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Talk Hawks are National Champions!

Las Positas College (LPC) made waves on the national stage, defying expectations and setting new records at the recent Phi Rho Pi Community College National tournament in Reno, Nevada. Despite LPC's modest size of 9,000 students, the Talk Hawks triumphed in the Large School Open Division, clinching the prestigious Team Gold award as National Champions in Individual Events. The achievements were nothing short of remarkable, with numerous students earning top honors and breaking school records along the way.

Leading the charge was Anna Wolde, whose stellar performance earned her the title of Top Speaker, along with gold medals in multiple categories. Other gold medal winners include: Zac Furber-Dobson (3rd Overall Speaker), Jackie Garcia (4th Overall Speaker), and Claire Willard (5th Overall Speaker).

This year the Talk Hawks received the most awards for speeches delivered in a single year ever, totaling 26 recognitions, including a record-breaking 9 gold medals. These achievements reflect the hard work, dedication, and talent of our students and coaches James Dobson and Natalie Kellner, as well as the unwavering support of our campus community.



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Las Positas College Spring Career and Internship Fair

The Las Positas College Job and Internship Fair on Wednesday, March 27, was a resounding success, drawing an estimated 300 eager students. Featuring 45 employers from various industries, the fair provided a valuable platform for students to explore potential career paths and network with potential employers. Additionally, the presence of the Tri-Valley Career Center enhanced the event by informing students about resources available for securing full-time, permanent employment. Amabella Camins from TVCC and Lily Cheim from Amergis/Maxim Staffing contributed further by offering resume feedback to 22 students, ensuring they presented themselves effectively to prospective employers. Such collaborative efforts underscore the importance of community support in organizing important events, and heartfelt gratitude goes out to all the prospective employers, staff and student volunteers whose dedication made the fair possible.



Professional Soccer at LPC



Las Positas College recently forged a partnership with the Bay Valley Suns, the newest addition to the Tri-Valley's Professional Men's Soccer scene. As the home field for the Bay Valley Suns, LPC's upper grass soccer field will host an exciting lineup of matches throughout the season. What's even more exciting is that all LPC students can attend home games for FREE. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to support our local team while enjoying high-quality soccer action right here on campus. The partnership will also be a great way for the college to showcase its beautiful campus with community members who attend Bay Valley Sun's home games. To learn more, please visit www.bayvalleysuns.com



Solar Eclipse Viewing and Art on Campus Appreciation



Solar Eclipse Viewing at LPC



The LPC Physics Club recently played host to an unforgettable Solar Eclipse Viewing event on Monday, April 8. Organized by the physics club and faculty members, students and staff gathered in the quad to witness the celestial spectacle safely, thanks to the solar telescopes and eclipse glasses purchased by the club. A local astronomy organization, Tri-Valley Stargazers, also donated 40 glasses to the event. There were 3 solar telescopes available for viewing the eclipse, sunspots and even a large prominence. There were two digital telescopes connected to computer displays showing live images of the sun, and a couple of pinhole projectors that Physics club had made previously.



Art on Campus



Artists with Works Featured in the LPC Collection. From left: Susan Lewis, Rachael Songey, Ozell Hudson Jr., Jay Sarkis-Kelly, Netanya Buenrostro, Aaron De La Cruz, Olga Sushchik, Jahida Heela, Derrick Bell

Las Positas College recently hosted an Art on Campus Appreciation Event, an occasion that highlighted the college's dedication to fostering creativity and artistic expression. Showcasing an impressive collection of over 40 new artworks acquired over the past five years, the event provided attendees with a glimpse into the vibrant world of contemporary art thriving at Las Positas. Among the standout pieces was a striking abstract mural by internationally renowned artist Aaron De La Cruz, whose dynamic works have garnered acclaim worldwide.

The presence of De La Cruz added an extra layer of excitement to the event, as attendees had the exclusive opportunity to engage in an Artist Talk, delving into the inspiration behind his captivating creations and gaining valuable insights into his artistic process. From paintings and drawings to photography, sculpture, and multi-media installations, the diverse range of artworks on display reflected the rich tapestry of talent within the internal and external LPC community.

2nd Annual Las Positas College Open House & Dates to Remember

Despite wind and rain, Las Positas College's welcomed over 700 guests to its Open House event on Saturday, March 23. The event was designed to provide prospective students, families, adult learners, and community members a comprehensive overview of LPC's academic offerings, student services, and vibrant campus life.

LPC Open House included informational sessions, tabling by academic and student resource departments throughout campus, and walking tours showcasing the college's modern facilities and labs. Additionally, attendees enjoyed demonstrations, live music, and food trucks, creating a lively and enjoyable atmosphere for all ages. Overall, the Open House was a resounding success, highlighting LPC's commitment to accessibility, excellence, and community engagement in higher education.



LPC Mission

Las Positas College is 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.

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.

Date	Time	Location	Event
April 17	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Bldg. 3400 & 3500	Public Safety, Automotive and Welding Expo
May 2	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Bldg. 2100	Las Positas College Student Symposium
May 24	12:00 PM & 2:30 PM	LPC Gymnasium	Las Positas College Commencement Ceremony