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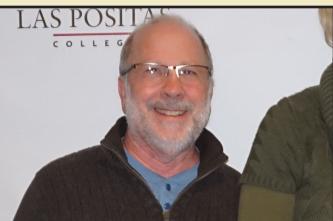
Roanna Bennie, Las Positas College Interim President

December Retirements

Las Positas College said goodbye to two full-time faculty members in December 2017. Mr. Greg Daubenmire and Ms. Teri Henson were honored at the last Town Meeting of the year by Interim President, Roanna Bennie and Dean of Math, Science, Engineering and Public Safety, Nan Ho. Faculty and staff gathered for a celebration to share memories, take photos, and enjoy desserts.

Mr. Daubenmire was hired at LPC as full-time math faculty in August of 2000. Greg is known by students and faculty to humorously run up and down the halls with a mug of coffee. In the past, he has served as academic senate president and he recently was awarded the CMC³ Excellence in Teaching Award.

Ms. Henson was also hired at LPC as full-time math faculty in August of 2000. She has taught many classes in the LPC math department, ranging from Pre-algebra and Linear Algebra to Discrete Mathematics. Teri has received both the Chancellor's Award and the Reed Buffington award while at LPC. She plans to spend her time visiting with her granddaughter, traveling, reading, gardening, walking, and going to matinees on weekdays.





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#GivingHawksDay

November 28, 2017 was the Las Positas College Foundation's second annual #GivingHawksDay. The day coincided with #GivingTuesday, a day recognized nationally to give back to non-profit groups. The Foundation raised \$11,900 on #GivingHawksDay. The Foundation spent the day monitoring the progress of the campaign, thanking donors for their contributions in support of LPC students, and participating in outreach opportunities to help make students aware of the LPC Foundation's scholarship opportunities.

Photo credit: Kenneth Cooper

Talk Hawks Continue Winning Streak

The LPC Talk Hawks did it again. At their fifth and final tournament of the Fall season, the team won the first place community college sweepstakes award. Seven LPC students competed in the Steinbeck Invitational, held at Hartnell College on Saturday, November 9th. Sixteen colleges and universities were in attendance including, UC Berkeley, Illinois State University, California State University, Chico, San Francisco State University, Butte College, University of Nevada, Reno, and Chabot College, among others.

The first place sweepstakes award came with a fun surprise; a



family of ducks! Because the Hawks won first place and the host college wanted to celebrate the season of giving, they donated a flock of ducks in the Hawks honor to a needy family through Heifer International, an organization that strives to end global hunger and poverty. Duck eggs are a main source of protein in many countries.

The Talk Hawks wrote and compiled 19 award-winning presentations, won 46 individual awards, and won three team sweepstakes awards during the Fall season. Keep an eye out for them in the Spring as they travel to Daytona Beach, Florida and Montreal, Canada!

Dancing at Lughnasa

Set in Ireland in 1936, "Dancing at Lughnasa" portrays the lives of five Irish sisters. The Tony Award winning play was written by Brian Friel and directed by Ken Ross. Irish accents and jigs added to magic that this live play was able to bring to audiences. Enjoyed by audiences members and cast alike, "Dancing at Lughnasa" was a performance to be remembered.







Photos courtesy of Chris Hartwell

December Breakfast

LPC administrators took time out of their busy schedules to cook and serve breakfast to faculty and classified professionals on December 7th in the Mertes Center. Many administrators showed their holiday spirit by wearing festive outfits and hats. Kenneth Cooper, Foundation Director, and Don Miller, former Interim Vice President of Academic Services flipped pancakes and omelets while the rest of the administrators served buffet breakfast items. The LPC Jazz Ensemble played holiday music for guests. Over the course of three hours, several dozen faculty and classified professionals showed up for a nice meal, coffee and tea, and great company.





Pictured left to right: Nessa Julian, Ed.D., Stephany Chavez, Amir Law, Ph.D., Mike Schwarz, Ph.D., Thomas Allen, Vicki Shipman, Wyman Fong, William Garcia.

Don Carlson and Nan Ho.



Nessa Julian, Ed.D., and Stephany Chavez.



Kenneth Cooper and Don Miller, Ph.D.



Vending Machine Makes Buying School Supplies Easier for LPC Students

In order to better serve students that still have classes outside of the normal operating hours of the LPC bookstore, a school supply vending machine has been installed on the first floor of the 1600 Building near the counseling offices. The machine stocks 6-packs of the two most used scantrons, 882-E and 2020 quizstrip, along with Green Book essay exam books, pens, pencils, and other small supply items. The machine accepts coins, \$1, \$5, and \$10 bills.

CALENDAR

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

January 15, 2018	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Campus Closed
January 16, 2018	Spring 2018 Semester Begins
January 17, 2018	Women's/Men's Basketball vs. San Francisco, Begins at 5:00 p.m. at LPC
January 18, 2018	Middle College Information Night, 6:30 p.m., Room 2420
January 19, 2018	Women's/Men's Basketball vs. Chabot, Begins at 5:00 p.m. at LPC
January 23, 2018	Listening Session with the Chancellor, 11:00 a.m., 2470
January 24, 2018	Welcome Back Hawks Event, 1600 Patio
February 16, 2018	Lincoln Day—Campus Closed
February 19, 2018	Washington Day—Campus Closed

Academic Building Progression



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