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

Dr. Dyrell Foster, Las Positas College President

LPC's Inaugural Run for Higher Education a Big Success

Las Positas College's first-ever LPC Run for Higher Education brought the community together on Saturday, March 29, for a morning of fitness, fun, and celebration. Under beautiful skies and a festive atmosphere, 265 registered participants joined by an additional 35-40 spectators ran, jogged, or walked the scenic 5K and 1-mile courses.



Completion times were recorded, and top finishers in various categories received awards, while all participants took home commemorative race t-shirts. Whether racing competitively or enjoying a casual walk, attendees embraced the spirit of health, wellness, and education that defines LPC.

"This event truly showcased the strength and support of our community," said Dr. Dyrell Foster, President of LPC. "It was inspiring to see so many students, faculty, staff, and neighbors come together to promote wellness and education. We will definitely host another run next year!"

LPC thanks event sponsors UNCLE Credit Union, Stanford Health Tri-Valley, UC Merced, and The Independent for their generous support in making this event possible.



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LPC HOSTS 3RD ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE



Following the LPC Run for Higher Education, the college hosted its 3rd Annual Open House on Saturday, March 29, 2025, welcoming over 400 prospective students and their families to campus. The event provided an opportunity for visitors to explore LPC's academic programs, student services, and career pathways in a fun, engaging, and informative environment.

Attendees connected with faculty and staff, learned about educational and career opportunities, and toured the campus. Whether they were

considering enrolling at LPC or simply wanted to learn more about the college, visitors left with a deeper understanding of the resources available to support their success.

"We were thrilled to welcome so many future students and their families to campus," said Dr. Jeanne Wilson, Vice President of Student Services. "This event continues to be an incredible opportunity to showcase all that Las Positas College has to offer."



Leadership Livermore Visits LPC on Education Day



On Tuesday, March 18, Las Positas College welcomed 25 participants from the Leadership Livermore program as part of the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce's annual Education Day. This initiative connects local business and community leaders with educational institutions to deepen their understanding of the region's academic landscape and workforce development efforts.

During their visit, participants engaged with LPC's leadership team, who provided insights into the college's diverse academic programs, student services, and career pathways. A highlight of the event was a presentation on LPC's Middle College program, led by Coordinator Amy Brown. Attendees also heard from three local Middle College students, who shared personal stories about how the program has enriched their educational experiences.



Following the presentations, the group joined LPC's Outreach team for a guided campus tour, offering a firsthand look at the college's state-of-the-art facilities, dynamic learning spaces and beautiful campus. LPC was proud to showcase its role in shaping the future workforce and remains committed to fostering strong connections with local business and community leaders.

Talk Hawks Shine on the International Stage in South Korea



Facing off against 26 top schools from around the globe, the Talk Hawks delivered an outstanding performance, earning the 1st Place Two-Year Sweepstakes Award, officially solidifying their status as the top community college speech and debate team in the world! The team also finished 3rd overall in tournament points, ranking just behind Texas Southern and Bradley University, two of the most prestigious four-year programs in the country.

The team is coached by Tim Heisler and Natalie Kellner.

The LPC Talk Hawks returned from an unforgettable trip to Incheon, South Korea, where they competed against some of the world's best speech and debate teams at the International Forensics Tournament held at the University of Utah Asia Campus from March 8-9.

For many students, this was their first time traveling abroad, making the journey a milestone experience. After a long 14-hour flight, the team arrived eager to take in the sights and prepare for the intense competition ahead.



PC AQUATICS HOSTS THE 2025 HAWK INVITE

The 2025 Hawk Invite, held March 28-29 at Las Positas College, brought together nearly every Northern California community college in what has become the largest swim meet in the region. The event saw impressive performances from the LPC swim team, with multiple top-10 finishes, personal bests, and new school records, further solidifying their momentum ahead of championship season.

Athletes competed against a deep field of local talent, showcasing their skills in both swimming and diving. The meet was a thrilling experience for spectators, with plenty of cheers and excitement filling the air. LPC Aquatics is proud to have hosted such a high-caliber event, highlighting the talent and dedication of student-athletes across Northern California.



The Las Positas College (LPC) Business Club earned second place at the California Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Business Leadership Conference in March, marking their third consecutive year of success at the event. Competing against students from both two- and four-year institutions, 45 LPC students showcased their talents, earning a total of 36 awards in various individual and team competitions.

Among the highlights were events such as timed case studies where students analyzed real-world business issues and presented their solutions to panels of judges. The event also featured business workshops and speakers, offering valuable insights into many industries.

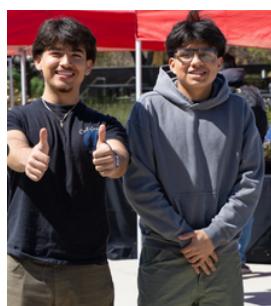


LPC Hosts Job & Internship Fair

Las Positas College recently helped students and community members take the next step in their career journeys with two engaging events focused on job readiness and networking.

On Wednesday, March 19, the Job Fair Prep Workshop at the Career and Transfer Center provided students with valuable tips on crafting strong resumes, making a great first impression, and navigating job fairs with confidence. Attendees left the session feeling better prepared to connect with employers and explore job opportunities.

The momentum continued on Wednesday, March 26, with the Spring Job & Internship Fair in the LPC Quad. The event brought together dozens of employers offering internships, full-time, part-time, and seasonal positions. Students had the chance to meet recruiters, submit resumes, and receive on-the-spot feedback from trained coaches.



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.

Establish a knowledge base and appreciation for health and wellness in the workplace; create a sense of urgency about wellness; prioritize wellness in decision-making, assessment, and accountability; and build capacity to support wellness.