LAS POSITAS CONNECTION

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**Roanna Bennie, Las Positas College Interim President** 

## The Express Website Recognized As One of the Best

The online version of The Express, the award-winning student newspaper at Las Positas College, is a finalist in a competition recognizing the best college journalism in the United States and Canada.

LPCExpressNews.com was one of eight two-year college websites named as a finalist for Online Pacemaker — a competition that recognized 41 elite digital publications including UCLA, Duke and Vassar. The Associated Collegiate Press named the finalists prior to its national convention in Washington D.C. in November.

This year's contest marks the second time that LPCExpressNews.com has been a finalist in the Online Pacemaker contest. In 2013, after being named a finalist, the website earned sixth place best in show at the ACP Convention in New Orleans.

Devin Bradshaw, editor in chief of The Express, acknowledged the importance of the honor. "Our staff may be small in numbers, but it's ranked among the big boys!" Bradshaw said. "We're just getting rolling as a staff, so this is definitely motivating. It feels good to continue The Express' tradition of excellence."

#### **Congratulations to The Express!**



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## **Talk Hawks Win Again!**

Your Las Positas Talk Hawks traveled to San Francisco State University to compete at two tournaments on September 21 and came home with the 1st Place Team Sweepstakes Award. Not only did they beat all 22 other Colleges and Universities, but did so dramatically. The second place community college team (Butte) accumulated 63 team points. The Talk Hawks scored 273. Additionally, of the 13 Talk Hawk members attending this tournament, only 2 are returning members. Even more impressive, returning member Brennan Mock took 1st place in the Community College division, and acquired enough points to win single-handedly.

On October 4 the Talk Hawks traveled to our sister college Chabot Community College to continue the successful season. The team placed 1st again at this tournament.

Coaches Jim Dobson and Tim Heisler couldn't be more proud of the work and dedication these students have shown.

**Congratulations to the LPC Talk** Hawks!



LPC Talk Hawks participants. Phot o Courtesy of James Dobson

## **Twilight Tasting Success!**



Friends of the Vineyards (FOV) hosted its 5th annual Twilight Tasting for Las Positas College this year at Page Mill Winery! The event raised money for scholarships of students in the Viticulture and Winery Technology Program at LPC. Page Mill generously donated all tasting fees and 10% of all purchases to Friends of the Vineyards the night of this event.



TWILIGHT TASTING

The evening included a flight sampling of Page Mill wine, a variety if light snacks, the raffling of a gift



Left: Edwardo Salas, Vice Chair - LPC Foundation, Lori Souza, President - LPC Founda-tion, Roanna Bennie, Interim President - LPC, Kristina Whalen, VP Academics - LPC

basket of Page Mill Wines and two 6

packs of the award winning Campus Hill Wine made by Las Positas College students.

Las Positas College wants to thank Friends of the Vineyards, Page Mill Winery, the LPC Foundation and all the people that helped raise money for our students. We hope to continue in this tradition!



eft to right: Nan Ho. STEM Dean-LPC, Rifka Several - LPC Foundation

## The First Bonded Grape Harvest at Las Positas College Yields Over 3.5 Tons !

This year the students in class VWT 41– Fall Winery Operations, taught by faculty and winemaker Tommy Vanhoutte and Lab Tech, Josefina Bolufer Cervero harvested over 3.5 tons of grapes which included varieties of Sauvi-



gnon, Albarino, Viognier, Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre, Graciano, and Turga. In addition, 1,800 pounds of the harvest were sold to a winery.

The fall harvest group included students majoring in Viticulture and Enology and some students taking the class for personal development which included some of LPC's faculty and staff.



The Viticulture and Enology program is currently lead by David Everett, Program Coordinator and Meredith Sarboraria, Interim Lab Technician. This is the fist harvest that will be included under the Viticulture and Enology foundation bond, which will allow the Viticulture and Enology Foundation to sell the wine that is produced from this harvest.

All photos courtesy of J. Bolufer Cervero Las Positas Connection October 2019

#### Las Positas College LatinX Hispanic Heritage Celebrations



On September 17, 2019, La Bienvenida/Welcome day was the kickoff of the LatinX Hispanic Heritage Month at LPC. During the months of September, October and part of November LPC invites the college community to experience the LatinX and Hispanic culture art music and food



Dia De Los Muertos Celebration

culture, art, music, and food. The college is hosting a

other library material, Dia de Muertos, Caras de Las Positas ,Food of Las Americas, and will end the celebration on November 14, with a screening of "*La Mission*."

A huge thanks goes out to Puente Club, HSI Club, and Student Government for their support in making all these events possible.



#### Transfer Day Was a Hit!

Las Positas College hosted a very successful Transfer Day on September 17. The Career and Transfer Center Coordinator, Terrance Thompson was quick on his feet to relocate tabling for over 90 universities due to inclement weather. The event was held all along the covered walk way between the 1000 building and buildings 400, 500, and 600.

A big thank you goes out to all who assisted in this year's successful event. The leadership of Dean Elizabeth Ward, Mike Alvarez, UMOJA student volunteers, veteran student volunteers, counseling staff, student assistants, and a host of faculty. A special thanks to Darrick, Art, and Pam from M&O.



## **Club Rush!**

Las Positas College Student Government with the assistance of the Office of Student Life held their two day Club Carnival on September 18 and 19. The College clubs setup tents and enticed students to participate and join their clubs. There were raffles, snacks and prizes for the students as well as lots of laughs and good times.





# Calendar

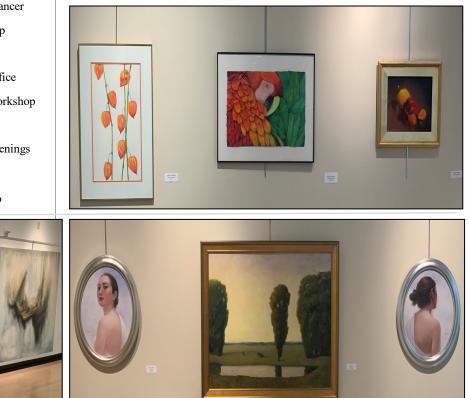
Please visit our website for more details about the latest news and events.

October 15	The Market Food Pantry
October 15	Mental Health Tabling
October 16	National Financial Aid Day
October 16	Voter Registration Drive
October 16	Pink Ribbon Day—Breast Cancer
October 16	Know Your Rights Workshop
October 16	The Great CA Shake Out
October 16	Congressman Swalwell's Office
October 17	Dream Act Financial Aid Workshop
October 22	Flex Day
October 24	Health Fair & Wellness Screenings
October 25	St. Jude's Trike –A-Thon
October 30	Behavioral Health Workshop

# **LPC Faculty Art Exhibition**

The LPC Art Gallery was host to the artwork from our wonderfully talented LPC Art Instructors. This exhibit featured art from David Wagner, Monica Satterthwait, Mark Roberts, and Scott Miner.

The closing reception was held October 3 at the LPC gallery and visitors enjoyed small bites and refreshments.



### LPC News in Brief

**Child Development Center Trike-A-Thon:** Every year, the children and staff at the Child Development Center raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by participating in the St. Jude Trike-A-Thon. This year the event is on Friday, October 25. We hope you will join us at 10am for this great opportunity to give back.

**The Great California Shake Out**: LPC will be participating in the Great California Shake Out. On October 17, at 10:17 AM, schools, businesses, and many other entities will participate in the earthquake drill. Las Positas College is taking a proactive approach to be prepared in case a large earthquake hits. Since LPC is located within a distance of the Hayward

fault line, there is a strong likelihood the College could be affected by a quake.

**LPC Admissions Application Update:** The CCCApply admissions application for summer term and fall semester 2020 is now live. Applications for admission to the college is now open and available.

Automated Transcripts Ordering Service: Credential Solutions is an automated transcript ordering service available for students and alumni to request official transcripts. The first two official transcripts will remain free of charge but have to be requested directly from the Admissions and Records Office. Additionally, official transcripts are available for a fee through Credential Solutions. Students may print unofficial transcripts from CLASS-Web free of charge.



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