



Dr. Dyrell Foster, Las Positas College President

LPC Breaks Ground on New Buildings

The Tri-Valley and College Community were invited to attend a groundbreaking ceremony celebrating construction of the three new buildings on campus that include the Academic Support & Office Building, Public Safety Complex/ Advance Manufacturing & Transportation, and the Agriculture Science: Horticulture building.

The event was attended by numerous prominent members of the Tri-Valley community, Chabot - Las Positas Community College Board of Trustees and District Office, members of Chabot College, and LPC administrators, faculty, staff, and students.

Funding for these projects was made possible on June 7, 2016 when Alameda County voters passed Measure A, the \$950 million bond for Chabot and Las Positas Colleges. The Bond allows the Colleges to upgrade aging classrooms and technology/science labs for career education to prepare students, veterans and workers for good jobs and university transfer, remove asbestos/retrofit buildings for earthquake safety, acquire, construct and repair sites/facilities/equipment, and improve campus safety/security.



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Left to right: Dr. Dyrell Foster, President, Ron Gerhard, Chancellor, Dr. Hal Gin, Trustee Area 6, Mr. Edralin J. "Ed" Maduli, Trustee Area 7, Dr. Luis Reynoso, Trustee Area 1, Owen Letcher, Vice Chancellor of Facilities and Bond Program



Left to right: Mr. Kenneth Cooper, Executive Director of The LPC Foundation, Amy Mattern, Dean A&H, Dr. Jeanne Wilson, VP Student Services, Dr. Dyrell Foster, President, Mr. Erick Bell, Interim Dean of PATH, Anette Raichbart, Vice President of Administrative Services

Mission Ready - A Veterans First Learning Community at LPC



LPC is happy to announce the new Veterans First Learning Community - Mission Ready. This learning community was created to support students, help them form camaraderie, build equity, and inspire leadership. Veterans, military members, and their family members who attend LPC can now meet, study, take classes together, and offer support to one another in this new learning community. Some resources that will be available include designated academic & career counseling, financial support, textbooks for Mission Ready classes, English 1A and CMST 1, tutoring services (one on one and group), alumni student veterans mentoring/networking, connecting with other student Veterans, and social events such as hikes and sporting events.

If you have a student that is interested in enrolling please visit the [Mission Ready Webpage](#).

Veterans First Program is the Recipient of Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success Grant

On August 18, 2021 Todd Steffan, LPC's Veterans First Supervisor received the news that LPC's Veterans First Program was the recipient of the Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success Grant (CEVSS) in the amount of \$445,411 for three years. The CEVSS program encourages model programs to support veteran student success in post-secondary education by coordinating services to address the academic, financial, physical, and social needs of veteran students.

Todd Steffan says, "This grant is a game changer. It will take the Las Positas College Veterans First Program to the next level. It could not have come to us at a more critical time. This grant will help us meet the new requirements from the Isaksen Roe and Stafford Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act, such as the mandatory personalized Veterans shopping sheet. This grant will also help us expand outreach, provide case management, implement an early alert system, increase equity and diversity, and help support the development and implementation of innovative program/services to our veterans, especially in these very challenging times."

Congratulations to the Veterans First Program and everyone that assisted in helping secure this grant for the College.

9.11 Remembrance

On September 09, Las Positas Veterans First Program welcomed Dr. Nicole B. Simpson, a 9.11 World Trade Center survivor as the keynote speaker for the annual 9.11 remembrance event at LPC.

It has been 20 years since that tragic day. The event started with the ROTC Air Force Honor Guard presenting colors with the singing of the National Anthem by LPC student Alejandra Sermeno Quezada, followed by a moment of silence and welcome by LPC President Dyrell Foster. Dr. Nicole B. Simpson, a 9/11 World Trade Center survivor, was working on the 73rd floor of Tower II on September 11, 2001. Dr. Simpson shared her personal experience from 9.11 as well as advice about resilience and healing. Her presentation also provided inspirational hope on how to walk the road of recovery when faced with a catastrophic event. She is a motivational speaker, author, and certified financial planner who has been on various shows such as CNN Live, BBC World News, and Money Matters. The 9.11 Remembrance was sponsored by the Las Positas College President's Office, Veterans First Program, and Student Veterans Organization. The event was recorded and will be available on the [Veterans First Program website](#).



LPC Students Receive AGS State Scholarships

The 95th Annual Spring 2021 Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) Honor Society State Convention was held virtually this year. Three Las Positas College AGS students were nominated for state AGS scholarships this spring. All three students were subsequently selected at the AGS State Convention and recognized for their outstanding efforts.



Megan Mehta received the AGS Randy Taylor Service scholarship, which is given to the top service award recipient in the state. She is the second LPC student to receive this scholarship which is named after former LPC AGS Advisor Randy Taylor. Megan was the AGS Secretary in 2020-2021. She was also a member of the LPC Honors Transfer Program, the Math Club, Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society, the Girls Who Code, LPC College Loop Club, and the Computer Science Club. She received the 2021 10th annual Innovation Tri-Valley Dreammakers and Risktakers Award for her podcast *Think Scope*, 2nd place for best STEM Poster at the 2021 Honors Transfer Council of California Research Conference, and the Transplant Recipients International Organization Scholarship. Megan was a member of LPC Middle College and is transferring to U.C. Berkeley this fall to double major in Computer Science and Environmental Economic & Policy. After earning a BS degree, she plans to obtain an MBA.

Sarah Burton received the AGS Robert Mantovani Academic, Service, and Leadership scholarship which recognizes a combination of outstanding achievement in academic, service, and leadership. Sarah was the AGS President in 2020-2021. She was also a member of the LPC Biology Club, the Beta Beta Beta National Biology Honor Society, the Math Club, and the Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society. She also received the AGS Achievement scholarship, the AGS Activism and Spirit scholarship, the AGS Executive Officers' Leadership Award, and the Stanford Health Care Valley Care Auxiliary scholarship. Sarah will be transferring to U.C. Davis this fall to major in Biology. After earning a BS degree, she plans to attend medical school and become a pediatric physician.



Rosemely Hurtado received the AGS Kathleen D. Loly Academic scholarship which recognizes outstanding academic achievement. Rosemely was the AGS Membership Officer in 2020-2021 and was selected to the 2021 All-California Second Academic Team. She was a member of the LPC Biology Club, the Math Club, the Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society, and the HSI STEM Club, where she served as President in 2019-2020. She also received the AGS Achievement scholarship, the AGS Inspirational Member scholarship, the AGS New Member Achievement scholarship, the Osher Foundation scholarship, and the Arthur Van Etten scholarship. Rosemely is transferring to U.C. Davis this fall to major in Biology. After earning her BS degree, she plans to attend medical school and work as a doctor in internal medicine, cardiology, or oncology to help underserved communities that do not have adequate access to health care.



LPC President's 2021-22 Goals



LPC President, Dr. Dyrell Foster, recently shared his 2021-22 goals with LPC administrators, faculty, classified professionals, and students at the September Town Meeting.

Goal #1: Ensure institutional stability and long-term institutional health by strengthening fiscal stability, providing appropriate staffing levels, meeting evolving technology needs, and expanding or updating facilities.

Goal #2: Improve organizational processes, promote safety and wellness, and foster professional development to enhance quality academic programs and support services to ensure student learning and success.

Goal #3: Collaborate with K-12 partners, 4-year educational partners, and business and industry partners to provide educational opportunities that best serve the needs of our students and our community

Goal #4: Prioritize equity and anti-racism.

Goal #5: Develop a strategic, targeted, and expansive outreach and marketing strategy.

Objectives related to each goal may be found on the [President's Goals 2021-22 web page](#). All goals are in alignment with LPC's recently approved [2021-2026 Educational Master Plan](#).



Hawks Ranked No. 2 in State Soccer Poll

California Community College Sports Information Association (CCCSIA) released its first state women's soccer poll for the 2021 season and listed the LPC Hawks in the No. 2 spot in the rankings.

Las Positas received one first-place vote and totaled 170 points, just seven points behind No. 1 Ventura College (3-0).

The Hawks, who are undefeated over their first four games, have yet to allow a goal, and have outscored their opponents by a 24-0 margin. LPC is coming off of an 11-0 rout over College of the Redwoods on September 8.

Under the direction of head coach Andy Cumbo, LPC's women's soccer team appears to be well on their way to defending their undefeated 2019 Coast Conference North Division championship. Conference play begins on September 28 when Las Positas travels to Cañada College.

The Las Positas women's team was back in action on Friday, September 10 and traveled to Diablo Valley College to a non-conference game.



Top Row, Left to Right: Coach Steven Morgan, Marissa Marquez, Ashley Arno, Katherine Magana, Dariana Mihalache, Nicole Wahbeh, Alyssa Sullivan, Sofia Jimenez, McKenna Masinter, Coach Tyler Hoffman Bottom Row, Left to Right Caitlyn Garrison, Halleigh MaPherson, Tiffani Cheng, Hailey Hahlbeck, Dani Gettler, Isabel Mello. Not Pictured: Coach Andrew Cumbo

News in Brief

COVID-19 Vaccination Program: The LPC Health and Wellness Center will be offering COVID-19 vaccines for students, faculty, staff and the community on September 16. Appointments are required.



RAW Center is Open: The RAW Center (reading and writing tutoring by English and ESL faculty) is open this semester 7 days per week.

The Market: On September 21 from 12-3:00 p.m., the LPC Student Government will hold a free food distribution open to all students, employees and the greater community.



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