



# CONNECTION

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

Dr. Dyrell Foster, Las Positas College President



## Las Positas College Welcomes 2025–2026 President's Scholars

LPC is pleased to welcome the fourth cohort of the President's Scholars Program, recognizing 26 exceptional students from across the Tri-Valley and neighboring communities. Established in 2023, this program supports high-achieving, service-minded students by providing the resources and mentorship they need to succeed at LPC and prepare for transfer to four-year universities. President's Scholars receive full tuition for up to two years, a \$1,000 annual textbook stipend, complimentary parking permits, a new laptop, and access to leadership and service opportunities. Scholars also serve as ambassadors for the college, are honored at commencement, and receive a letter of recommendation from the college president.

This year's cohort represents a wide range of academic interests and career goals—from STEM and healthcare to arts, business, and education—while sharing a strong commitment to academic excellence and community service.

High schools represented in the 2025–2026 cohort:

- Granada High School
- Dublin High School
- Foothill High School
- Amador Valley High School
- Mountain House High School
- Livermore High School
- John C. Kimball High School
- Merrill F. West High School
- San Ramon Valley High School



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# LPC INAUGURAL ACE SUMMIT

## Aspire, Community, Empower (ACE) Summit

This all-day event offers a safe space for mental health awareness, empowerment, and career/education exploration while fostering strong community support. Open to youth ages 15 to 24 and their parents and caregivers.



Las Positas College  
3000 Campus Hill Dr,  
Livermore, CA 94551  
The Meretes Theatre

Saturday, August 9, 2025  
9AM to 4PM

**REGISTER TODAY**



SPECIAL GUEST:  
DB BEDFORD  
Emotional Intelligence  
Performance Coach

Lunch Provided • Resource Fair • Free to Attend

Co-sponsored by the LPC Student Health & Wellness Center and Alameda County Behavioral Health, the summit reflected LPC's ongoing commitment to equity, wellness, and student success. By fostering inclusive, healing-centered engagement, the ACE Summit aimed to reduce stigma around mental health, strengthen community connections, and inspire students and families to pursue their educational and life goals with confidence.



## LPC and LLNL Advance Workforce Development with NNSA Grant



In 2023, Las Positas College partnered with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to launch the Rapid Education and Placement (REAP) program, supported by a \$500,000 grant from the National Nuclear Security Administration's Minority Serving Institution Partnership Program (MSIPP). The program fast-tracks technical training and expands workforce opportunities across the Tri-Valley region.

To date, REAP has served over 100 students—including LPC undergraduates, LLNL employees, and local industry professionals—offering courses in welding, vacuum technology, laser optics, and design graphics. Many courses are co-taught by LLNL experts and LPC faculty, focusing on high-demand fields such as advanced manufacturing, machining, and radiation safety.



The program has helped participants secure paid internships and jobs at national labs and regional firms, strengthening the local talent pipeline while supporting national security workforce needs. Las Positas College was among only five community colleges nationwide to receive MSIPP funding in 2023 for its emphasis on employer-aligned, sustainable training with rapid impact.



# LPC EARNS HIGH NET PROMOTER SCORE

Las Positas College is proud to share that it has achieved a Net Promoter Score (NPS) of 44 for 2025, a very high rating that reflects the satisfaction and loyalty of its students. To put this in perspective, community colleges nationwide average an NPS of 12 (range 0 to +20), public four-year universities average 23 (+10 to +30), and top-tier universities average 40 (+30 to +50).

NPS measures how likely students are to recommend LPC to others, on a scale of 0-10. A net score above zero means more students are advocates than critics, and anything over 40 is considered exceptional—especially in higher education. With 52% of students as Promoters, 40% Passives, and only 8% Detractors, LPC's net score of 44 demonstrates a strong, positive sentiment among its community.

The research shows students choose LPC for its convenient location, affordability, and outstanding reputation. Many first learn about the college through referrals and word of mouth, while social media platforms like Instagram and YouTube continue to grow in influence. Faculty and staff play a vital role in shaping the welcoming, supportive environment that students value.

The high NPS recognition reflects the dedication of the entire LPC community—faculty, staff, and students alike. By continuing to listen and respond to student feedback, LPC is committed to making the college an even better place to learn, grow, and thrive.

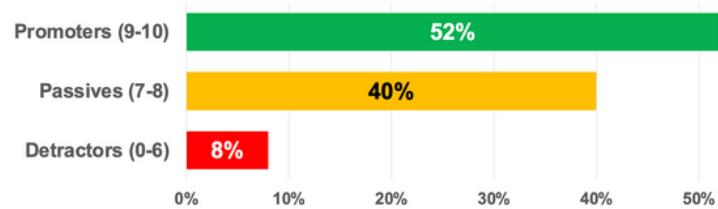


## Las Positas:

**Promoters 52%**

**Detractors 8%**

**Net Score 44%**



## Cal Water to Host Emergency Response Training at LPC

The California Water Service Company (Cal Water) Livermore District is inviting local agencies and community partners to participate in its annual Emergency Response Training and tabletop exercise on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at Las Positas College.

The full-day event, running from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Building 1000, Room 1011, will showcase how Cal Water prepares for emergencies to ensure reliable water service during critical situations. Attendees will also have the opportunity to provide feedback, share insights, and strengthen collaboration for future response efforts.

Special presentations will be led by Gerald Simon, Cal Water's Manager of Special Projects and retired Oakland Fire Chief, and Al Terrell, retired Sonoma County Fire Chief, who will share best practices and lessons learned from real-world emergency responses.

# Congressman Eric Swalwell Visits LPC Public Speaking Pilot Program



On July 28 LPC hosted Congressman Eric Swalwell as a guest speaker for the college's Pilot Public Speaking Program, a first-of-its-kind summer course designed to empower high school students from across CA's 14th District to develop their communication skills and advocate for positive change.

The program, which launched this summer, serves students preparing for careers in law, public service, education, and the trades. It is supported in part by \$1 million in federal funding secured to expand opportunities for East Bay youth.



During his visit, Congressman Swalwell engaged with participants about leadership, civic engagement, and the role of effective public speaking in shaping their future contributions to their communities. Special recognition goes to Professor Michael Sullivan, whose leadership and vision were instrumental in bringing this pilot program to life.

## 9th Annual Beer Festival Raises \$22,500 for LPC Fire Tech Program



Las Positas College hosted the 9th Annual Livermore Valley Craft Beer Festival on Saturday, May 10, bringing together craft beer enthusiasts, community members, and supporters to raise funds for the college's Fire Service Technology program. The festival, held on the LPC athletic field, featured more than 40 Northern California breweries, local food vendors, live music, and demonstrations by LPC fire technology students.

This year's event resulted in a \$22,500 donation to benefit the Fire Technology program, providing critical resources to enhance training facilities, equipment, and scholarship opportunities for students pursuing careers as firefighters.

Building on the success of previous years, the festival has become one of the program's most significant fundraising efforts, directly supporting the preparation of future first responders. Attendees enjoyed craft beer tastings, food pairings, and live entertainment, while also learning about the skills and training that go into fire service careers.



## 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.