

LAS POSITAS CONNECTION

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Roanna Bennie, Las Positas College Interim President

LPC Offers free Microsoft Office 365 for Students

Las Positas College is currently offering its students Microsoft Office 365 for Education, which includes Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and OneNote. These software programs are being offered free of charge to use for schoolwork. Microsoft Office is an invaluable tool for today's students and faculty alike. Students can sign up for the service by using their Zone-mail account and can easily access the login from the Las Positas homepage.

The Talk Hawks Take Flight

The Talk Hawks, LPC's speech team, had their third tournament of the season at the Biggest Little City Classic Tournament held at the University of Nevada, Reno on October 21-22. The team brought home the Second Place Individual Events Sweepstakes Award. Six LPC students competed against twelve different colleges and universities. Special recognition goes to Milla Lindevall for taking first place on all ballots in all of her informative speech rounds.

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LPC Offers First For Credit Paramedic Class



Las Positas College's first for-credit paramedic class was full to the brim with students excited to receive credit for this type of class. Eighty people applied for the 24 positions. The other 56 applicants were placed on a waitlist. Program Director,

Sebastian Wong, said he taught four previous classes under the community service fee-based model which were ineligible for academic credit. This class is the first paramedic class eligible for credit and students can earn an A.S. degree, Certificate of Achievement, or transfer to a 4-year college or university.

Students Show Work at ArtWalk Livermore



Students hang their work before the event.

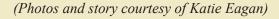


Event-goers view LPC's booth.

The organizers of ArtWalk Livermore again invited LPC students to display their work at this year's event. Students were happy to represent LPC at the well-attended annual event in historic downtown Livermore. It was a great chance for students to learn about the local art scene and promote the college's art department within the community. ArtWalk Livermore has over 200 artists display their works on sidewalks and plazas, in parks and galleries, surrounded by boutique shops, wine tasting rooms and restaurants in historic downtown Livermore. Art works range from contemporary to classical, abstract to realism, pottery to mixed media, handmade bags, and much more.

English Faculty Travels to Croatia on Fulbright Scholarship

Katie Eagan, English faculty, has returned from her semester abroad teaching in Zagreb, Croatia on a Fulbright scholarship in American Studies. She taught undergraduate and graduate students and offered courses in cross-cultural relationships in modern American literature and transnational dimensions of American white identities. Katie participated in the Cultural History of Capitalism conference held at the Filozofski Fakultet, or Philosophy Faculty, where she taught, wrote, and delivered a paper entitled "Mat Johnson's Pym, a Modern Slave Narrative, and the Chains of Neoliberalism." However, she had the most fun in her day-to-day experiences in the classroom with her bright, curious students. Now that she has returned to Las Positas, Dr. Eagan is back to teaching and grading, but also working with an interdisciplinary team of faculty fellows, six of whom are from Las Positas, in Stanford's Educational Partnership for Internationalizing the Curriculum (EPIC). She hopes to continue the campus conversation about globalizing the curriculum in staff development contexts in curriculum and division meetings, and with students pursuing LPC's new Global Studies ADT.







Performance Photos from "Water Engine" 10/20-29









FST Students Volunteer

Over 55 current LPC Fire Service Technology students volunteered to assist the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation by providing the citizens of the communities of Livermore and Pleasanton a pancake breakfast and a full day of wonderful interactive events for their fire safety expo. This event, which was held on Saturday, October 14th, was the final culmination of National Fire Prevention Week. Students volunteered from 6:30 AM to well into the evening.

Congressman Swalwell Speaks at Tri-Valley Roundtable



Interim President, Roanna Bennie, attended a roundtable hosted by the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group and Congressman Eric Swalwell on October 9th. Congressman Swalwell spoke to educators and business leaders hoping to facilitate a relationship that will help the next generation of students transition successfully into the workforce and help move the county forward. Many Tri-Valley schools and businesses were in attendance to discuss their needs and wants for students and future employee recruitment.

Women's Soccer Team Remains Undefeated

Las Positas College's women's soccer team is having a season to remember. Currently the Hawks season record is 12-1-2, although they remain undefeated in conference play at 8-0. The women have allowed only 4 goals against them and are continuing to add to their team record of over 30 goals scored. Midfielder, Camila Fonseca, leads the state with 16 assists and will be heading to CSU, Sacramento on a soccer scholarship next season. Coach Sapsford and the players have their sights set on a 2017 Conference Title. They are currently ranked 4th in Northern California.



Rhiannon Adams scores a goal in a 2-1 win over Evergreen Valley College.

Men's Water Polo Team Off to Historic Start



The LPC men's water polo team is off to its best start in program history. The program boasts many firsts this season including:

- 1st win over a Big 8 Conference Team (vs. Santa Rosa)
- 1st double overtime win over rival Cabrillo (winning goal scored by Jason Craighead)
- 1st team travel trip out of area (Southern California)
- 1st win over a SoCal Team (vs. San Diego Miramar)
- 1st time home games are live streamed

The team roster includes: J. Craighead, A. Doss, R. Eckels, M. Eckles, A. Khan, S. Lazzerereschi, C. Lewandoeski, L. Li, A. Kettenhofen, E. Lundeen, M. Macchiavello, B. Meyn, S. Nielsen, D. Sridhar, G. Tantzen.

CALENDAR

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

November 16 Women's Basketball vs. Feather River

November 16 "Five Keys to Developing an Entrepreneurial Mindset"

Les Schmidt, 6-7 PM, Room 2420, Free

Men's Basketball vs. Gavilan November 22

November 22-24 Holiday Break—Thanksgiving, campus closed

Puente Mentor Mixer November 29

Student Music Recital, Mertes Center November 30 Stories and Speeches, Mertes Center December 1

Dancing at Lughnasa, Mertes Center December 1-3

Purchase Tickets online at

http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts

LPC Graduate Named ACP Finalist

Brianna Guillory was named a finalist in the Associated Collegiate Press 2017 Advertising Awards in the Display Ad category. Guillory served as Design Editor of Naked in 2016 and Editor-in-Chief of *The Express* in 2015. She is currently majoring in journalism at San Francisco State University.





Academic Building Progression



LPC News in Brief

International Tutor Appreciation Week. LPC

celebrated its peer tutors during the first week of October. Tutors found special gifts in their tutor files over the week, including red wristbands that read, "Be a hero—be a tutor!"

LPC Science Poster Exhibit. During the month of October, 16 student posters were displayed in the Livermore Public Library. Posters were selected by participating faculty from more than 36 posters and the work of over 100 students. Poster topics included: anatomy, chemistry, microbiology, psychology, zoology.

2017 CARE Fund Special Projects Grants.

Applications for grants are now being accepted until November 13, 2017. Grants are available to faculty, classified professionals, and administrators with ideas about how to better serve students, staff, and the colleges. Projects in need of special funds are encouraged to apply. Last year, seven grants were awarded! Become inspired.

Thank You! Thank you to everyone who donated food, goods and money to the Sonoma County fire victims. LCP students, staff and faculty donated not only goods, but also their time and energy to those affected by the wildfires.



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