



Board Report

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LPC Celebrates Students, Success, and Significant Strides

As the academic year comes to a close, Las Positas College finds countless reasons to celebrate individual achievements, collective accomplishments, and institutional accolades. We saw faculty and staff earn recognitions for their innovation and excellence in the classroom, dedicated efforts in the workplace, and commitment to meeting community needs; our students won awards and titles across the region, state and country in the Arts, Athletics, Forensics, Honors Transfer, and Journalism, to name a few; and the College completed its Accreditation Self-Study and served record numbers of students.

We opened our doors for a host of highly successful events to welcome local residents and community leaders to campus. LPC held its first intercollegiate Forensics tournament, first Italian Film Festival, and first Pow Wow, two nationally-sponsored Science Bowls, the third annual "Aprendiendo a Triunfar" Open House, a workshop focused on "Inclusiveness in the Curriculum", the TVBC Energy Industry and Workforce Development Summit, a reception for State Chancellor Jack Scott, and the recent standing-room-only

open forum with Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi. The College also provided members of the campus community with opportunities for capacity building with visits from renowned experts in their respective fields, including Dr. William C. Dement, Dr. Ishmael Reed, Dr. John Ratey, and Dr. Vincent Tinto. Finally, we will rejoice in all that our students have achieved — and their successes that lie ahead — at our biggest celebration of the year: Commencement.

All of these successful endeavors are signs of institutional advancement, both internally and externally — evidence of the College's growth and development, responsiveness to expressed and anticipated needs, and movement toward realizing its full potential as a transformative agent for our students. We will carry this momentum with us into 2009-10, as we strive to bring out the best in our students, ourselves, and our community.

DeRionne P. Pollard, Ph.D.
President

KUDOS: Student, Faculty & Staff Recognitions

- The Associated Students of Las Positas College for coordinating the successful Prep-2-Pass Tutoring Event to help their fellow students prepare for upcoming final exams.
- Paul Torres, Political Science faculty, for arranging the visit from Lieutenant Governor Garamendi.
- Nan Ho, Biology faculty, for being selected to participate in the ACTS research internship program at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.
- Dr. Ted Kaye and the LPC Foundation Board of Directors for a hugely successful gala, showcasing the "Best of the Best" at the College.
- Mary Lauffer, adjunct Business faculty, for winning two CCPRO Awards related to her media entries for our Women in Technology program.
- Dr. John Ruys, Psychology faculty, for his selection as the incoming Staff Development Coordinator.

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

KEY DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

- One-Act Plays
May 20, 12:30 p.m.
LPC Theater
- VCOM Honors Celebration
May 20, 5:00 p.m.
MDB Reading Room (2401)
- College Bound Scholars Awards Night
May 20, 7:00 p.m.
Student Center (1700)
- Dance Performance
May 20, 7:30 p.m.
Bankhead Theater, Livermore
- Aquatics Center Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony
May 21, 11:00 a.m.
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon
May 22, 12:00 p.m.
Student Center (1700)
- One-Act Plays
May 22, 8:00 p.m.
LPC Theater
- Spring Art Festival
Fine Arts in LRC until May 21
Photography in 2400 until May 27
Interior Design in 2400 until May 27
VCOM in 2400 until June 5
Quest in 1600 until May 27
- Commencement Ceremony
May 29, 6:00 p.m.
PE Complex
- Abundance Network Meeting
June 3, 3:30 p.m.
Room 1603
- VCOM Exhibit
June 4 - July 30
Bankhead Theater

PRESIDENT'S COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- National Ignition Facility Dedication Ceremony, LLNL
May 29
- LLNL Retirees Association Luncheon
June 17
- AACC Future Leaders Institute
June 28 & 29



Global/Social Responsibility

Students Shine a Light on Social Injustice Across the Globe

Several weeks ago, some of our socially engaged students held an event to raise awareness of the conflict and resulting genocide in Darfur, Sudan. Members of the Global Hope Club and the Global Change class — taught by Sarah Thompson — presented a panel of special guests to share their stories

with the campus community.

The panelists included: Paul Freedman, director of the documentary “Sand and Sorrow”; Rachel Bernsstein, Volunteer Coordinator for the San Francisco Office of the International Rescue Committee; and Mohamed Suleiman, a member of the SF Bay Area Darfur Coalition and a Darfuri who has loved ones still living in his ravaged

homeland. Students, faculty, and staff were encouraged to attend to broaden their global and cultural understandings by participating in this engaging dialogue.



Respect for Diversity

CCN Wraps Up Another Year of “Wall to Wall” Activities

Closing out its fifth year in place at Las Positas College, the Campus Change Network (CCN) has a lot to show for the hard work of its dedicated members. In addition to completing the third year of the successful Speaker Series, CCN has launched an online blog to communicate its efforts to the Col-

lege community, post resources, and solicit feedback about issues and initiatives on campus. One of its first postings is a document entitled “Reducing Unconscious Bias: A Resource for Hiring Committee Members,” developed by CCN members and intended to help reinforce LPC’s commitment to promoting “diversity, equity, and inclusion” and maintaining a “healthy, vi-

brant, and dynamic institution.” Use of this resource tool by search committee members is completely voluntary.

CCN’s final activity for the year was the creation of a mural on the wall of Building 2200. Designed by and LPC student, the mural will be painted just in time to line the path of graduates on their walk to the commencement stage.



Adapt to Change

Ground-breaking and Steel-topping and Ribbon-cutting — Oh My!

The month of May has seen LPC celebrating a series of exciting milestones marking the next phase of growth and development at the College. On May 4, the campus community gathered for the Ground-breaking ceremony of the Child Development Center. Later that same day,

everyone was invited to leave their permanent mark on Las Positas College — with permanent markers, of course. As part of the ceremonial Topping-off, people had the opportunity to sign their name and write messages of congratulations on a 20-foot steel beam to be placed in the College Center for the Arts.

This Thursday, May 21, fac-

ulty, staff, students, and members of the community will once again get together to commemorate the grand opening of the new Aquatics Center. These landmark occasions denote the approximate half-way point in the College’s facilities modernization program.

Make a Difference

One of LPC's Own Celebrated as Local "Hometown Hero"

Catherine Suarez, Foreign Language faculty, was recently honored as a *Hometown Hero* for her work here at Las Positas College and her efforts to give back to others in the Tri-Valley and beyond. *Hometown Heroes* — a feature on the website www.insidebayarea.com and developed in partnership with Bay Area News Group (East Bay) and Comcast — “celebrates

people in the Bay Area who make a difference in their communities.” In addition, the goal is to “encourage volunteerism, raise visibility of non-profits and key causes in the area, and create a spirit of giving.”

Here at LPC, Catherine has been involved in, and in many cases led, a number of successful and impactful initiatives on campus: La Semana Cubana (Cuban Cultural Week), the Foreign Language Department's first-ever

cultural immersion trip to Spain, Nosotras n Control (We [Girls] Are In Control), and the third annual Baskets of Love Project. In addition, Catherine is a co-founder and director of BasicNecessities.org, a local non-profit that works to provide resources to people in need and in transitional or crisis situations.

Kudos to Catherine for this well-deserved honor and for her exceptional work in the community.



Creative Thinking

Las Positas Programs Have "Mass" Appeal

Last month a group of our Mass Communications students traveled to Sacramento for the State Convention of the Journalism Association of Community Colleges, and they returned to LPC with an impressive 18 awards in hand.

For their work on the Express Newspaper, our writers,

photographers, and designers earned honors in nine separate categories, including “General Excellence” in Online Journalism. The Naked Magazine staff also received the “General Excellence” distinction, along with five other awards. In addition, one of our student broadcasters took home an award for Video Journalism.

Congratulations to all of our Mass Communications students and their dedicated advisors, Nolan O'Brien and Melissa Korber, for their success and for bringing such wonderful recognition to Las Positas College.



Lifelong Learning

Celebrating The Journey of Teaching and Learning — The Path Traveled and The Road Ahead

Earlier this month, LPC paid tribute to our long-time employees and retirees at our annual 10-20-30 Ceremony. This celebration provides the campus community to recognize faculty, staff, and administrators for their exceptional service to students and contributions to our College

and District. Then last week, the Office of Academic Services and the Academic Senate collaborated to host a Retirement in honor of our four retiring faculty members: Lindell Bruce, Jackie Fitzgerald, Pat Pohl, and Sophie Rheinheimer.

The campus community also came together to acknowledge the achievements of our gifted

students at the annual Student Recognition Ceremony. This year the event was held in the beautiful Bankhead Theater, as we've outgrown our on-campus facilities. More than 150 awards and scholarships were handed out, marking the students' academic talents and hopefully inspiring them to continue their educational pursuits.



Facilities Update



Campus Boulevard Phase I-III

The Design team redesigned a simplified project due to the original design being over budget. The Design Team is currently studying the comments and ADA accessible routes. Design stopped to coordinate with SSA design concepts.

District-wide Information Technology Building

The site utilities are complete along with the structural footings and the building slab. The exterior walls and interior corridor walls have been framed and put in place. Roof joists are currently being installed.



College Center for the Arts

Work continues to be on schedule. The structural steel frame for the music classroom wing is complete and the metal stud framing for the exterior walls is underway. The erecting of structural steel for the northern part of the building, including the theater audience chamber and fly loft is proceeding. Work on the tele-data infrastructure is complete. Excavation for the Amphitheater has started and rough grading has facilitated the installation of the electrical infrastructure.

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 submitted in March 2009. The anticipated approval date moved to May 2009.

Central Utility Plant

Southland is installing rebar and forming slab for a scheduled pour this week. Installation of underground plumbing and electrical lines complete. Structural Steel for building will be delivered within 3 weeks.

Maintenance & Operations Facility

Presently the construction Carports A & B is complete. M&O shops and storage facilities were located to the new site in early December, allowing construction to commence on the District-wide Information Technology Building and the Central Utility Plant. The Notice to Proceed has been issued to start the fabrication of the M&O office building and the take-over entity has presented a schedule that shows completion in July 2009. The Shop Building is expected to be complete and ready for punch list review by the end of April, the high voltage cable has been delayed until early May. Therefore, the punch list will be completed when all the electrical devices are up and tested. Paving for the entire site is complete.

P.E. Phase III (Outside Loop Road)

Document submittal to DSA for permit review took place September 29, 2008. DSA final approval was received in March 2009, based upon feedback from DSA. The project will be bid with three options, CM at Risk delivery method selected.

Parking Lot H & Photovoltaic (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 completed. Wiring and interconnection of the components is now underway. The entire installation at both parking lots "E" and "H" is scheduled for substantial completion by April 30, 2009.

Student Services & Central Administration

Steinberg Architects selected. Architect selection and Board of Trustees authorization to award a design contract is planned to be complete May 2009.

Multi-Disciplinary Education Building

This project is complete. Notice of Completion was filed with the County Recorder January 29, 2009. Repair of the stucco and building exterior system is required and the District is in negotiations with the contractor to perform or pay for the repair work. Design of the remedial work is underway and plans will be issued to a contractor to perform the repair work starting this summer. Further investigation of the stone façade on the building exterior has revealed that the stone is not adhering to its substrate, also the stone at the interior walls has been removed and has been replaced with sheetrock and paint. The exterior repairs are currently being bid by three selected contractors and that work is expected to start the first part of June.

LPC Fire Alarm Upgrade

DSA issued permit approval for the Fire Alarm Project on January 15, 2009. Bids opened on March 5, 2009 and 10 Bids were received. All bids rejected due to irregularities. Work to be managed by Southland Industries.



Child Development Center

Notice to Proceed was issued on March 16, 2009 with 528 calendar days to complete the project. Lathrop has mobilized and demolition began the week of March 30, 2009. Lathrop started mass excavation last week and are scheduled to complete this week. Lathrop moved the Ricoh Center and Building 100A over spring break.

Science Building Phase II

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 submitted in March 2009. The anticipated approval date moving to May 2009.



Aquatics Center & Soccer Field

The synthetic turf multiuse/ soccer field is substantially complete and the College has taken beneficial occupancy. The Aquatics Center has moved toward completion, the pool house roofing and exterior are finished. The pools have been filled with water and the filter system and mechanical systems are functioning. The pool water is now heated and the County Health Department has approved the pools for use. Installation of the security cameras and sensors' is proceeding. Substantial completion of the Aquatics is scheduled for May 11, 2009.