# LAS POSITAS CONNECTION

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Roanna Bennie, Las Positas College Interim President



A soaring hawk flies over the Las Positas College campus.

#### Math Jam Remains Popular!



Math Jam is an award-winning, intensive, one-week math program offered the week prior to the start of the fall and spring semesters. The program aims to help students achieve their math goals by preparing them for an upcoming math course or math assessment test. Students who are able to assess into higher level courses may be able to transfer or attain a degree more quickly.

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Photos are compliments of Roy Moreno, Inspector of Record for the Academic Building 1000.

Despite rainy and windy weather this winter, work continues on Las Positas College's new Academic Classroom building. Students are excited to see and use the new building starting this fall.

#### **Remembering Our Fallen National Display**

Las Positas College will be hosting the traveling national display, Remembering Our Fallen, April 9th through April 14th. The memorial includes our country's military Fallen who have lost their lives while deployed in the War on Terror since September 11, 2001. The display consists of over 30 Tribute Towers. Each Tribute Tower is 10 feet high and 5 feet wide and will include military and personal photos of our country's Fallen. Opening ceremonies with the Honor Guard, National Anthem, and a presentation from a Gold Star parent will be held on April 9th at 8:00 a.m. in front of building 1600 where the display will be located.

## Fire Service Students Initiate Public Safety Message

Fire Service students have sponsored and initiated a public safety campaign at LPC. With the assistance of Program Coordinator of the Fire Service Technology program, Ron Johansen, the students have sponsored a flyer that stands in the campus cafeteria. The message is an important safety announcement for all young distracted drivers. The flyer depicts a young woman putting on makeup while driving and reads: Emily, 19, likes to put on makeup and rock out to music on her way to pick up her friends. Emily's number is 11. In 2011, 11% of all drivers under the age of 20 involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crash.

## "Agents of Change" Community Education Conference



Pictured above is the Executive Board of the Association of Continuing and Community Education, Plenary speaker and retired NBA player Adonal Foyle, and Dr. Cheryl Marshall, Chancellor of the North Orange County Community College District.

Frances DeNisco, Program Coordinator for Community Education at LPC, has been serving as the president of the Association of Continuing and Community Education (ACCE) this year. The annual statewide conference was held at the Waterfront Hotel in Oakland in early February. The conference was a sell-out success once again for the organization. Inspiring and useful topics at the conference included a keynote presentation by Dr. Cheryl Marshall, Chancellor of the North Orange County Community College District, who spoke about "Hearts, Brains and Growing Pains: Creating Sustainable Change During Turbulent Times." She spoke on how Noncredit, Adult and Community Education programs can play a pivotal role in redefining how we serve our students, and she offered several strategies for being change agents to the over 120 professionals who attended.

### **Pilot Vocational ESL Course is a Success**

Faculty members Erin DeBakcsy and Leslie Payne and Career Technical Education Program Manager, Vicki Shipman, launched an off-site vocational English as a Second Language course for wine industry employees this semester. The course is being held at the Livermore Library and began with only five students. In its seventh week, the class has grown to ten students. Ms. Shipman said this is the perfect project to jumpstart future vocational ESL coursework geared towards specific industries.

### **CalWORKs Hosts Housing Resources Workshop**

Las Positas College's CalWORKs program is hosting a housing workshop for all students on March 23rd from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. in room 1602. Housing specialists will speak about their programs and what they can offer students. Housing resource packets will be handed out to all workshop participants and lunch will be provided. This workshop is for students who have found themselves homeless, are being evicted, are in a crisis home situation, or having trouble finding housing. Amanda Ingold, CalWORKs Coordinator and Foster Youth/Homeless Liaison is the contact person at 925-424-1434 if you want additional information or to offer help.

## **Work-Based Learning Program a Win-Win for Students, Employers**



Representatives for Kaiser Permanente's Information Technology internship program, KP Launch, recruit our students at LPC's February 8 Work-Based Learning Job and Internship Fair.

The LPC Work-Based Learning Program helps build a strong workforce for our region-a win-win for our students and area employers. The program forges relationships with area businesses and organizations, provides courses supporting career success, holds regular job and internship fairs, and administers the Las Positas College Internship and Job Board, which connects students, alumni, and employers. Work-Based Learning

is part of the college's Business Studies Program in the BHAWK Division (Business, Health, Athletics, Work Experience, and Kinesiology). Our students have landed jobs and internships with many area businesses and organizations, including Lawrence Livermore and Sandia national labs, city offices, and the office of Congressman Eric Swalwell. In addition to helping students find opportunities, the Work-Based Learning Program supports their success once they land a positon by offering Work-Based Learning courses, including Work Experience and Internship. In the courses, students learn while they earn. They collaborate with their supervisor and instructor to develop learning objectives they accomplish during the semester and they also learn about key 21<sup>st</sup> century work skills that employers seek in job candidates, including communications, time management, critical thinking, and integrity. Students earn college credit for the courses, which are transferrable to the CSU system. Thanks to Work-Based Learning Program marketing, enrollment in the Work Experience classes continues to increase. Fall semester saw the highest enrollment in recent years with approximately 40 students enrolling and spring semester's enrollment has doubled.

#### **Business Leader Speaks to Students**



esy of Dara Bazzanc

Dynamic business leader Dara Bazzano presented a talk, "Five Things I Wish I Could Tell My Younger Professional Self," as part of the 6th Annual Business spent more than 20 years in public and Entrepreneurship Speaker Series. The event was held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, in the Multi-Disciplinary Building Lecture Hall, Room 2420. Presented by the college's Business Studies Program, the series is free and open to the public. Ms. Bazzano is the Vice President of Finance, Chief Accounting Officer, and

Global Corporate Controller for the global specialty retailing company Gap Inc. Before joining Gap in 2013, she accounting, including work with PricewaterhouseCoopers and KPMG LLP in San Francisco. The Business and Entrepreneurship Speaker Series brings Bay Area business leaders to campus to share their expertise with students and the

Dara Bazanno

community.

# CALENDAR

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

April 3 April 9	Spring Flex Day, 8AM-4PM LLNL/LPC Science and Engineering Seminar Series Computer Simulations of Microbial Community Interactions, 6PM, Room 2420, <i>Free</i>
April 9-14	Remembering Our Fallen National Display
April 9-16	Heathers: The Musical, Fri/Sat 8PM, Sun 2PM*
April 12	Vocal East & Jazz Combos Concert, 7PM*
April 14	Vet Bowl II Flag Football Tournament

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

#### **Theater Department to Tackle Heathers**



Westerberg High is ruled by a shoulder-padded, scrunchiewearing junta: Heather, Heather, and Heather, the hottest and cruelest girls in all of Ohio. But misfit Veronica Sawyer rejects their evil regime for a new boyfriend, the dark and sexy stranger J.D., who plans to put the Heathers in their place - six feet under. Heathers will run Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. April 6th-15th.

# Save The Date for Best of The Best!



The Las Positas College Foundation is hosting their 15th annual Best *of the* Best Celebration on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts. As the name implies, LPC's best college students, cuisine, and fine wines are highlighted during an elegant evening of performances and fun. Proceeds raised from this event will support the students and programs of Las Positas College. Serving as this year's MC is singer, actor, America's Got Talent semifinalist, and LPC Alumn Shawn Ryan. Tickets are available at lpcfoundation.org/news/best-of-the-best.

#### **LPC News in Brief**

Math Counts. LPC is offering free math tutoring on campus for Livermore high school students at all levels of math through calculus.

Kaiser Interviews. Kaiser Permanente is holding interviews on campus in the month of March and students can interview for coveted internships at the large company.

Blood Drive. Within five hours, 83 donors gave blood that will impact the lives of approximately 140 patients.

Smart Shop Series. The series of workshops is led by experienced faculty on a variety of topics that are geared toward helping students achieve their goals. The Smart Shop Series covers academics, transfer, and career topics.

Career News. LPC's Career & Employment Center continues to help students find internships and jobs by posting openings to their College Internship and Job Board. www.laspositascollege.edu/careercenter.



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