



KEY DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Special Town Meeting
July 1, 2:30 p.m.
MDB Lecture Hall (2420)
- Operation Gateway:
A Veteran's Transition to Success
July 16 - 19
- Summer Production
Metamorphoses
July 25 & 26, August 1, 2, 8, & 9
In front of LPC Library
- VCOM Reception
July 23, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
(Exhibit shows through July 30)
Bankhead Theater
- ISP New Student Orientation
August 3 - 5, Location TBD
- Community Leadership Day
August 6, PE Complex
- EXPO Student Orientation
August 12, PE Complex

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Livermore Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
June 25
- Chancellor's Circle Meeting
June 26
- AACC Future Leaders Institute
June 28 & 29
- Livermore & US Chamber "Innovation" Event
June 30
- Tri-Valley Business Council & Contra Costa Council Luncheon with Congressman McNERNEY
June 30
- City of Dublin Advisory Council
July 10
- Center for Resource Development President's Workshop
July 18 - 21

Board Report

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Las Positas College Links With Community Leaders

"A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm."

— Henrik Ibsen, Norwegian Poet & Playwright

This quote captures the spirit of leadership at Las Positas College — the belief that leaders are found within all levels of the campus community — so it is only appropriate that it graces the cover of invitations to LPC's first ever Community Leadership Day. This outreach and partnership-building event will be held on August 6, and will provide community leaders with an opportunity to get an overview of all the latest offerings and developments at the College, take a tour of the growing campus, and hear firsthand from our students about their experiences at LPC.

Since stepping into her role as President, Dr. Pollard has identified community engagement as an area of focus and a critical element for increasing awareness of and support for the College; in

fact, among her presidential priorities was the goal to "increase [the] recognition of Las Positas College within the Tri-Valley service area, State, and Nation as a "First Choice" for academic excellence." As such, she has attended a host of Tri-Valley events and accepted invitations to speak to numerous community groups, broadening knowledge about the College throughout the area. However this on-site, half-day session will provide an extended opportunity to showcase LPC and all that it has to offer the surrounding community.

Even in the planning stages, Community Leadership Day is enjoying significant community support, inspired by the suggestions and insights of our Presidential Advisory Council and bolstered by the backing of its Honorary Chairs — the Mayors of Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton.

KUDOS: Student, Faculty & Staff Recognitions

- Vice President Luster, Karen Kit, and the Student Services team for coordinating our wonderful Commencement ceremony
- Classified Senate leaders (and incoming officers) – Natasha Lang, Sharon Gach, Bill Eddy, and Karen Zeigler – who attended the statewide Classified Leadership Institute at Granlibakken
- Victoria George and our Dance students for their outstanding (and nearly sold-out!) performance at the Bankhead Theater
- Kimberly Tomlinson for organizing a recent trip to Sacramento, providing an opportunity for faculty, staff, and students to take part in the rally against the proposed cuts to community colleges
- Elizabeth Noyes for her work to create the new look and feel of the LPC website

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

College Joins the Community to Explore "Innovation" in the Global Economy

Next week the Livermore and U.S. Chambers of Commerce are joining forces to present "Innovation — How the Tri-Valley Fits Into a World Economy", leading local residents and companies in an exploration of doing and attracting business in this challenged global marketplace. This day-long forum will feature a host of distinguished speakers representing various industries and government entities, covering topics ranging from technology to trade. Following the keynote address from Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi, Dr. Pollard will join several other panelists for a discussion of "Immigration and Workforce Challenges." Other LPC representatives will also attend this unique event to dialogue with their community counterparts.

Make a Difference

Las Positas College — A "Gateway" for Veterans

As Summer Session gets underway, the warm weather brings with it a warm welcome for Veterans at Las Positas College. Continuing the expansion of services for returning military personnel, next month the College will hold "Operation Gateway: A Veteran's Transition to Success." This program will provide veterans with in-depth education/career planning, information on benefits and financial aid, links to community resources and a preview of campus life. In addition, veterans who participate in this four-day orientation and are enrolled at LPC in a minimum of 9 units will receive a book stipend for the Fall 2009 semester. Operation Gateway will be held on campus from July 16 to 19.



Respect for Diversity

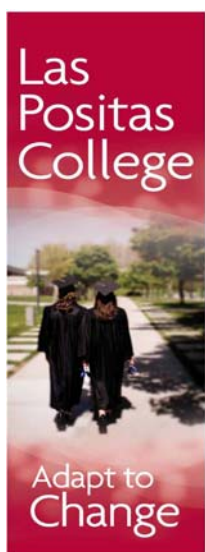
Commencement Ceremony Highlights the Spectrum of Student Success

At our 19th Commencement ceremony, our students once again took center stage as they stepped forward to receive their degrees and certificates, showing us all the ways they can and will continue to shine. Each of the more than 200 graduates had a unique story and path to success, exemplified by our wonderful Valedictorian, Sandra Grace, who shared some of her own experiences as a re-entry student. The Class of 2009, like our previous graduating classes and those at community colleges across the country, is a cross-section of diverse backgrounds, broad strengths, and big dreams — reinforcing our commitment to respond to community needs and meet students where they are.

Creative Thinking

Experience a "Metamorphoses" at LPC

This summer, the Theater Department will be putting on a performance of *Metamorphoses*, American playwright Mary Zimmerman's adaptation of the classic Ovid poem. First produced in 1998, *Metamorphoses* presents the two central themes of love and change, as intimated by its title. In a 2002 interview, the writer herself noted that the play "makes it easy to enter the heart and to believe in greater change as well...that we all can transform." In fact, the campus itself will be transformed by the show, as the play will be performed in an outdoor venue — at the recently repaired fountain in front of the LPC Library. Performances of *Metamorphoses* run over three consecutive weekends beginning July 25.



Adapt to Change

Bringing Budget News to the Campus Community

In an effort to keep the campus community informed and up-to-date on the LPC budget, a new page has been added to the College website. Accessible directly from the home screen, this "Budget Updates" page provides faculty, staff, students, and the external community with updates, resource information, and a framework for the action plan being designed to address the proposed reductions. In addition to the online communications, Dr. Pollard will share the latest developments at a special Town Meeting on Wednesday, July 1. This campus-wide session will also be recorded and posted on the new website so that all members of the College community will have an opportunity to hear the same message, even if they will not be able to attend in person. All of the budget update information can be found on the LPC website at: <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/budget/index.php>.

Lifelong Learning

Student Success with Software and Savings

With a focus on student learning and addressing economic challenges, faculty and staff at Las Positas College are exploring ways to leverage resources and enhance the student experience in the classroom. One example of such an innovative approach is the work that John Gonder, Computing Studies faculty member, has done for the Computer Networking Technology (CNT) courses. Through an arrangement with VMware, Inc., LPC will become part of their academic partnership program and have access to free licensing for products used in CNT labs, as well as free downloads of commercial desktop products for students in both CNT and Computer Science classes. This partnership will aid in bringing the most modern teaching methods into our classrooms, including a new CNT course being taught for the first time this Fall.

