



## Board Report

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### KEY DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Orchestra & Wind Ensemble  
December 8, 7:30 PM  
Main Stage Theater
- Student Senate "Prep-2-Pass"  
Tutoring Event  
December 8 & 9
- CalWORKs/CARE Student  
Recognition Celebration  
December 10, 2:30 - 4:30 PM  
Reading Room (2401)
- Women's Basketball vs. Modesto  
December 10, 5:00 p.m.
- Talk Hawks' *Speeches & Stories*  
December 10, 8 PM  
Black Box Theater
- Vocal Jazz & Combos Concert  
December 10, 8 PM  
Main Stage Theater
- Men's Basketball at Skyline  
Classic Tournament  
December 10 - 12, times TBD
- Women's Basketball vs.  
College of the Siskiyous  
December 11, 5:00 PM
- Instrumental Jazz Concert  
December 11, 8 PM  
Main Stage Theater
- All-College Holiday Breakfast  
December 16, 8 - 11 AM  
Staff Lounge (1601)
- President's Office Hours  
December 17, 10:30 - 11:30 AM
- Women's Basketball at  
San Jose Tournament  
December 27 - 29, times TBD
- Men's Basketball at Chabot  
Classic Tournament  
December 28 - 30, times TBD

### PRESIDENT'S COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Leadership Livermore	Dec. 14
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Meeting	Jan. 26

### LPC Celebrates The Season And Shares In The Joys Of The Holidays

*"This is my wish for you: peace of mind, prosperity through the year, happiness that multiplies, health for you and yours, fun around every corner, energy to chase your dreams, joy to fill your holidays!"*

~ D.M. Dellinger

December is always a season of celebration of Las Positas College: a chance to celebrate the College and colleagues, to highlight the holidays, and — of course — another opportunity to see our students shine. As it does each year, the Performing Arts Department showcases its talented students with performances (see dates/times listed under "Upcoming Events") by the Choir, Orchestra & Wind Ensemble, Vocal Jazz & Combos, and Instrumental Jazz; however, this time, the students are taking center stage in the beautiful Main Theater of the Barbara Francisco Mertes Center for the Arts.

On Friday, December 10, CalWORKs/CARE will hold its annual Student Recognition Celebration to acknowledge the hard work and achievements of students in the program. In addition to celebrating student success, the event will include lunch and a presentation of gift cards to help the students and their families enjoy a brighter holiday season; it will also feature keynote speaker and former CalWORKs student, Adrian Williams, to share her story of success and talk about her experience at Las Positas College.

And, of course, the holiday season would not be complete without the All-College Breakfast. This long-standing tradition, organized and sponsored by LPC's administrators, serves as a "thank you" to faculty and staff and provides a wonderful opportunity for the campus community to come together and share good food, fellowship, and festive fun. This year the gathering, which will be the last event the Staff Lounge, will be held on December 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. — so mark your calendars and join this special celebration of the season.

### KUDOS: Student, Faculty & Staff Recognitions

- Tim Thomas, scholar-athlete and center on the Hawks Basketball team, for signing a letter of intent to attend UOP and play for the Tigers.
- LPC's IT department, ECD faculty and staff, M&O, and the Facilities team for all of their work to host the November Board Meeting in the new Child Development Center.
- Men's Cross-Country team for finishing the season 7<sup>th</sup> in Northern California and 25<sup>th</sup> in the State
- Cindy Balero and Sean Day for organizing the activities for LPC's 2nd Annual International Education Week.
- The Women's Soccer team for a fantastic season, earning them a post-season playoff bid.
- The Counseling Department and the Student Senate for being nominated for the "What's Right at LPC" award.

## Global/Social Responsibility

### LPC Looks At Latest Legislation

At the December Town Meeting, Las Positas College faculty, staff, and administrators spent time learning about and discussing recent legislation related to community colleges. The month before, three members of the campus community — Interim Vice President Jeff Baker, Academic Senate President Sarah Thompson, and Transfer Counselor Mike Schwarz — attended the Academic Senate of California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Plenary Session to get the latest updates, and returned to share the info with their colleagues. The trio presented details of SB 1440 [Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (STAR)] and SB 1143 [Community Colleges: Student Success and Completion], along with recommendations developed to aid the College and District with the changes to come.



## Make a Difference

### Working To Make A MEGA Difference

In an effort to continuously improve its services and meet needs, Student Services is planning a change to its orientation offerings for new students. The new approach would eliminate the College-driven EXPO held for all new students each August, and replace it with a "MEGA Day" on a Saturday in May. Similar to the event put on by sister-college Chabot, LPC's MEGA Day would focus on the enrollment of graduating high school seniors and provide them with an opportunity to register and participate in workshops. As a result of this change, the Student Senate (ASLPC) is exploring the possibility of conducting a student-run "welcome event" near the start of Fall semester to take the place of EXPO.



## Respect for Diversity

### LPC To Launch "Art On Campus"

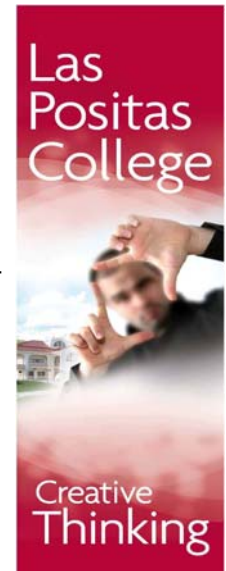
The College is moving forward with plans for use of its Nike Site Funds. Vetted through College Council, the proposal calls for the creation of an "Art on Campus" program and a committee to facilitate the process. As the participatory governance body that includes the leadership of all constituency groups, College Council will develop and approve the guidelines for the program; the "Art on Campus" committee — led by the Dean of Arts & Communication and consisting of faculty and staff in the arts, students, and others deemed appropriate — will implement the initiative. In keeping with the parameters set forth by the Board of Trustees and with the feedback from the campus community, the funds will be used for art that will enhance the character of the campus with a focus on celebrating diversity and multiculturalism.



## Creative Thinking

### With Super Sales And Stage Success, The Fall Play Is Very Much "Ado-ozy"

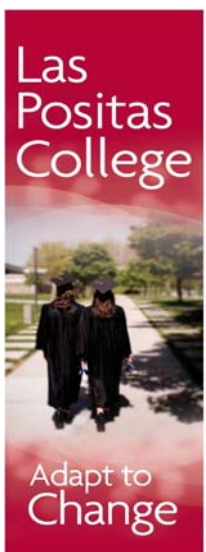
Last week the LPC production of *Much Ado About Nothing* wrapped up its extended run in the Black Box Theater of the new Mertes Center for the Arts. Thanks to brisk ticket sales, three extra dates were added to the performance schedule before the play even opened. Set in 1890s America — rather than Shakespeare's original setting of the Italian renaissance period — the play, directed by Ken Ross, engaged audiences with its talented cast, well-designed set, distinctive costumes, entertaining music, and unique theater layout. Local reviews described the production as "refreshing," "hilarious," and a "cool show for a date" — and *Much Ado About Nothing* proved to be a cool show to kickoff the LPC theater season.



## Adapt to Change

### Facilities Moving Full Steam Ahead

In January, Las Positas College will welcome Spring semester, new and familiar faces, and a different look to the campus. These changes for facilities include: newly-completed Child Development Center will be open and occupied by faculty and staff from the Early Childhood Development program; buildings 1500 and 1600 will be vacated to make way for the Student Services & Administration Building; building 1300D will be brought online to serve as a temporary replacement for the Staff Lounge; the Ricoh Copy Center will re-open in its new Building 1000 location; Building 1400 is scheduled to be razed over Winter Break; the International Student Program will settle into its new home in Building 1300; the new Track & Field facility will be operational; and construction will continue on the Science Center expansion.



## Lifelong Learning

### Program Review, Plans & Progress

This year, for the first time, LPC has three separate Program Review processes — Instructional, Student Services, and Non-Instructional — running concurrently. Across the College, disciplines, departments, and units are conducting evaluations of their programs to develop a mini "self-study" that analyzes data, highlights achievements, and identifies areas of (and action plans for) improvement. The information generated from all three strands will be entered into the "Common Tool," a single database designed to track and quantify the info and goals that emerge from Program Review. The processes conclude in February, and — together with the Strategic Plan and Accreditation Recommendations — will play a critical role in the institution's planning and effectiveness.

