



# 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



## LPC, CLPCCD and i-GATE Partner to Drive Innovation and Education in the Tri-Valley

The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District (CLPCCD) and i-GATE have announced an exciting new partnership aimed at expanding educational opportunities, workforce development, and innovation in the Tri-Valley region. Through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), this collaboration will provide students, entrepreneurs, and the broader community with enhanced access to hands-on training, research opportunities, and professional development.

Las Positas College will contribute its STEM programs and state-of-the-art facilities, while i-GATE will provide access to startup incubation resources, including Daybreak Labs, which specializes in life sciences and deep technology. The partnership's key initiatives include internships, research collaborations, and joint events designed to connect students with industry leaders and entrepreneurs. Additionally, CLPCCD and i-GATE will explore the development of an Innovation Campus and Student Co-Op at Las Positas College, fostering a hub for collaborative learning and business growth.

"At i-GATE, our mission has always been to build a thriving startup community and support entrepreneurs with the tools they need to succeed," said Yolanda Fintschenko, PhD, Executive Director of i-GATE. "Partnering with CLPCCD aligns perfectly with this vision and allows us to directly impact the next generation of innovators."

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Yolanda Fintschenko, PhD, Executive Director of i-GATE

Powering the  
Tri-Valley  
Startup Community

# CLPCCD RE-AFFIRMING SANCTUARY STATUS

Our district reaffirms its commitment as a sanctuary institution and will continue to uphold the protections outlined in California's sanctuary laws. To that end:

- CLPCCD Chancellor Gerhard's previous statement remains in effect, ensuring all students—regardless of status—have access to education without fear.
- Across our district, El Centro, the Dream Center, the Cultural Community Center, the New Student Support Center and other student support services are available to provide resources, legal guidance, and safe spaces for students impacted by these policies.
- Mental health services remain available for students experiencing distress related to immigration, gender identity protections, or financial aid concerns.

Additionally, all employees should continue following previously issued guidance regarding interactions with federal agents. If approached by any federal agent on our campuses, employees are to immediately refer them to the college president's office.



A dark blue banner with white and yellow text. On the left is the Black Education Association logo. In the center, it reads "LPC CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH". On the right is the Black Cultural Resource Center logo.

LPC is proud to celebrate Black History Month with a series of engaging events and activities hosted by the Black Education Association (BEA) and Black Student Union (BSU). This year's theme, "African Americans and Labor", highlights the profound contributions of Black individuals in shaping labor history, from the agricultural labor of enslaved Africans to the role of organized labor in fighting injustice. Visitors can explore Black History facts displayed along the walkway and in the quad, thanks to the hard work of the BSU. Here are a few exciting events to look forward to:

- Feb 19 – Black Student Union Open Mic at 3:00 p.m.
- Feb 26 – A2MEND Taste of Soul & Activities at 11:00 a.m.
- Feb 27 – BEA/Black Scholars Luncheon from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Join us in honoring the contributions and achievements of African Americans this month and throughout the year! Please visit the Black Cultural Resource Center webpage for a complete list of events.  
<https://www.laspositascollege.edu/bcrc/events.php>



A poster titled "Las Positas College BLACK HISTORY MONTH African Americans in Labor Calendar Highlights". It lists events for February 5, 19, and 26, including a national anthem performance, a town meeting with Dr. Hannah Lawler, and a taste of soul event.





# LPC Winter Club & Resource Fair Draws Over 500 Students



Las Positas College's Winter Wonderland Club & Resource Fair was a huge success, bringing together over 500 students on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, in the Lower Quad. Hosted by LPC Student Government, the event was packed with energy as students explored 50+ clubs and campus resources, enjoyed delicious food and drinks, and connected with peers in a fun, festive atmosphere.



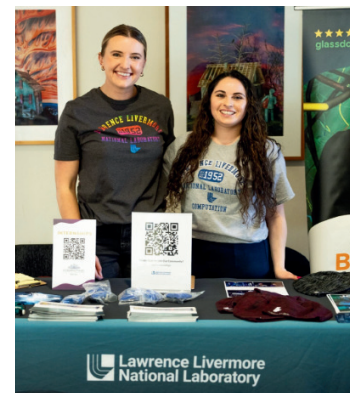
Participants were treated to delicious tacos and boba drinks, while a professional photographer captured portraits and lifestyle photos of students that will be used for upcoming marketing campaigns. A photo booth added to the fun, giving attendees even more opportunities to snap winter-themed memories. Many students embraced the theme by dressing in festive winter outfits, adding to the fun.

With a great turnout, the event was a fantastic way to start the semester. Students had a great time, and LPC Student Government looks forward to hosting more events that bring the campus community together!

## LPC CAREER CENTER HOSTS INTERNSHIP FAIR

On January 29, LPC hosted an Internship Panel and Fair, featuring both student and alumni panelists who shared their paid internship experiences with major companies and organizations such as NASA, LLNL, Sandia, UNCLE Credit Union, IBM, Moss Adams, and AEMS Corp. The panel provided valuable insights into the internship process, including tips for getting hired and succeeding in these roles. Students learned when to apply for internships and how to maximize their experience to build a strong career foundation.

Following the panel, students had the opportunity to meet with employers during the Employer Meet-and-Greet session. Representatives from prominent organizations such as Bio-Rad, NASA, Wente Wineries, the City of Livermore, LLNL, the Port of Oakland, were available to discuss their internship programs. Students were able to network, ask questions, and enjoy refreshments in a relaxed environment. The Internship Fair was a great opportunity for students to network, gain career advice, and find out about exciting internship opportunities available in their fields of interest.



# LPC's Annual Open House 2025

Las Positas College is thrilled to invite the community to its annual Open House on Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This free event offers an opportunity for prospective students, families, and community members to explore the college's campus and discover the diverse academic and student services programs available.



Attendees can engage with faculty and staff, learn about academic pathways, explore career opportunities, and enjoy health and wellness activities—all in a fun, family-friendly environment. Whether they are looking to further their education or simply want to learn more about the resources LPC offers, the Open House is the perfect opportunity to get connected.

The LPC Open House is part of the day's celebrations, following the inaugural LPC Run for Higher Education, making it a fun, engaging event for everyone.

## Inaugural LPC Run for Higher Education



LPC is excited to welcome the community to the first-ever Run for Higher Education on Saturday, March 29, 2025. This 5K run and 1-mile fun walk is more than just a race—it's a celebration of health, wellness, and the power of education in the Tri-Valley.

The event kicks off at 9:00 AM on the LPC campus, inviting participants of all ages and fitness levels to join in a fun and rewarding experience. After the race, attendees can enjoy an LPC Open House from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, featuring educational resources, campus tours and health and wellness activities.

"This event embodies the spirit of Las Positas College—bringing people together to support health, education, and community engagement," said Dr. Dyrell Foster, President of LPC. "We welcome students, faculty, and our neighbors to join us in taking meaningful steps toward a brighter future."

All participants will receive a race t-shirt, participation certificate, and goodie bag, with medals awarded to top finishers. Registration is now open! Entry fees are \$10 for students, \$20 for early-bird registration, and \$30 for regular registration. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for local businesses and organizations looking to support education and wellness in the community.

To register, visit <https://bit.ly/LPCRUN2025> or scan QR code.



## 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.