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The President's Monthly Report to the Board of Trustees, Campus, and Community

Dr. Dyrell Foster, Las Positas College President



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LPC's Open House

Las Positas College's recent Open House event was a great success. On Saturday, March 25th over 800 guests including prospective students, their families, and other community members visited the LPC campus to learn more about the college, its programs and student services. Mother Nature even provided a sunny and very welcome respite from the stormy weather of late.

LPC's Open House was designed to give prospective students and their families a taste of all the great academic and student life programs that the college offers learners of all ages and backgrounds. The day featured informational sessions that showcased the college's numerous academic programs, student services and support systems. Campus tours also allowed attendees to see LPC's modern classrooms, labs and other facilities, including the Veteran's Resource Center, Child Development Center, Career/Transfer Center, Black Culture Resource Center, Library, and the new Academic Support Center that will be opening this fall. The tours were led by President's Scholars, who shared their own LPC insights and experiences.

In addition to the informational sessions and tours, the day featured demonstrations by students and faculty members, live music and food trucks, making it a fun and enjoyable experience for all.



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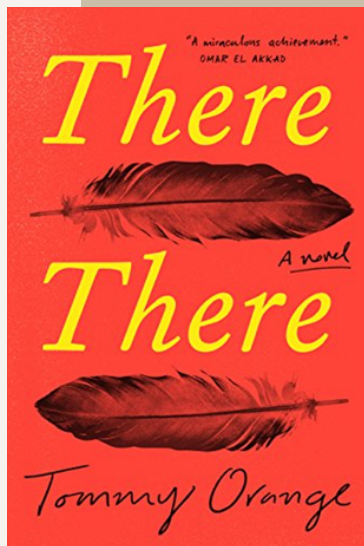
LPC's 3rd Annual Literary Arts Festival

Las Positas College will host its 3rd annual Literary Arts Festival on Saturday, May 13th. The event will begin at the Mertes Center for the Arts from 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. and will showcase a variety of literary works, including poetry, fiction, nonfiction and more.

This year's festival will feature Tommy Orange, American Book Award winner and author of *There There*. Tommy Orange is an American novelist and writer from Oakland, California. Orange's, *There There* is a national bestseller that won the PEN/Hemingway Award, the National Book Critics Circle John Leonard Prize, the Center for Fiction First Novel Prize, and the American Book Award. It was also shortlisted for the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction, the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, and was a Pulitzer Prize finalist. It appeared on countless "Best Books of the Year" lists, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, NPR, Time, O: The Oprah Magazine, GQ, and Entertainment Weekly. Orange is an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. He earned a Masters in Fine Arts from the Institute of American Indian Arts. Orange will sit down for a fireside chat with LPC English Professor and author of *The Spitboy Rule*, Michelle Cruz Gonzales, before hosting a writing workshop later in the afternoon.

Additionally, NY Times #1 bestselling author Bruce Henderson will be joined by LPC English Professor Dr. Jim Ott for a discussion, followed by LPC student Veterans sharing their thoughts on writing about their military experiences.

Attendees can also enjoy panels, workshops, book signings, food trucks, music and activities for children from the local libraries. This event is open to the public, and admission is free. Registration is encouraged.



One LOVE Festival



The historic, first of its kind, One Love Festival was held on March 27 at LPC. The event was an idea from AAPI student leaders that had the vision to host a festival that would bring together the various campus affinity groups to celebrate the different cultures at LPC. This cross campus collaboration was between LPC Affinity Groups and Clubs: AAPI Interest Group, Black Student Union, Christian Club, Dream Center & UndocuAlly, Ethnic Studies Program, K-Pop Dance Club, LGBTQ+ Presidential Task Force, LPC Student Government & Student Life, Puente Club, Sexuality and Gender Alliance Club, Umoja, Veterans First Program.

Activities included a multicultural fashion show, spoken word, song, and dance performances, along with fun and educational activities. Over 200 people attended - students, some of their families, faculty, and staff. President Foster said, " I LOVED the One Love Festival! I enjoyed the student performances; their engagement and participation was truly special. It was definitely a historic event at LPC!"

Everyone enjoyed being together, the warm sun, boba drinks, and good vibes!



Celebrating Woman Veterans with HERStory: From Transition to Transformation

On March 23, The Veterans First Program held the 11th annual Honoring Women Veterans program. The theme of the program was “Her Story,” to bring the stories of the women veterans to the public.

The ceremony not only recognized women veterans for their service to our country but honored three amazing Las Positas College students and Armed Services Veterans with scholarships. Arica Steedly, US Army Veteran was awarded \$500 from the Blue Star Moms, Amber Maynard, US Coast Guard Veteran was awarded \$500 from the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Maria Stephanie Caballero, US Navy Veteran was awarded \$5,000 from the Valley Veterans Foundation. Quilts of Valor graced the shoulders of four women veterans who experienced combat in Iraq, Qatar, and Afghanistan.

Over opening remarks, Deputy Secretary for Women Veteran Affairs of California, Virginia Wimmer, thanked her sister warriors for their service and said she was proud of all of them. “Women Veterans are more than resilient, they are revolutionary and resourceful,” Wimmer said.

“Sharing your stories, your personal stories, your stories carry lessons for all of us,” Ronald Gerhard, Chancellor of Chabot Las Positas College District said.



TUITION-FREE AT LPC



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In March, Las Positas College launched its LPC Tuition-Free program that offers free college tuition to eligible students. The LPC Tuition-Free program is part of a statewide initiative known as the California College Promise Program which aims to make higher education accessible and affordable for all Californians. To qualify for the new LPC Tuition-Free program,

The Las Positas **Free Tuition** Promise for 2023-2024

students must be first-time, full-time students (12+ units per semester) and complete either the FASFA or California Dream Act application. The program covers the cost of tuition and fees, but students are still responsible for covering the cost of books, transportation, and other expenses.

The new LPC Tuition-Free program will be featured on the cover of the printed Summer/Fall Schedule. It will also be the main focus of the new CLPCCD Fall campaign which will include digital ads, social marketing, print ads and display ads in malls and on public buses. The LPC Tuition-Free program at Las Positas College is an excellent opportunity for eligible students who are looking to pursue higher education without the burden of financial stress.

33rd Annual Commencement Ceremony

LPC's 2023 Commencement Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 27, 2023 at 10:00 AM. Students interested in participating in the ceremony must register with the Student Services Office.

Registration Dates for Summer and Fall 2023

State Mandate Priority Groups	Registration Date: April 24
College Priority Groups	Registration Date: April 26
Continuing Students	Registration Date: April 27-28
New & Returning Students	May 1
Open Registration	May 5



LAS POSITAS COLLEGE CELEBRATES

LPC Participates at State Business Conference Competitions



LPC Business Club students celebrate LPC's second place win at the State Business Leadership Conference.

LPC finished in second place at the March 31-April 2 California Phi Beta Lambda State Business Leadership Conference in San Diego, where LPC Business Club students competed with students from two- and four-year colleges and universities.

Twenty-three LPC students won 46 awards for individual and group competitions that were both knowledge and performance based. Some were timed case studies in which a team was required to analyze an issue, find a solution, and present it to a panel of judges. Students studied and practiced extensively to prepare for the competitions. The 39 competitive events included Global Analysis & Decision Making, Hospitality Case Study, and Future Business Executive. Accompanied by Business Studies Professor and Club Advisor Mary Lauffer, 31 LPC students attended the conference, which featured business speakers and workshops in addition to the competitions.

LPC's Business Club is affiliated with California Phi Beta Lambda, the state chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America, the largest business career student organization in the world. Congratulations to our future business leaders of America!

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.