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Sandia National Labs Received 2024 LPC Friend of The College Award

Las Positas College proudly announced Sandia National Laboratories as the recipient of the Friend of the College award during the 2024 Commencement Ceremony. This prestigious accolade recognizes outstanding dedication and support in advancing the mission of Las Positas College.

Sandia National Laboratories has been a steadfast partner to LPC, demonstrating a spirit of collaboration and commitment to educational excellence. Their support spans academic initiatives, community engagement, and STEM opportunities through job fairs and the Department of Energy Regional Science Bowl. Their donations of state-of-the-art equipment enhanced hands-on learning in LPC's advanced manufacturing program, and their commitment to diversity was evident in their collaboration with the Tri-Valley American Association of University Women for STEM Day for Girls.

Sandia's employees also serve as mentors and advisors, guiding curriculum development to meet industry standards. Their dedication to the growth and success of Las Positas College epitomized the essence of the Friend of the College award. Accepting the award on behalf of Sandia National Laboratories was Trish Benguerel, Director of Integrated Business and Program Management Solutions and Michelle Walker-Wade, Community Relations Specialist and LPC Foundation Member. Congratulations to Sandia Labs!

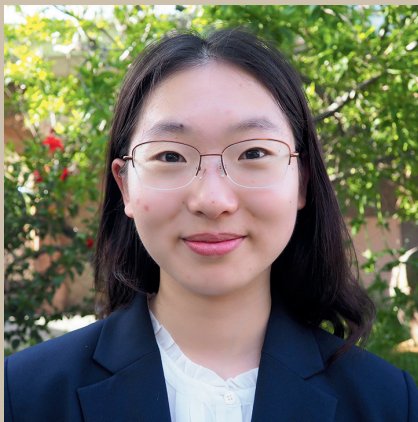


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AGS Students and Advisor Honored

At the 98th Annual Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) Honor Society State Convention held in Sacramento, CA, this April, two Las Positas College AGS students were nominated for state AGS scholarships. Both students were selected and recognized for their outstanding efforts. In addition, an AGS Advisor was also honored and recognized at the Convention Scholarship and Awards Ceremony.

Anna Voinalovych was nominated for the Kathleen D. Loly Academic scholarship, but she received the higher-level Virginia Coffey Academic Scholarship which is given to the top academic achievement recipients in the state. She served as the AGS Membership Officer in 2023-2024. Anna will transfer to U. C. San Diego this fall to major in Communications. After earning her BA degree, she is considering pursuing a career in either public relations, human resources, or publishing.



Isabella Qiu received the Ed Walsh Service scholarship, which is given to recognized service to the Las Positas College AGS chapter, service to the college, and service to the community. In 2023-2024, she was the AGS Community Service Officer, the Math Club and the Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society Secretary, and a Senator in LPC Student Government. Isabella will be returning to LPC next year and she has been elected LPC Student Government Vice President and the LPC Student Trustee. In Fall 2025 she plans to transfer to a U.C. and major in Statistics.

AGS Advisor David Powers received the AGS Outstanding Advisors Award. He has been an AGS Advisor at LPC for the past six years. David also serves on the AGS State Advisory Board as the Vice Chair of Scholarships and Awards and he is a Trustee on the AGS Board of Trustees. At LPC, David is the Vice President of the Chabot-Las Positas Faculty Association, the Chair of the Professional Development Committee, and the Mathematics Department Webmaster.



LPC Theater Arts Presents, “Escape to Margaritaville”



Las Positas College's Theater Arts program is thrilled to announce its summer production of Jimmy Buffett's *Escape to Margaritaville*. This delightful musical comedy will run from July 19-26 at the Mertes Center for Arts Outdoor Amphitheater. Featuring Jimmy Buffett's classic hits like "Volcano," "Fins," "Cheeseburger in Paradise," and "Margaritaville," the show promises an evening filled with humor, music, and heartwarming moments.

Directed by Titian Lish and Dyan McBride, with music direction by Ben Prince, the production invites audiences to experience the joy of live theater under the stars. Audiences are encouraged to wear their favorite island attire, enjoy offerings from food trucks, or bring a picnic, and sip on wine from the college's own winery. This year's cast includes 21 talented actors, including Daniel Gilmer, Jackie Garcia, Savannah Franson, and many more, ensuring a vibrant and engaging performance.

Showtimes are scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., making it a perfect summer night out. Whether you're a long-time Jimmy Buffett fan or new to his music, *Escape to Margaritaville* is sure to provide a memorable and fun-filled evening. Join us for a slice of paradise right here in Livermore!



Classified Leadership Institute Conference & Senate President Award



The 32nd Annual Classified Leadership Institute conference took place at the Riverside Convention Center from June 5-7. Themed "Peace, Love, and Leadership," the event offered three days filled with leadership training, professional development, and insights into effective

classified participation in participatory governance processes at both local and state levels. The conference hit record-breaking numbers by selling out, with over 250 attendees. Five members of the Las Positas College 2024-25 Classified Senate Governing Council were in attendance.

During a special award ceremony, the California Community Colleges Classified Senate (4CS) presents the Classified Senate President Service Award. This prestigious award is given to a Classified Senate President from a California Community College who exemplifies strong leadership skills, inspires others, and shares a compelling vision of excellence for students, staff, and the college.

This year, the Senate President Service Award was presented to LPC's very own Aubrie Ross, Sr. Administrative Assistant in Business, Social Science, & Learning Resources. Congratulations, Aubrie!

Date	Event	Location
July 19,20,26,27	Jimmy Buffett's: Escape to Margaritaville	LPC Amphitheater
July 25 (9AM), July 26 (3 PM)	New Veteran Student & Military Affiliated Students Orientation	Bldg. 1000, RM 1011
August 15	Convocation	College Partially Closed- See dept. websites for service hours
August 16	College Day	College Partially Closed- See dept. websites for service hours

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.