



Board Report

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Key Dates & Upcoming Events:

- Strategies to Support Students Discussion/Workshop
November 18, 1:00 - 2:00 PM
Staff Lounge
- President's Office Hours
November 18, 4:00 - 5:00 PM
- 1st Annual International Night
November 19, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Student Center (Bldg. 1700)
- *The School For Scandal*
Fall Production
November 20 & 21, 8:00 PM
November 22, 2:00 PM
- Yak 'N Sak with the President
November 23, 1:00 - 2:00 PM
Staff Lounge
- 3rd Annual La Semana Cubana
Cuban Week Celebration
November 30 - December 4
- Music Department Recital
December 2, 12:30 PM
- Orchestra & Band Concert
December 2, 7:30 PM
Resurrection Lutheran Church
- "Seniors Shifting Gears"
H.S. Senior & Parent Night
December 3, 6:30 PM
- Men's Basketball Game vs.
San Joaquin Delta College
December 5, 3:00 PM
- Chamber & Concert Choirs
December 8, 8:00 PM
Resurrection Lutheran Church
- All-College Holiday Breakfast
December 10, 8:30 AM

PRESIDENT'S COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

CCLC Annual Convention	Nov. 19-20
President's Advisory Council 2 nd Qtr. Meeting	Dec 1
Leadership Livermore Education Day	Dec 15

The Journey Ahead...

On October 30, members of the Las Positas College community came together to share their vision for the future of the institution. A total of 99 people — students, administrators, external community members, and faculty and staff from virtually all areas of the College — attended Visioning Day, dedicating time out of their busy schedules to learn about strategic planning, understand institutional data, and explore concrete applications of the Strategic Goals. This day of dialogue can serve as a springboard for so many things at LPC, including writing our future history.

Just weeks earlier, the College moved into the next phase of its Accreditation "journey," receiving recommendations from the Site Visit Team. In addition, the Team gave LPC commendations for maintaining a caring and supportive environment for students, for a commitment to supporting technology, and for promoting the principles of diversity and equity. The recommendations were framed around fully integrating institutional planning processes and making progress implementing the rubrics for Program Review, Student Learning Outcomes, and Institutional Effectiveness. These findings — together with the data generated from Program Review and Visioning Day — will form the foundations of our strategic planning process. This will be a process that is integrated, engaging, and participatory; that enables members of the campus community to contribute their voice and perspective; that actualizes our Strategic Goals and advances the work of achieving our Mission and Vision; and that leads to the development of a strategic plan, providing a framework for institutional assessment and effectiveness.

The prospect of what lies ahead holds much excitement as we set out on the next leg of this journey. Though there is still much work to be done, with focused efforts — and with a focus on our students — we will accomplish it together.

KUDOS: Student, Faculty & Staff Recognitions

- The Men's Cross-Country team for a great season and qualifying for the Northern California Championships
- Greg Johns, Jennifer Ortiz, Hermina Sarkis-Kelly, Larysa Karpylovyh, and Heidi Carey, the Computer Lab staff, selected as the recipients of the "What's Right At LPC" Award for November
- The Talk Hawks for winning 2nd Place Community College Sweepstakes at both the Kevin Twohy Invitational and the Donna Sparks Invitational tournaments, along with a total of more than 40 individual awards
- Randy Taylor, faculty member, for being one of six community college Math instructors to receive the AMATYC Teaching Excellence Award
- Jenna Heath and Kirti Reddy for being nominated for the "What's Right At LPC" Award this month

Global/Social Responsibility



Veterans Day at LPC: Honoring Those Who Served

On Wednesday, November 11, Las Positas College continued its tradition of recognizing military servicemen and servicewomen on Veterans Day, in ways both old and new. The day began with the presentation of the colors, courtesy of the Travis Color Guard, along with a few speakers who provided welcoming remarks. The event was well-attended, drawing even larger crowds than the last

several years. That was then followed by an LPC-style barbecue, with free food provided to all Veterans in attendance.

Throughout the day people were able to view exhibits set up in various locations on campus, including the hallways and display cases in the Multi-Disciplinary Building; there were photographs, personal keepsakes, items from military and veterans organizations, and a Vietnam-era UH-1 "Huey" helicopter in the Quad. The military

memorabilia was provided by LPC veterans — which currently number more than 300 — and faculty and staff that work at the College, giving the campus community an opportunity to connect around shared experiences and respect for those who've served this country.



Respect for Diversity



Cultural Celebrations Take Center Stage

Last week, the LPC Spanish Department sponsored a series of cultural activities for the campus community. First up was a Candombe presentation of music and history. Candombe is a "three part rhythm from Uruguay, played on barrel shaped drums called "Tamboriles." The event featured Musician Edgardo Cambon.

Next up, the Spanish De-

partment partnered with the Music Department to host a percussion master class with Tiempo Libre, a twice Grammy-nominated Cuban band. Their music is a blend of Latin Jazz and traditional Cuban *son*, and they've even performed on Dancing With the Stars and The Tonight Show.

The College is also putting the finishing touches on La Semana Cubana, its third annual Cuban Week Celebration, with activities set to run from No-

vember 30 to December 4.

Education Goes International

On November 19, Las Positas College will host its 1st Annual International Education Night. This will cap off a Film Festival, which is sponsored by the ISP and the World Culture Alliance Club. Int'l Education Night will provide attendees with a night of culture, include music, dance, a fashion show and a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

Adapt to Change



High School Outreach Shifts Into High Gear

Next month, the College will host its annual High School Senior and Parent Night, this year entitled "Seniors Shifting Gears." LPC will open its doors to hundreds of local high school seniors exploring their educational options.

Accompanied by their parents, these students will have

the chance to learn about the many programs and services Las Positas College has to offer, hear from representatives of four-year institutions about transfer opportunities, and meet with faculty, staff, and current students. The program takes place in the Gym, to accommodate what have been record crowds in recent years, and features welcoming remarks from Dr. Pollard, Student Services personnel, and the

ASLPC, The evening begins with information tables for various College programs and departments, and ends with breakout sessions focused on specific disciplines and majors.

Make a Difference

College Program Shows That It CAREs

CalWORKs/CARE is gearing up for its Annual Student Recognition/Holiday Celebration, and is seeking donations to share with program students and their families. With the struggling economy, the holidays can be a challenging time for people — and even tougher for CalWORKs/CARE students who may be raising a family and attending LPC part-time while already receiving welfare.

The Program staff hopes that, with donations from the campus community, they'll have another way to make an astonishing difference in the lives of these students.

Strategies for Student Success

Faculty and staff at the College are committed to looking at innovative ways to support student success, and this month two workshops are designed to help them do just that. Last week the Basic Skills Committee and the

Office of Institutional Research sponsored a discussion of "Math and English Assessment, Placement, and Enrollment Trends for New LPC Students." Attendees reviewed and reflected upon data related to new students' early successes at Las Positas College.

This week, Campus Change Network and the Student Health & Wellness Center are holding two discussion sessions to talk about the impact of the economy and stress on students.



Creative Thinking

Awards Abound At LPC

Recently some of our students showcased their creativity, and were rewarded for their respective talents. Last month, two Visual Communications (VCOM) students, Lia Cecaci and Kory Barwel, entered a national daily design contest put on by VEER.com — and both came away winners!

Then, a few weeks ago, some of our LPC Express journalists attended the Journalism

Association of Community Colleges NorCal Awards held at San Jose State University. Members of the Express staff, both past and present, earned a total of eleven awards — including four first-place finishes in Column Writing, Sports Action Photo, Profile Feature, and Photo Essay.

Congratulations to Cassie Koliias, Stephen Kirschenmann, Alton Richardson, Josh Ensler, and Brittney Barsotti on their achievements — and kudos to

all of the faculty and staff in both programs for their dedication to and support of these students!



Lifelong Learning

Staff Development Gives Campus Community Chance To Live and Learn

The Staff Development Program has been promoting a variety of opportunities for faculty and staff to grow both professionally and personally. Earlier this month there was a workshop to introduce instructors to grant seeking for their programs, as LPC is now a Co-operating Collection for the

Foundation Center of New York. Then last week, a seminar entitled "Dialogue: A Follow-Up to Our Initial Discussions...and the Connection to Campus Leadership" presented participants with information on the history of dialogue, its effect on governance groups and in classrooms, and the difference between dialogue and discussion.

Recently, faculty and staff have

also been given a chance to explore professional development right from their computer. Dr. John Ruys, Staff Development Coordinator, has been sending out links to *Innovation Abstracts*, produced by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD). This provides online access to NISOD's publication, which shares "successful teaching and learning practices, strategies, programs and initiatives."





FACILITIES UPDATE



Campus Boulevard Phase I-III

Design has stopped to coordinate with the design concepts for the Student Services & Administration Building.

Science Building Phase II

Exterior studies have been submitted, and both the site layout and floor plan have been finalized. A second floor was added to provide for future classrooms. The projected submittal to DSA will be in April 2010.



College Center for the Arts

Parking lot A has been paved. Exterior metal siding and stucco are proceeding; sheet-rock and paint are proceeding on the interior. The concrete seat walls of the Amphitheater are complete, with ramps and stairs to follow.

LPC Fire Alarm System Upgrade

Work will be performed under the Southland Industries contract, and is currently in progress. Approximately 90% of the work has been completed.

Central Utility Plant

The building has been completed. Training (for personnel) has also taken place.

Maintenance & Operations Facility

Construction has been completed on Carports A & B, as well as the Modular Office Building. The facility is now occupied by the M&O staff.

P.E. Phase III (Outside Loop Road)

DSA approval has been granted. The project was bid with two options, which have been accepted. Grading will occur this Fall.

Parking Lot H & Photovoltaic (Solar) System

The parking lot was completed for the Fall 2008 semester and is in use. All of the shade structures and solar equipment has been completed and is now functional. The display monitor is available for viewing in the Multi-Disciplinary Building.

Student Services & Administration Building

Steinberg Architects is the firm selected to design the building. User group meetings began during the Summer, and have continued into the Fall. A building footprint and preliminary design concept has been developed for the project.

Multi-Disciplinary Building & PE Complex

Repair work has been completed.

Child Development Center

Framing has been completed on Buildings B & C, along with sheer nailing and roof nailing. The slab has been poured for Building A. Backfill has been completed behind the retaining walls, and rough grade was started for fire road.

Collier Creek Storm Water Outfall

Design documents have been completed. DSA approval was granted in June 2009 and construction got underway in September.



Aquatics Center & Soccer Field

The complex has been completed and is being used for Fall classes.

District-wide Information Technology Building

The shell of the building is complete. Interior finishes are 85% complete; carpet, drop ceilings, and touch up painting work remain. Electrical and data installation are 90% complete.