



Board Report

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KEY DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Orchestra & Concert Bands with the Chamber & Concert Choirs
December 9 at 7:30 pm
Bankhead Theater
- CalWORKs/CARE Holiday Party
December 12, 12:00 to 2:00 pm
Staff Lounge
- Vocal Jazz Concert
December 12 at 8:00 pm
LPC Theater
- Instrumental Jazz Concert
December 13 at 8:00 pm
LPC Theater
- All-College Holiday Breakfast
December 18, 7:30 to 10:00 am
Staff Lounge
- Women's Basketball vs. College of the Redwoods
December 19 at 6:00 pm
PE Complex
- Men's Basketball vs. Monterey Peninsula
December 31 at 3:00 pm
PE Complex

PRESIDENT'S COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Holiday Mixer
December 10
- Regional Association of East Bay Colleges & Universities
December 11
- Leadership Livermore Education Day
December 16

Sharing Holiday Wishes and Holiday Thanks

Each year at this time, Las Positas College pulls out all the stops to celebrate the season, celebrate our students, and celebrate one another — and 2008 is no exception. The Performing Arts Department has put together wonderful productions from our dance students, concerts featuring the orchestra, band, and choirs, and performances from both the vocal and instrumental jazz groups. Our CalWORKs/CARE team invites the campus community to join them in supporting their students and recognizing their hard work and accomplishments. Then on Thursday, December 18, the faculty and staff will gather for the annual All-College Holiday Breakfast — an opportunity to share good food, good company, and good wishes for the semester ahead.

With the holidays and the new year upon us, it seems the perfect time to express my sincere appreciation to all of our faculty, staff,

administrators, and students for the phenomenal work and incredible dedication they put forth throughout the year. The exceptional efforts you display make my job as President so much more rewarding and so much less difficult. When I go out into the community to develop and build partnerships, when I meet with colleagues from two-year and four-year institutions, when I speak with media representatives, or when I talk with potential students and their families, I do so knowing that — because of you — Las Positas College not only lives up to, but exceeds its reputation for quality programs and services. I am grateful for your commitment to our students and community, and your commitment to excellence. Thank you for all you do, and here's to a successful and shining 2009 — Happy Holidays!

DeRionne P. Pollard, Ph.D.
President

KUDOS: Student, Faculty & Staff Recognitions

- Our Lady Hawks on the Women's Basketball team for their first home victory at The Nest this season.
- Acting Vice President Jeff Baker, Outreach Specialist Jenna Heath, and the Student Services team for yet another successful High School Seniors & Parent Night.
- Catherine Suarez for her leadership and coordination of our second annual La Semana Cubana celebration of Cuban Culture Week.
- The Men's Basketball team for their continued success and 10-1 record, ranking them fourth in the State.

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/Social Responsibility

Presidential Advisory Council Looks at Societal Challenges for Students

Last week, the Las Positas College Presidential Advisory Council held its second quarter meeting in Pleasanton. To familiarize themselves with the College and the populations we serve, the twenty community leaders in attendance reviewed local area demographics and facts about our students, such as age, gender, and ethnicity, enroll-

ment patterns, educational goals, transfer rates, and degrees and certificates earned.

The Council then engaged in a roundtable discussion about the challenges our students face in these economic times and the way in which these obstacles can directly impact their pursuit of educational opportunities and impede their success in the classroom. The members shared insightful feedback about strate-

gies to identify community resources and existing support structures to help students facing real hardships. They also suggested some activities that could enhance students' experiences at the College, and better prepare them for success in school and the workplace. At the next meeting in February, the Presidential Advisory Council will look at innovative ways to market and "brand" the College.



Respect for Diversity

Campus Change Network Celebrates Cuban Culture Week

On Friday, December 5, the Campus Change Network — in partnership with the Alameda County Arts Fund, the local non-profit BasicNecessities.org, and Cuban Culture Week — presented its final installment of the Fall Speaker Series, "Timba: Mu-

sic of Struggle, Triumph, and Modernized Tradition." The discussion, featuring guest lecturer Lara Greene from Florida International University, focused on Timba and its influence on Cuban culture. Ms. Greene shared with the audience the roots of Timba, a Cuban musical genre that has remained popular

since it evolved in the 1970s.

The Speaker Series was one of the final activities put on as part of our second annual La Semana Cubana, a week of events that "invited exploration, understanding, and appreciation of Cuban art, culture, history, religion, music, and dance."



Adapt to Change

LPC Works to Keep "PACE" with Changes in Campus Climate

Between December 1 and 15, faculty, staff, and students at Las Positas College have the opportunity to chime in about the climate on campus. Thanks to the work of Dr. Amber Machamer, the College is participating in a Personal Assessment

of the College Environment (PACE) survey being conducted by the National Initiative for Leadership and Institutional Effectiveness. The nationally-normed survey consists of sixty-six questions covering such topics as leadership, communication, and professional development, as well as customized questions

about attitudes toward Town Meeting. This survey continues Dr. Pollard's efforts to solicit feedback from the members of the campus community and engage them in dialogue around ways to advance and "future" LPC: looking at who we are as an institution, who we want to be, and how we can get there.

Make a Difference

Campus Culture & Celebration

Several months ago, Dr. Polard announced that she was establishing three task forces to explore several issues and potential opportunities at the College: 1) campus culture, 2) international study, and 3) textbook prices. The Campus Culture & Celebration Task Force was the first group to be formed and receive their charge, and wasted

no time in getting right to work.

The group, consisting of Leslie Gravino, Scott Miner, Tiina Hukari, Michelle Gonzales, and Karen Kit, developed an extensive list of recommendations on ways to preserve and celebrate our campus culture. Suggestions ranged from picnics to recreational activities and from holiday festivities to an LPC "Olympics." Last week at Town Meeting, the

Task Force presented their ideas and sought feedback from their colleagues. The next steps for the group will be identifying the first "celebration" they will organize next semester for the campus community.



Creative Thinking

Visual Communications Students Creative? Go "Figure"...

If you visit the Library through the end of January, you might catch a glimpse of some unusual sights, such as pigs taking to the skies or a feline and canine downpour. It's not a science experiment or a re-run from the Discovery Channel, but a display of innovative work from our Visual Communications

(VCOM) students. The exhibit, *A Figure of Speech*, is a visual homage to the idiom and features more than forty pieces depicting expressions like "If Pigs Could Fly", "It's Raining Cats and Dogs", and "Hold Your Horses."

Art Imitates Life, and Radio Las Positas Documents Both

The students at Radio Las

Positas have been busy covering events from athletics to xylophones. In the last week alone the station staff have provided live webcasts of a Hawks' basketball game, *The Real Rain Man*, the CCN December Speaker Series, live musical performances from a studio in Livermore, and their own day-long acoustical concert on campus.



Lifelong Learning

Honors Symposium

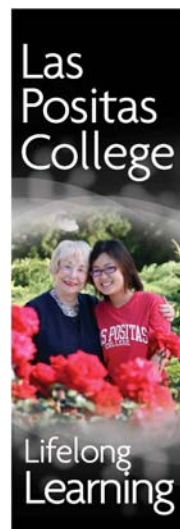
Yesterday the College was treated to presentations from a group of talented students at the Honors Symposium. These students, participants in the Honors Transfer Program, worked faculty on their respective projects: Malina Catlett, who worked with Bill Paskewitz, demonstrated her adventures in learning to make

paper; Andrej Hrycaj worked with Paul Torres on American Government; and Sandra Grace discussed her work with Dr. Robin Roy on industrial organizational psychology.

Talk Hawks Take Home Awards Across State and Across Country

Over the weekend, the Forensics Team had students competing in speech tournaments at

CSU Long Beach and College of Lake County (IL). The three students competing at Long Beach finished 3rd in the Small School Division. The two students who traveled to Illinois beat out teams with ten and twelve participants to take home 3rd Place overall. Congratulations to the Talk Hawks and coaches on their success!



Facilities Update



Campus Boulevard Phase I-III

The Design team redesigned a simplified project due to the original design being over budget. The new design was presented to the User Group in April, 2008. Input provided at that meeting was given back to the user group in August, 2008. Final comments were returned to the Design Team in September, 2008. The Design Team is currently studying the comments and ADA accessible routes. Upon approval construction documents will be completed.



College Center for the Arts

Work continues per schedule. Basement walls and foundations for the music classroom wing are underway. The erection of structural steel for that wing is scheduled to begin on December 8, 2008. Work on sanitary and storm drain infrastructure continues.

District-wide Information Technology Building

Board of Trustees has awarded the construction contract to Pencon, Inc. of Livermore. Notice to Proceed is expected to be issued December, 2008. Construction is scheduled to complete December 2009 for occupancy in January 2010.

Fire Alarm Upgrade

System design is complete and DSA comments have been issued. A meeting with the user-group took place November 20, 2008 to review these comments. The engineer completed their response to all DSA comments. The proposed addition of access and security controls to this project may delay the schedule while those designs are completed and permitted.

Central Utility Plant

Southland mobilized and commenced work on the utility loop in April, 2008. The utility loop was completed August 29, 2008, 6 weeks ahead of schedule. The Design Build Contractor, Southland Industries has finalized detailed design for the Central Plant. The project will be submitted to DSA for access review in January 2009, to allow time for final review and comments from the M&O Team. DSA approval is expected by April 2009. Site-work will commence February 2009; construction of the Central Utility Plant structure will commence directly upon DSA approval.

Maintenance & Operations Facility

Presently the construction of Carports A & B are complete. The construction of foundations for the warehouse / shop building, and fuel depot are underway. Due to weather and unforeseen underground utility and soil conditions the contractual milestone to finish hardscape and temporary pad has been extended from October 15, 2008 to December 2008, depending upon weather. Achievement of this milestone will allow the existing Maintenance & Operations shops and storage facilities will be relocated to the new site allowing construction to commence on the District-wide Information Technology Building. The M&O office building supplier has defaulted on their contract and their surety has taken over responsibility to deliver this building. The schedule to finish the M&O office building is under negotiation with the surety, Liberty Mutual/Guardian Group.

P.E. Phase III (Outside Loop Road)

Document submittal to DSA for permit review took place September 29, 2008. DSA has issued comments on fire / life safety; structural and access comments have not yet been issued. Upon issuance of all comments the A/E team will respond and resubmit to DSA for final approval. The project will be bid with three options as the budget for the complete project as designed is inadequate.

Solar PV System/Parking Lot H

The shade structures and solar panels, wiring, and components have been DSA approved. The parking lot was completed for use in the Fall Semester 2008. Shade structures and solar equipment are planned for installation in December, 2008 over the semester break. The installations will be sequenced to allow at least one half of each parking lot to remain in use at all times during the shade structures and solar equipment installations. Solar panels and related equipment, including shade structures for both parking lots "E" and "H" are scheduled for final completion by May 2009.

Student Services & Central Administration

Direction to utilize the traditional design-bid-build delivery method for this project was issued in November 2008. Five Architectural firms qualified for Student Services projects via RFQ-A06 will be invited to interview in February 2009. Architect selection and Board of Trustees authorization to award a design contract are anticipated to be complete March 2009. The design and construction schedule will then be finalized.

Multi-Disciplinary & Physical Education Buildings

These projects are complete. Rework of stucco and building enclosure systems is required and will be performed by the contractor. Design of the remedial work is underway and will be issued to the contractor for completion by Summer 2009.



Child Development Center

Invitations to bid were published in October according to the Public Contract Code. On October 29, 2008 forty-nine (49) interested parties attended a mandatory pre-bid meeting, of which thirty-five (35) attendees were general contractors who are eligible to bid on the project. Bids will be opened on December 11, 2008.



Aquatics Center & Soccer Field

The synthetic turf multiuse/soccer field is substantially complete and the College has taken beneficial occupancy. Final landscape planting and lawn areas were completed in November, 2008 at the multi-use playing field, as well as the necessary hand-rail/guardrail installations around the field walkways. The Aquatics Center has continued with the construction of the Pool House. The shell has been completed with roofing activities underway. The ceramic tile work for the two swimming pools was completed, as well as the installation of the mechanical systems. Substantial completion of the Aquatics Center is currently scheduled for December 2008 for occupancy January 2009.

Collier Creek Storm Water Outfall

Design documents are nearly complete. The final geotechnical report has been issued and the design is now being finalized to reflect those recommendations. Submittal to DSA for permit review is expected January 2009 with approval expected March, 2009.