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# Las Positas Connection



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## Join the Hawk and Rock the Nest

*New LPC mascot makes debut around campus*

The newest member of the LPC family is none other than the College's own Hawk mascot! Thanks to funding and leadership provided by the Associated Students of Las Positas College (ASLPC) and the LPC Athletics Department, the College now has its very own mascot to hype up the Hawk crowd at games and events. The Hawk made its first "official" public appearance at the November Town Meeting, and has been soaring in with school spirit ever since. The ASLPC will be leading the efforts on a "Name the Hawk" contest.



Photo — Mary Lauffer

## The Science Behind Student Success

### LPC Links with LLNL to Support Students

*Students, faculty, and administrators were on hand to witness the Science Department's newest addition, generously funded by Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC.*

Last week a group gathered in the Las Positas College (LPC) Science Building for a very special — and scientifically significant — occasion. Members of the campus community — including President Walthers, Dr. Neal Ely, Nan Ho, Dr. Ted Kaye, and several students — were there to

Student Digital Microscope Station funded as part of the grant awarded to Biology instructor Nan Ho. Also in



LPC faculty member, Nan Ho, and alumna, Katera Johnson, pose next to the LENS Student Digital Microscope Station, funded by LLNS.

Photo — Mary Lauffer

celebrate the addition of a new piece of equipment to the program. Reps from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS) presented the College with a LENS

attendance was Katera Johnson, LPC alumna and currently a student at UC Berkeley, who served as the original inspiration for Nan's grant application. In order to help herself study, Katera used her cell phone to take pictures of microscope views while taking classes at Las Positas College — thus the new equipment has been nicknamed "The Katerascope."

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## Veterans Day Events

LPC held its fourth annual Veterans Day event on Thursday, November 10.



### Honoring Those Who've Served

Las Positas College has been recognized across the State for its model Veterans Program, and the event it hosted last week was a prime example of the institution's commitment to serving student veterans and connecting with the community.

### Educating & Engaging

This day-long event featured something for everyone, with each activity shining a spotlight on the service and sacrifice of the men and women in the military.

The event included displays of military vehicles and exhibits across campus; info tables for community organizations and various military branches; performances by the Air Force Jazz Band; and presentations from Maggie Gee, a WWII WASP, along with

Lt. LeRoy Gillead and Lt. Col. Harold Hoskins, Jr., Tuskegee Airmen.

### Collaboration

In keeping with the LPC campus culture, the Veterans Day event was a collaborative effort. The activities were sponsored by the Veterans First Program, the LPC History Department, the LPC Library, and the LPC Student Veterans Organization.



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## Hawk Happenings

### Highlights of LPC Athletics



Following three tough contests during their home opener, the Men's Basketball Team emerged as the champs of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual LPC Tip-Off Classic. The Hawks start the season 3-0 after defeating Columbia, Mendocino, and Chabot at the eight-team tournament. This victory marks LPC's third time earning the top spot at the tournament and it avenges last year's loss to sister-college Chabot, who held the title of two-time defending champions.

### Soccer Season Comes to a Close...

After some hard-fought competitions on the field, the Men's and Women's Soccer Teams closed the book on the 2011 season. In their final game on November 11, the Men gave it their all against sister-college Chabot. Three days earlier, the Women's Team celebrated their five sophomore scholar-athletes at "Sophomore Night."



### Swimming & Diving Aim to Make a Splash in 2012

The LPC Swimming & Diving Team will kick off the 2012 season on January 27 with a meet in Modesto. Their first competition at home will be the "Hawk Invite," to be held at the Aquatics Center on February 24.



Dr. Paul Steenhausen, Legislative Analyst's Office  
Photo — LAO website

### LPC Welcomes LAO for

### Lifelong Learning

On November 8, members of the campus community had an opportunity to learn about the California budget from an expert in the field. All at LPC were invited to presentations by Paul Steenhausen, Ph.D., a member of the staff at the Legislative Analyst's Office, who was a guest presenter in Paul Torres' class on American Government. Dr. Steenhausen provided an overview of the California budget, including how the LAO's work informs the overall process, address specific issues related to budgeting for California Community Colleges.

### spotlight on students >>>



## Talk Hawks Triumph!

The LPC Speech Team traveled to San Joaquin Delta College for the Mustang Invitational Speech Tournament and returned with the First Place Team Sweepstakes Award. Competing with the likes of UC Berkeley, San Francisco State, UOP, DVC, Ohlone, and sister-college Chabot, the Talk Hawks finished in first place among all 23 institutions participating in the tournament. In just four weekends of competition this semester, the Speech Team earned an impressive record: three first place finishes and 59 individual awards. Way to talk, Hawks!



The Women's Basketball Team is off to a strong start for the 2011 season. After defeating Napa Valley College in preseason play, the Lady Hawks battled their way to the consolation game of the Mission College Tip-Off Tournament last weekend. Next up on the schedule is a trip to Monterey Peninsula College on November 16 to face the Lobos.



### success in stride >>>

## Cross Country Takes Trophy

LPC's Cross Country Team won Third Place at the recent Nor-Cal Championships. Just weeks earlier, the team finished in Second Place at the Coast Conference Championships — with five runners earning All-Conference Honors. Congratulations to all of the swift scholar-athletes and their coaches for a stand-out season!



# keydates...

Information on upcoming events and institutional activities



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## November

- 17 College Council Meeting ~ 2:30 p.m. in Rm. 4129
- International Night ~ 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Bldg. 1700
- 18 Women's Basketball vs. Cabrillo ~ 5:00 p.m. at The Nest
- All My Sons* ~ 8:00 p.m. in Black Box Theater
- 19 Cross Country State Championships ~ 9:00 a.m. in Fresno
- All My Sons* ~ 8:00 p.m. in Black Box Theater
- 20 *All My Sons* ~ 2:00 p.m. in Black Box Theater
- 23 Women's Basketball vs. College of Marin ~ 5:00 p.m. at The Nest
- 30 Music Department Recital ~ 12:30 p.m. in Main Stage Theater

## December

- 1 PBC meeting ~ 2:30 p.m. in Rm. 4129
- Orchestra & Wind Ensemble Concert ~ 7:30 p.m. in Main Stage Theater
- 2 Campus Speech Tournament ~ 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Black Box Theater
- Men's Basketball vs. San Joaquin Delta ~ 7:00 p.m. at The Nest
- 4 Choir Concert ~ 3:00 p.m. in Main Stage Theater
- 7 Town Meeting ~ 2:30 p.m. in Rm. 2420
- "LPC Reads" Discussion Group ~ 3:30 p.m. in 2420
- Women's Basketball vs. Lassen ~ 5:00 p.m. at The Nest
- Poetry Slam ~ 7:00 p.m. in Black Box Theater
- 8 All-College Holiday Breakfast ~ 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (location TBD)
- IEC Meeting ~ 2:30 p.m. in Rm. 4129

coming soon >>>

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