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Las Positas Connection

The President's Monthly Report to the Board of Trustees, Campus & Community | July 2013

July

- 19 Operation Gateway - A Veteran's Transition to Success, 9 AM-5 PM; please visit laspositascollege.edu/veterans for more information.
26 6-Week Summer Session Ends

August

- 9 8-Week Summer Session Ends
15 Convocation Day at Chabot College
16 College Division Day
19 Instruction Begins
30 Deadline for Art on Campus entries; please visit laspositascollege.edu/nike for more information.

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Mission Statement

Las Positas College is an inclusive learning-centered institution providing educational opportunities and support for completion of students' transfer, degree, basic skills, career-technical, and retraining goals.

Vision Statement

Las Positas College strives to be California's premier Community College, setting the standard through opportunities for developing knowledge, skills, values, and abilities that foster engaged and contributing members of the society.



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Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.

—John F. Kennedy

In Appreciation

Our campus community is grateful to all of our staff, faculty, and administrators who work each day to support academic excellence and student success. Special thanks go to individuals who are contributing in interim positions for the college. Long-time Counselor and Instructor Barbara Morrissey is now serving as Interim Dean for Student Services. Ms. Morrissey has held many key roles throughout her 23-year tenure with LPC and was on our original accreditation team. Lisa Everett, who has served LPC for 12 years in faculty and leadership positions, is the Interim Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and Public Safety. The LPC community expresses its appreciation to individuals who have served the college and are departing this month. Dean of Academic Services for Arts, Letters, & Social Sciences Dr. Marilyn Flores has accepted a position as Dean at Santiago Canyon College. Dr. Kevin G. Walthers, who served LPC as President for two years, begins a new position this month as Superintendent/President at Allan Hancock College. Thank you, Drs. Flores and Walthers, for your service to our college.

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Greeting New Leadership

LPC Welcomes Chancellor Jackson



Chancellor Dr. Jannett N. Jackson

The Las Positas College community extends a warm welcome to Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D., our new Chancellor for the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved Dr. Jackson to serve as Chancellor and named her to this post at its June 25th meeting. Dr. Jackson, who has extensive experience serving California community colleges, comes to us from the College of Alameda where she served as President and, previously, as Vice President of Instruction. Dr. Jackson received her Doctorate in Educational Administration at The University of Texas at Austin and holds a Master's in Education, emphasis in Curriculum and Instruction, and a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies from California State University, Fresno. Dr. Jackson replaces Judy E. Walters, Ph.D., who has served for a nearly a year as Interim Chancellor.

Meet Interim President Guy Lease

The Board of Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District has named Guy F. Lease, Ed.D., as Interim President of Las Positas College. This is Dr. Lease's second tenure in this position; he previously served as LPC Interim President from August 2010 to August 2011. "Dr. Lease is a proven leader in higher education with a breadth of experience," said Interim District Chancellor Judy Walters, Ph.D. "We are fortunate to have his leadership and are confident that he will do an excellent job leading the college while a permanent replacement is named." "Serving as the Interim President at LPC in 2010-11 was a highlight in my career in California Community Colleges. It is quite an honor to be invited to return and the warm welcome I have received has been very gratifying.

It is a pleasure to be back," Dr. Lease said. Dr. Lease's career in education spans more than three decades. He served as Superintendent/President at Lake Tahoe Community College District for 18 years and later as Interim President at Fresno City College. He is a recipient of the prestigious California Community College Harry Buttimer Distinguished Administrator Award which recognizes strength in leadership, contributions to colleagues and the profession, and service to the community. He has been an active member of numerous statewide community college boards and commissions, including serving as President of the Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges and the Community College League of California. Prior to his presidency at Lake Tahoe Community College District, Dr. Lease also served as Dean of Business Services and taught in the Business Department. He received his Ed.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Southern California, M.B.A. from the University of Utah, and B.A. from Rice University. He began his higher education at Del Mar College, a community college in Corpus Christi, Texas. Dr. Lease replaces Dr. Kevin G. Walthers who begins a new position this month as Superintendent/President at Allan Hancock College.



Interim President Dr. Guy Lease



Community Gathers on Campus for 4th of July Celebration



Thousands join patriotic party at LPC

On July 4th, the Las Positas College campus was transformed into one of the best spots in the Tri-Valley to celebrate our country's birthday. For the second consecutive year, LPC worked with the City of Livermore to host the city's Family Fun Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration. This community event offered fun for people of all ages with entertainment, dancing, rides, games, a patriotic sing-along, and a spectacular pyrotechnic display filling the skies above our campus. Kudos to everyone at LPC who went above and beyond to ensure the event's success—including Renee Pegues, Diana Rodriguez, Julie Thornburg, Todd Steffan, Steve Smalley, Steve Gunderson, Don Sauger, Rich Duchscherer, Joe Pimental, Raymond Salas, and Corinna Calica and her family (daughters featured in photo, left, by Ms. Calica) who manned the children's face painting booth and provided information about our Early Childhood Development Program and Child Development Center. Photos: top right and lower right by Steve Smalley; other photos, courtesy of the City of Livermore.



Art On Campus Entries Due August 30

Our beautiful campus is about to get even better. What has been a dream in the making for eight years is getting closer to becoming a reality. In 2005, the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District sold property it owned near Lake Chabot in Castro Valley. Proceeds from the sale of the property (known as the

"Nike Site" for once having housed Nike missile silos) were divided between Chabot and Las Positas colleges and earmarked for purchasing permanent artwork for the campuses. Many dedicated members of our campus community have collaborated in planning for this artwork. The committee has

announced Phase One which includes two calls for entries of artworks for specific sites on campus and the acquisition of a major sculpture. The entry deadline is August 30th. To learn more about the plans for Art on Campus and for submitting entries, please visit laspositascollege.edu/nike.

LPC Supports Veterans with Annual Event July 19th

OPERATION GATEWAY V

"Operation Gateway is a great opportunity for veterans to experience firsthand the community and camaraderie that we have here at Las Positas College." —Veterans First Coordinator Todd Steffan.

The Las Positas College Veterans First Program will present its fifth annual "Operation Gateway - A Veteran's Transition to Success," an all-day orientation seminar about educational opportunities for returning veterans, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on July 19th. The event is designed for new student veterans starting at Las Positas College, but is open to all LPC student veterans. "We are proud to offer this seminar that will be dedicated to education and planning, registration, finance and benefits information, campus life, and veteran support services," said Mr. Steffan. He noted that this

year, the seminar will include a new workshop for spouses and dependents of veterans, helping them make the transition with their returning veterans. In addition to



informational sessions and workshops, veterans also can meet other veterans and enjoy a complimentary lunch with students, staff, and members from community organizations. Textbook stipends will be available for eligible student veterans. Space is limited; early

registration is recommended. Registration information is available on the website at laspositascollege.edu/veterans. The Veterans First Program provides veterans with services and resources to help them achieve their educational goals. This past academic year, more than 300 veterans or active duty military personnel were enrolled at the college. The college has been recognized as a Military Friendly School by "G.I. Jobs" magazine, placing the college in the top 15 percent of educational institutions nationwide. Veteran support services include a full-time program coordinator, priority registration, transfer workshops, a book loan program, a study/drop-in tutorial center, work-study program and an active Student Veterans Organization.



View from the Top

Photo by Mary Lauffer

Visitors to the new Student Services & Administration Building can enjoy spectacular views of the campus and find important services—all in one place. Thank you, voters, for the Measure B funds used for this building which helps us provide the very best service to our students.

Kudos, Coach!



Photo Courtesy of Athletics

Kudos to Ramiro Rodriguez, LPC alumnus and Assistant Coach for Men's Soccer, who graduated in June from CSU East Bay with his Master's degree in Kinesiology, focusing on physical education. He also has earned his K-12 teaching credential. Mr. Rodriguez has been coaching the Men's Soccer team for the past eight seasons. "Great job, Mr. Rodriguez, and thanks for all do you for our students," said Head Coach Larry Aguiar.