



Board Report

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KEY DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS:

- LPC Welcome Center
January 10 - 21, Room 2401
- "color, light and *movement*"
Exhibit by Pushpa Dalal
Reception on January 19
5:00 - 7:00 PM
Gallery, Mertes Center for the Arts
- President's Office Hours
January 20, 4:30 - 5:30 PM
- Women's Basketball vs. Skyline
January 26, 5:00 PM
PE Complex
- Men's Basketball vs. Skyline
January 26, 7:00 PM
PE Complex
- High School Science Bowl
January 29, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- "Tools of the Trade: Stories & Strategies" — *Collegial Conversations about Diversity in the Classroom*
January 31, 2:30 to 4:30 PM
Staff Lounge (1601)
- Men's Basketball vs. Cañada
February 2 at 7:00 PM
PE Complex
- Women's Basketball vs. Foothill
February 9, 5:00 PM
PE Complex
- Men's Basketball vs. Foothill
February 9, 7:00 PM
PE Complex
- Middle School Science Bowl
February 12, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- ASPLC Club Day
February 16, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- CLPCCD Health & Wellness Fair
February 22, 2:00 - 6:00 PM
PE Complex

PRESIDENT'S COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Tri-Valley YMCA Annual MLK Fellowship Breakfast	Jan. 24
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Meeting	Jan. 26

Facilities Changes Are Front & Center On LPC Campus

As they return to LPC this semester, visitors and members of the College community will find lots of activity and a changing landscape. One of the most noticeable differences is the view of the south face of the campus, following the removal of Building 1400. This is just a preview of more changes to come — including the demolition of Building 1600 — as Las Positas College readies itself for work to begin on the Student Services & Administration (SSA) Building. This new 67,000 square foot, LEED Silver facility will centralize support services and resources such as Counseling, Admissions & Records, Financial Aid, the Career/Transfer Center, International Student Program, ASLPC, the Bookstore, and the Cafeteria — all of which are currently spread out in eight different places across campus. The SSA will also serve as the home for the offices of the President and Vice Presidents.

There is a great deal of excitement around this project, not only because of the benefit it will provide to students and the impact it will have on campus operations, but because the recent bid process resulted in proposals well under budget. Another exciting development occurred back in November when the SSA, designed by Steinberg Architects, earned an "Award of Honor" in the area of Campus Completion at the 2010 Community College Facility Coalition (CCFC) Professional Design Awards luncheon.

Site work is scheduled to get underway early next month and, with a two-year construction timeline, the estimated completion date for the project is February 2013. By that summer, the LPC community will be occupying, utilizing, and enjoying the Student Services & Administration Building — its newest flagship facility.



KUDOS: Student, Faculty & Staff Recognitions

- M&O for inviting the entire campus to join them for a seasonal celebration at their annual holiday party
- Nan Ho for receiving a grant through LLNL's 2010 Community Gift Program to help support an Undergraduate Science Research Poster Session designed to present students' work to the community
- Catherine Suarez, Scheanelle Green, and students in the LPC Spanish Department for providing food baskets to local families in need during the holiday season
- Welcome to Renee Pegues, the new Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Administrative Services



Global/Social Responsibility

Teachers Talking "Tools Of The Trade"

On January 31, LPC's Campus Change Network and English Department will start the semester by sponsoring a faculty seminar entitled "Tools of the Trade: Stories and Strategies — Collegial Conversations About Diversity in the Classroom." This informal 'brown bag' session will provide faculty with an opportunity to "share stories, assignments, and strategies for building upon diverse student experiences." Participants will be able to exchange ideas about fostering critical thinking, making the most of teachable moments, and promoting respect and responsibility within the classroom environment. Activities such as this demonstrate the institution's focus on — and the faculty's commitment to — teaching and learning, as well as the role and value of dialogue and diversity in the educational experience.

Make a Difference

Welcome Back, Welcome Center!

Once again, Student Services has set up the Welcome Center to assist new students as they navigate a plethora of processes. January 21 will mark the end of a two-week period during which students have been able to access a host of helpful resources in one location. Admissions & Records and Counseling have been temporarily housed in the Reading Room; there students can get general information and registration assistance, complete an application for admission, order and pay for a parking permit or transcript, make payments, and receive help selecting classes. This centralization of resources enables Las Positas College to better leverage its resources and streamline its support services for students.



Respect for Diversity

CCN — Building a "Legacy"

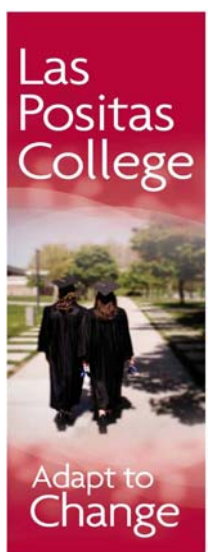
Next week the Tri-Valley YMCA will hold its 11th Annual MLK Fellowship Breakfast to celebrate the life and work of an inspirational leader, and to recognize those who are carrying on his legacy and making a difference for others. This year's recipients of the Martin Luther King, Jr. "Legacy Awards" include several local leaders and LPC's Campus Change Network (CCN). The program and its participants are being honored for their dedicated efforts, their impact at the institution, and their commitment to promoting access, inclusiveness, and equity. CCN exemplifies the principles of Martin Luther King, Jr. by operating with a focus on dialogue, reflection, and action. Congratulations to all of the faculty, staff, administrators, and students who have played a part in the success of this incredible initiative.

Creative Thinking

Forensics And Fancy Footwork

Have LPC Hawks Flying High

Between talented Talk Hawks and dynamic dancing, LPC students have recently seen their share of well-deserved success. The Forensics Team soared in SoCal, competing against 36 schools — including UCLA, ASU, and Stanford — at the Robert Barbera Invitational. Many of the Talk Hawks finished as finalists in their respective rounds, and Adam Neylan took home the honor of First Place Open Programmed Oral Interpretation. A few days later, *The Grimm* kicked off the College's holiday performances with four fairy tales choreographed by faculty and students. The production wowed the audience and showcased both the students and the state-of-the-art Mertes Center for the Arts.



Adapt to Change

Changing Behavior For The Better

Last semester, students in LPC's Health/English learning community worked on a project aimed at incorporating healthy behaviors into their lives. They were required to conduct research, set goals, practice the identified behavior over a period of time, and create posters designed to communicate advice to those trying to adopt the same behavior. Once completed, the posters were displayed in the Library to highlight the hard work and healthy habits associated with the project. This assignment was part of the information competency pilot, which focused on skills such as "formulating research questions, finding appropriate sources, evaluating information, and correctly documenting sources." Kudos to all of the students and to the faculty members who helped them sharpen their skills.

Lifelong Learning

Lending A Hand For Lifelong Learning

Last semester, the College's ECD Professional Development Coordinators spent time introducing basic computer skills to a group of Spanish-speaking students participating in the institution's ECD/ESL learning community. One of the challenges faced by the group was the lack of resources available to have computers at home, but they remained dedicated to learning and improving their skills. Then — with the help of John Gonder (Computer Network Technology instructor), his students, their volunteered time, some donated equipment, and District surplus computers — the ECD/ESL students were able to receive an early holiday gift: their very own computers! What a shining example of how LPC's faculty and staff are committed to student success and lifelong learning.

