

## In Memoriam: Dr. David Mertes

LPC mourns the loss of respected educational leader and college friend David Mertes, Ph.D., who passed away October 9th at the age of 83.

Dr. Mertes was well known in the campus community as a college supporter and as the husband of District Trustee and founding LPC President Barbara F. Mertes, Ph.D. He was honored with the Friend of the College Award at LPC's 2013 Commencement Ceremony and served as the founding LPC Foundation Board Chairman. Dr. Mertes was widely known as a state, regional, and international leader and champion of higher education. From 1988 to 1996, he served as Chancellor of the California Community Colleges. Prior to holding this position, he provided leadership as a community college president and district chancellor.

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## Trustees' Reception Honors Chancellor



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Among those attending the Welcome Reception, which was held at the district offices, are, from left: LPC President Barry A. Russell, Ph.D., Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti, Chancellor Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D., and Livermore Mayor John Marchand.

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees hosted a Welcome Reception on October 7th in honor of Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D., who was named as the district's fifth chancellor in June 2013. Attending the evening reception were community leaders from government, business, and education, as well as students, faculty, staff, administrators, members of the Board of Trustees, and district employee friends and family.

## Universities Recruit LPC Students at Transfer Day

Representatives from approximately 50 public and private four-year colleges and universities filled the Quad and lined Campus Boulevard for Transfer Day on September 29th to visit with LPC students about transfer opportunities. Kudos to the Transfer Center for organizing this important student success event. This semester, the center is also offering Transfer Tuesdays to help students with questions and work on their transfer applications.



Photos by Mary Lauffer

# Business Dept. to Host Veterans Day Speaker



TerrAvion  
Veteran Robert Morris

## “Swords to Plowshares: Turning Military Experience Into a Venture-Backed Startup”

In an LPC presentation, veteran Robert Morris will reveal how flying drones over Afghanistan led him to launch his Livermore company, TerrAvion. One of the area’s fastest growing startups, TerrAvion provides aerial imagery to help farmers and wine growers monitor their crops. Presented through the Business and Marketing Department’s Business and Entrepreneurship Speaker Series, Mr. Morris’ talk will be held from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. this Veterans Day, November 11th, in the Room 2420 Lecture Hall. The event is free and open to the public. LPC alum and Livermore’s i-GATE Innovation Hub Executive Director Brandon Cardwell also will present an overview of local startup support.

## Art Auction, Concert to Benefit Food Bank



Bidding is now open for Linda Ryan’s *What We Give* and much more.

Yes, *we can* help feed the hungry of our community. LPC’s Art and Music departments have teamed up for an Alameda County Community Food Bank benefit. The Art Department is presenting the *We Can* art exhibit, auction, and canned foods collection. Current and former students and faculty have created and donated artwork depicting canned food in a variety of mediums and styles. The paintings are exhibited in the Mertes Center for the Arts Gallery and are available for purchase

through an online auction at [biddingforgood.com/lpcfoundation](http://biddingforgood.com/lpcfoundation). Bidding will close at 8 p.m. October 29th. The Music Department will present a *Canned Halloween Concert* at 7:30 p.m. October 30th in the Main Stage Theater of the Mertes Center. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students, faculty, and seniors at [brownpapertickets.com/event/815737](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/815737). The benefit concert, exhibit, auction, and collection are open to the public. Please bring all canned food donations to the gallery or the concert.

## LPC Presents 9/11 Remembrance



Scott Miner

The LPC Veterans First Program and Student Veterans Organization presented a September 11th Remembrance Ceremony for the campus and community, which included a

presentation of colors by the Livermore Police Color Guard. Students enrolled in Welding 79 fabricated a Replica Twin Towers (above) in honor of the remembrance. Most all students in the class are veterans training to become mechanical technicians at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) through a unique partnership program between LPC and LLNL.

## Talk Hawks Win Second Place Sweepstakes—Twice



Janet Brehe Johnson

LPC’s Talk Hawks soar with five second-place victories in their first two tournaments of the semester.

The LPC Talk Hawks kicked off their competitive season by taking second place in the Community College Sweepstakes at both of their first two tournaments on September 27th–28th and October 11th. At each tournament, LPC’s forensics team competed against students from two- and four-year schools including CSUs and UC Berkeley. Second-year Talk Hawk Katie Lai of Pleasanton won the second place Speaker Award—twice. In the first tournament, she was second out of 311 entries (only four points behind a UC Berkeley student), and at the October 11th event, she took second place out of 225 entries. Also in the second tournament, LPC took second place in Individual Events Sweepstakes and six Talk Hawks closed out Open Informative Speaking finals. Way to fly, Talk Hawks!

# Students Get Unique Hands-On Experience

## *Advanced Anatomy Class Gives Students Competitive Edge for Healthcare Careers and Transfer*

LPC student Phoebe Wong says she feels as if she is attending an elite private university because of the unique, hands-on educational opportunity for healthcare students at Las Positas College.

Ms. Wong is enrolled in LPC's Human Anatomy Independent Study class where a select group of students perform cadaver dissection and prosection (dissection for teaching purposes)—rare activities at community colleges, where instructors typically perform these tasks and students simply observe. "I am being treated like a student at Stanford. This is a huge opportunity for community college students," said Ms. Wong, a Pleasanton resident who plans to study nursing.

The opportunity is made possible by Anatomy Instructor Ann Hight, Ph.D., who teaches the independent study class above and beyond her full schedule of classes. She hatched the idea for the advanced class when she was hired at LPC last year. "My vision was for an independent study class where students would teach students. This is one of the best ways for them to learn," she said.

Enrolling in the class is a competitive process. Students must earn a B or better in Anatomy 1, complete an application, and interview with Dr. Hight. This semester, eight out of 32 applicants were accepted. Students can volunteer to become lead dissectors during their second semester. Some of the students who have achieved this status are: Jon Apolinario of Pleasanton, Daniel Silvia of Livermore, and Jessica Kollmann of Millbrae. Watching her students' enthusiasm, commitment, and development has been rewarding for Dr. Hight. "They truly appreciate

the depth of their learning," she said. She instructs students in the surgical techniques to produce a prosected specimen and also teaches ethics and professionalism. "The students are very appreciative and respectful," she said.

The students are very vocal in expressing their appreciation for the opportunity. "This class prepares you and gives you a better understanding. You really soak in the knowledge," said Shyla Chapman of Concord, who plans to continue undergraduate preparation for medical school. "When you look at the anatomy models and study anatomy, you see all of the pieces. With the dissection and prosection, you get to see the systems working together and you get the big picture."

"This is excellent hands on experience," said lead dissector Daniel Silvia. "The anatomy models help, but dissecting and prosecting are very different." Brett Bormann of Pleasanton, who plans to pursue a pre-med education, agrees. "Dissecting and prosecting are very

important skills if you are interested in advancing in medicine," he said. LPC procured its specimen through The Willed Body Program at the University of California, San Francisco.

Voter-approved Measure B provided the new Science Technology II Building, housing the Cadaver Room, labs, classrooms, and anatomy models that support the anatomy class. The state-of-the-art building and equipment help meet the growing demand for LPC's STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) classes and give LPC students a competitive edge—preparing them for transfer to four-year universities and approximating what they will experience in industry settings.



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Students in LPC's advanced Human Anatomy Independent Study classes work together as a team. From left, front row: Phoebe Wong and Numair Ali. From left, back row: Jesse Leonard, Daniel Silvia, Sheevena Singh, Jessica Kollman, Shyla Chapman, Brett Bormann, Katia Dadgar, and Ashleen Rani.

# key dates...

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

## October

- 1 - 30 *We Can* art exhibit, auction, and collection; see page 2 article
- 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; see page 2 article\*

## November

- 5 LLNL/LPC Science & Engineering Seminar *Energetic Materials R&D at LLNL - Explosions in Livermore (!?)*, 6-7:15 PM, RM 2420, free
- 11 Business and Entrepreneurship Speaker Robert Morris, 6-7:15 PM, RM 2420, free; see page 2 article
- 12 Veterans Day Observance; please see website for details
- 14 - 23 *The Comedy of Errors*, Fri/Sat, 8 PM; Sun, 2 PM, Mertes Center\*
- 15 Child Development Center Family Fun Day; see article at right
- 30 Chamber Choir *Messiah* Concert, 2 PM, Bankhead Theater\*  
**\*Ticket info at [laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts)  
Parking permits are required at all times on campus.**

Please visit the Athletics website for schedules. **Go, Hawks!**

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## Save the Dates

### Veterans Day Observance

The Veterans First Program will present a Veterans Day Observance on November 12th, featuring a Huey helicopter landing and speakers, including CLPCCD Chancellor Jannett N. Jackson, Ph.D. Please check the website for details.

### Family Fun Day

LPC's Child Development Center will hold a free Family Fun Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on November 15th at the center. Children of all ages can enjoy a petting zoo, art and cooking projects, face painting, snacks, and more. Families can win prizes and gift certificates, learn about the center's Toddler and Preschool programs, and tour the center's state-of-art facilities.

## LPC Students Connect, Collect, Contribute, Clean Up



### ASLPC Attends Summit, Hosts LPC Club Day

New leaders with the Associated Students of LPC hit the ground running this month. Students traveled to Bethesda, Maryland for the October 2nd-5th American Student Government Association National Student Leadership Summit. At the conference, they shared ideas, received training, and networked with peers from colleges and universities nationwide. They also visited our nation's capital (above); Director of Student Life Scott Miner (right) accompanied them on their trip. On October 8th, ASLPC hosted Club Day, giving LPC students the opportunity to

get involved with more than 30 clubs on campus. Congratulations to our student leaders on their accomplishments!

### LPC Volunteers Clean Local Waterways

On Saturday, September 20th, LPC student and faculty volunteers helped clean and protect Livermore's waterways as part of the state's largest volunteer event:

California Coastal Cleanup Day. The Spanish Department was on hand to help at a Livermore Creek it adopted, and the Biology Club volunteered at Del Valle Regional Park. Kudos to event organizers and volunteers!

### LPC's Christ on Campus Club Holds Shoe Drive

LPC's Christ on Campus Club urges everyone to clean out closets and donate shoes by December 1st to benefit the New Hope Orphanage in Yaoundé, the capital of Cameroon in Africa. Drop-off bins are in Building 1600, 600, and 2400 lobbies.

