

## LAS POSITAS CONNECTION

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## **Undefeated Champions!**

The Las Positas College Women's Soccer team completed its regular soccer season as undefeated Conference Champions! This is the 2nd conference championship in the 28 year history of the woman's soccer program, according to Coach Andrew Cumbo.

Coach Cumbo added, "We have an amazing group of student-athletes on the women's soccer team. These young women are competitive, aggressive, supportive, and caring. They give it their all in training and games and have earned their right to be called

Champions. I couldn't be more proud of this group."

Everyone at Las Positas College wants to congratulated the team and coaches for their hard

GO HAWKS!!!





LPC Women's Soccer Conference Champion

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#### 5 Year Anniversary Celebration for Engineering **Technology Learning Community**

Students, faculty, employers, and College administration along with partners, Growth Sector, Tri-Valley Career Center, Alameda County Workforce Development Board and Silicon Valley Leadership Group, and elected officials, Livermore Mayor John Marchand, representatives from the offices of Senator Dianne Feinstein, Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, and State Senator Steve Glazer gathered at Las Positas College December 4 to celebrate the 5 Year Anniversary of the Engineering Technology program.

The overarching theme of the event was support and success. Tim Leech, a current student, and Mary Lou Manzo a graduate of the Engineering Technology program both spoke about feeling supported by the faculty and other students. That support helped them to find success in areas that were previously intimidating like math, engineering, and physics.



Employers, Randy Pico from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Lloyd Hackel from Curtiss-Wright, Metal Improvement Company, commented on the importance of the partnership with LPC and, that through that partnership, they have a pipeline to a trained and highly motivated workforce. The afternoon was concluded by a presentation of certificates from the office of State Senator Steve Glazer and the office of Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan.

Photo courtesy of Jean O'Neil-Opipari

## Calendar

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

December 12 Music Department Holiday Concert

December 14 Fire Fighter Career Preparation

Workshop

December 14 The Life and Times of Cole Porter

December 17 The Market—Food Pantry

December 24 Begin Winter Break

January 2 End Winter Break

January 13 Spring Vocal Ensemble Auditions



## 10th Annual Science & Engineering Speaker Series



Dr. Carolyn Koester and participating campus community.

Las Positas College and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory presented the 10th Annual Science and Engineering Speaker Series which featured Dr. Carolyn Koester, Analytical Chemist and Deputy Director for Operations Forensic Science Center discussing Responding to Chemical Warfare. This event was held November 14th and was free and open to the public.

# New Soccer Field for LPC

In mid-August 2019, Las Positas College began the project of removing/replacing the synthetic turf on the soccer field. This project was completed in late-October 2019 and the updated soccer field was re-opened for use.



Photo by Astro Turf

#### LPC News in Brief

The Life and Times of Cole Porter: The Las Positas College Department of Theater Arts is proud to present "Let's Face It - The Life and Times of Cole Porter." The Musical Theater Workshop course offers students training in performance skills for the musical theater with emphasis on acting, stage movement, and vocal production. This showcase was developed by the musical theater students to discuss Cole's life and legacy. Students wrote scripts, chose music, choreographed/staged numbers, and then put all the disparate pieces together to create their show. Piano collaboration was by Jeremiah Trujillo.

**Electric Vehicle Charging Stations:** In November 2019, the Chabot Las Positas Community College District Board of

Trustees reviewed and approved the College and Las Positas Community College fees for electric vehicle charging services to recover the costs of associated expenditures and maintenance. Currently, there is no timeline to implement the fees, but if implemented, it would be applied to all users including employees and students.

Prayer and Meditation Room: Las Positas College is proud to announce the creation of a Meditation and Prayer Room in building 2400, room 2420A adjacent to the Lecture Hall. The Meditation and Prayer Room is available to students, employees, and campus visitors. Maximum occupancy is five, and facility rules have been established and posted on the doors and walls of the room.



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#### **LPC Jazz Ensembles Concert**

LPC featured its Small Jazz Groups, Improvisation Lab, under the direction of Tim Devine, and the Jazz Combos in a concert on November 21 at the Mertes Center for the Arts. The evening featured varied sets of music with arrangements and originals composed by our talented music students.



Photos courtesy of Alan Lewis



#### The Express Making News!

On Saturday, November 16 at San Jose State University, LPC's newspaper, *The Express*, was named General Excellence publication both in print and online! Congratulations to the journalism students and their advisors on this and many



The Express journalists and Dr. Korber

other wins at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges NorCal 2019 Conference.

## **Veterans Day Run**

Las Positas College hosted a Veterans Day event including 2.2 for 22 and 5k runs on November 9th. The goal of the 2.2 for 22 race was to educate the community about veteran suicide; 22 veterans commit suicide daily. Funds raised for this

race will be applied toward supportive mental health resources for student veterans. Partnering with the Sean Brock Foundation, funds raised in the 5k run will be applied toward scholarships for families of fallen veterans.

The 2.2 for 22 race had challenge stations throughout Las Positas College serving as physical reminders of the vulnerability of veterans. The 5k consisted of a traditional 5k run around the perimeter of the campus. All finishers for each event received a medal and t-shirt. The festivities were emceed by the Honorable Former Assemblymember Catherine Baker attended by students, veterans, and families.



The Honorable Catherine Baker was emcee for the event



Participants at the 2.2 for 22 Veterans Day run

## **Student Government Open House**

The Student Government and Office of Student Life held a meet and greet and open house to welcome all students, administrators, faculty, and staff of the campus community to their newly remodeled student life offices. There was a beautiful setup with light bites, music, and speeches from the group.

If you haven't visited the Office of Student Life, you are invited to stop by and see all the beautiful new improvements that facilitate collaboration and communication with the college community.





### **VIP Visit to LPC**

Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and her District Director Shawn Kumagai toured the LPC campus on November 17th where they visited Middle College, the Child Development Center, the Enology Lab, and the Veterans First Program.



Left to right: Sergio Verbis, Teacher; Shawn Kumagai, 16th District Director; Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, Assemblymember 16th District; Roanna Bennie, Interim President; Amy Robbins, Director for Tri-Valley ROP; Amy Brown, Program Coordinator for Middle College.

## Vocals East at Music Festival

The LPC Chamber Choir and "Vocal East" just finished up two very successful music festival experiences. Chamber Choir attended the Fresno City College Choral Invitational while Vocal East performed at the Cuesta College Vocal Jazz Festival. Both delivered beautiful performances that

the entire campus should be proud of they are earning Las Positas College a reputation for high-level musicartistry and making. These experiences were also the perfect first performances of the semester in preparation for the LPC home concert.



Faculty Ian Brekke with performing students