



Board Report

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KEY DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Welcome Center through August 27 Building 1600
- Special Meeting of College Council August 31, 2:30 PM Room 1603
- Women's Soccer vs. Modesto August 31, 4:00 p.m.
- Women's Soccer vs. College of the Sequoias September 3, 2:00 PM
- Men's Soccer vs. College of the Sequoias September 3, 4:30 PM
- Men's Soccer vs. Merritt September 8, 7:00 PM
- ASLPC RUSH Wednesday Student Center & Quad September 15
- Transfer Day October 7
- Major Exploration Faire October 13
- Accreditation Follow-Up Report due to ACCJC October 15

PRESIDENT'S COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Livermore Chamber of Commerce Luncheon	Aug. 26
Dublin Executive Roundtable	Sep. 9
Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit	Oct. 5

2010 - 2011: A Year Of Transition, Collaboration & Action

As faculty, staff, and administrators kick off the new academic year at Convocation, the College community gears up for a year of transition. Some of this change is reflected in the construction projects on campus, with the opening of the beautiful College Center of the Arts (CCA) and exciting Child Development Center (CDC) nearing completion; and work on several other facilities, including the Science Center Expansion and Student Services & Administration (SSA), will soon get underway.

Just as the face of the campus is changing before our very eyes, there are also position changes and leadership transitions happening at the College. While the institution goes through the search for a permanent replacement, Dr. Pam Luster is serving as the Interim Vice President of Academic Services; in turn, Jeff Baker will spend the year working as the Interim Vice President of Student Services; and Kimberly Tomlinson has been selected to serve as the Interim Dean of Student Services. In addition, the new Interim President, Dr. Guy Lease, has recently joined the LPC family and is quickly getting up to speed on — and getting to know about — the College community.

Continuing the forward momentum from 2009-10, collaboration will occur around institutional initiatives and efforts. Work will continue on the budget, as the campus addresses this year's figures and looks ahead with planning for the 2011 - 2012 academic year. Representatives from each constituency group will also begin the much-anticipated review and revision of the institution's Governance Document.

There has never been a shortage of activity and action at LPC, and this year will be no different. Following its approval by the Board of Trustees, the Las Positas College Strategic Plan will be implemented and 'actualized' beginning this Fall when the Institutional Effectiveness Committee (IEC) is launched. The College will also submit its Accreditation Follow-Up Report to ACCJC in October, and then prepare for the subsequent visit.

This will indeed be a year of transition at Las Positas College, but one that will be filled with innovation, collaboration — perhaps even a bit of perspiration — and, of course, excellence in education.

KUDOS: Student, Faculty & Staff Recognitions

- Chris Lee and the team in Student Services for their wonderful work to bring LPC's orientation, EXPO, to approximately 500 students in the College's new amphitheater
- The exceptional IT and M&O staff at the College for working tirelessly to support instruction, operations, events, and facilities as the College prepares for Fall semester
- LPC's FST Color Guard for winning first place and the general sweepstakes award at the annual Livermore Rodeo Parade this Summer

Global/Social Responsibility

ISP Enhances Learning At LPC

Several weeks ago, the International Student Program (ISP) held its annual orientation to introduce them to the campus community, and familiarize them with the surrounding area. With 32 students attending in the three-day 'welcome session,' the College expects to have a total of 131 ISP students — representing 35 different countries — participating in this successful program. And, speaking of success, the ISP students have achieved much during their time at LPC: in Spring 2010, ISP students went on to transfer to CSUs, UCs, private institutions, and medical schools. The accomplishments of the ISP program, and the students it serves, demonstrate the opportunity it provides for cultural learning and a comprehensive educational experience for all on campus.



Make a Difference

Faire Makes A "Major" Comeback

At Las Positas College, the Major Exploration Faire is an annual tradition: an opportunity for students to talk with LPC faculty, as well as their counterparts from four-year schools, about majors in which they might be interested. This year, however, it appeared that the institution would have to forego the Faire due to limited resources. But thanks to an outpouring of strong support from the College community, the Major Faire will proceed as planned! It will be held on Wednesday, October 13, with info tables set up across campus. Now LPC students — because of the College-wide commitment of faculty, staff, and administrators — will get to experience this day-long event dedicated to helping them pick a path to their future.



Respect for Diversity

Student Data Demonstrate Increases

With all of the pre-term activities happening on campus, such as EXPO and the Welcome Center, it's easy to see that students are returning for classes, that staff and faculty are ramping up for Fall, and that it's going to be another busy semester at LPC — and the data seems to convey the same message. Just days before the start of classes, Las Positas College had a fill-rate of almost 92% (compared to 85% last Fall, and 76% in Fall 2008). In addition, headcount numbers indicate there are approximately 8,200 students currently enrolled at the College. There is also an uptick in the number of classes being taken by individuals, as the number of full-time students increased from 44% to 47%.



Creative Thinking

Local Initiative To Enhance Innovation

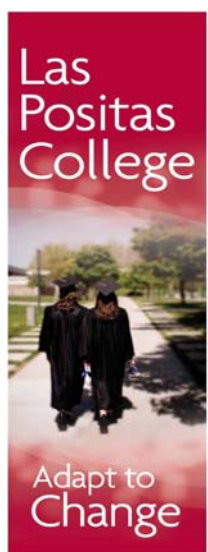
Last month representatives from LPC attended an event to launch *Innovation Tri-Valley*, an initiative spearheaded by Sybase and the Livermore Chamber of Commerce. The goal is to "create an interconnected hub of innovation to spur job growth and sustain a health economy and vibrant community." The College serves on the steering committee — together with LLNL, Sandia, Chevron, Wente, The Hertz Foundation, and Adept — and has been involved in the project since its inception. The initiative "represents a growing partnership of public and private entities" committing leadership and resources to secure an even brighter future for the region.



Adapt to Change

College To Celebrate Opening of CCA

The start of Fall semester brings many things to Las Positas College: new students, new personnel, new energy for the new academic year, and new excitement about the completion of the College Center for the Arts (CCA). This brand new, beautiful, 55,000 sq. ft. facility is home to a breathtaking 500-seat main theater, a 175-seat black box theater, a 1,500-seat amphitheater, classrooms, rehearsal rooms, and offices. The College will begin using the CCA for classes this semester, and the first performance is scheduled for next month. Additionally, in October as part of the planned Open House on campus, LPC will hold a dedication ceremony for this flagship building as it is named for the institution's founding leader, Dr. Barbara F. Mertes.



Lifelong Learning

Participatory Governance at LPC

As part of its "College Day" activities following Convocation, Las Positas College dedicated time to a college-wide workshop on participatory governance. The session featured guest speakers and panelists, including a representative from the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, offering their perspectives on governance in community colleges. In addition, the guests responded to questions that had been generated by faculty and staff during a Town Meeting dialogue on the topic. The discussions at this meeting provided an opportunity for lifelong learning, to build our own capacity, and to set a framework for LPC's revision of its Governance Handbook.

