



Board Report

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KEY DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS:

- All-College Holiday Gathering
December 10
- President's Office Hours
December 10, 4:00 - 5:00 PM
- CalWORKs/CARE Student Recognition Holiday Celebration
December 11, 2:00—4:00 PM
MDB Reading Room (2401)
- Vocal Jazz Concert
December 11
- Instrumental Jazz Concert
December 12
- Yak 'N Sak with the President
December 17, 12:00 - 1:00 PM
- Men's Basketball Game vs. San Jose City College
December 17, 7:00 PM
- Women's Basketball Game vs. Skyline College
January 6, 5:30 PM
- Men's Basketball Game vs. Skyline College
January 6, 7:30 PM
- Women's Basketball Game vs. Chabot College
January 16, 3:00 PM

PRESIDENT'S COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Leadership Livermore Education Day	Dec. 15
Sandia National Laboratories 60th Anniversary Event	Dec. 17
ACCCA State Budget Workshop	Jan. 15

Looking Back on 2009, Looking Ahead to 2010 and Beyond

"What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from."

— T. S. Eliot

December is here, marking the end of the semester and the end of the calendar year. It brings with it opportunities for both reflection and renewal: we look back and learn from where we've been and what we've done, and at the same time we look ahead to where we are going and who we — as an institution — are becoming.

As an institution, we achieved many goals and milestones during 2009: opening of the Aquatics Center, Central Utility Plant, Maintenance & Operations facility, and photovoltaic parking shades; implementation of a new campus smoking policy; completion of our Accreditation Self-Study and Site Visit; hosting a series of first-ever events, including the Talk Hawk Invitational Forensics Tournament, Pow Wow, Italian Film Festival, Operation Gateway, Community Leadership Day, Visioning Day, and International Education Night; approval of the new Surgical Technology Program; establishment of new initiatives like the Welcome Center, the "What's Right at LPC" Award, and the President's Community Newsletter; redesign of the College website; endorsement of the new institutional Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Strategic Goals; and serving record numbers of students, with a headcount over 9,500 this Fall. None of this would have been accomplished without the hard work and dedicated efforts of our staff and faculty, and their commitment to making an astonishing difference for our students.

It is this shared focus on students and actualizing our Mission that will serve as the foundation for articulating our shared vision for the future of Las Positas College. Although it means bidding farewell to 2009, the end of the year also transitions into the beginning of a new one — and the starting point for the next phase in our history and organizational development. The new year may bring with it new plans and priorities, but they will be built on the strength and success of what has come before.

KUDOS: Student, Faculty & Staff Recognitions

- LPC's Emeritus Retirees — Steven Bundy, Theresa Costa, Peggy Egan, Jim Heiner, Donna Impey, Abby McCann, Alice Moyer, Linda Peifer, Martha Peterson, Ken Ross, Mary Straight, and David Vigil — for their many valued contributions to the College and for making an astonishing difference to our students and the community
- The Men's Soccer Team for the 8 players who earned Coast "All-Conference" Honors this season
- The December nominees for the "What's Right at LPC" Award: Angella Ven John, Nancy Wright, Cindy Balero, Sean Day, Sylvia Rodriguez, Jim Dobson, Randy Taylor, Diane Duffy, and Sondra Crosseti
- The Men's Basketball Team for their third place finish at the Eagle Invitational Tournament hosted by Mendocino College

Global/Social Responsibility

LPC Recognizes World AIDS Day

On December 2, the College community had an opportunity to participate in the recognition of World AIDS Day through a series of events sponsored by the Health Center. Activities on campus included information and resources, HIV testing, red ribbons, presentations from the Student Health Center Coordinator and an HIV-positive student, and a showing of the film, "And the Band Played On." Established in 1988, World AIDS Day focuses on increasing awareness, improving education, and raising funds for support. This year's theme was "Universal Access and Human Rights."



Make a Difference

Advisory Council Connects College To The Community

Recently, the Presidential Advisory Council gathered for their quarterly meeting and shared feedback on College data, student demographics, and future directions. This group, established last year, advises the President on local trends, issues, and opportunities, and helps develop strategies for enhancing community awareness and partnerships. The Presidential Advisory Council played an integral role in the concepts behind LPC's first Community Leadership Day, and eleven members participated in Visioning Day back in October.



Respect for Diversity

SHN Sets Sights On Organizational Success, Seeks Broad Best Practices

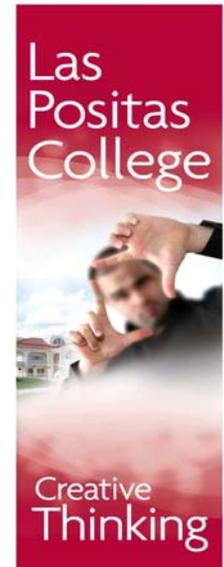
LPC continues its participation in the Strategic Horizon Network (SHN), and continues to see the benefits of the program principles and partnering with other members. SHN colleges share best practices, but also look to business for broad and diverse examples of success. The last Colloquium focused on leveraging the institution's "intangible resources" — developing leaders and engaging employees — and in February, the College will serve as the host site for the next bi-annual session. Recently, LPC's work with SHN was featured in "The News," the quarterly publication put out by CCLC.



Creative Thinking

Film Festival Features Student Talent

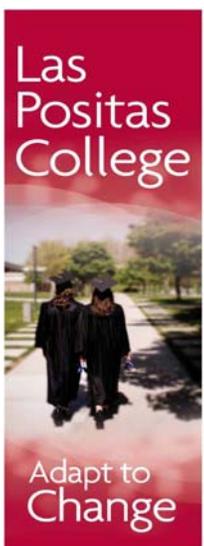
Last weekend, Las Positas College hosted its Second Annual Student Film Festival. The Festival is open for all currently enrolled California college, trade/technical, and ROP students to enter works of 40 minutes or less to be considered for competition and exhibition. Prizes were awarded in four film-length categories: 1 minute, 5 minutes or less, 5-20 minutes, and 20-40 minutes in duration. This year's competition added a new "Weekend Filmmaker Challenge" in which students had 73 hours (from Friday to Monday) to create a movie.



Adapt to Change

President Opens Her Office To Students

With emails, video messages, Yak 'N Sak sessions, and the Community Newsletter, students have many ways of staying in touch with President Pollard and informed about College happenings. Now, one more option is being added to that list of communication choices. Once a month, students have a chance to drop in to the President's Office for some one-on-one time with the Dr. Pollard. They can ask questions, voice comments, share concerns, or just talk about their experience at Las Positas College. Students are seen on a first-come, first-served basis and are limited to a ten-minute visit to allow more of them an opportunity to spend time with the President.



Lifelong Learning

After Accreditation, College Continues Planning Processes

Following the Accreditation Site Visit, LPC's Steering Team met to evaluate the process and suggest enhancements for the next cycle. They identified strengths and areas for improvement related to both the Self-Study and Site Visit, and recommended that these efforts become embedded into the institution's culture and continuous learning. The information was shared with the College Council, which serves as the steering committee for Accreditation. At the same time, LPC is in the midst of an update to its governance handbook and is engaged in dialogue around the concept of institutional effectiveness.

