

Psych Honor Society Among Best in Nation

LPC's Psi Beta Psychology Honor Society has earned the 2013-14 Chapter Excellence Award from the Psi Beta National Honor Society. LPC's society is one of only nine two-year college chapters in the nation to earn this prestigious award. Psychology Instructor Ernie Jones is LPC's chapter advisor.

LPC's Psi Beta provides educational opportunities not only for society members, but for the entire campus and community as well. The society brings internationally renowned speakers to LPC who are among the most influential people in psychology today, such as Temple Grandin, Ph.D., the highly-accomplished adult with autism who was portrayed in an HBO movie.

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LPC Dedicates Court to Coach Costello



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Among those attending the dedication are, from left, LPC's mascot, Coach Costello's parents on either side of District Chancellor Jackson and, far right, LPC President Russell. Tony Costello, inset.

At its August 14th Convocation, the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District dedicated LPC's basketball court in honor of a beloved coach, Tony Costello, who passed away August 25th, 2013 from pancreatic cancer. Coach Costello's children unveiled the court's new name, Tony Costello Court, at the dedication ceremony attended by district employees and trustees and Coach Costello's family, friends, and colleagues. "Tony was so proud to walk into this

building and step onto this court as the first head coach in the history of the Las Positas basketball program," Coach Costello's sister, Colleen Costello-Kreidler, said in her remarks. "We know his spirit fills this gym today and we are so proud that the basketball court is now carrying his name. Welcome to the Tony Costello Court."

Portas Present \$500,000 to LPC Foundation

A generous new gift will create life changing opportunities for two generations of LPC learners—student-parents and their children. Judy and Fred Porta have pledged \$500,000 to the LPC Foundation to benefit the new 2GenFund which provides scholarships for the toddler and preschool children of deserving LPC students—enabling the little ones to attend LPC's state-of-the-art Child Development Center while their parents complete their education. The new fund seeks to break the cycle of poverty that occurs when parents drop out of college because they cannot afford quality care for their children, said LPC Foundation CEO Ted Kaye, Ph.D. With the Portas' gift, parents can move on to good jobs and their children can benefit from the best in early childhood education.



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Fred and Judy Porta are surrounded by LPC's youngest students at the Child Development Center. Ms. Porta, a champion of all levels of education, taught Sociology at LPC from 1975 until her retirement in 1996.

LPC Focus On STEM* Education and Success

Surgery Technology Program Achieves 100% Pass Rate



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LPC Surgery Technology students get hands-on experience in the industry-standard Mock Operating Room.

Congratulations to our Surgery Technology Program graduates, staff, and faculty! LPC has received the Annual Merit Award from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting for achieving a 100 percent pass rate on the Certified Surgical Technologist examination during 2013-14.

Supported by a strong partnership with ValleyCare Health System, LPC's high-demand Surgery Technology program offers students state-of-the-art education, equipment, and facilities, including an industry-standard Mock Operating Room. Additionally, students can view major surgeries via specialized cameras in real time and then ask questions of the surgeon after the procedure. Students train at area hospitals and often are hired by the same hospitals that provide the training. Surgery Technology is one of the fastest growing occupations in Alameda County.

LPC Approved for Prestigious Biological Honor Society

LPC's biology students will benefit from a new resource to support their science education. After a rigorous review process, LPC has been approved to offer a Beta Beta Beta Biological Society club chapter; approval was awarded by the society's executive committee. Biology Instructor and Club Advisor Nan Ho said that the society district director visited LPC and "was impressed with our college and the biology program, and strongly recommended our approval."

LPC also offers an active Biology Club. Last semester, the club and department co-sponsored a Biology Alumni Panel which featured 14 alumni attending four-year universities, including six UCs, advising students about how to succeed at the next level of their education.



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Instructor Matthew Fitzgerald, Ph.D., right, works with students in one of LPC's new state-of-the-art biology labs.

LLNL/LPC Series Offers October 7th Science Seminar

The 2014-15 Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL)/LPC Science and Engineering Seminar Series begins with a presentation that will connect biology, engineering, psychology, and neuroscience. *An In Vitro Tissue-on-a-Chip Platform: Overview and Applications for Neuroscience* will be held 6:00-7:15 p.m. on October 7th in the Lecture Hall, Room 2420. The seminar is free and open to the public; parking is \$2. It is being presented by the following LLNL scientists: Windy Mc Nerney, Ph.D., Cognitive Psychologist and Neuroscientist; Sarah Felix, Ph.D., Mechanical Engineer, Center for Micro and

Nano Technology; and Kris Kulp, Ph.D., Biologist, Deputy Group Leader, BioAnalytical Group.

The series, *Theory to Practice: How Science Gets Done*, is designed to enhance the partnership between LPC and LLNL and provides a forum for laboratory scientists and engineers to share their broad range of basic and applied research with the college's scientific community of students, staff, and faculty. The next seminar is November 5th.

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LPC Campus News, Events, and Awards

Big Welcome Greet Students



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A number of campus events welcomed thousands of new and returning students to the new academic year. The Associated Students of LPC, above, and LPC's Office of Student Services hosted information tables; online learning orientations were provided; and Club Rush introduced students to the many club opportunities on campus.

More Faculty = More Classes



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Thanks to voter approval of Proposition 30, LPC was able to hire many part-time faculty for the new academic year, helping meet the overwhelming community demand for more classes.

District and College Recognize Achievement and Service

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District and LPC hosted recent welcome-back events to build community and recognize achievement and service.

District Convocation

Chancellor Awards. The August 14th District Convocation was the setting for a number of award presentations. Chancellor Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D., recognized eight members of the LPC staff and faculty with 2014 Chancellor Awards for their outstanding service to the district. The recipients, who are nominated by their colleagues, are Candace Brown, Frances DeNisco, Catherine Eagan, Ph.D., Adeliza Flores, Donna Hawkinson, Carmen McCauley, Celeste Rowe-Smith, and Julie Thornburg.

Unity Award. This year, Chancellor Jackson introduced a new district award, the Unity Award, which recognizes efforts to promote collaboration. She presented this award to everyone who works in the Office of Student Services at both Chabot and LPC.

LPC Awards Ceremony



President Russell, left, presents the Milanese Award to Foundation CEO Ted Kaye, Ph.D.

President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D., hosted an awards ceremony for employees on August 15th. Staff and faculty were recognized with Five, Ten, and Twenty Years of Service Awards and applauded for their dedication

and contributions. President Russell also presented the prestigious Donald R. Milanese Award for Educational Integrity and Excellence to LPC Foundation CEO Ted Kaye, Ph.D. The award recognizes employees who consistently demonstrate "the utmost integrity, consummate professionalism, unflinching commitment to students, and unwavering dedication to educational excellence." The award was established in honor of Vice President Emeritus of Academic Services Donald R. Milanese, a founding team member of the college.

key dates...

Please visit our website for more details about the latest news and event information.

September

- 17 Brian Copeland (see article below), 7 PM, Mertes Center, admission
29 Transfer Day, Quad

October

- 7 Chancellor Jackson's Community Welcome Reception, 5:30-7 PM, District Office
LLNL/LPC Seminar (see page 2 article), 6 PM, RM 2420, free
9 *Tres Vidas* (see article below), 8 PM, Mertes Center, free
24 Children's Theater *Aesop's Fables*, 7 PM, Mertes Center, free
25 Children's Theater *Aesop's Fables*, 2 PM, Mertes Center, free
30 "Canned" Halloween Concert, 7:30 PM, Mertes Center; music and art department canned food drive
Parking permits are required at all times on campus.

Bravo to the Performing Arts faculty and guests who wowed the audience at the September 4th *Faculty Showcase* in the Main Stage Theater!

Please visit the Athletics website for schedules.



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Puente Program Brings Civil Rights Activist to LPC

Students and members of the LPC and greater community attended an inspiring talk by civil rights activist Bobby Lee Verdugo on September 8th. Mr. Verdugo is one of several Chicano student leaders who took part in the 1968 East L.A. School Walkouts—depicted in the HBO movie, *Walkout*—to bring attention to inequality in the schools. Supported by a generous grant from the LPC Foundation, the event was sponsored by LPC's Puente Program, whose mission is "...to increase the number of educationally disadvantaged students who enroll in four year colleges and universities, earn college degrees, and return to the community as mentors and leaders to future generations." Started 30 years ago at sister college Chabot, Puente has improved the college-going rate for thousands of educationally underrepresented students in California.

LPC Psych Department and Club Sponsor Brian Copeland's Hit Show Sept. 17



Comedian, actor, talk show host, and author Brian Copeland will perform his one-man hit show, *Not A Genuine Black Man*, at 7:00 p.m. September 17th in the Mertes Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$12, students, \$15, general admission, and can be

purchased online at brownpapertickets.com/event/829273; parking is \$2. Mr. Copeland's poignant and hilarious true story of identity, character, stereotypes, and triumph has been described by Rob Reiner as "the rarest combination of powerful emotion, great humor, and social insight—a truly great one-man show."

LPC Presents Free Chamber Music Theater Event, *Tres Vidas*, Oct. 9

LPC will present *Tres Vidas*, a chamber music theater work based on the lives of three legendary Latin American women: Frida Kahlo, Rufina Amaya, and Alfonsina Storni. The event will be at 8:00 p.m. October 9th in the Mertes Center; it is free and open to the public. Featuring singer Cristina Isabel Lucas, right, the show includes new music, vocal and instrumental tangos, and popular and folk songs of Mexico, El Salvador, and Argentina.



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