



CONNECTION

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

Dr. Dyrell Foster, Las Positas College President

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Groundbreaking of New STEAM Complex

On April 15, Las Positas College marked an exciting milestone with the official groundbreaking ceremony for its new STEAM Complex. The event brought together students, faculty, and staff alongside members of the CLPCCD Board of Trustees, local government representatives, and community members to celebrate the start of construction on the state-of-the-art facility.



The STEAM Complex, designed to support interdisciplinary learning in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics, represents a major investment in the future of education at LPC. Attendees gathered at the construction site to hear remarks, view renderings of the new building, and commemorate the occasion with a ceremonial turning of the soil.

Immediately following the ceremony, the Board of Trustees held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on campus, continuing a day dedicated to progress and collaboration in support of student success.

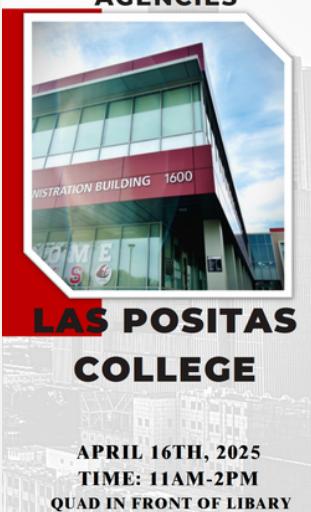


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LPC RESOURCE & ACCESSIBILITY FAIR

RESOURCE AND ACCESSIBILITY FAIR COMMUNITY AGENCIES



On Tuesday, April 16, Las Positas College hosted a well-attended Resource & Accessibility Fair from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the quad in front of the Library. The event connected students with valuable support services provided by local community organizations, helping them navigate challenges related to housing, transportation, accessibility, and more.

The fair featured representatives from several agencies, including Tri-Valley Haven, CityServe, and Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL), among others. These organizations offered information on a wide range of services—from subsidized housing and care coordination to financial literacy, disability advocacy, and essential needs support for individuals and families in crisis.

Students had the opportunity to ask questions, gather resources, and learn more about how these agencies could help support their personal and academic success. The event fostered a welcoming and supportive environment, emphasizing Las Positas College's ongoing commitment to student well-being and community partnership.



Cal State East Bay Hosts Pioneer Day at LPC



Las Positas College was excited to welcome Cal State East Bay for a vibrant Pioneer Day celebration on Thursday, April 17. Held from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the campus quad, the event invited all LPC students to enjoy an afternoon filled with music, giveaways, and free food while learning more about transfer opportunities and life at Cal State East Bay.

Students had the chance to meet faculty and staff from Cal State East Bay, explore student life clubs and organizations, and ask questions about the admissions process, academic programs, and campus resources. Designed to inform and inspire, the event offered a fun and welcoming environment for students at every stage of their transfer journey. Pioneer Day was a great opportunity for LPC students to celebrate their future potential and take a closer look at the path ahead.





New Hawk Day Welcomes 850 Students & Parents to Campus

Las Positas College was buzzing with energy on Saturday, April 19, as more than 850 incoming students and their families participated in New Hawk Day, an event designed to welcome and prepare new Hawks for their journey ahead. With limited promotion, the overwhelming turnout was a testament to the excitement surrounding LPC and its strong reputation in the community.

Attendees were greeted with two packed welcome sessions featuring remarks from LPC President Dr. Dyrell Foster, Student Government President Angelo Mercado, and Dean of Enrollment Services Joel Gagnon.

Students then broke into First Semester Planning Workshops where they connected with pathway counselors and began mapping out their academic plans for the summer and fall terms.

Meanwhile, family members participated in dedicated sessions on supporting student success and navigating financial aid. The day continued with a lively campus resource fair and guided tours, offering students and their guests a firsthand look at the many services and opportunities LPC has to offer.

New Hawk Day offered a warm introduction to college life and left many excited and prepared to take their next steps at Las Positas. The turnout and enthusiasm confirmed what we already know—"Hawk Nation" is growing stronger than ever.



BLACK STUDENT SUCCESS WEEK

Las Positas College proudly participated in Black Student Success Week, held April 22–26, 2025, joining colleges across California in highlighting the needs and experiences of Black students in higher education. This year's theme, *Building a Better Future Together: the Urgency is Now*, guided a week of virtual events, daily webinars (known as "The Black Hour"), and campus discussions aimed at advancing equity, access, and opportunity.

Throughout the week, LPC encouraged students, faculty, and staff to engage with statewide programming, which included powerful conversations on student success, leadership, racial equity, and institutional change. Resources were also shared to support student achievement and help colleges strengthen practices that uplift Black students.

LIFT UP. LEVEL UP.
THE RISE OF BLACK-SERVING INSTITUTIONS

JOIN US DAILY FOR THE BLACK HOUR
APRIL 21-25, 2025 | 12-1 PM

LPC TO CELEBRATE THE CLASS OF 2025 ON MAY 30TH!



Get ready to cheer on our incredible LPC graduates! Due to outstanding student success and overwhelming interest, Las Positas College will once again host two Commencement Ceremonies on Friday, May 30, 2025.

The first ceremony will start at 10 a.m. and the second at 12 p.m. Join us as we celebrate the hard work, resilience, and achievements of the Class of 2025.

We can't wait to honor our students as they take this exciting next step!



Celebrating Culture and Community



LPC proudly hosted its 3rd annual One Love Festival on Wednesday, April 23, bringing students, faculty, staff, and community members together for a vibrant celebration of culture, unity, and creativity. Held in the quad in front of the Library, the event featured a lively mix of music, dance, food, and hands-on cultural activities that highlighted the diversity of the LPC community.

The festival featured a wide range of student-led showcases and cultural activities and displays. Attendees explored everything from fan painting and rangoli-inspired chalk art to African drum making and Afghan dance.

A highlight of the afternoon was the One Love Festival Fashion Show, which featured traditional and contemporary fashion representing the rich heritage of LPC's student body. The colorful runway celebration served as a powerful reminder of the beauty in our differences and the strength in our shared sense of belonging.

With food trucks on site and extra credit incentives from participating faculty, the event was not only fun and flavorful—it was also an educational opportunity that encouraged cultural awareness, creativity, and connection. The One Love Festival continues to grow each year, embodying the spirit of inclusion and togetherness that defines the Las Positas experience.

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.