

## **LAS POSITAS CONNECTION**

The President's Monthly Report to the Board of Trustees, Campus, and Community | August 2021

Dr. Dyrell Foster, Las Positas College President

#### Welcome to the 2021 - 2022 Academic Year!

#### **Chancellor Award's 2021**

This year's Chancellor award recipients from Las Positas College included Evelyn Andrews, Kimberly Burks, Wanda Butterly,



Tracy Coleman, Lyndale Garner, Frances Hui, Amanda Ingold, Jeff Judd, Jim Ott, Elizabeth Owens, Terrance Thompson, and Gary Wilkes. The Chancellor Award's recognize those individuals that go above and beyond while also using creativity to promote excellence for the Chabot Las Positas Community College District. Congratulations!

#### LPC Welcomes Students, Faculty and Staff to the 2021 - 2022 Academic

Las Positas College kicked off the new academic year with the yearly tradition of College day.

This year's agenda was focused on the work ahead for Guided Pathway's Student Success Teams that included a Practitioner and Student Panel. It was followed by Breakout sessions and Division meetings to prepare faculty and staff for the new academic year as well as the opportunity to connect and learn from their colleagues.



#### In This Issue

- Chancellor Award Recipients
- Reed Buffington Award
- College Day
- LPC to Hold Groundbreaking Ceremony
- Academic Support & Office Building
- Public Safety Complex / **Advance Manufacturing & Transportation**
- Agriculture Sciences: Horticulture
- A Year in Review at LPC
- News in Brief

#### **Ruth Hanna Receives Redd Buffington Award**



role as professor.

The LPC community would like to congratulate Geology Professor Ruth Hanna who was named this year's recipient of The Reed Buffington Award for Excellence in Teaching. It is considered the most prestigious faculty honor in the District. Las Positas College Faculty Senate President, Sarah Thompson presented the award followed by colleagues honoring and sharing stories of how passionate Ruth is in her

#### Congratulations Ruth! Well Deserved.





## LPC to Hold Groundbreaking Ceremony

Las Positas College will be holding a Ground Breaking Ceremony for three new buildings on Friday, September 10 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the roundabout just west of the Aquatic Center. All Chabot-Las Positas Community College District staff, students, and members of the community are invited to attend.



## **Academic Support & Office Building**

Architect: LPAS Architecture & Designer

Contractor: Flint Builders, Inc.

Size: 88,000 SF

Construction Budget: \$60-65 Million Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2023



The new Academic Support and Office Building will support the English Center, Math Center, Math X program, Computer Science Center, computer labs, classrooms, tutoring with study areas, networking, maker space, faculty offices, and expansion of library functions including the reference desk, study areas, new staff offices, and library operational support spaces.

# Public Safety Complex/Advanced Manufacturing & Transportation

Architect: Lionakis Contractor: Overaa Size: 65,000 SF

Construction Budget: \$42-45 Million Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2023



The new Public Safety Complex (PSC) and Advanced

Manufacturing and Transportation (AMT) building will be co-located to allow for shared linkages between the various programs, classrooms and event spaces. The PSC project consists of EMS Simulation Lab and Situation Rooms, Fire Training with "Class A" burn areas, and Fire Training Apparatus. The AMT project will include an automotive tech facility, welding lab, classrooms and lab spaces to provide training of advanced manufacturing processes and faculty offices.

## **Agriculture Sciences: Horticulture**

Architect: AC Martin

Contractor: Overaa

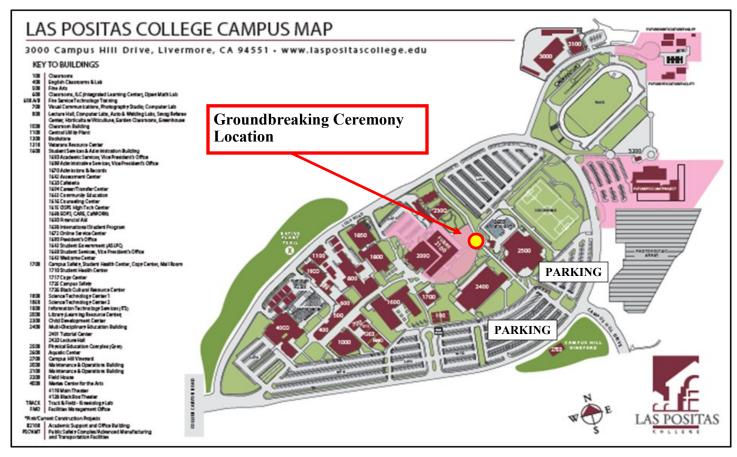
Size: 71,000 SF

Construction Budget: \$5-6 Million

Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2022



The Agriculture Sciences: Horticulture Facility will includes new classrooms, labs, offices and resource area, a greenhouse, shade structure and a new parking lot to support 60 new parking spaces. The outdoor growing areas will have soil bins, equipment storage and an outdoor learning patio.



Future projects include the Agriculture Sciences: Viticulture Building, which will replace existing facilities. The new facility will be adjacent to the new Horticulture building and share parking. The project will be include; classroom, offices and resource area, a winemaking facility including a small lab, a crush pad, equipment storage, cold storage, and an outdoor patio. The anticipated construction start date is late spring 2022.

Funding for these projects was made possible on June 7, 2016 when Alameda County voters passed Measure A, the \$950 million bond for Chabot and Las Positas Colleges. The Bond allows the Colleges to upgrade aging classrooms and technology/science labs for career education to prepare students, veterans and workers for good jobs and university transfer, remove asbestos/retrofit buildings for earthquake safety, acquire, construct and repair sites/facilities/equipment, and improve campus safety/security.

### The 2020-21 Year in Review at LPC

All of the Faculty, Staff and Administrators have been hard at work all year on creating an accessible, equitable and enjoyable atmosphere virtually for all our students. As well as creating new opportunities for growth and learning. The list below are a few of the accomplishments that LPC have accomplished since May 2020. Thank you to all of LPC for your tireless work!

- Completed LPC's 5-year Educational Master Plan
- Accreditation Kick-off and drafting of the Institutional Self Evaluation Report
- Guided Pathways included initiating Academic and Career Pathways, Program Mapper, Career Coach, and the Persistence Project.
- Implemented the Virtual Welcome Center
- Established the Technology Loaner Program for Students
- Virtual Tutoring Support and Embedded Tutoring
- New Student Support Hub in Canvas
- New Student Communication Tool in Canvas (Pronto)
- COVID-19 Town Hall for Students and Families
- COVID-19 Testing available on campus
- Hosted Monthly President's Speaker Series focused on Race and Culture
- Established ConnectUp Mentors for black students
- 21st Century Policing Program, Community Voices Series
- Established a Black Cultural Resource Center
- Launched Handshake: LPC's Internship & Job Board
- Virtual SmartShop Series: Academic Prep, Transfer Planning, Career Exploration
- LPC Honors Transfer Program Certified Inaugural Class of UCLA TAP Applicants
- College Credit for Work-based Learning Courses
- 11th Annual LLNL/LPC Science & Engineering Seminar Series
- Virtual International Education Week Panel
- Black History Month Activities Honoring Leaders, Legends & Legacies
- Virtual Club Fair

- Campus Hill Winery offered First-Ever Wine Sales
- LPC's Participation in Delegation as City of Livermore is named 2021 All-America City
- Hosted LPC Information Nights for Tri-Valley Families and Students
- Purchase of 500 Student Laptops for New First-Year Tri-Valley Students attending LPC in fall 2021
- Developed New Academic Programs and Courses:
  - First Shop Iron workers Cohort Apprenticeship Program
  - Actors Conservatory
  - Certificate of Achievement in Artificial Intelligence
  - Red Hat Linux Administration Certification
  - Management Information Systems (MIS) Certification
  - Automotive Non-Credit Programs
  - Social Justice Students: LGBTQ Studies AA-T
  - Elementary Teacher Education AA-T
  - New Marketing Certificate
  - Customer Services Certificate and Small Business Management Certificate
- New Facilities & Projects:
  - New Street Banners Posted on City Light Poles
  - 2420 Lecture Hall Renovation/Replacement of Audio/ Visual System
  - Installation of Art on Campus Mural Project
  - Mammoth Bones Displayed on Campus
  - LPC Architecture Barriers Project work began in SSA Building
  - Kinesiology Lab

#### **News in Brief**

**Fall 2021:** Welcome back to LPC! The first day of instruction is August 18, 2021.



3rd Annual Symposium for High School and community College Journalism Students. Virtual and at no cost workshops led by industry professional offering insights and best practices. Click this link to Register: *Press Pass 3* 



Las Positas Connection is published by the Office of the President. Issues are posted online at laspositascollege.edu/president. Angelica Cazarez, Editor.

 $3000\ Campus\ Hill\ Drive\ |\ Livermore\ CA\ 94551-7623\ |\ PH\ 925.424.1000\ |\ www.laspositas college.edu$