



*47th Annual  
Student Scholarship  
Ceremony*

*May 17, 2024*



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU!

**Dr. Dyrell Foster, President – Las Positas College**

Congratulations to our scholarship recipients! I am proud of your accomplishments and we are excited to support you as you pursue your educational and career aspirations. Your resiliency through these unprecedented times is inspiring and I applaud your dedication, commitment and success!

On behalf of Las Positas College, congratulations to you and your family, and I wish you much continued success.

I would also like to thank the Las Positas College Foundation and the passionate and caring

individuals, families and businesses who, through their generous donations, have made a firm commitment to supporting our students along their educational journey. We appreciate your kindness and support.

## BEST WISHES FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE!

**Kirsten Barranti, Board Chair – Las Positas College Foundation**

To our scholarship recipients, best of luck with your learning journey.

We trust your scholarship(s) will help you along the way.

To our scholarship sponsors, thank you for your generosity! This allows the Foundation to support our students, faculty and our College Community. You are instrumental to our students' success.





## From the Las Positas College Foundation

**Kenneth G. Cooper, Executive Director**

On behalf of the Las Positas College Foundation Board of Directors, I would like to thank all our generous scholarship donors.

Your gift reflects our shared belief that an investment in LPC student success is always a wise decision and we are grateful to steward that investment with care and pride. Your support of

Las Positas College Foundation scholarships helps our students move one step closer to their academic and career goals and dreams.

We thank you for being a part of their educational journey. The Las Positas College Foundation was created to help ensure that Las Positas College continues to be a premier community college as well as a community of opportunity for residents of the Tri-Valley and beyond.

### About the Las Positas College Foundation

The Las Positas College Foundation was founded in January 2003 by a dedicated group of Tri-Valley community leaders. The mission of LPCF is to support and advance the college and its students through active resource development and effective community partnerships.

This is achieved through the strategic application of the Foundation's values:

- **Effective Stewardship:** The Las Positas College Foundation maintains the highest standards of integrity in donor relations, community partnerships and fiscal management.
- **Community Collaboration:** We value the LPC Foundation's unique capacity to provide inclusive opportunities for impactful philanthropy and strategic partnerships with community-based organizations and businesses.
- **Innovation:** The Foundation embraces innovative programs and opportunities that advance the mission of Las Positas College and support student success.

To create or contribute to LPC Scholarships, contact Kenneth Cooper at [kcooper@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:kcooper@laspositascollege.edu) or 925-424-1010



# **LAS POSITAS COLLEGE**

## **STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY**

May 17, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Dyrell Foster, Ed.D, *President, Las Positas College*

### **REMARKS**

Kirsten Barranti, *Las Positas College Foundation Board Chair*

Brody Price, *Las Positas College Student Government President*

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### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP DONORS AND NEW SCHOLARSHIPS**

Kenneth G. Cooper, *Executive Director, Las Positas College Foundation*

### **SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS PRESENTATION**

Dr. Dyrell Foster, *President, Las Positas College – Presenter*

Kenneth G. Cooper, *Executive Director, Las Positas College Foundation - Presenter*

Jill Oliveira, *EOPS/Care Coordinator/Counselor - Reader*

Jason Maxwell, S.T.E.M., *Laboratory Technician - Reader*

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Dr. Dyrell Foster, *President, Las Positas College*



## Barbara and David Mertes Endowed Scholarships



Dr. Barbara Mertes (1930-2015), a life-long Livermore resident, was a key force in establishing Las Positas College and served as faculty, dean, vice chancellor and on the college district board of trustees.



Dr. David Mertes (1931-2014) was a founding member of the LPC Foundation and served as CA Community College Chancellor and the president of two colleges.

### **The Barbara and David Mertes Memorial Transfer Scholarship**

**Awardees: Omar Au and Delaney Roehrs**

*Continuing scholars: Grey Garcia*

### **The Barbara Fracisco Mertes Memorial Performing Arts Transfer Scholarship**

Dr. Barbara Mertes had a passion for the arts. She wrote and directed many theatrical productions, winning three Northern California Emmy Awards. The Las Positas College Performing Arts Center was named in her honor.

**Awardees: Leah Anonuevo, Kaila Bimemiller, Madison Charles, and Alexander Edwards**

*Continuing scholars: Liva Langer*

### **The Barbara and David Mertes Memorial Allied Health Scholarship**

Dr. David Mertes served as chair of the ValleyCare Health System board of directors. With Rotary International, he established medical programs in Yugoslavia and Russia.

**Awardees (LPC): Kerlyn Diaz, Nedah Lemar, Isabella Lucia, and Jasmin Veamatahau**

### **The Charles and Margaret Fracisco Memorial Award for Basketball**

Charles and Margaret Fracisco were the parents of Barbara Fracisco Mertes. Charles and Margaret both played high school basketball and Dr. Mertes felt this award would honor their appreciation of athletics. These awards are selected by the LPC Basketball Coaches for outstanding student athletes.

**Awardees: Monique Cavness and Alex Martin**



# LAS POSITAS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Jesse Acosta-Huerta	Shirley Friedel Scholarship
Joelle Ammari	Lewis Family Scholarship
Leah Anonuevo	Barbara Fracisco Mertes Memorial Performing Arts Transfer Scholarship
Omar Au	Barbara & David Mertes Memorial Transfer Scholarship
Jose Avila	Florendo T. Maduli Memorial Scholarship
Alexiah Azad	Milanese Family Scholarship
Oryna Batyuk	Las Positas College Academic Senate Scholarship ♦ Livingston Family Scholarship
Connor Beare	Ace-Minds! STEM Scholarship ♦ Daring to Return for Education Affirmation and Meaning (DREAM) Scholarship ♦ Osher/Rotarian Foundation of Livermore Scholarship
Kaila Bimemiller	Barbara Fracisco Mertes Memorial Performing Arts Transfer Scholarship
Gabriela Cardona	Nissen-Hansen PEO Chapter BG Scholarship
Yaretzi Castellanos	Phillip and Mary Ann Wagner Memorial Scholarship
Monique Cavness	Coach Costello Basketball Scholarship ♦ The Charles and Margaret Fracisco Memorial
Madison Charles	Barbara Fracisco Mertes Memorial Performing Arts Transfer Scholarship
Leo Chen	Dorothy Hudgins Memorial Scholarship ♦ Osher/Claudia Pendo McCormick Scholarship
Joanna Chiu	Ethan Castor Memorial Scholarship ♦ Jim Livingstone Memorial Scholarship ♦ Las Positas College Classified Senate Scholarship ♦ Osher/The Wells Fargo Corporation Scholarship

Roxanne Clark	Osher Foundation Scholarship
Camila Cortes	Osher Foundation Scholarship
Joseph Craft	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Scholarship
Raina Dent	Chabot-Las Positas College District Administrative Association Scholarship
Poornima Deo	Osher Foundation Scholarship
Cole Deviney	Osher/Rheinheimer Fire Service Technology Scholarship
Kerlyn Diaz	Barbara & David Mertes Memorial Allied Health Scholarship
Yanhong Dong	Osher/Mayor Janet Lockhart Early Childhood Education Scholarship
Palwasha Dost	Vanna Born Early Childhood Development Award: Professional Growth
Alexander Edwards	Barbara Francisco Mertes Memorial Performing Arts Transfer Scholarship
Wazhma Ergash	Osher/Barbara Francisco Mertes Scholarship ♦ Vanna Born Early Childhood Development Award: Professional Growth
Clara Faria	Ace-Minds! Scholarship
Jocelyn Flores	Ana Maron Dream Big Scholarship ♦ Osher/Darcie and David Kent Scholarship ♦ Valerie Ball Memorial Scholarship
Zac Furber-Dobson	Korber Family Scholarship
Randy Geddings	Promising First Responders Scholarship
Victoria Gonzalez Esquivel	Online Student of the Year Scholarship
Laura Guerrero Valencia	Puente Student Scholarship
Mikayla Henry	Nissen Family Scholarship ♦ Osher/Rotary Club of Pleasanton North Scholarship ♦ Tri-Valley Writers Scholarship
Britney Hernandez	Marcia M. Howie Memorial Scholarship Fund ♦ Margaret Emery Health Sciences Scholarship ♦ Mental Health Scholarship



Gabriela Herrera	Osher/Bruce and Sharon Gach Health Care Professions Scholarship
Danielle Islas	American Association of University Women (AAUW) Scholarship ♦ Assistance League of Amador Valley Scholarship
Joshua Jardinero	Osher/Grayson Hund Memorial Scholarship ♦ Puente Student Scholarship
Demaya Jones	Osher Foundation Scholarship
Rijah Kamran	Wild Horse Properties Scholarship
Gurjot Kaur	Osher/Rheinheimer Family Scholarship
Fiza Khan	Osher/Rheinheimer Family Scholarship
Nguyen Le	V.W. Willits UC Transfer Scholarship
Nedah Lemar	Barbara & David Mertes Memorial Allied Health Scholarship ♦ Osher/Rheinheimer Family Nursing Career Scholarship
Aaron Lim	Brill and Pihl Families Memorial Scholarship 2023-2024 (Botany Scholarship)
Isabella Lucia	Barbara & David Mertes Memorial Allied Health Scholarship
Alex Martin	The Charles and Margaret Fracisco Memorial Basketball Scholarship
Yazmin Martinez Portilla	Las Positas College Foundation Scholarship ♦ Osher/LPC Science/ Technology & Engineering Scholarship ♦ Puente STEM Student Scholarship
Allison McCandless	Marie Mizelle Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Student in General Zoology
Skye McMullen	Tri-Valley Writers Scholarship
Maclaine Medeiros	Harry Karl Memorial Scholarship
Sonya Mengel	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Scholarship
Tara Mera	Carmen & Louis Cota Memorial Scholarship

Catherine Mobley	Vanna Born Early Childhood Development Award: Higher Education
Jordan Moises	Osher/Rheinheimer Family Scholarship
Natalie Mollat	Ann & Phil Aines Memorial Scholarship
Gustavo Montano	Institute of Management Accountants-East Bay-Northern California Chapter Scholarship
Adam Murillo	Matthew Berven Memorial Scholarship
Michelle Noble	Chabot-Las Positas College District Administrative Association Scholarship ♦ Halliday Family Scholarship ♦ John McKinley Scholarship
Remy Ohara	Ann & Phil Aines Memorial Scholarship
Quetzalin Ortiz	Osher/Kelin D. Jacobsen Memorial Scholarship
Henry Palmer	Clough Memorial Business Scholarship ♦ Coach Costello Basketball Scholarship ♦ Las Positas College Academic Senate Scholarship ♦ Margaret Emery Health Sciences Scholarship
Natalia Panova	Joe Vargas Horticultural Scholarship
Wiphawee Paradeerujira	Las Positas College Veterans First - Academic Excellence Scholarship
Keoki Partridge	Las Positas College Veterans First - 2.2 Scholarship
Jenica Pham	Jim Livingstone Memorial Scholarship
Jovan Pierre	Las Positas College Veterans First - 2.2 Scholarship
Gaby Pinto	Michael Bergen Memorial Scholarship
Dominic Provenzola	Las Positas College Veterans First - 2.2 Scholarship
Filo Puni	Eduardo and Blanca Posada First Generation Student Award
Isabella Qiu	Randy Taylor Math, Science, Engineering Scholarship
Mike Ramos	Andrew & Jenna Liss RE-ENTRY Scholarship ♦ Jim Livingstone Memorial Scholarship ♦ Las Positas College Classified Senate Scholarship ♦ Math Dept Math, Computer Science, and Engineering Scholarship ♦ Lt. Robert D. Dern and Mary A. Henry Scholarship ♦ Osher Foundation Scholarship

Adrian Rocha Maya	Gil Cruz Engineering Scholarship
Delaney Roehrs	Barbara & David Mertes Memorial Transfer Scholarship
Arielle Saavedra	Osher/Wente Family Scholarship
Dylan Sanchez	Osher/The Seppala Family Scholarship ♦ Arthur Van Etten Scholarship ♦ Las Positas College Foundation Scholarship
Jason Serna	Professor Arthur L. Deleray Memorial Scholarship
Rida Shaik	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Scholarship
Sanaa Suleiman	Osher Foundation Scholarship
William Tabke	Promising First Responders Scholarship
Jasmin Veamatahau	Ana Maron Dream Big Scholarship ♦ Barbara & David Mertes Memorial Allied Health Scholarship ♦ Eduardo and Blanca Posada First Generation Student Award
Miles Vetrovec	Linda Lucas Scholarship
Jarad Westfall	Las Positas College Veterans First - Academic Excellence Scholarship ♦ Promising First Responders Scholarship
Emma Wiedemeier	Professor Arthur L. Deleray Memorial Scholarship - Non Chem Major ♦ Patrick Wagener Excellence in Math Tutoring Scholarship
Stephanie Wise	Promising First Responders Scholarship
Yanshuang Yang	Ana Maron Dream Big Scholarship ♦ Osher/Rheinheimer Family Scholarship

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## PACIFIC DINING CATERING



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## COLLEGE

### **Mission Statement**

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

### **Vision Statement**

Las Positas College strives to support and empower students to develop the knowledge, skills, values, and abilities needed to become engaged participants and leaders in their local and global communities.

### **Values Statement**

Las Positas College thrives as a collaborative teaching and learning community committed to integrity and excellence by:

- Encouraging and celebrating lifelong learning
- Responding to the needs of the ever-changing workplace and society
- Demonstrating civic, social, and environmental responsibility
- Promoting ethical behavior, mutual trust, equity, and respect within our diverse community
- Fostering a climate of discovery, creativity, personal development, and physical and mental health
- Committing to anti-racist policies and practices
- Ensuring that Las Positas is a sanctuary campus for undocumented students
- Holding firm to the belief that each of us makes an astonishing difference





**For information about Las Positas College student scholarships, please contact  
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