Academic All-Stars announced for 2012
Students Named as Scholarship Nominees

Las Positas College students recognized for exceptional academic achievements and receive nominations for national and state-wide scholarships.

The nominations are in, and congratulations are in order for several of the College’s outstanding student scholars! LPC students Shaina Breger and Robin Rivera have been nominated for the 2012 All-USA Community College Academic Team and the 2012 Coca-Cola All-State Community College Academic Team. The program — presented by USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa, and the American Association of Community Colleges — is sponsored by Follett Higher Education Group and each year honors 20 students from across the country. Students are recognized for their academic achievements and have a chance to win a variety of scholarships; the winners will be announced at awards ceremonies next Spring.

In addition, Robin Rivera is joined by Olga KnKade as nominees for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation’s Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. This program “honors excellence by supporting outstanding community college students with financial need” and providing scholarships that enable them to transfer and complete their bachelor’s degrees. Congratulations to Shaina, Robin, and Olga!
Instructor's Awards

Hawk Happenings

Congratulations to Welding instructor Scott Minner, who was recently recognized in a national competition — for the second year in a row! Scott took home two awards at the American Welding Society Professional Welder Competition. He also did a live blog from the event, in order to share real-time happenings and highlights with his students.

Community Continues Support for Students

The Associated Students of Las Positas College have seen significant success with their Textbook Loaner Program, an initiative that has been supported by the LPC Foundation’s fundraising efforts, contributions from College partners like Follett Higher Education Group, and donations from individuals and businesses in the Tri-Valley. That community support continues as the Textbook Loaner Program received a $570 mini-grant from the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley. This grant award was nearly double the amounts given to some of the other requestors, thanks in part to the outreach efforts of the ASLPC and College leadership. Started in 2009, the Textbook Loaner Program aims to assist students with the high cost of textbooks; the program has now grown to offer books for more than 40 courses, and students have the option of renting them for 2 hours (in the Library), 3 days, or the entire semester.

Journey in the Woods...for a Second Year!

The Lady Hawks are flying high following great performances last weekend at the Hartnell Classic Basketball Tournament. The women beat host Hartnell in the semi-finals, 69–52, and went on to finish second after losing to Taft in the championship game. With a winning record of 7–4, the team will tip off against Lassen College on December 7. Come out to The Nest and show some support for these scholar-athletes!

Journalism Students Shine!

On November 12, a group of LPC students representing The Express and Naked Magazine traveled to California State University, Sacramento for the Journalism Association of Community College (JACC) Nor-Cal Conference. The attendees participated in workshops, competed against other students, and had an opportunity to interact with industry professionals. During the conference’s closing awards ceremony, The Express earned 14 well-deserved honors and commendations: 2nd Place Profile Feature — Kelly Gable; 2nd Place Infographic — Julian Lim and Mackenzie Luther; 3rd Place Profile Feature — Brenda Cru; 1st and 2nd Sports Feature Photos — Jeff Bennett; 2nd Place Sports Action Photo — Jeff Bennett; 2nd Place Student-designed Ad — Julian Lim; 1st Place Video Journalism — Julian Lim; 2nd Place Video Journalism — Julian Lim, Andre Princep, Mackenzie Luther, and Jeff Bennett; Honorable Mention Newswriting — Mackenzie Luther; Honorable Mention Infographic — Nick DeRenzi; Honorable Mention Front Page Design — Julian Lim, Mackenzie Luther, and Nick DeRenzi; 4th Place Opinion — Trevin Smith, and Editor Recognition — Nick DeRenzi. Congratulations to these stellar student-journalists!

Student Artwork is ACEs...

Last month students in LPC’s Academy for College Excellence (ACE) Program displayed their class projects in the Library. The artwork was part of an assignment entitled “Exorcising Your Demons,” in which the students wrote and illustrated stories about their own personal demons — such as anger, fear, isolation, temptation, or shame. The ACE Program (formerly known as the College Foundation Semester) provides at-risk students with a learning community environment to help them transition into and succeed in college.