



Board Report

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KEY DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 18, 6:00 p
EOPS Awards
Student Center
- April 19, 9 a - 6 p
Italian Farming in
the Central Valley
Building 2400
- April 19, 7:30 p
Early Music Concert
Library (2100)
- April 21, 7:00 p
Kim Peek:
"The Real Rain Man"
Room 2420
- April 26, 6:00 p
"Best of the Best"
Foundation Gala
MDB Reading Room
- May 5, 3 p - 7 p
Honors Transfer
Symposium
Room 2420
- May 7, 2:30 p
10-20-30 Awards
LPC Theater
- May 8, 7:00 p
Transfer Reception
MDB Reading Room
- May 12, 7:00 p
Student Recognition
Ceremony
LPC Theater
- May 22, 5:30 p
Welcome Reception
for Dr. Pollard
Casa Real
- May 30, 6:00 pm
LPC Graduation
PE Complex

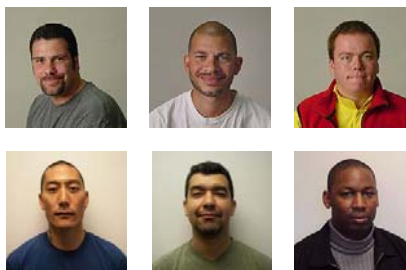
Spring Musical

Iron Curtain

April 18, 19, & 20
Fri/Sat at 8:00 pm
Sundays at 2:00 pm

KUDOS: Student, Faculty & Staff Recognitions

- Our exceptional IT staff for the tremendous support provided at the Earth Day Symposium, and their daily efforts to assist LPC in its move toward "paperless" operations.
- M&O for their ever-present "can do" attitude and incredible support of countless events and activities on campus.
- Gilberto Victoria for his extraordinary dedication organizing Aprendiendo a Triunfar II, and his efforts to bring the community to the College.
- Students Christian Blanco and Noah Fischer for being named to the All-California First Academic Team. They were recognized at an awards luncheon in Sacramento, and by members of the State Senate and Assembly.
- Dr. Neal Ely for his leadership working with the Science faculty to acquire two economic and workforce development grants.
- Bob Kratochvil for providing the campus community with leadership and fortitude throughout our facilities modernization program.
- Fredda Cassidy, Martha Konrad, and Andrea Alvarado, among others, for their work on our 2006 - 08 Catalog, which just received a Bronze 2007 Paragon Award from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations.
- The Women's Basketball "Lady Hawks" and Coach Fletcher for having an outstanding season and reaching the playoffs for the second year in a row.
- Our EMT program staff — Sebastian Wong and Ron Johansen — for a successful reaccreditation from Alameda County.
- Five of our students presenting their projects in the Northern California Community College Honors Symposium at Stanford University on April 18: Lindsey Cunha, Katharine Holland, Elaine Naples, Christine Platts, and L. Brooke Smith.



Las Positas College IT staff: (top row, L to R) Steve Gunderson, Sherman Lindsey, Ethan Castor; (bottom row, L to R) Mike Furayama, Andrés De La Cruz, Haywood Beaird.

Values Statement

Las Positas College thrives as a teaching and learning community committed to integrity and excellence. To nourish this environment and the communities served, we:

- ◇ promote and celebrate lifelong learning ◇ anticipate and meet the needs of the ever-changing workplace ◇
- ◇ demonstrate social and environmental responsibility ◇ promote tolerance and mutual respect in a diverse community ◇
- ◇ foster a climate of discovery and creativity ◇ hold firm to the belief that each of us makes an astonishing difference ◇



Global Responsibility

Environmental Symposium

Last Friday, Las Positas College had the honor of serving as host to Assembly Member Mary Hayashi's event celebrating Earth Day 2008, "Green Innovations for a Clean California: A Community and Workforce Development Symposium." Almost 100 members of the community came from all parts of the Bay Area to hear experts in the field of green technology present the latest research on wind, solar, and geothermal energy, as well

as reports on local companies leading the way on environmental practices. Through a presentation from Chancellor Kinnamon, attendees were also able to learn about our District's commitment to sustainability, LEED certified construction projects, and preservation of local land resources resulting from EIR mitigation. In addition, Assembly Member Hayashi made an exciting announcement about new legislation she has sponsored to create the *Center of Innovation for*

Green Technology, an economic and workforce regional development center designed to support and encourage career training for the emerging clean technology industry. The bill further specifies that the Center of Innovation be established at a community college district located within the Bay Area.



Respect for Diversity

Foreign Language Heads To A Foreign Land

This summer ten Foreign Language students will embark on the department's first-ever cultural immersion trip to Spain. The students, led by instructor Catherine Suarez, will visit cities from Madrid to Barcelona and spend time at museums and famous architectural sites — all

while completely immersed in the Spanish language and culture.

CCN 360° Dialogue

As part of its 2007-08 "brown bag" series, Campus Change Network invites faculty, staff, and students to engage in dialogue around the issues of race, privilege, bias, and identity with a viewing of the film *Mirrors of*

Change: Making Whiteness Visible. The group hopes that this kind of open and honest dialogue will provide the campus community with a "greater understanding of ourselves and how we interact with the world." As it affirms in its Mission Statement, CCN approaches this initiative — and all of its work — with conviction, courage, and compassion.



Adapt to Change

Accreditation Self-Study

After a great deal of work by our faculty and staff — and leadership from Vice President Jones, Maureen O'Herin, Dr. Amber Machamer, and the Standard Chairs — the first draft of our Self-Study has been completed. The document is posted on the "Wiki" Accreditation website, so the entire campus community

can review all sections and provide comments on areas for which they have special knowledge or expertise. They can also reference copies of supporting materials, such as policies, minutes, and forms, stored in the Document Repository created by Jeff Sperry.

Welcome Reception for Dr. Pollard

On Thursday, May 22, the Dis-

trict will formally welcome Dr. Pollard as the new President of Las Positas College. The event will be held at Casa Real, a beautiful new facility located near the College, and will include a short program. It will be a wonderful opportunity for members of the community and our CLPCCD family to meet Dr. Pollard and celebrate her appointment.

Make a Difference

Aprendiendo a Triunfar Makes A Triumphant Return at LPC

On Saturday, LPC once again welcomed the local Spanish speaking community with open arms at *Aprendiendo a Triunfar II* ("Learning to Triumph II"), the follow-up to its overwhelmingly successful outreach event held two years ago. Through a collaboration with St. Michael's Church and Latinos por la Educación, the College offered workshops — all conducted in Spanish — on ESL classes, financial aid,

and other programs and resources. *Aprendiendo* was truly family-oriented, with special activities for teens and toddlers, tours of the campus, and a delicious lunch for all to enjoy. More than 300 people attended the event, and information gathered will be used to help us better meet the needs of our community and future students.

College Awarded Grants

The College was recently awarded two economic and

workforce development grants from the State Chancellor's Office. The first, in partnership with Skyline College, will support a regional industry-education collaborative to meet the Bay Area's growing need for surgical technologists. The second is a two-year, \$580,000 Job Development Incentive Training Fund grant to provide workforce development opportunities related to Allied Health areas, including Surgical Technology and Administrative Medical Assistants.



Creative Thinking

Extra! Extra! LPC Journalists Take Home Experience & Awards

A group of our talented young journalists returned from the Journalism Association of Community Colleges Annual Convention with valuable insights, industry feedback, new contacts, and a host of awards for their work on the Express Newspaper and Naked Magazine. The students

received individual recognition for articles, photos and illustrations, as well as the designation of "Online General Excellence" for the Express.

Art Festival

From May 1 - 30, Las Positas College will hold its 30th Annual Spring Arts Festival in three Tri-Valley locations: Bankhead Thea-

ter (Livermore), SPCA Art Gallery (Dublin), and Worthington Gallery West (Pleasanton). The exhibit will feature the artwork of Las Positas students, and awards will be presented at the Gala Reception, May 7, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Bankhead Theater.



Lifelong Learning

Faculty Symposium

During the second hour of our April Town Meeting, faculty and staff were treated to a pair of exceptional presentations at the Faculty Symposium. The annual event, put on by the Academic Senate, featured offerings from Cindy Browne Rosefield and Fredric Zimmerman (Music), and Michelle Gonzales (English).

Both sessions showcased the expertise and innovation of the respective presenters, and reflects the dedication of our instructors here at the College.

Career Technical Education (CTE) Workshop

Last Thursday the Tri-Valley Educational Collaborative, with leadership from Vice President

Jones and VP Emeritus Don Milanese, held a Career Technical Education (CTE) Workshop at the District Office. Attendees were able to hear about programs across the State, best practices, and had time to dialogue with peers in their discipline area. In addition, \$5,000 in grants will be available to faculty for next steps in the process.



Facilities Update



Campus Boulevard Phase I

Construction Documents were submitted to DSA on December 17, 2007. Subsequently the project estimate was completed. The estimated construction cost exceeds the budget by 50%. The Design Team is working on a simplified design which will be presented to the user group on April 24. If approved the simplified design will be estimated to determine if it is within budget and resubmitted to DSA.



College Center for the Arts

The project is out to bid and six qualified general contractors attended a pre-bid conference on April 3. A second pre-bid conference is scheduled for April 15, and it is hoped additional general contractors will attend. Bids are scheduled to be opened on May 1, and a recommendation to award a contract to be submitted to the Board at their meeting on May 20.

Student Services & Central Administration

The Design Team completed the schematic design and submitted required deliverables on January 3. Subsequently, upon advice of local consultants, the College is reconsidering location of retail operations on the upper floors. The possibility of utilizing the design build delivery method — involving a design competition and potential ability to regain the project schedule — is under consideration. A recommendation to authorize further exploration of this delivery method has been submitted to the Board for their consideration at their meeting on April 15.

PE Complex

The leaks at various locations, including Faculty Offices, Dance Studio, and support spaces, have persisted despite various repairs. The Forensic Architect performed destructive testing and has issued a report which has been distributed to the project architect and general contractor. The campus project manager and district staff are working to develop a strategy to design and implement comprehensive repairs. Some additional destructive testing will take place in the coming months.

Multi-Disciplinary Education Building

During the January storms, leaks and water damage occurred at the Faculty Offices and Reading Room. The Forensic Architect performed destructive testing and has issued a report which has been distributed to the project architect and general contractor. The campus project manager and district staff are working to develop a strategy to design and implement comprehensive repairs. Hydro-seed, which will grow into turf/lawn, has been applied and is now being irrigated. Work continues on the accessible lifts and they are expected to be fully operational in the coming month.

Central Utility Plant

The Design Build contractor, Southland Industries, has finalized the schematic design for the Central Plant, and the pathway for the utility loop has been approved. Southland has mobilized, setting up their office trailers at the site of the basketball court behind Building 600. Work on the utility loop is scheduled to commence on April 21. Expected impacts of this work on college activities, including partial closure of the Loop Road, has been communicated via email and at Town Meeting presentations.

Maintenance & Operations Facility

In order to expedite the schedule of the IT Building, Central Utility Plan, and Child Development Center projects, staff is exploring the possibility of incorporating the site utility and grading scope for the M&O project into the Southland Industries design build contract for the Central Utility Plant, which will be located at the site of the current M&O facility. If this proves to be both economically efficient and beneficial to the schedule, a recommendation will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for their consideration.

P.E. Phase III (Outside Loop Road)

The schematic design, including the final facilities layout, has been completed and design development is underway.

Parking Lot H

Design of the new parking lot is now underway. The Board of Trustees approved incorporation of photo-voltaic shade structures at their meeting on February 19. At that meeting the Board also approved award of a design-build contract to Chevron Energy Services for design and construction of the photo-voltaic shade structures. To maximize efficiency, a recommendation to consolidate parking lot and shade structure elements into one project under the Chevron energy Solutions ESCO contract has been submitted to the Board for their consideration at their April 15 meeting.



Child Development Center

DSA comments have been received and, based on the scope of those comments, final approval is expected some time in May. The user group is meeting regularly to review performance criteria for Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (FF&E) items.



Aquatics Center & Soccer Field

The general contractor mobilized on November 6, 2007. Work is underway, and significant progress has been made on excavation. Requested additional contract time due to unusual number of rain days and extra work has been approved by the project management team and a formal schedule extension is in process. The soccer/multi-use field is now scheduled to be turned over for beneficial occupancy in time for use during summer session which begins June 16. The approved contract extension is expected to show final completion for the project in December 2008.

District-wide Information

Technology Building

DSA comments have been received, and final approval is expected some time in April. Additional geotechnical information has been submitted to DSA. This information must be reviewed and approved by the Californian Geologic Survey (CGS), which may delay DSA approval.