

LPC Swim and Dive Teams Reach New Heights

Las Positas College Swim and Dive Teams participated in the State Championships at DeAnza College on May 2019 with outstanding results. For the first time in the men's team history, LPC has a State Champion! Esteban Perez Del Rio won the 100 freestyle in spectacular fashion. This is the second State Champion in the 9 year history of the program (McKenna Stevulak, 2013). Overall, LPC's Men team finished 6th in State out of 37 teams, and the Women finished 7th out of 33 teams. Both are outstanding accomplishments considering the LPC team size was half of that of the teams ahead and behind them. They were small in numbers, but fast!

During last month's meet for Conference Championships, the team traveled to Chabot College and for the 5th consecutive year (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019), Men's Swim & Dive and Women's Swim & Dive won as Conference Champions! The Hawks men's and women's teams have now compiled 11 conference titles in the 9 years of the program.

Congratulations to the Student Athletes and their Coaches!

Go Hawks!



Las Positas College Swim and Dive Team with their Coaches after the Conference Championship.

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Business Club Students Excel in State Competition

Photo and Article by Mary Lauffer

At a recent conference in Santa Maria, LPC Business students won 23 medals and 13 awards in competitions with students from two- and four-year colleges, including UC San Diego, UC Riverside, SF State, CSU Fullerton, San Diego State, College of the Canyons, Cerritos College, and DVC.

The LPC team took second place in Name Tag Design and three LPC teams took second place in HR Management, Business Ethics, and Hospitality Management Case Study. The conference was sponsored by California Phi Beta Lambda, a state chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America, the largest business career student organization in the world.

Congratulations to our future business leaders from LPC!



LPC Business Club students celebrate their success at a recent conference, accompanied by their advisors, Business Studies Coordinator and Instructor Rajeev Chopra, far left, and Instructor Dr. Tracey Coleman, far right.

Kaiser Celebrates LPC Student Apprentices

Photo and Article by Mary Lauffer

Kaiser Permanente recently honored the nine LPC students who have been working in two-year apprenticeships at the Kaiser Pleasanton Technology Campus. Kaiser held an open house, inviting the students and their families, Kaiser mentors, and LPC supporters.

The students presented remarks and thanked Kaiser for the apprenticeship, emphasizing how it has been a life-changing opportunity. "Getting this apprenticeship was a life defining moment," said Brandon Thompson. "Every day I come to work excited to learn," said Jennifer Voravong. Students thanked their mentors, LPC instructors, and families for their support.

Last spring, Kaiser Permanente began hiring LPC students for information technology internships and apprenticeships at the technology campus. Kaiser is hiring more LPC students this year as well. The LPC Work-Based Learning Program has partnered with Kaiser throughout the planning and recruiting process.

The apprenticeships allow students to work and continue taking classes at LPC. Students earn competitive salaries, tuition reimbursement, and health benefits. For more information about the program, please email WBL@laspositascollege.edu.



LPC student apprentices are honored at a Kaiser Permanente open house.

Vocal East Takes 1st Place



LPC's Vocal East - Photo courtesy of Ian Brekke

Vocal East has been awarded 1ST PLACE in the 2-year college category at Reno Jazz Festival 2019. The ensemble received unanimous "superior" ratings from all adjudicators with an additional "Outstanding Soloist" medal awarded to Allison Middlekauff. More importantly, "their performance was emotive, authentic, and meaningful – they could have finished anywhere and I would have been equally as proud of what they accomplished as musicians and artists," commented Ian Brekke, music department coordinator. This is the second consecutive year the ensemble has placed in the festival, having been awarded 3rd place last year.

Let's all congratulate the students of Vocal East for their wonderful accomplishment!

Students Flock to Job Fair

Photo and Article by Mary Lauffer



More than 20 employers visited campus to recruit LPC students at the April 10 Internship and Job Fair. Employers included Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, 1st United Credit Union, and Topcon. LPC's Work-Based Learning Program coordinates monthly fairs and also offers The Las Positas College Internship & Job Board. More than 1,000 students and 800 employers are registered on the board. Additionally, the Work-Based Learning Program offers Work Experience classes, enabling students to earn college credit for working while learning valuable work skills.

For more information please visit <http://laspositascollege.edu/internship-job-board/>.

LPC's Tim Heisler and Jim Dobson Hosted the 2019 Phi Rho Pi National Championship in Reno

Phi Rho Pi, the National Junior and Community College Forensic Association and Honor Society is a non-profit organization committed to increasing knowledge and appreciation of the forensic arts at the junior and community college level. It has the honor of being one of the oldest forensics organizations having been founded by Texan Sylvia Mariner in 1927. Phi Rho Pi offers community college and junior college students the only full service national tournament in the United States with 11 individual events, three forms of debate and interpreters' theatre.

The 2019 Phi Rho Pi National Championship Speech Tournament took place in Reno, NV from April 7-14, 2019. 58 Community Colleges and 600 people from across the nation participated in the event. Tim Heisler and Jim Dobson hosted the event and with support from Las Positas College it turned out to be tremendously successful. Special thanks go out to Roanna Bennie, Christine Hornbaker, Janet Brehe Johnson and the LPC Foundation for assisting in making a great week for all who attended.

All Photos courtesy of Tim Heisler



LPC Tournament Staff



LPC Staff, Students and Interim President Bennie



Competitors at the Tournament



reflect on the hundreds of thousands of men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice while in the line of duty.

Eyes of Freedom

Las Positas College hosted the "Eyes of Freedom: Lima Company Memorial" a traveling memorial featuring eight powerful life-sized portraits of 2 fallen servicemen from Ohio-based Lima Company (3rd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment) during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005 and honors all past, present and future servicemen. Envisioned by artist Anita Miller and made possible with the help of the families of the fallen soldiers featured, the "Eyes of Freedom: Lima Company Memorial" was unveiled 11 years ago in the Ohio State House Rotunda and travels throughout the country, allowing visitors to



Calendar

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

- May 10 FASFA & Dream Act Application Assistance
- May 10 Athletics' End of Year Recognition
- May 11 Lua Halau O Kaihewalu – Ancient Hawaiian Martial Art
- May 11 The Stinky Cheese Man
- May 14 SF Symphony String Quartet
- May 14 ESL Conversation Corner
- May 16 Celebrating New Music
- May 18 USA Women's Basketball "Women in the Game"
- May 19 2019 LPC Journal of Arts and Literature
- May 21 The Market
- May 22 Preschool Promotion—CDC
- May 25 LPC Commencement Ceremony
- May 25 Fire Academy Graduation
- May 28 Middle College Graduation

CDC Received ITERS Review

Alameda County Quality Counts rates and supports early care and education programs in the county. They work side-by-side with educators who are committed to quality and want to use best practices in early care and education. LPC is a participant of Quality Counts, and the Child Development Center (CDC) was rated using The Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale (ITERS). It is designed to assess programs serving children birth to 2 1/2 years.

The Toddler #2 program received a visit in March 2019 and received an overall rating of 6.08 out of 7. This is an outstanding score that exemplifies the exceptional quality offered at the LPC CDC. They received a 7 out of 7 in three of the categories; listening and talking, interaction, and program structure. The other 4 categories received a score of 5.0 or higher.

Congratulations to Ms. Virginia and all her staff for such a great review.



Toddler Classrooms Photos courtesy of Angie Lopez

Las Positas College Cellars Takes Best of Show

The Las Positas College Cellars; soon to be Campus Hill Winery, South Slope Field Blend - 2017 won the gold in 2018 and won Best of Show in the amateur category at the 2019 Alameda County Fair Wine Competition, beating out all the participants in the Amateur category. The College winery was not bonded at the time and was not entered in the commercial category.

The Viticulture & Wine Technology (VWT) students put theory into practice as they executed the complete process from start to finish. **Congratulations to the VWT Students and Faculty!**

The Alameda County Fair is one of the oldest in California, and has always played an important role in judging wines from the Tri-Valley area. To see all the wines entered and the medal winners, be sure to attend the Alameda County Fair Wine Gardens this summer.



LPC News in Brief

2019 Commencement Ceremony - The Las Positas College Commencement Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 10:00 am at the Physical Education Complex—Building 2500. **Student:** You must apply for a degree or certificate. It is a requirement to participate in the Commencement Ceremony.

Welding Camp - LPC Welding Camp gives high school students an opportunity to earn a college unit while igniting their interest in the field of welding. The two-week camp introduces the basics of shop safety, hand tools, and welding to high school students. With an emphasis on practical uses and applications, students earn one unit of welding college credit towards their degree in a summer welding lab

experience manufacturing a smoker BBQ. 2-Weeks - June 10 – 20, 2019. Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 1:45pm. For more information: Scott Miner, sminer@laspositascollege.edu.

Public Safety Boot Camp - Interested in the field of Public Safety? Come to the LPC Public Safety Camp to discover your career as either an EMT/Paramedic, Fire Fighter, or Law Enforcement Agent. Learn how to save lives, fight fires, or even implement the law correctly. During this camp, you will learn CPR, how to lay fire hoses, ladders, and more. Explore your career now at the Las Positas College Public Safety Boot Camp. For grades 10th–12th 1-Week - June 24 - 27, 2019 Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm. **For more information please visit www.laspositascollege.edu.**



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