



Board Report

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KEY DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

- President's "Yak 'N Sak"
February 19 @ 1:00 pm
Staff Lounge
- Dust Storm
February 19 at 7:00 p.m.
LPC Theater
- CCN Speaker Series featuring
Ishmael Reed
February 27 at 7:00 p.m., MDB
- *Ciaramella*
Early Music Concert Series
February 28 at 7:30 p.m.
LPC Library
- One Act Plays
March 4, 12:30 p.m.
March 6, 8:00 p.m.
LPC Theater
- *Romeo & Juliet*, presented by
Shakespeare on Tour
March 9, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
LPC Theater
- Orchestra Concert with the
Livermore-Amador Symphony
March 28 at 8:00 p.m.
Bankhead Theater, Livermore
- Umoja "Brotherhood of One"
March 5 at 5:30 p.m.
Student Center
- *Sex Chordae*
Early Music Concert Series
March 14 at 7:30 p.m.
LPC Library
- *Working*
LPC Spring Musical
March 27 & 28 at 8:00 p.m.
LPC Theater

PRESIDENT'S

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Las Positas College Annual
High School Breakfast
February 18
- CCLC Women's Leadership
Conference at Asilomar
March 5 - 7
- City of Dublin
Community Advisory Council
March 6
- CCLC Northern California
CEO Conference
March 8 - 10
- Dublin Chamber of Commerce
St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
March 17
- Presidential Advisory Council
May 7

LPC Welcomes Debaters, Dept. of Energy Event, and Dignitaries

In the last few weeks Las Positas College has opened its doors for several exciting events, welcoming the community and colleagues to campus in the process. Our Forensics Team played host to its first tournament, the "Talk Hawk Invitational." Approximately 100 students representing 12 colleges — including Chabot, Solano, Columbia, Diablo Valley, Modesto, Ohlone, and University of the Pacific — participated in the two-day competition. However, this debate contest found the home team enjoying a different kind of accomplishment: the Talks Hawks didn't enter the tournament so they could assist their instructors and help ensure the success of the event.

On January 31, LPC once again was home to the Regional High School Science Bowl. Cheered on by their parents and teachers, students on 25 teams — representing 11 local high schools — competed in the day-long event, put on in conjunction with Sandia National Laboratories. Winners go on to compete in the National Science Bowl, sponsored by the U.S. De-

partment of Energy. This weekend, we'll be treated to an encore when we host the Middle School Science Bowl.

Two weeks ago, the College had the honor of hosting an event for State Chancellor Jack Scott. The reception, co-sponsored by Chancellor Kinnamon and Assemblymember Mary Haysi, afforded us an opportunity to welcome Chancellor Scott to our District, introduce him to many of the people and programs that make LPC a premier institution, and take him on a tour of our beautiful, growing campus.

All of these events were tremendously successful thanks to the hard work of faculty, staff, students, and administrators from all areas of the College. I believe that everyone is "meant to shine," and that the same holds true for this institution; and each and every time Las Positas College shines bright, it is a direct result of the energy, passion, and dedication of the people who bring it to life.

DeRionne P. Pollard, Ph.D.
President

KUDOS: Student, Faculty & Staff Recognitions

- Our wonderful M&O and IT staff for the incredible work, expertise, and flawless execution they bring to each project and event on campus.
- Tiffany Breger, ASLPC President, for being selected as the 2009 Student of the Year by Sandia National Laboratories.
- Mike Sato, Maureen O'Herin, and Vice President Jones for their outstanding efforts to lead the work on our Accreditation process and Self-Study report.
- Kirti Reddy, Community Development Liaison, for her hard work and leadership in creating our Community Newsletter.

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

LPC To Explore Sustainability With Strategic Horizon Network

Next week, a team of administrators, faculty, and staff from Las Positas College will participate in its second session with the Strategic Horizon Network to explore strategies related to sustainability. The Strategic Horizon Network (SHN), which the College joined in November, works to assist participating institutions “move beyond conventional approaches to manage-

ment and leadership by committing to new ways of doing business in five areas: 1) analysis and creation of opportunity, 2) assessment and reporting of value, 3) enhancement of strategic management capability, 4) change design and management, and 5) leader development throughout the institution.

This colloquium will focus on managing tangible resources through sustainable efforts, and members of the LPC team will

give a presentation about the “green” principles and practices adopted and embraced by our campus community. Other SHN institutions — including Rio Salado, Owens, and Northern Essex — will also present their best practices. Through dialogue, site visits, and panel discussions, participants will explore the environmental, social, and economic dimensions of sustainability and their impact on higher education and business.



Respect for Diversity

Campus Change Network Unveils Spring Season of Speaker Series

This Spring, the Campus Change Network (CCN) will provide Speaker Series attendees with a “rich and diverse palette of offerings for both campus and community engagement.” First up on February 19 will be *Dust Storm*, a one-man play — written by Rick Foster and starring Zachary Drake — about Japanese

internment, told through the eyes of a Berkeley teenager. This special performance is co-sponsored by the LPC Foundation and English Department.

The lineup for the rest of the semester looks to be just as powerful and thought provoking as this first presentation. In honor of African American History Month, CCN hosts “An

Evening with Ishmael Reed” later this month; to celebrate Women’s “HerStory” Month in March, we’ll welcome writer, teacher, and healer Vicki Noble to explore “Female Shamanism & Women’s Roles in the Healing Arts”; and in April, CCN will sponsor the College’s first Italian Film Festival, a week-long salute to the contributions of Italian art, film, and culture.



Adapt to Change

Staff Development Has New Tool For Creativity & Communication

Each month our Staff Development Committee reviews and approves faculty and staff proposals to attend various conferences providing opportunities for professional development. Typically, upon return from their respective conference, the attendee would submit a written summary as a way of documenting

the experience and acquired knowledge that could be of benefit to the College. Now the Committee is employing an innovative software, Camtasia Studio, to capture the same information in what will hopefully prove to be a more useful, interactive, and dynamic method.

Camtasia Studio is a screen-capture video program that enables the user to record a pres-

entation and include video and sound. This software gives the Committee another model by which it shares conference information, and would allow the College to better archive and access professional development resources to be used by other groups in the future.

Make a Difference

Art Exhibit Shows A Lot Of "Heart"

Through the end of this month, Las Positas College has the privilege of playing host to The Bay Area Heart Gallery exhibit. This very special display, located in the Multi-Disciplinary Building (2400), features photographs of young people living in foster care, as well as adoptive families and their children.

The Bay Area Heart Gallery,

a collaboration of four public and private member agencies, aims to find permanent homes and life-long relationships for children and youth in foster care. It's goals are threefold: 1) to educate the community about the needs for adoption and permanency of children and youth in foster care, 2) to recruit adoptive families for older children, youth, and sibling groups, and 3) to recruit adoptive and foster parents from

throughout the Bay Area.

Thank you to Anne Loyola, Instructional Specialist for our Foster & Kinship Care Education and Independent Living Program, for bringing this unique exhibit to the campus community, and giving us an opportunity to see how The Bay Area Heart Gallery is making an astonishing difference for foster kids.



Creative Thinking

Performing Arts Prepares For Another Stellar Season

Spring has sprung at Las Positas College, and so has the new Performing Arts schedule for this term. The new season kicks off next month with One-Act Plays on March 4 and 6. Then on March 27, the curtain goes up on *Working* — the Spring Musical based on the book by Studs Terkel — which

chronicles a day in the life of 26 average American workers. Performances run Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays through April 19.

The day after *Working* celebrates opening night, our LPC Orchestra performs with the Livermore-Amador Symphony at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

Buy Concert Series Tickets "Early" And Often...

On February 28, the fourth year of the Early Music Concert Series begins with the sounds of Ciaramella, a 15th-century inspired wind band. For 2009, the Early Music focus is The Renaissance, and each performance begins with a pre-concert talk and ends with a reception featuring that night's guest musicians.



Lifelong Learning

Accreditation Process Is Anything But "Standard" for LPC

Last week, Las Positas College closed out its final campus-wide review of the Accreditation Self-Study draft. This serves as a milestone in the nearly two-year process that has been marked by innovative and dedicated efforts on behalf of many members of the College community. Led by Vice President Jones, Faculty

Accreditation Chair Maureen O'Herin, Self-Study Editor Mike Sato, "Document Czar" Jeff Sperry, Dr. Amber Machamer, and the 8 Standard Chairs, faculty, staff, and administrators addressed planning agendas, researched College and District policies and processes, and identified supporting evidence.

Using Wiki to manage information, the College was able to

better organize documents, facilitate and increase access to materials, and streamline the method by which the campus community participated and gave input.

We have just learned that the Accreditation Site Visit team will be at LPC October 19-22, and we look forward to sharing our Self-Study draft with the Board of Trustees in advance of that visit.



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 the schedule. The structural steel frame for the music classroom wing is complete and the metal stud framing for the exterior walls is underway. The erection of structural steel for the northern part of the building, including the theater audience chamber and fly loft, is scheduled to begin in early March 2009. Work on the tele-data infrastructure is underway.

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 was planned for January 2009, but has been delayed due to issues identified in the geotechnical report. Submittal is now anticipated to take place in February, with the expected approval date moving to April 2009.

Central Utility Plant

Southland Industries 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 was submitted to DSA for access review in November 2008, to allow time for final review and comments from the M&O Team. DSA approval is expected by February 2009. Southland will remobilize and site-work will commence this week; construction of the Central Utility Plant structure will begin directly upon DSA approval.

Maintenance & Operations Facility

Presently the construction of Carports A & B is complete. Maintenance & Operations shops and storage facilities were relocated to the new site in early December, 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. The Shop Building rough in for electrical, plumbing, and HVAC are underway, as is the Mezzanine. Paving for the entire site is expected to be complete (weather permitting) by mid-February 2009.

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. Final approval is expected March 2009, based upon feedback from DSA. P.E. Phase III will be bid with three options, as the budget for the complete project as designed is inadequate.

Parking Lot H & Photo-voltaic (Solar) System

The parking lot was completed for use in the Fall Semester 2008. All shade structures were installed in January 2009 and solar equipment installation, including photo-voltaic panels, is now underway. The installation has been sequenced to allow at least one half of each parking lot to remain in use at all times during the shade structure and solar equipment installations. The entire installation at both parking lots "E" and "H" is scheduled for final completion by March 31, 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 for consideration of award of the Design Contract. Architect selection and Board of Trustees authorization to award a design contract had been planned to be complete March 2009. The process is currently on hold pending identification of construction management staff to oversee the process.

Multi-Disciplinary Education Buildings

This project is complete. Notice of Completion was filed with the County Recorder January 29, 2009. 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

On December 2008, 11 General Contractors submitted bids for construction of the Child Development Center. Award of the general contract to Lathrop Construction of Benicia, CA was approved by the Board of Trustees on January 20, 2009. Notice to Proceed (NTP) is expected to be issued and work commence in March 2009. The NTP was delayed due to schedule delays at the M&O Facility project which resulted in the current M&O Office Trailers remaining on the CDC site.

District-wide Information Technology Building

NTP was issued December, 2008. The building pad has been graded and structural footings and underground piping are now underway.



Aquatic Center & Soccer Field

The synthetic turf multiuse/soccer field is substantially complete and the College has taken beneficial occupancy. The Aquatics Center has continued with the construction of the Pool House. The shell has been completed with roofing and interior finish activities underway. The ceramic tile work for the two swimming pools was completed, as well as the installation of the mechanical systems, pool security fencing. Pool plastering and filling are currently the main focus of activities. Substantial completion of the Aquatics Center is currently scheduled for February 2009 for occupancy early March, 2009. Aquatics classes are scheduled to begin March 23, 2009, and scheduling of a formal ribbon cutting event is in process.