



**LAS POSITAS**  
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# CONNECTION

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

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## Winter Wonderland Fair Features 65+ Student Clubs, Programs & Resources

Las Positas College's Winter Wonderland Club & Resource Fair brought the Upper Quad to life this February 5th and 6th, drawing hundreds of students for an early afternoon of connection, campus pride, and seasonal fun. Hosted by LPC Student Government, the event gave students the chance to explore over 65 clubs and campus resources while enjoying a lively, welcoming atmosphere.

Attendees fueled the festivities with tasty tacos and a variety of refreshing drinks, keeping energy high as they moved from table to table. A popular photo booth offered plenty of chances to capture winter-themed memories, and many students leaned into the spirit of the event by sporting festive cold-weather outfits.

With strong turnout and enthusiastic participation, Winter Wonderland proved to be a great way to build momentum early in the semester. LPC Student Government continues to create opportunities that bring students together, strengthen community, and showcase the many ways to get involved on campus.

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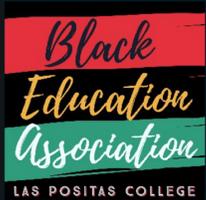


# Intern Panel and Fair Engages Students in Career Exploration

LPC's annual Intern Panel and Fair drew strong student participation on January 28, with nearly 100 students attending the panel discussion and more than 120 participating in the employer meet-and-greet.

The Intern Panel featured LPC students and alumni who shared firsthand insights on securing and succeeding in internships across a range of fields, including biochemistry research at Stanford University, AI software engineering, municipal finance, cybersecurity at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, consulting and tax, and engineering-focused summer fellowships. Moderated by Professor Erick Bell, the discussion provided practical advice on building experience, strengthening applications, and navigating competitive hiring processes.

Following the panel, students connected directly with representatives from local and regional organizations—including Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Zone 7 Water Agency, UNCLE Credit Union, the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, Whiting-Turner, and others—who shared information about paid internships and early-career opportunities.



## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Las Positas College is proud to celebrate Black History Month 2026, marking the 100th anniversary of the national commemoration. This year's theme, "A Century of Black History Commemorations," honors the legacy of recognizing, preserving, and elevating Black history in the United States.

Throughout February, the Black Education Association (BEA), Black Student Union (BSU), Umoja, and campus partners will host a series of events designed to educate, engage, and celebrate the rich contributions of Black communities—past, present, and future.

Campus highlights include:

- Black History Month Movie Mondays featuring films such as *Being Eddie*, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, and *Becoming* (Cafeteria, Room 1620).
- Umoja Porch Talk: Black Voices of the Past and Future
- Storytelling as Power with Donna M. Williams
- A2MEND Taste of Soul & Activities in the Quad (Feb. 18), featuring food, music, and community connection.
- BSU Open Mic (Feb. 25, Cultural Community Center, Room 2401).
- Interactive experiences including the Black Wall Street Game and campus-wide Black History displays.

The campus community is also encouraged to participate in themed spirit days throughout the month, including Shades of Brown, African-inspired attire, and All Black with a Beret.



# THE BASIC NEEDS DEPARTMENT OFFERS FREE FARMER'S MARKET TO ALL



The LPC Basic Needs Department was excited to kick off the Spring 2026 semester with its first Free Farmer's Market on February 9th! This monthly event is open to all students, staff, faculty, and members of the surrounding community and is located in front of the LPC Building 1600 Courtyard.

Attendees were able to pick up fresh produce, proteins, eggs, and dry pantry goods — all completely free of charge. With over 5,100 pounds of grocery items, 175 households were served, totaling 495 people. The Free Farmer's Market will continue to be held monthly, and guests are encouraged to arrive early, as items are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Be sure to bring your reusable grocery bag and mark your calendar for the next Market on Monday, March 9th. Come by to grab those high-demand items before they're gone!

The Basic Needs Department at LPC remains committed to supporting students and helping them thrive in all aspects of life through its wide range of resources and services. Their goal is to highlight shared needs and normalize access to nutritious food. The Free Farmer's Market serves as a perfect example of providing essential resources to the LPC community and beyond.



# LPC HOSTS LLNL SCIENCE ON SATURDAY EVENTS

Las Positas College is proud to once again host the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories' 2026 Science on Saturday lecture series, *Computing the Future!* This exciting four-part series showcases innovative research from LLNL scientists and offers the surrounding community a unique opportunity to explore cutting-edge advancements. The first lecture was on February 7<sup>th</sup> and filled the Mertes 400 seat theater with local middle and high school students and their parents. LPC is thrilled for the series to continue, as learning about modern day advancements is not only inspiring, but is shaping tomorrow's world.



## Upcoming Science on Saturday Events | Mertes Center for the Arts (Bldg. - 4000) | 10:00-11:00 AM

- Feb 21<sup>st</sup> | Can Video Chips Make Cities Safer? How GPUs Help Scientists Combat "Airborne Threats in Urban Areas
- Feb 28<sup>th</sup> | Quantum Computing: Hot Takes from the Coldest Place in the Universe

# LPC Student Services Hosts 1<sup>st</sup> Health & Wellness Fair

LPC's Student Services division recently hosted a campuswide Health & Wellness Fair designed to promote employee well-being, foster cross-departmental connection, and strengthen workplace culture.

The event featured interactive, hands-on activities led by Student Services teams, emphasizing holistic wellness...physical, emotional, and social. Employees participated in stress-reduction and creative engagement activities such as gratitude reflections, plant potting, floral arranging, candle making, mandala coloring, and guided relaxation. Health-focused offerings included blood pressure checks, chiropractor assessments, and mini facials provided by community partners.

Positive feedback from employees underscored the value of creating intentional space for wellness during the academic year. Several teams have committed to hosting additional pop-up sessions in the coming weeks to extend the impact of the event.



**Find Your Inner Hawk**  
LPC Health & Wellness Fair

## UCM Visit To Strengthen Transfer Pathways



A group of LPC administrators recently visited the University of California, Merced to deepen collaboration and strengthen transfer pathways for LPC students.

The visit included a campus tour and meetings with UC Merced leadership to discuss the colleges' existing MOU, identify opportunities to expand transfer support, and explore new areas for partnership. UC Merced was a sponsor of LPC's Spooktacular Club Fair last fall—an early investment in student engagement that coincided with a 44% increase in transfer applications since that time.

The visit reinforced LPC's commitment to building strong university partnerships that expand access, streamline transfer pathways, and increase four-year degree attainment for LPC students.



## 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

### Equity:

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.

### Student Success & Completion:

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.

### Health and Wellness:

Establish a knowledge base and an appreciation for health and wellness in the workplace; create a sense of urgency about wellness in decision-making, assessment, and accountability; and build capacity to support wellness.