The Science Behind Student Success

Students, faculty, and administrators were on hand to witness the Science Department’s newest addition, generously funded by Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC.

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Educating & Engaging
This day-long event featured something for everyone, with each activity shining a spotlight on the service and sacrifice of the men and women in the military.

Collaboration
In keeping with the LPC campus culture, the Veterans Day event was a collaborative effort. The activities were sponsored by the Veterans First Program, the LPC History Department, the LPC Library, and the LPC Student Veterans Organization.

Hawk Happenings
Highlights of LPC Athletics

Talk Hawks Triumph!
The LPC Speech Team traveled to San Joaquin Delta College for the Mustang Invitational Speech Tournament and returned with the First Place Team Sweepstakes Award. Competing with the likes of UC Berkeley, San Francisco State, UOP, DVC, Ohlone, and sister-college Chabot, the Talk Hawks finished in first place among all 23 institutions participating in the tournament. In just four weekends of competition this semester, the Speech Team earned an impressive record: three first place finishes and 59 individual awards. Way to talk, Hawks!

Cross Country Takes Trophy
LPC’s Cross Country Team won Third Place at the recent NorCal Championships. Just weeks earlier, the team finished in Second Place at the Coast Conference Championships — with five runners earning All-Conference Honors. Congratulations to all of the swift scholar-athletes and their coaches for a standout season!

Swimming & Diving Aim to Make a Splash in 2012
The LPC Swimming & Diving Team will kick off the 2012 season on January 27 with a meet in Modesto. Their first competition at home will be the “Hawk Invite,” to be held at the Aquatics Center on February 24.

Soccer Season Comes to a Close...
After some hard-fought competitions on the field, the Men’s and Women’s Soccer Teams closed the book on the 2011 season. In their final game on November 11, the Men gave it their all against sister-college Chabot. Three days earlier, the Women’s Team celebrated their five sophomore scholar-athletes at “Sophomore Night.”

Honoring Those Who’ve Served
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Veterans Day Events

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The newest member of the LPC family is none other than the College's own Hawk mascot! Thanks to funding and leadership provided by the Associated Students of Las Positas College (ASLPC) and the LPC Athletics Department, the College now has its very own mascot to hype up the Hawk crowd at games and events. The Hawk made its first “official” public appearance at the November Town Meeting, and has been soaring in with school spirit ever since. The ASLPC will be leading the efforts on a “Name the Hawk” contest.

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