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

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LPC's Spooktacular Club & Resource Fair

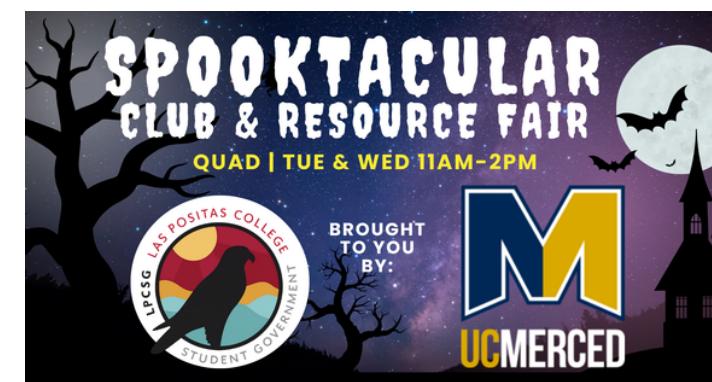
The Main Quad at Las Positas College buzzed with excitement during the Spooktacular Club & Resource Fair, a lively two-day campus showcase held October 28-29. Organized by the LPC's Student Government in collaboration with UC Merced, the event brought together more than 80 clubs, programs, and campus resources and drew an estimated 1,000 students eager to connect, learn, and get involved.

The fair offered free food, interactive booths, and opportunities for students to discover support services and student organizations at both LPC and UC Merced. Wednesday's portion, sponsored by UC Merced, highlighted the growing partnership between the two institutions, with UC Merced sending an impressive delegation that included two Trustees, two Vice Chancellors, two Vice Presidents, and fifteen program representatives. Their presence underscored the strength of the LPC-UC Merced connection and the shared commitment to student success and transfer pathways.

Beyond its impressive numbers, the event showcased the inclusive, high-energy campus spirit that defines Las Positas College and set the bar high for future collaborations.

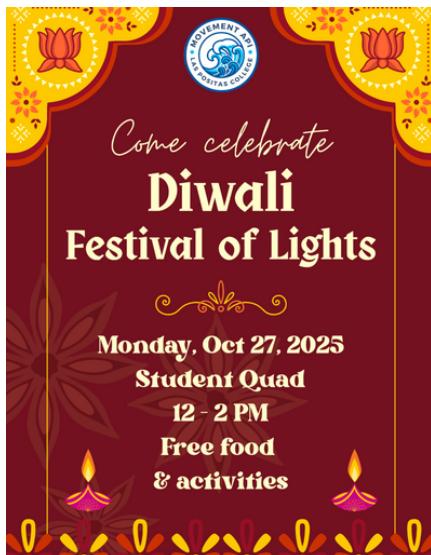
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LPC Diwali Festival of Lights



LPC proudly celebrated Diwali—the Festival of Lights for the second consecutive year on Monday, October 27, 2025, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. The event brought students, faculty, and staff together to honor one of the world's most cherished cultural traditions, celebrated globally by Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains as a time of renewal, joy, and the triumph of light over darkness.

The celebration featured festive activities, traditional Indian food, and opportunities for cultural exchange, creating a warm and inclusive atmosphere in the heart of campus. Sponsored by MOVEMENT API, the event highlighted Las Positas College's commitment to diversity, community, and the celebration of global traditions that enrich the student experience.

750 YOUTH ATTEND AMBASSADORS OF COMPASSION EVENT

On September 25, Las Positas College welcomed more than 750 middle and high school students to campus for the Ambassadors of Compassion Kickoff Event and Career Fair, held in partnership with Rotary International, the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, and Ambassadors of Compassion. The event introduced local youth to a values-based program that builds emotional intelligence, resilience, empathy, and goal-setting, aligning closely with LPC's strategic priorities of educational access, equity, and student well-being.



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Students participated in career exploration activities, interactive exhibits, and campus tours, engaging with professionals from sponsoring organizations including The Rotary Foundation of Livermore, Kaiser Permanente, Orion, Costco, Chick-fil-A, the Golden State Warriors, and Niagara Water. The energy and enthusiasm throughout the day reflected the shared commitment of LPC and its partners to inspire future college students and strengthen community connections across the region.



Campus Spirit Ignited with 1st LPC GAMES



The inaugural LPC Games transformed the Mertes Center for the Arts into a high-energy arena of college pride and camaraderie. More than 300 students packed the theater, joined by faculty, classified professionals, and administrators for an unforgettable afternoon of friendly, but fierce competition. The atmosphere was electric from the opening welcome by Emcee Professor Erick Bell, to the final cheer as teams raced, puzzled, and lip-synced their way through five challenges.

The event featured a series of crowd-favorite contests, from the show-stopping Lip Sync Competition to the chaotic energy of Junk in the Trunk and the precision teamwork of the 3-Minute-to-Win-It Relay.

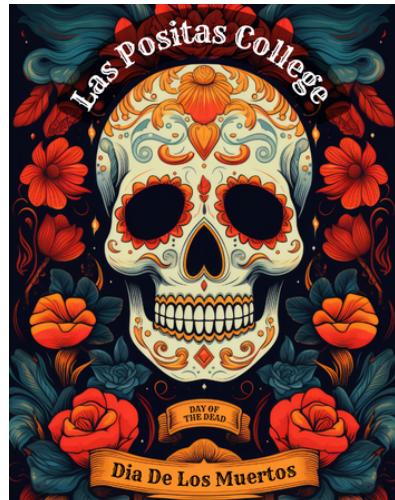
Between rounds, the crowd was showered with T-shirts launched by Big Red, the LPC mascot, and the theater roared with chants as teams traded leads throughout the afternoon. Each challenge tested a different blend of creativity, coordination, and campus spirit, keeping the audience on the edge of their seats.

In the end, the Student Team emerged victorious, claiming first place, the LPC Games Trophy, and blue-ribbon medals, along with bragging rights for the next year. The Administrative team took a hard-fought second place, bolstered by their crowd-pleasing Lip Sync performance that earned a near-perfect 39 out of 40 from the panel of four judges. The Classified Professional and Faculty teams rounded out the standings with strong showings and unshakable school pride.

The LPC Games not only showcased the talent and humor of the college community but also set the stage for a new annual tradition. The event closed with thunderous applause, door prizes donated by the LPC Foundation. Organizers promised that the LPC Games will return even bigger and louder in 2026. Go Hawks!



Día de los Muertos: Celebrating Culture, Memory, and Community



LPC brought the campus together in a moving celebration of heritage and remembrance with its Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) event on Wednesday, November 5, in the middle quad of the 1600 building. The gathering blended artistry, tradition, and heartfelt reflection, creating a vibrant space for students, faculty, and staff to honor loved ones who have passed on including family members, friends, and pets.

The celebration opened with a powerful Aztec procession, setting the tone for an afternoon filled with music, art, and community connection.

Guests enjoyed cultural crafts and a beautiful community altar (ofrenda) adorned with flowers, candles, and photos shared by participants. Traditional foods including pan de muerto, conchas, and Mexican hot chocolate added warmth and authenticity to the event.

The celebration was organized through the collaboration of the Puente Program & Club, Student Equity and Achievement (SEA) Program, the Cultural Community Center, and the LPC Student Government. Their efforts created not only a successful event but also a meaningful expression of inclusion and cultural pride...an example of how shared traditions continue to strengthen the sense of community at Las Positas.



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

Affirm LPC's unwavering commitment to equity by deepening campus-wide engagement, enhancing professional development, embedding equity-minded practices in decision-making, assessment, and accountability processes; and building capacity to resolve inequities.

Increase student success and completion through sustainable college practices, processes, academic support, removal of barriers, and focused professional development.

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.

LPC PROF. THOMPSON NEW PRESIDENT OF FACCC

Las Positas College professor Sarah Thompson has been appointed president of the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC), where she will lead statewide efforts focused on fair funding, student access, and faculty advocacy. Among her top priorities is reforming the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) to create a more equitable system for all districts.



Under Thompson's leadership, FACCC is also for the reform of AB 1705, seeking to restore student choice in foundational math and English courses, particularly for those pursuing STEM pathways. Beyond policy reform, she is emphasizing stronger faculty representation in statewide decision-making, promoting fiscal stability and equitable pay for all faculty, and expanding FACCC's visibility and membership to strengthen its influence in shaping the future of California's community colleges.