

LLNL & Las Positas College Meet to Discuss Furthering Partnerships and Workforce Pipeline



Officials with Las Positas College (LPC) and the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (CLPCCD) visited Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) on August 9 to learn more about Lab-related opportunities available to students and discuss strengthening partnerships between the two institutions.

President Dyrell Foster, who was visiting the Lab for the first time, attended the meeting, along with CLPCCD Chancellor Ron Gerhard and others from the college.

Engineering Directorate leadership were joined by adjunct professors at LPC who teach students while working for the Lab, as well as graduates of the Engineering Technology Program (also known as Vets2Tech), who described the impact of the award-winning program on their careers.

The meeting kicked off with overview presentations of the Laboratory and collaborative education program by LLNL University Relations and Science Education Director Eric Schwegler and Science Education Program Director Joanna Albala, respectively, highlighting Lab/LPC collaborations such as workshops, the LLNL/LPC Science and Engineering Seminar Series and the Teacher Research Academy.

President Dr. Foster followed by introducing LLNL attendees to recent activities and initiatives at the college, which is currently focusing on student retention through its career pathways program, providing student support through “success teams” and job readiness through resume-building internships, and is undergoing expansion, including construction of a new Advanced Manufacturing and Transportation facility.

“This meeting will hopefully be a launchpad to more opportunities,” Foster said. “I’m excited for what the future holds.”

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President Foster Welcomes the Inaugural Cohort of LPC Presidential Scholars



On Thursday, August 11 President Foster welcomed the Scholars and their families to the kick-off meeting and orientation at LPC.

The President's Scholars Program has been established to attract the "best of the best" from among the diverse local area high school graduates. It is created to support these outstanding scholars throughout their two-year career at Las Positas College by providing several valuable opportunities including: a financial scholarship covering tuition/fees and books, leadership development, service learning, and peer mentoring opportunities.

The 20 President's Scholars were selected this year based on their unique

backgrounds, their ability to overcome obstacles that they've faced to achieve academic success, how they envision this experience will enhance your experience at Las Positas College, and their determination to achieve their educational and career goals. The Scholars will serve as Student Ambassadors for the college by attending various events throughout the academic year to represent the college on campus and within the community. They will also attend monthly activities designed specifically to build community among their cohort. These activities include lunch meetings, information sessions in which they will learn about the wonderful programs and resources available at LPC, and they will participate in a series of leadership development sessions to enhance their leadership capacity as they build skills for a successful career.

Congratulations to our 2022-23 Presidents Scholars!

Farewell and Best Wishes to Todd Steffan

Todd Steffan was honored on Friday, August 12 for 18 years of service at Las Positas College. President Foster, his colleagues and many veteran students came to wish him well during his farewell luncheon. Todd made many valuable contributions to the college and positively impacted the lives of numerous students while at LPC. The College congratulates Todd on his next step in his career and all of the opportunities and success that will come with it.



Meet the New Tenure Track Faculty!



New Tenure Track Faculty - Top row (L-R): Thien-Houng Ninh, Ame Blackshear, George Freelen, Tim Adams, Kai Blaisdell. Front Row: Julie Nguyen, Jennifer Siders, Jennifer Decker and David Montelongo.

LPC is fortunate to welcome nine new tenure track faculty members to the academic year. We are excited to have the new faculty members build on existing faculty expertise and help continue LPC's commitment to academic excellence.

Fall 2022 Welcome Week Activities @ LPC!

Las Positas College Fall 2022 Academic Calendar (Important Dates)	
August 17	Fall Semester Begins (Full-Term Classes Only)
August 20	Instruction begins for Saturday Classes
September 2	Last day to ADD/DROP with no Grade-of-Record - In-Person (full-term classes)
September 5	Last Day to ADD/DROP with no Grade-of-Record - Online (Full-Term Classes) Labor Day - College Closed
October 21	Deadline to apply for an Associate Degree and/or Certificate of Achievement
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 23-26	Thanksgiving recess - College closed (no saturday/sunday classes)
December 13	Last day of Instruction

STUDENT LIFE
AUGUST 18, 22-25, 29-30, 2022
WELCOME Back
COFFEE & PASTRIES
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
IN FRONT OF BUILDING 1600, STUDENT LIFE & LEADERSHIP
FOR QUESTIONS OR DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE EMAIL STUDENT LIFE PROGRAM COORDINATOR, JOSUE HERNANDEZ: JAHERNANDEZ@LASPOSITASCOLLEGE.EDU

All-Steinway School Designation Gala Fundraiser

Las Positas College is now one of approximately 200 schools worldwide that has achieved the designation of All-Steinway School.

The status, which requires Steinway and Steinway-designed pianos to be used in all performance spaces, piano teaching studios and practice rooms, positions the Livermore community college among the most elite music schools and conservatories across the globe.

"I am thrilled that Las Positas College has become an All-Steinway School after many years of hard work," said LPC music department coordinator Dan Marschak, who is also the college's director of piano pedagogy, composition, music theory and piano. "This designation has been a major goal of the LPC Music Department and the LPC Foundation, and we couldn't be more excited for our students to learn, rehearse and perform on a brand-new Steinway Model B Spirio | r."



The Steinway Spirio | r is described on the Steinway website as "the world's finest high-resolution player piano capable of live performance capture and playback" and "a revolutionary blend of artistry, craftsmanship and technology (providing powerful new tools of expression and new ways to access, share and experience performance."



Students using the piano will have the ability to record themselves playing and immediately listen to the recording, as well as play accurate historical recordings and participate in live masterclass in real time.

The College will be celebrating this milestone with a Gala Fundraising event on September 17th from 6pm-8pm, to ensure that there will be adequate maintenance for the fleet of pianos as well as Steinway Artist Masterclasses for students.

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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