, this award will provide two \$1,000 and two \$500 scholarships to students who meet the application criteria.

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Ms. Patricia Wheeler



2021 Student Scholarships Awarded

This year, the LPC Foundation proudly awarded over \$330,000 in scholarships to more than 75 deserving students. Our generous donors continue to invest in their success through a wide range of scholarships, including support for students transferring to 4-year institutions, re-entering college after a lapse in attendance, training for a new career, veterans, Performing Arts majors and many more.

The Foundation, in partnership with the LPC Financial Aid Office, are preparing to open the 2022 scholarship application portal. Once again, over \$300,000 in funds will be available.

For additional information on how to support the Las Positas College Foundation, visit the [LPC Foundation Webpage](#).



President's Connection Corner

President Foster to Co-Chair the ITV DEI Council

Tri-Valley community leaders become change agents for social equity with the creation of the Innovation Tri-Valley (ITV) diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) Council. President Foster will serve as a co-chair of the new ITV DEI Council with Beth McCormick, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Director of Strategic Workforce Development for Engineering. This council's with objective is to raise DEI impact across the Tri-Valley, while also driving new innovative practices among our ITV collective of industry leaders.



“Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group’s collective of leaders from the corporate, research, education and public sectors have notably stepped forward with action to face inequity in our region”, says ITV Chair, Steve Lanza. “The Tri-Valley is known as the heart of California Innovation in part because of our belief that our entire community should be given opportunities to contribute to and share the benefits of our economic growth. All too often, these economic benefits have not historically been distributed across all socio-economic groups in our community. Diversity, equity and inclusion is essential to our region, to creating opportunity for all, to DITV as an organization, and to our community’s long term 2040 Vision Planning work as well.”

Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group will share updates about regional DEI initiatives underway as part of the #TRIVALLEY TOGETHER postings found at [innovationtrivalley.org](https://www.innovationtrivalley.org)

President Speaker Series Presents: Dr. Maisha Beasley

Dr. Maisha Beasley, a Livermore native, graduated from San Diego State University with a B.A. in Communication Studies, University of the Pacific with a M.A. in Higher Education Administration, and from University of San Francisco with an Ed.D. in International and Multicultural Education.



For over 20 years, Dr. Beasley has curated professional career building sustainable programming for colleges, universities, school districts, and small businesses. Her professional experiences also include working in the educational technology field building online orientation courses for new graduate students with universities across the country. These experiences led Dr. Beasley to steep her passion, education, and experiences into serving the intersections of her communities through consulting.

Dr. Beasley and her co-founder Ashley Carter created the African American Scholars Project which provides African American students in suburban communities with social, emotional, and college preparation skills. This program was recognized by the California State Board Association for their work in equity and access within the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. In addition to program management and consulting, Maisha co-authored a chapter of the book, Cases on Academic Program Redesign for Greater Racial and Social Justice titled “Make Space, Take Space: An Exploration of Academic Counter-Spaces for Black Collegiate Women”.

We invite you to attend the February President Speaker Series event held virtually on February 1, 2022 at 3:00 pm. Please visit the [President's Speaker Series Webpage](#) for more information.

LPC Alum Wins HBCU Competition

In November 2021, English Hills an LPC alum, competed and won The Bearway Capital's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) New Venture Challenge inaugural business plan competition. She will receive \$25,000 in seed money and continuous mentoring for Save Cycle, her inventive company that puts a spin on traditional recycling for consumers and repurposes the materials handling process. Save Cycle is a company that integrates a mobile phone app with low-energy recycling devices. The consumer would deposit the recyclables and scan the QR code to obtain instant funds that are deposited to their bank account, making recycling easy, convenient, and accessible.



English is an alum of Las Positas College where she received an associate's degree in criminal justice administration. She was also the president of the Black Student Union and transferred to Spellman College in the Fall of 2019. She is currently in her senior year at Spellman College majoring in sociology on the pre-law track.

Congratulations to English Hills on this new endeavor.

Memorandum Approved for Base 11

The Center for Innovation in Education, dba Base 11, is a STEM workforce and entrepreneur accelerator. Both Base 11 and Las Positas College have a mutual goal to empower and accelerate diverse students, entrepreneurs, and early career adults on their pathway to STEM career success.



Base 11's Next Frontier Industries include advanced manufacturing, cyber security, life sciences, medicine and healthcare, data analytics, and autonomous systems just to name a few. These industries are some of the fastest growing and most rewarding over the next 20 years. The memorandum of understanding (MOU) will allow Las Positas College to collaborate with Base 11 on opportunities for integration of programs for students, opportunities to network and collaborate with corporate sponsors and other Base 11 partners, and provide students access to career opportunities and resources. In the October 2021 board meeting the Board of Trustees approved a five year MOU with Base 11.

Celebrate Black History Month with LPC

Black History Month planning is underway. The Black History Month (BHM) Committee, in collaboration with the Chabot-Las Positas Black Education Association, will again join forces with Chabot College to provide a BHM calendar of events. The calendar will be full of culturally-rich events across both campuses and District Office. Some of the current events being planned are: Black History Month Speaker, Town Meeting Presentation, Barbershop Talk, and Black Scholars Family Night. Updates will be posted to the LPC webpage. You can also visit the [Black Cultural Resource Center](#) webpage for a list of programs and resources the college currently offers.



Building Careers for Our Students

Internship opportunities continue to provide career building experience for students at LPC. A current LPC student intern is getting valuable work experience with Flint Builders, the general contractor overseeing the construction of the new Academic Core Building at Las Positas College. “The Las Positas student intern has been exceptional,” said Project Manager Camille Hardin. “We are very fortunate to have him and it reflects the great students that the college fosters!”

LPC’s Career Education Outreach Specialists have worked extremely hard to develop employer partnerships and connect students to internship opportunities through faculty and the Las Positas College Internship & Job Board where employers are invited to post positions on the board at no cost.

FLINT Flint Builders is currently offering a scholarship for an LPC student who is pursuing a construction related degree. Applications for the *Flint Vocational Scholarship* are due March 31.

For information on internship development and recruiting please contact *Anne Kennedy*, Outreach Specialist for Community and Employee Relations.

Two Collaborative Grants Awarded

Two grant applications that were submitted in collaboration with Tri-Valley ROP have been awarded. The first grant titled, “*Building Capacity Through Work-Based Learning Advisory Board, and Externships*” was awarded at \$679,968. The second grant titled, “*Summer Camps Provide College and Career Preparation*” was awarded at \$529,899 for a grant total of \$1.2M. Julie Duncan, Superintendent of the Tri-Valley ROP commended the team saying, “ Huge thanks to Amy Robbins, Gayle Larson, Vicki Shipman, Joanna Albala, and Bill Branca who either helped write, proof, or contribute to these two amazing projects.



This is what COLLABORATION looks like! A model that I would like to think puts aside ego and self-interest and truly invests in the students and communities of the Tri-Valley!”

Calendar	
Please visit the LPC Webpage for more details about the latest events.	
January 18	Spring Semester Begins
February 1	President Speaker Series: Dr. Maisha Beasley
February 2	Town Meeting (Virtual)
February 9	De-Stress with Yoga and Tai Chi
February 23	Disaster Preparedness Presentation

LPC Mission Statement
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.



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