

## President's Speaker Series

Organ Concert by Philip Manwell  
7:30 p.m., February 28  
Asbury UMC Church  
4743 East Ave., Livermore  
Free and open to the public  
Sponsored by the LPC Foundation

Courtesy of Philip Manwell



Philip Manwell

As a soloist, chamber player, recording artist, and conductor, Philip Manwell, Ed.D., has performed throughout the

world—including concerts at the White House and Carnegie Hall—and for international recording companies, radio, and television. But the LPC community knows him best as the beloved Music Instructor and Dean, who retired in 2011 after 25 years of service to the college.

He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the Julliard School of Music, studying organ, theory, analysis, and research methodology with some of the musical masters of our time. "We are especially excited to welcome back Dr. Manwell," said President Russell.

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## LPC President Pens Statement of Support for International Students



Mary Lauffer

President Russell, top center, welcomes new international students during their orientation at the start of the academic year. The college's highly regarded International Student Program seeks to enhance global connections, increase diversity and exchange of ideas, and encourage mutual understanding.

President Russell recently announced "LPC's Response to Executive Orders," which is posted on our homepage. The following is an excerpt of the statement. To read the complete document, please visit our homepage.

"Since 1997, Las Positas College has proudly admitted international students from all over the world. International students enrich our campus by providing a diverse perspective that helps the college achieve one of our own values, 'promoting ethical behavior, tolerance and mutual respect in a diverse community.'

"In light of recent Executive Orders and statements by our newly elected President, it is my wish to reaffirm our support and welcome to all International and non-resident students, with or without legal documentation. We will continue to support our students..." *(Please find details about this support on our homepage.)*

"The Las Positas College International Student Program (ISP) has been in contact with the approximately 140 International students currently on our campus, including students from the affected seven countries. Any news regarding new regulations or policies will continue to be monitored and these students will continue to receive information on the best course of action for any future travel.

"The International Student Program and Las Positas College remain committed to ensuring the well-being, safety, and success of international students at the College."

# LPC Builds Workforce with Community Partners



David Brekke

An LPC student works as an intern at Sandia National Laboratories.

LPC joins other community colleges this month to celebrate its workforce mission as part of the national Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month. At LPC, students can choose from more than 30 CTE programs that prepare them to step right into a job or transfer to a four-year college or university.

and industry to develop career and work experience opportunities, internships and mentoring programs, and community work and study placements directly related to a vocational field of training. This partnership benefits both employers and students, ensuring a talent pipeline of skilled workers from our college to the workplace and reinforcing and expanding students' classroom learning.

We continue to forge strong partnerships with our community, and many organizations have posted internship opportunities on our new website, [College Central Network](#), linked on the homepage. LPC students have landed internships with many top employers, including Sandia National Laboratories, RK Logistics Group, and Congressman Eric Swalwell's office.

Our CTE Program creates clear pathways to improve the workforce and economy of our community. To support this goal, we have established a new Work-Based Learning Initiative—a collaboration with local business

## Spring Heralds New Student Success Support

**Online Tutoring.** This semester, the Tutorial Center has introduced a new online tutoring program, NetTutor, available to all students all day, every day.

**Career and Transfer Workshops.** The Transfer Center, in collaboration with Counseling and the Hispanic Serving Institution Program, is hosting many new workshops this semester: Choosing Your Major, Becoming a Successful Student, Building a Résumé, and lots more. Please visit the Transfer Center website for details.

**ESL Conversation Corner.** Beginning this month, students studying English as a Second Language have a new opportunity to practice English and meet new friends. ESL Conversation Corner is held at 4:00-5:00 p.m. every Wednesday and at 1:00-2:00 p.m. every Friday in the Tutorial Center.

**Chill and Chat Group.** LPC's Health and Wellness Center is offering a new Chill and Chat support group to help students conquer stress, test anxiety, time management issues, and more. The group meets at 2:00-3:00 p.m. every Tuesday at the center.

**Muslim Student Support.** LPC offered a webinar on January 31, *Support Your Muslim Students and Staff in Turbulent Times*. The webinar discussed how to initiate action in support of Muslim colleagues and students, to create safe spaces, and to address critical issues.

**Bringing Classes to the Community.** Residents in our community can take some classes a little closer to home this semester. LPC is offering classes in Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore, ranging from golf to Life-Span Psychology.

## Annual Honoring Women Veterans Event on March 1

The Veterans First Program will present the 5th Annual Honoring Women Veterans event at 10:00-11:30 a.m. on March 1 in the Mertes Center.

Held during Women's History Month, the event will feature the U.S. Air Force female Honor Guard, two keynote speakers, and a women veteran panel discussion. The two keynote speakers are: Lindsey Sin, Deputy Secretary for Women Veterans Affairs at the

California Department of Veterans Affairs; and Lanän M. Clark, Vice President, Merrill Lynch, Southwest Division Practice Management Consultant. Each speaker holds a bachelor's degree and a Master of Business Administration degree.

The event is free and open to the public; parking is \$2. Free lunch will be served to attendees.

# LPC Welcomes New Dean and Athletic Director

The LPC community welcomes Amir Law, Ed.D., the new Dean of Business, Health, Athletics, Work Experience, and Kinesiology and Director of Athletics. Dean Law is uniquely qualified to serve in both positions. He holds a Doctorate in Community College Leadership from CSU Fullerton as well as master's degrees in Entrepreneurial Business and Athletic Coaching and Administration from Concordia University Irvine.

He comes to us from Grossmont College where he served as the Interim Dean of Admissions and Records and Financial Aid. Prior to this, he served at the University of Utah as Director of Student Services; Concordia University Irvine as a Business Professor,

Assistant Coach, Athletic Administrator, and Assistant Housing Director; and Fullerton College as a graduate student (EOPS). Outside of higher education, he worked with a business incubator that commercialized university technologies. Additionally, he started an athletic training and performance company as well as an educational consulting organization focused on the holistic development of students and higher education personnel.



Courtesy of Amir Law

Amir Law, Ed.D.

# Performing Arts Faculty Showcase Wows Crowd



Christopher Hartwell

Bravo to all of the performing arts instructors who shared their many talents in the February 9 Faculty Showcase! Faculty took to the Main Stage in the Mertes Center to present performances in theater, music, speech, and dance. Featured in the photo at left are music instructors, from left, Dan Marschak, Ian Brekke, and Cindy Rosefield. For a calendar of upcoming performing arts events, please visit our homepage.

# LPC News Notes: Speaker, Health, Collection

**Speaker.** LPC Foundation Executive Director Kenneth G. Cooper served as the keynote speaker at the Tri-Valley YMCA's 17th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Fellowship Breakfast on January 23.

**Health.** The Student Health and Wellness Center has been busy this month, providing free flu shots for students, staff, and faculty and holding a blood drive on Valentine's Day.

**Collection.** Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society is collecting dried, boxed, and canned food until March 3 to help ABODE services in Livermore fill its emergency food pantry for the Carmen Avenue Apartment site. A substantial number of the building's apartments are set aside for families that were formerly homeless and have special needs. Collection barrels are located in Bldg. 1600 outside the cafeteria, in Bldg. 600 (the ILC), and outside the Bldg. 2400 Tutorial Center (2401).

# CALENDAR

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

February 17-20	Holiday. Presidents' Day Weekend
February 21	Flex Day. Offices are closed; all classes starting before 4 PM are cancelled.
February 22	Black History Month Film: <i>Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise</i> , 11:30 AM-1:30 PM, Room 1726
February 24	Music Industry Round-table, 2 PM, free*
February 28	President's Speaker Series: Organ Concert by Philip Manwell, Ed.D., 7:30 PM, Asbury UMC Church at 4743 East Ave., Livermore; free and open to the public
March 1	Honoring Women Veterans, 10-11:30 AM, Mertes Center, free
March 2	<i>Laughter in the Darkness</i> performed by Brian Copeland, 7:30 PM, Mertes Center. Tickets: <a href="http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2855719">http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2855719</a>
March 7	LLNL/LPC Science and Engineering Seminar, 6 PM, Room 2420, free
March 10	Jazz Concert, 8 PM*
March 13	U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West, 6 PM, Mertes Center, free; ticket details in article below.
March 20 - 25	Spring Break
March 31-April 9	<i>Brighton Beach Memoirs</i> , Friday/Saturday, 8 PM and Sunday, 2 PM*

\*Mertes Center. Tickets and details: [laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://laspositascollege.edu/performingarts)

This month in Athletics: Basketball Wraps Up and Swim and Dive Kicks Off! Keep up with all the excitement on the [Athletics website](#). Go, Hawks!



## LPC Celebrates Black History Month

In honor of Black History Month, LPC will show a KQED film presentation of the American Masters series featuring Maya Angelou at 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on February 22 in Room 1726. *Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise* reflects how the events of history, culture, and arts shaped Dr. Angelou's life and how she, in turn, helped shape our own world view through her autobiographical literature and activism.

## LLNL/LPC Seminar Series

Science enthusiasts will want to mark their calendars for two events in the 7th Annual Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and LPC Science and Engineering Seminar Series *Theory to Practice: How Science is Done*. All seminars take place at 6:00-7:15 p.m. in Room 2420 and are free and open to the public. The seminars are: Building Biologically Inspired Nano-Bots, March 7; and Additive Manufacturing, April 10.

## U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West to Perform March 13

The Veterans First program will bring the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West to campus at 6:00 p.m. on March 13 in the Mertes Center. The concert is free, but tickets are required. Reserve tickets at <https://usaffreeconcertlaspositas.eventbrite.com> or pick them up at the Veterans Resource Center, Building 1310. Doors open for the concert at 5:00 p.m.

The band has performed for gubernatorial inaugurations and for fans of the Oakland Athletics, San Francisco Giants, Oakland Raiders, San Francisco 49ers, and Infineon NASCAR races. In the last 10 years, the

band has led off three Tournament of Roses parades in Pasadena. In 2004, the band supported the interment ceremony of President Ronald Reagan in Simi Valley, viewed by a global TV audience of more than 400 million. Recent events include performances with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the San Francisco Symphony.



Courtesy of U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West



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