Welcome Week
Schedule At A Glance

Thursday, 8/16 — Convocation at LPC
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9:10 - 10:30 AM  Chancellor’s Program [P.E. Complex — Bldg. 2500]
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM  Cross-College/District Conversations [TBD]
12:00 - 1:00 PM  Lunch (complimentary box lunch provided)
1:00 - 3:00 PM  LPC Afternoon Session [MDB Lecture Hall — 2420]
3:00 - 4:10 PM  LPC Academic Senate [MDB Lecture Hall — 2420]

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• Dean Ely’s Division [2206]
  AJ, ANAT, ASTR, AUTO, BIOL, BOTN, CHEM, CIS, CNT, CS, ECOL, ELEC,
  EMS, ENGR, EVST, FST, GEOI, HORT, HSCI, MATH, MICR, OSH, Pharmacy
  Technology, PHYS, PSY I, SURG, VFW, WLTD, and ZOOL
• Dean Flores’ Division [4130]
  ANTH, ARHS, ARTS, ASL, DANC, ENG, ESL, Foreign Language, GEOG, HIST,
  HUMN, INTD, LIBR, MSCM, MUS, PHIL, PHTO, POLI, RELS, SOC, SPCH,
  THEA, VCOM, and WRHX
• Dean Miller’s Division [PE212]
  Athletics, BUSN, Child Development Center, ECD, ECON, HLTH, INTN, KIN,
  MKTG, NUTR, PSYC, and WRHX
• Student Services [2450]

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1:00 - 4:00 PM  Discipline/Department Meetings
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President Walthers’ Message to the Campus Community

Welcome Back!

Convocation is an exciting time as the faculty and staff of Las Positas College join together in anticipation of the coming school year. I hope that the summer provided each of you a time to relax, recharge and renew your commitment to our students. For those of you who spent the summer on campus, a special thanks for your continued efforts – I am most impressed by your ability to adapt to an ever-changing sidewalk path!

As we start the new year, this is an appropriate time to reflect on the year just completed. Without doubt, the 2011-2012 school year was one of the most difficult years in the history of Las Positas College. In spite of the unprecedented budget cuts from the state, the College rallied to accomplish some remarkable things. We started the year with a bit of whimsy in naming the Hawk Mascot – but Kipanga quickly became a campus fixture and favorite of the student body. Our students excelled in the classroom, wowed us from the stage, embodied Hawk Pride on the playing field, honored us throughout the community and spoke for us in the halls of the State Capitol.

We reached out to our community by staging a somber tribute on the tenth anniversary of 9/11 and offering a moving program that honored the brave men and women who served their nation during World War II – including two local veterans who overcame unimaginable barriers in pursuit of their service. Over the summer we welcomed our neighbors to the campus by hosting the Livermore Fourth of July event and a White House sponsored event to increase communication with our partners in the Latino Community.

Most importantly, we served more than twelve thousand unique students over the course of the 2011-2012 school year. As we lament the loss of support from the state, we often focus on what we could have done with adequate funding. I hope you will take time to realize the real and permanent change you made in the lives of thousands of students who will successfully transfer to a four years school or use their newly acquired skills to find a career that was previously beyond their reach.

As we look forward to 2012-2013 we have many opportunities to soar again. We will finalize our mid-term accreditation report, participate in a District-wide review of funding policies and priorities, review our mission statement, evaluate our goals and, and begin to update our strategic plan. We will ensure that we are making sound progress on program review and assessment of student learning outcomes. Along the way we will have many opportunities to take intentional and deliberate actions that will benefit our students.

Convocation is a time for optimism and we are already off to a good start for the year. We are kicking off the LPC Foundation’s new Foundation 55 program that promises to increase access while removing barriers to completion. It’s a great way to start our year – with a focus on students that will allow them more opportunities to succeed!

Thank you for putting Students First – I look forward to a great year where we again will have the chance to make a difference in the lives of our students.