



Board Report

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KEY DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Men's Basketball vs. CCSF
January 21 at 7:00 p.m.
PE Complex
- Talk Hawk Invitational
Speech Tournament
January 23, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Rooms 2450, 2460, 2470, & 2480
- Women's Basketball vs. Skyline
January 28 at 5:00 p.m.
PE Complex
- Men's Basketball vs. Foothill
January 28 at 7:30 p.m.
PE Complex
- Men's Basketball vs. Chabot
January 31 at 7:00 p.m.
PE Complex
- Men's Basketball vs. Canada
February 4 at 7:00 p.m.
PE Complex
- CCN Speaker Series featuring
Ishmael Reed
February 7 at 7:00 p.m., MDB
- Men's Basketball vs. Skyline
February 11 at 5:30 p.m.
PE Complex
- Women's Basketball vs. CCSF
February 11 at 7:00 p.m.
PE Complex
- Women's Basketball vs. CSM
February 13 at 7:00 p.m.
PE Complex

PRESIDENT'S

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- LLNL Educators' Luncheon
January 22
- Tri-Valley YMCA
Annual MLK Breakfast
January 26
- Dublin Chamber of Commerce
State-of-the-City Luncheon
January 28
- Pleasanton Chamber of
Commerce Community
Service Awards
January 30
- Presidential Advisory Council
February 4
- Livermore Chamber of
Commerce Gala
February 7
- Regional Association of East
Bay Colleges & Universities
February 17

New Faces, New Spaces: Spring at Las Positas College

new (*nōō, nū*), **adj.** ; 1. *having existed or having been made but a short time, having originated or occurred lately, recent, fresh, or modern*; 2. *not before seen or known, although existing before*; 3. *now commencing, different from has been*; 4. *not familiar, unaccustomed*; 5. *to make new, to renew*; 6. *renovated, untried, changed for the better.*

Today, as we usher in the Spring 2009 semester at Las Positas College, we also welcome a whole host of changes on campus, in our community, and in our country. Despite the significance and scale, there is one simple, three-letter word that accurately captures and describes the transformations and developments that lie ahead — *new*.

The most obvious additions to the College, and the focus of all we do, are the faces of new students on campus. They are joined by new faculty and staff, as our campus community continues to grow and become more diverse. At the same time, the campus itself has a new face this semester, with the completion and grand opening of the Aquatic Center, the installation

of the photo-voltaic shades in Lots E & H, the construction underway on the Child Development Center and District-wide IT Building, and the College Center for the Arts rising up and taking shape with each passing day. Our new smoking policy provides us an opportunity to embrace wellness, promote sustainable practices, and protect the environment. In an effort to meet student needs, College personnel continue to work on the development of new curriculum and resources, like our recently approved Surgical Technology program.

In my welcome message for the class schedule, I referred to this season as “a time for new beginnings...renewal” when we can “discover the better parts of ourselves.” As we move forward through the year, facing challenges and opportunities, we can remember that sentiment and hope these *new* experiences live up to the definition, leaving us changed for the better.

DeRionne P. Pollard, Ph.D.
President

KUDOS: Student, Faculty & Staff Recognitions

- Scott Miner for his appointment to the Executive Committee of the Alameda County Arts Commission.
- Our talented students in the Orchestra, Band, Chamber Choir, and Concert Choir — along with the dedicated Music faculty — for their sold out holiday performance at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.
- Jeff Baker for his leadership and hard work while serving as Acting Vice President of Student Services.
- Scott Vigallon for leading the College's work on the Distance Education retention study by the System Office.

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 Has It Made In The Shade... Solar Shade Structures. That Is

After much planning and input from the campus community, Las Positas College is engaged in the most visible of its sustainability efforts to date. Over the Winter Break, installation of the photo-voltaic (solar) shade structures began in Parking Lots E and H. When completed, this project — which saw significant involvement from our Sustain-

ability Task Force — will provide approximately 750 covered spaces and generate about one megawatt of electricity.

College Selected To Serve As Cooperating Collections Center

LPC has been designated a Cooperating Collection of the Foundation Center of New York. As such, the College will offer access free of charge to the

Center's detailed information on grant-makers and how to apply for grants, and provide non-profits and underserved populations with training and tools to become successful grant-seekers. The Foundation Center, established in 1956, is the nation's leading authority on organized philanthropy and its core collection profiles more than 91,000 grant-making entities across the country.



Respect for Diversity

ISP Orientation

Last week, our International Students Program (ISP) welcomed 20 new members of the LPC family to campus. Over the course of the three-day orientation, the staff introduced the students — representing ten different countries — to College programs and services, as well as helpful information to assist with the transition to their new home

away from home. As in previous semesters, the ISP staff invited faculty, staff, and administrators from the College and District to attend and personally greet the new students.

CCN Speaker Series

In celebration of Black History Month, Campus Change Network (CCN) will hold the

first of its 2009 Speaker Series events featuring noted literary figure, Ishmael Reed, on February 7. Dr. Reed, who has taught at Yale, Harvard, Dartmouth, and UC Berkeley, is recognized for a style that challenges literary conventions and highlights various forms of oppression. He is a noted novelist, essayist, playwright, songwriter, and musician.



Adapt to Change

Changing Times And Changing Needs For LPC Students

All around us we see signs of the challenges brought on by our nation's struggling economy and hear stories about the impact on the students and community we serve. One telling indicator is the significant increase in the number of financial aid applicants over the last two years. In a semester to semester compari-

son, the College received approximately 34% more Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in Fall 2008 than it did in Fall 2007. In contrast, the difference between Fall 2006 and Fall 2007 was only about 6%.

As a result of this growing need, there has been an obvious jump in the workload of our Financial Aid staff, who — faced with nearly double the number

of office visits across that two-year period — have risen to the occasion to assist students. Several College groups, including the LPC Foundation, Veterans First Initiative, Textbook Task Force, and Presidential Advisory Council have begun to explore and establish associated educational expenses, such as textbooks, and ways to help ease the burden for our students.

Make a Difference

Campus Security Keeps College Safe And Informed

LPC's Department of Campus Safety & Security recently published a newsletter outlining protocols to assist faculty, staff, and students dealing with emergency and non-emergency issues and communicating information to our officers. The newsletter also contains important dates to remember, including those related to parking permits and our

new smoking policy. The publication coincides with the review of LPC's Security Master Plan and the upcoming implementation of several components contained therein, such as the new fire alarm system, emergency phones, and a television signal.

TEC Talks Career Trends

Several weeks ago, the Tri-Valley Educational Collaborative

(TEC) invited local high school teachers and business leaders to a panel discussion held at the LVJUSD Offices. As TEC's lead fiscal agent and program co-director (with Tri-Valley ROP), LPC helped coordinate the meeting, which featured panelists addressing major regional and national career trends and key traits leading to students' success in the workplace.



Creative Thinking

LPC Extreme Makeover: Website Edition

As the District embraces the look and feel of its new web portal, *The Zone*, our College website is getting a makeover of its own. The redesigned site, launching at the beginning of the new semester, is now comprised of group-specific sections aimed at helping visitors quickly navigate and find the information they need. Whether a high

school student, adult learner, community member, or current LPC student, online info-seekers will discover content geared toward their particular needs or area of interest. The new and improved website is the result of more than a year of work by our Webmaster, Elizabeth Noyes, using what's known as a "people-oriented design" and input from the campus community.

Talk Hawks Host Tournament

For the first time, our Forensics Team will host a speech tournament here at the College. The competition features debate teams from Chabot, Solano, Columbia, Diablo Valley, Modesto, and Ohlone Colleges, as well as the University of the Pacific. They will have their final round judged by a panel of LPC administrators and faculty this Friday. Go, Talk Hawks!



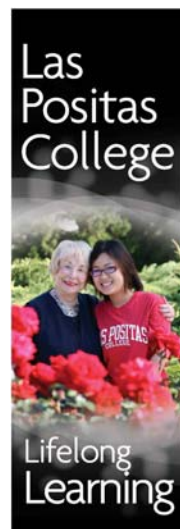
Lifelong Learning

New Program Could Bring "Surge" Of Students To Campus

Last month, the State Chancellor's Office approved Las Positas College's new Associate in Science degree and Certificate of Achievement, both in Surgical Technology. The program prepares students to become Certified Surgical Technologists (CST), who assist surgeons in medical operations and serve as

members of operating room teams. Based on data from the California Employment Development Department, CSTs are among the top twenty fastest growing occupations in Alameda County. With employer demand, and a focus on preparation for direct career placement, our Surgical Technology program is liable to see considerable student interest. Thank you to Dr.

Neal Ely and his staff, our Biology faculty, and our Allied Health program personnel for their leadership and hard work toward making this happen for our students.



Facilities Update



Campus Boulevard Phase I-III

The Design Team redesigned a simplified project due to the original design being over budget. Construction documents will be completed and submitted to the Division of State Architect (DSA) by March 1, 2009.

District-wide Information Technology Building

Pencon commenced work on December 22, 2008. Significant progress has been made, including the demolition of remaining former M&O structures, excavation and site work.

Fire Alarm Upgrade

DSA approval was received January 15, 2009. The project bid schedule is now being finalized.



College Center for the Arts

Structural steel is in place for the lobby, office, rehearsal and other general use spaces for the College Center for the Arts (CCA). Structural steel for the theater portion of the structure will be going up over the coming 60 days, and excavation for the amphitheater will commence by April 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 was planned to take place January 2009, however due to the delay in issuance of the geotechnical report DSA submittal is now planned to take place in February 2009.

Central Utility Plant

Southland Industries, the design-build contractor, is remodeling and expects to commence site work for the Central Utility Plant the first week of February 2009.

Maintenance & Operations Facility

Construction of Carports A & B are complete. The pre-engineered shop and warehouse building is now installed and interior improvements are underway. Existing M&O shop and storage facilities have been relocated from their historic location to the new site to allow construction to commence on the IT 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 surety will provide temporary facilities to accommodate the M&O Offices to allow construction to commence on the Child Development Center.

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.

Photo-voltaic (Solar) Parking Structure

Over the 2008 Winter Break Chevron Energy Solutions (CES), our design-build contractor, fenced off a total of 300 parking stalls in Lots H and E to complete core drilling and placement of structural supports for the photo-voltaic shade structures. Effective Tuesday January 20, 2009, 150 of the 952 total spaces will be unavailable for use due to construction activities. Both the vertical steel columns and the horizontal "T" bars to support the photo-voltaic panels are in place at H lot and approximately 50% of the "T" bars are in place at E lot. You will see installation of the final T bars at Lot H followed by installation of the photo-voltaic panels themselves over the Spring Term, with completion expected 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 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 Education Buildings

This project is 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

On December 18, 2008 eleven General Contractors submitted bids. A recommendation to award the general contract to Lathrop Construction of Benicia has been submitted to the Board of Trustees for their consideration at the January 20, 2009 meeting. The Ricoh / Campus Copy Center will be relocated to the campus Quad, near Building 1200, to allow construction to commence, anticipated to break ground in late February 2009.

Science Building Expansion

On January 15, 2009 LPC Science faculty, staff, and administrators interviewed six qualified Architectural firms for design of the science project at LPC. The interview panel submitted a recommendation and reference checks are now underway. Submittal of a recommendation to award the design contract is anticipated to take place at the February 17, 2009 meeting of the Board of Trustees.



Aquatic 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 handrail/guardrail installations around the field walkways. The Aquatic 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. Occupancy of the Aquatic Center is currently scheduled for January 2009.