

LAS POSITAS CONNECTION

The President's Monthly Report to the Board of Trustees, Campus, and Community | November 2018

Roanna Bennie, Las Positas College Interim President

Board President Dr. Marshall Mitzman Attends LPC's **Veterans Day**



CLPCCD Board of Trustees President. Dr. Marshall Mitzman. participated in honoring Veterans on November 7 at LPC with Interim President Roanna Bennie Veterans First Coordinator Todd Steffan. Also honored for their ongoing support of LPC were SAP SR, Star Moms of Danville, Pleasanton Military Families, and Rotary of Livermore—RAVE— Assisting Rotaries Veterans Education.

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LPC Honors Veterans















Thank You Veterans

Student Winners Across the College Campus

Journalism Students Take 7 Awards

An LPC delegation of 12 journalism students won seven awards at the NorCal Conference for the Journalism Association of Community Colleges held recently at the San Joaquin Delta College. The awards covered writing, design, photography, videography and illustration. The LPC students from both "Naked" magazine and "The Express" competed against 200 other delegates from schools throughout Northern California.

In the category *Publication Awards*, the LPC students took 1st Place Photo Illustration, 2nd Place Webcast/Broadcast News, 3rd Place Editorial Cartoon, 4th Place Front Page Layout, and Honorable Mention Illustration. In the category *Onthe Spot Awards*, LPC students took 2nd Place News Writing and 4th Place Opinion Writing.



(l-r) Tim Cech, Deborah Ahl, Kirstie Burgess, Devin Bradshaw, Emily Forschen, Trevor Gregory and Tim Guan.

Men's Basketball

LPC Head Coach James Giacomazzi led his Men's Basketball team to victory at the Tony Costello Tip-Off Classic on November 3 defeating College of the Siskiyous 79-63, Butte College 79-62, and Contra Costa College 74-70.

Special Recognitions

Michael Hayes, MVP

All Tournament:

John Ketchel, Decaurey Brown, Alafia Oluwasogo



Women's Water Polo

Head Coach Trevor Rose and LPC Women's Water Polo team's hard work paid off as they recently secured their first ever Coast Conference Championship resulting in an invite to the CCCAA NorCal Women's Water Polo Championship Tournament.

Dreammakers & Risktakers

Two LPC students were recently chosen as recipients of the *2018 Dreammaker and Risktaker* award by the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group. Interim President Roanna Bennie and Amy Brown, LPC Middle College Coordinator, participated in the awards ceremony presentation to students, Natalie Dutra and Sarah Whalen.

Natalie Dutra is a part-time student at LPC who took the risk of self-publishing her novella, *The*



Apple Guardian, that is written in experimental thriller genre. She is currently working on honing her storytelling skills by working on two different pieces of fiction. She has completed three short stories that have yet to be published. Her goal is to finish a bachelor's degree and write a full-length novel.

Sarah Whalen is a student at LPC and part of the Middle College program on campus. In the summer of

2017, she pitched a short-film idea to producers who selected it for a project. Sarah wrote and directed the film, *The Risen*. The short film was submitted and selected for a screening in the American Pavilion's "Emerging Filmmakers" category at the Cannes Film Festival in France this last summer. She was able to attend with her team.



Dream Big: Engineering our World

LPC and LLNL proudly presented the Tri-Valley premier of the documentary, *Dream Big: Engineering Our World*, on November 5 in the Main Auditorium at LPC. This was the 9th Annual LLNL/LPC Science and Engineering Seminar Series, Theory to Practice: How Science is Done. The documentary showcases "the human ingenuity behind engineering marvels big and small" with stunning cinematography. It also "reveals the heart that drives engineers to create better lives for people around the world" with compelling personal stories. The event was well attended and after the documentary ended, attendees got a chance to hear from a 4-member panel of LLNL engineers as they shared their journeys as thinkers and builders who work in the areas of 3D-printed metamaterials, energy efficiency and renewable systems, biomaterials, and mechanical properties of metamaterials. Each of the four panelists said that they didn't have a clear or perfect educational/career pathway. All had failures and indecisions which led to where they are today. LPC would like to thank the LLNL panelists William Smith, Julie Mancini, Suzanne Singer, and Javier Alvarado.





As the 4-member panel concluded sharing their journeys, one student was heard saying, "you guys give me hope."

Public Safety Majors Fair



On October 24, LPC hosted a Public Safety Majors Fair with over twenty Police, Fire, EMS, and other Public Safety employers participating. Livermore PD, SF Fire Department, Stockton Police Department, California Highway Patrol, and California Fish and Game were just a few in attendance. Organizer Jean O'Neil-Opipari estimated that between 100-150 "contacts" were made between students and the Public Safety organizations. The next major fair is scheduled for April, 2019

Vocal East

LPC's Vocal East just returned from a very successful trip to the Cuesta College Vocal Jazz Festival. The students gave an excellent and highly charismatic performance, received a wonderful clinic, observed at least 10 other high school and collegiate ensemble performances, and had endless chances to connect and share with their peers in the artistic community of vocal jazz. They were also witness to an incredible feature concert by the professional ensemble "Groove for Thought," which was reported to be "simply an unforgettable experience."



CALENDAR

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

November 8 LPC Music of the World, Main Stage* 7:00 p.m.

November 9 Chancellor's Award Luncheon, Roundhouse Market

& Conference Center, San Ramon, 11:30 a.m.

November 14 Job & Internship Fair, Quad

December 4 DSPS Open House

December 13 Holiday Music Department Concert, Main Stage,

7:00 p.m.

December 14 Musical Theater Showcase, Black Box*, 7:00 pm

*Mertes Center for the Arts. Tickets available online at laspositascollege.edu/performingarts

CDC Children Pedal for St. Jude's Hospital

Children enrolled in LPC's Child Development Center participated in a Trike-A-Thon that raised \$1,000 for St. Judes Children's Hospital. The CDC is currently holding their annual silent auction until November 30. All proceeds benefit the children.



AGS Regional Conference held at LPC

The AGS Chapter at Las Positas College hosted this year's annual AGS Northern Regional Conference, "Building Bridges to the Future." There were 11 chapters (schools) in attendance, with over 200 attendees. The Keynote speaker, Erna Grasz, gave an engaging talk about her journey from being a firstgeneration college student to a corporate VP in Silicon Valley, to current President and CEO of Asante Africa Foundation, a non-profit company. It is based in Livermore and partners with East African communities to address the root-causes preventing children from receiving a quality education and provides skills to apply their knowledge beyond the classroom. She challenged these honor students to be the change agents of their generation.



LPC News in Brief

Undocumented Student Week of Action: LPC Student Government, members of the UndocuAlly Task Force, Academic Senate and Classified Senate supported the



student week of action on campus recently. Many webinars were offered in the areas of entrepreneurship, financial aid, and art and mental wellness. Students also had information made available to them on DACA, UndocuAlly resources, and their rights.

Disability Resource Center Open House: DSPS will hold an open house on Tuesday, December 4 from 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. in room 1615. Attendees will learn about the DSPS department and how they serve students. Staff and community partners will be available to answer questions and share resources.

LPC Student Government Meet & Greet: the LPC Student Government held a meet and greet with their Officers and Senators on October 31. Attendees learned about the role of Student Government and how they support fellow students.



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