

# LAS POSITAS CONNECTION

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Dr. Dyrell Foster, Las Positas College President

# LLNL & LPC 12th Annual Science & Engineering Seminar Series

# SPACE ROCKS AND TELESCOPES ADDRESSING THE BIG QUESTIONS OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM AND UNIVERSE AT LLNL Dr. Megan Eckart, Astrophysicist Director, Space Science Institute Dr. Greg Brennecka, Cosmochemist

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Las Positas College were excited to present the 12th Annual Science & Engineering Seminar Series Theory to Practice, "Space Rocks and Telescopes: Addressing the Big Questions of the Solar System and Universe at LLNL" on

April 14th. Dr. Megan Eckart, Astrophysics and Director, Space Science Institute, and Dr. Greg Brennecka, Cosmochemist, conducted the seminar to share basic and applied research with LPC students and the Tri-Valley community. The presentation focused on how teams of scientists work together to solve problems from theory to practice.

# May President Speaker Series Presents: Dr. Rebekah Taussig

On May 3rd, Dr. Rebecca Taussig will speak on the topic: Rethinking What Accessibility and Inclusion Look Like. Dr. Taussig has been paralyzed since the age of three, is a mom, wife, author, disability advocate and educator with a Ph.D. in creative nonfiction and disability studies. She is a passionate



teacher with a range of experience, from freshmen in high school to upper-level college classes covering subjects from English literature, composition and creative writing to disability studies. Consider joining us May 3rd via zoom. Visit the *President's Speaker Series webpage* for more information and a link to the event.

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#### Congratulations to LPC's New Tenured Faculty

Las Positas College celebrated new tenured faculty on Friday, April 15th. Dr. Kristina Whalen, Vice President of Academic Services, hosted the event, which is part of the college's ongoing efforts to recognize faculty achievement. Congratulations to our newly tenured professors: Natalie Kellner, Leslie Payne, Soraya Renteria, Susan Cumbo, Michael McQuiston, Tracey Coleman, Joanne Jen, Irena Keller, Andrew Patterson, Collin Thormoto, Jin Tsubota, Carrie Frates, Dana Nakase, and Alain Olavarrieta-Stefanoni.



## **Classified Senate Hosts Spring Wellness Events**

The Classified Senate invited all Classified Professionals to participate in self-care events during Spring Break. There were two sessions of Yoga & Tai Chi Wellness Days hosted by the incredible, Sophie Rheinheimer. There was also an LPC Rocks! event hosted by Liz McWhorter where staff were invited to be in-

spired and release their inner Picasso to create rock-art. Special

thanks to the Art Department for donating the art supplies.







## **LPC Named Best in San Francisco Bay**

According to the American Association of Community Colleges, 41% of all undergrads in the U.S. attend a community college. A community college's annual tuition and fees are significantly less than a four-year University. Stacker.com recently compiled a list of the best community colleges in California that offer a great reason to consider a community college education before transferring on to a four-year university.



Based on the rankings from Niche.com, Las Positas College is ranked the #1 Best Community College in the San Francisco Bay Area and the #3 Best Community College in

California. The rankings are based on educational value, cost of tuition and fees, student to faculty ratio, retention, graduation, transfer rates, career related outcomes, diversity, and student-submitted surveys. For those considering continuing education beyond high school, Las Positas College is a perfect place to start - It Happens Here.

## **LPC Literary Arts Festival**



The LPC Literary Arts Festival has been awarded two grants to establish the festival as an annual community event to promote LPC's courses and provide a platform for local and nationally recognized authors. The City of Livermore has approved a \$4,000.00 grant, and the LPC Foundation has awarded an \$8,000.00 grant in support of this event.

The Literary Arts Festival will be an in-person event on Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 9:30 AM to 8:30 PM at Las Positas College. For more information and to register for events please visit the *Literary Arts Festival webpage*.





## LPC Sponsors and Participates in 4th Annual **Tri-Valley Innovation Fair**

LPC had 9 of the 62 exhibitions at the fair that garnered 2,413 attendees this year. Thank you to all the LPC volunteers and presenters: Alpha Gamma Sigma, Engineering Technology, Horticulture, Manufacturing & Transportation, Mu Alpha Theta, Physics and Astronomy Department, Drone Technology, and Phi Beta Lambda.













## Las Positas College - Your Community of Opportunity

#### **High School Concurrent Enrollment**

- Attention High School students in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.
- Enroll in college courses while attending high school
- Online and in-person classes available.
- Earn college credit and get a head start on your college education.
- Summer Concurrent Enrollment forms are due May 13, 2022 to be able to register for classes on May 16th.



#### **LPC Information Night for Parents & Families**

Join us to learn why Las Positas College is your best choice after high school for transfer and career education.

Parents! You don't want to miss this information session hosted by LPC's College President Dr. Dyrell Foster where you will be able to take a campus tour, learn about college programs, and hear from current LPC students.

Monday, April 25, 2022 Campus Tour @ 5:00 PM; In-person Session @ 6:00 PM Visit the *LPC Webpage to register*.

#### **Concurrent Enrollment Application Deadlines**

March 15 - May 13 Accepting High School Concurrent Enrollment Applications for Summer 2022

March 15 - July 29 Accepting High School Concurrent Enrollment Applications for Fall 2022

May 16 High School Concurrent Enrollment Registration for Summer and Fall 2022 Terms Begin

## 2022 Commencement

The 32nd Annual Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2022. Contact the Admissions & Records department to participate in the Graduation Ceremony and apply for your degree or certificate.

The Commencement Ceremony will be held in person at

the LPC Gymnasium (bldg. 2500). Participants and guests must show proof of vaccination and wear masks on campus.



## Calendar

Please visit the LPC Webpage for details about the latest events.

April 21	Vocal Ensembles Concert
April 25	LPC Information Night for Parents and Families
April 27	Fire Service & EMT /Paramedic Information Night
April 28	Las Positas College Film Festival
April 29	Unbreathable Movie Discussion
May 06	ESL Open House
May 07	Literary Arts Festival
May 11	Behavioral Health Workshop Series: Suicide Awareness

#### **LPC Mission Statement**

Las Positas College is an inclusive, learning-centered, equity-focused environment that offers educational opportunities and support for completion of students' transfer, degree, and careertechnical goals while promoting lifelong learning.

#### **College Planning Priorities**

Establish a knowledge base and an appreciation for equity; create a sense of urgency about moving toward equity; institutionalize equity in decision-making, assessment, and accountability; and build capacity to resolve inequities.

Increase student success and completion through change in college practices and processes: coordinating needed academic support, removing barriers, and supporting focused professional development across the campus.



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# Las Positas College 2021 - 2022

EVENT TYPE	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Discover Las Positas College Virtual Information Session	05.10.22	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	https://bit.ly/3Gkxyky
Special Edition of the President's Speaker Series: Dr. Clint Smith	05.11.22	4:30 PM	https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/915 19534420?pwd=OU5aKzBFNjlzN UFYN29yajl1d2hRQT09
Concurrent Enrollment Registration Begins	05.16.22	N/A	High School students (10th, 11th, 12th grade) Applying for Summer/Fall 2022
The Market - Food Pantry	05.17.22	11:00 AM	Parking Lot E
Discover Las Positas College Virtual Information Session	05.24.22	6:30 PM - 7:30PM	https://bit.ly/3Gkxyky



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Discover Las Positas College Virtual Information Session	06.14.22	4:00 PM - 5:00PM	https://bit.ly/3Gkxyky
The Market	06.21.22	11:00 AM	Parking Lot E
Discover Las Positas College Virtual Information Session	06.21.22	6:30 PM - 7:30PM	https://bit.ly/3Gkxyky