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

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Welcome to the Fall Semester

Las Positas College was happy to welcome on to campus students, faculty, and classified professionals for the start of the fall 2024 semester.

The Welcome Center setup a tabling extravaganza, coordinated by Josue Hernandez, Program Coordinator for Student Life & Leadership, and student government officers. There was tabling from student clubs, the Student Health Center, Caring Campus, Financial Aid, the Honors Program, and the Basic Needs Department - Mini Market.

In addition to the Welcome Center tabling, booths at each end of campus were staffed by LPC Administrators and

Outreach Specialist. At these booths students were offered snacks, directions, and information on LPC programs and services.



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Classified Professionals

2024 RETREAT

On Thursday, August 8th, the 2nd annual Classified Professionals Retreat was hosted by the Las Positas College Classified Senate. The event began with breakfast and informational booths from financial institutions, followed by a leadership keynote address and team-building workshop led by Dr. Geisce Ly. With 13 years of experience in the California Community College system, Dr. Ly offered insights from working in two community college districts with diverse needs and unique challenges.

During the afternoon session, the Classified Senate and SEIU presented the goals for fiscal year 2024-2025, emphasizing the essential role of Classified Professionals in shared governance. The day concluded with a Caring Campus debrief, a Q&A session, and a raffle.

A heartfelt "THANK YOU" to the Classified Senate for their dedication in organizing and hosting the retreat.



Campus Hill Winery Earns Gold Medal and Best Red Wine

Campus Hill Winery at Las Positas College earned a Gold Medal and BEST RED WINE OF SHOW for its 2022 "Return of the Hawk" Red Tail Blend at the West Coast College and University Wine Competition and Festival, hosted by Allan Hancock College on June 8th, 2024.

The participating colleges and universities in attendance included:

- Allan Hancock College, Santa Maria CA
- Cal Poly State University, SLO CA
- Fresno State University, Fresno CA
- Las Positas College, Livermore CA
- Linfield University, Willamette Valley OR
- Mira Costa College, San Diego CA
- Napa Valley College, Napa CA
- Washington State University, Spokane WA
- Yavapai College, Prescott AZ



In addition to earning the Best Red of Show/gold, bronze medals were also awarded to our Campus Hill Winery's Albarino and Tempranillo Rose. Congratulations to David Everett, Viticulture & Wine Technology Program Coordinator, as well as all the faculty and students who contributed to this achievement.

Welcome to LPC 2024 President's Scholars!



President Foster welcomed the new group of President Scholars to the academic year 2024-2025. The 20 newly selected students, will join the current cohort to participate in monthly leadership sessions and represent Las Positas College at different college and community events.

Those enrolled in the President's Scholars program receive a textbook grant, tuition coverage, exemption from parking fees, and a laptop for their academic journey. Scholars must maintain good academic standing and continue to be enrolled as full-time students.

Welcome to the Las Positas College, Scholars!

Date	Event	Location
August 27	The Market- Food Pantry	Bldg. 1600 - Quad
August 24	Instruction begins for Saturday Classes	
August 30	Last Day to ADD/DROP with no Grade of Record	
September 2	Labor Day	College Closed
September 3	Census Day (Official Class Enrollment)	

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.