



# Spring 2021 Mission: S.E.R.V.E. Newsletter

Semester Newsletter. Mission: S.E.R.V.E. – Success, Excellence, and Retention for Veterans in Education  
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## Congratulations to our Graduates and Transfers!

Looking back upon the year, the graduating student veterans of 2021 have been through a difficult year, but through hard work and their own resolve graduates have come out on top.

LPC Veterans First took pride in hosting the Celebration for Graduating and Transferring Veterans of 2020 and 2021. This event served to commemorate the successful academics of the many student veterans who will be either transferring to a 4-year college or otherwise leaving Las Positas College after this semester.

This year’s celebration took the form of a drive thru ceremony to ensure that social distancing was maintained. Individuals and families drove up to the graduation area to get out specifically to take photos with Dr. Dyrell Foster, President of Las Positas College, Todd Steffan, the supervisor of the veterans first program, and Kristi De Lashmutt – LPC student/USMC veteran, who was dressed up as the LPC Mascot.

Along with Veterans First staff, members of several other organizations came to show their support for the graduating and transferring veterans. These organizations are: Concord Veteran Center, Blue Star Moms-Chapter 101, the Valley Veterans Foundation, Engineering Technology Learning Community, and the Alliance of Therapy dogs.



Adriana Santos, a graduating veteran shared a word about the personal significance of graduation to her:

“As a first-generation college student and graduate, graduating from LPC is not only rewarding, but an honor to be able to pave the way as a trailblazer for my children. My success is not my own. I’ve encountered help that has been a tremendous part of this achievement. The Veterans First Program set me up for success the moment I walked into their office pushing a stroller with a newborn, and with 2 young children by my side. Not only was there a place to come to that provided answers, but there were staff there to motivate me through the hard times, to listen to me when I experienced difficulties, and to provide a solution knowing that my success was imperative. When you have a team behind you cheering you on, accomplishments like graduating are so much rewarding. They knew I could before I did!!!”

Evelyn Andrews, the LPC Veterans Specialist who has worked with many student veterans stated her pride in the graduates.

“It has been a pleasure working with each of you, our veterans, who completed your associates or transfer plan. I am a changed person after hearing your stories of challenges, heartache, and triumphs. So very proud of you. Your success is our success! Thank you for your service to our country. Big virtual hug to all of you.”

Thank you so much for being one of our student veterans!



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## Mission L.U.C. Spring 2021 (Leadership Updates Communication)

Mission L.U.C. (Leadership. Updates. Communication.) allows student veterans to discuss and share their college experience as a veteran on campus, and to express concerns with college and community leaders. This Veterans First initiative lets student veterans voice common issues encountered by themselves and the rest of the student body. Through open dialogue, veterans can make recommendations toward lasting improvements to campus and community life. Student veterans in attendance also receive practical advice on how to achieve specific career goals in leadership and administration.



*Shawn Kumagai*

The first L.U.C. was on Feb. 9. Shawn Kumagai, the Vice Mayor of the City of Dublin and a Navy veteran shared his story and value to “giving back” to the community. He stated that he served in the military, and wanted to continue serving others through civil leadership. Along with this, Kumagai gave helpful advice on how student veterans could become involved with the local government and local communities.

On March 23, Dr. Stuart McElderry, Dean of Academic Services, Tamica Ward, Dean of Enrollment Services, and Elizabeth David, Dean of Student Services, shared their stories of leadership and tips for success at LPC. Through zoom, the Deans met with students to discuss and communicate openly



*Tamica Ward*



*Dr. Stuart McElderry*



*Elizabeth David*

about issues and opportunities for improvement on campus. For example, student veterans voiced their concerns about specific process and procedures related to transfer evaluation and operational hours. Feedback received was welcomed and seen as opportunities to improve services to all students. Another example, this past term, student services hours ended at 5 pm which greatly impacted services for evening students, especially veterans who work fulltime and have families. This feedback was also well received and reviewed by the LPC leadership.



*Nan Ho*

and described the problems of racism from his firsthand experience. Along with displaying understanding and empathy for the situations student veterans may face, Taylor and Ho listened to the student veterans’ concerns regarding the transition from military to academic life and administrative problems that make school more difficult for student veterans.

On April 1, Nan Ho Dean of Science - Technology - Engineering & Mathematics and Shawn Taylor Director of Student Equity and Success discussed what they are doing to ensure veterans at LPC are being accounted for and taken care of. Taylor, a veteran of the US Army, discussed his experience in the military



*Shawn Taylor*

On May 5, Ronald P. Gerhard, Chancellor of the Chabot Las Positas Community College District, met with student veterans. Gerhard talked about his career and how he came to be chancellor at the CLPCCD, Gerhard also promoted his philosophy about applying a holistic approach to educational goals.



*Ronald Gerhard*

Over the course of the semester, LPC student veterans have discussed important issues with Many administrators and deans through Mission L.U.C. This roster has included Tamica Ward, Dean of Enrollment Services, Elizabeth David, Dean of Student Services, Dr. Stuart McElderry, Dean of Academic Services, Nan Ho, Dean of Science - Technology - Engineering & Mathematics, Shawn Taylor, Director of Student Equity and Success and Ron Gerhard, Interim Chancellor of the CLPCCD.

The Veterans Center gives thanks to all of the community leaders and campus administrators who have taken the time to meet with student veterans. By taking the time to address student veterans’ issues and listen to the experiences of student veterans’ transition to college life, guests of the L.U.C. events have helped student veterans to achieve their educational and career aspirations.



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## Spring 2021 Virtual Events!

### Black History Month

During the month of February, for Black History Month, student veterans shared their stories of being Black or African American in the military. Excellent dialogue facilitated by Interim Dean Erick Bell. Participants shared their stories for choosing Las Positas College to launch their college career, along with opportunities and challenges with serving in the military.

Panelists include Kevin Feaster, US Army Veteran, LPC Alumnus/SJSU Math major; Kristi De Lashmutt, USMC Veteran, LPC Microbiology major; Ron Payne, US Army veteran, LPC Alumnus – AA Political Science and AS Admin of Justice; Tracey Walker, US Navy Veteran, LPC Fire Science.



### SVO Events

#### *SVO Pizza and Paint Night*

The Student Veteran Organization hosted a Pizza and Paint event on April 9th. Pizza and Paint was a relaxing event where student veterans and their families participated in casual painting. Dre Santos guided participants through painting palm trees superimposed over an ocean sunset. The meeting had a jovial atmosphere and attracted many student veterans and their families for a fun night of camaraderie and relaxation.



### Student Veteran Organization

The Student Veterans Organization (SVO) is a group of student veterans, service members, and dependents dedicated to the goals of camaraderie, veteran advocacy, and helping student veterans' transition to academic and civilian life. The SVO hosts numerous events for student veterans in order to bolster a sense of camaraderie and build a social support network for student veterans.

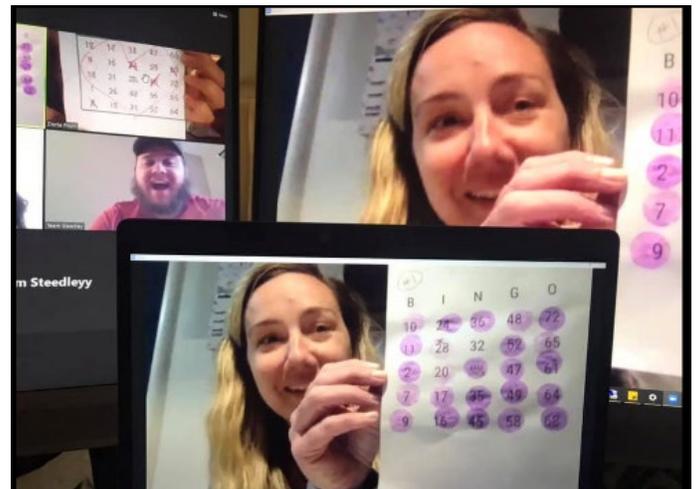
Events have included: paint nights, hiking, virtual game nights, Christmas events, and volunteer work. Along with events, the SVO also advocates for student veteran values at campus administrative meetings.

This year the SVO was led by Adriana Santos, Aaron Traynor, Noe Ortega, Travis Heninger, Jacob Williams, and Kenia Vasquez.

For more information or to join the SVO please contact the Veterans First Office at [lpcveteransfirst@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:lpcveteransfirst@laspositascollege.edu) or visit us online at the Virtual Welcome Center.

#### *SVO Bingo Night*

The Student Veteran Organization hosted a bingo night on May 14. This bingo session was organized by Kenia Vasquez. The event was casual and fun, attracting a small crowd of student



veterans who competed for prizes while celebrating a year of successful SVO activity and academics.



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## LPC Healthy Lifestyles Team: Fight for Air Climb San Francisco

Proud to be part of the LPC Healthy Lifestyles team for the Fight for Air Climb San Francisco - American Lung Association!!

Most of us were on virtually... special thanks to Kristi De Lashmutt and Derick Salvatore for doing the stair challenge in SF! Thank you to LPC President Foster for inviting us to join your team! You brought back camaraderie, team spirit, excitement to work toward something greater than us. We need more of this!!



## Veterans Success Series

The Veterans First Program hosted the Spring 2021 Veterans Success Series. The series consisted of a group of 3 workshops featuring General James Mattis, Xochitl Rodriguez-Murillo, the Deputy Secretary of Women Veterans and Minority Veterans for the California Department of Veterans Affairs, and several community leaders from the Livermore Rotary Club.

By providing student veterans with opportunities to learn from community leaders, the Veterans First Program hopes to inspire student veterans to achieve and make a difference in their communities.

## Veterans Success Series: General Jim Mattis Special Roundtable with Las Positas College Veterans



*Jim Mattis  
Official DOD Photo  
January 25, 2017*

The LPC Veterans First Program was graced with the presence of General Jim Mattis at a special roundtable presentation. Mattis, a retired four-star general and 26th US Secretary of Defense, boasts over forty years of military service in which he commanded several expeditionary forces in the Middle East. Post-retirement, Mattis has worked as a lecturer at Stanford university and has co-edited several books regarding leadership and the United States Armed Forces.

The event took place digitally via Zoom. Though General Mattis was unable to meet student veterans in person, he took the time to share his valuable stories, advice and experience with student veterans in attendance.

General Mattis, took the time to impart his stories and knowledge on the large group of student veterans attending the event. Mattis also took time to present his perspective on problems facing the military and discussed relevant domestic issues facing the nation. Some topics that General Mattis discussed were, the integration of technology into the role of military infantry, the spread of false information through social media, and the issue of bringing together the nation despite cultural and ideological differences.



Veterans Center Coordinator Todd Steffan expressed his immense gratitude that General Mattis attended the event. General Mattis has been requested to speak previously but was unable to attend

due to other important commitments. Steffan was stunned speechless when General Mattis agreed to give a talk to LPC student veterans.

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In the seminar, Mattis told stories about his time in the military and led student veterans in reflection of their military service. Mattis reminded attendees about the symbolic importance of the oath of enlistment, an oath that individuals take when entering the US armed forces. He inspired pride and reminded attendees of the duty and honor that is inherent to being in service to the United States.

Kenia Vazquez, a Student Veteran Organization officer, and veteran of the US Navy said, “It was truly an amazing experience getting to know General Mattis and his sincere responses to our questions. An inspiring and motivational leader with a wealth of knowledge and incredible stories.”

## Veterans Success Series: Honoring Women Veterans #unstoppablewomenveterans



*Xochitl Rodriguez-Murillo*

Women in the military have a difficult job. Sexism and harassment can make the tough job of being a soldier even harder. To bring awareness to this issue, the Veterans First Program hosted the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Honoring Women Veterans, a seminar and discussion about the challenge women face in the military, as well as life changing opportunities. The event hosted speaker Xochitl Rodriguez-Murillo, a veteran and the Deputy Secretary of Women

Veterans and Minority Veterans for the California Department of Veterans Affairs. Rodriguez-Murillo discussed the difficulties women veterans face from sexist and masculine attitudes in the military. She also shared her position on how women who served can make a difference in their communities by using their voice and getting involved.



Along with Rodriguez-Murillo, over eighty participants of the event also heard stories from a panel of powerful student women veterans about their experience in the military and their choice to pursue a college education.



Panelists included from left to right: Christina Shay Rosas- US Marine Corps veteran, LPC Major-Business; Kenia Vazquez Garcia- US Navy veteran, LPC Major- Allied Health/Pre-Nursing; Adrianna Santos- US Marine Corps veteran, LPC Major- History (Moderator); Kristi De Lashmuth- US Marine Corps veteran, LPC Major- Biology; Jaelyn Guzman- US Army veteran, LPC Major- Engineering Technology; Tracey Walker- US Navy veteran, LPC Major- Fire Science Technology. This event included voices from women veterans who are currently attending San Jose State and Diablo Valley College.

Carlos Orozco, a participant said, “A lot of people tend not to realize how difficult it is for women’s veterans. We are brothers and sisters we should not look down on. We are all in this together.”

Scholarship awards were also presented to close the event:  
\$4,000 Women in STEM: Jenna Adams  
Four \$500 awards -- Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship: Courtney Godinez, Tracey Walker, Kenia Vazquez, and Christina “Shay” Rosas.  
\$500 Supporting Women Veterans - Blue Star Moms – Danville Chapter 101: Adriana Santos  
\$500 Scholarship - Charlie's Paws: Viviana Martinez

This event was hosted on March 10, 2021.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**  
Valley Veterans Foundation  
Women in STEM Scholarship \$4000

**JENNA ADAMS**  
US Navy Veteran  
Information Technology Major  
Single Mom of Two Boys

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## Veteran Success Series: Kick off your Career Workshop

Landing a job can be difficult. Recruiters deal with dozens of applicants on a regular basis, because of this many applicants can find it difficult to stand out and attract an interview. To help student veterans who encounter this problem in the hiring space, LPC Veterans First and the Rotary Club of Livermore hosted the Kick off your Career Workshop on April 27, 2021.

The Kick off Your Career Workshop hosted successful recruiters, business, and community leaders: Dennis W. O’Brien, Eric Dillie, Bethany McCormick, Gordon Jones, Deb Tacker, and Tim Barry. These experts advised student veterans on how to make a resume stand out, how to look good in an interview, and other actions that can be taken to give an applicant the best chance of landing the job.

Carlos Orozco a student veteran shared his 3 top takeaways from the event. “The top 3 things I have taken out of this is: Research, you got to learn about who you are talking to. Practice makes perfect, if you want to be better at interviews hold mock interviews. And ask for the job, I have actually never thought about it, but it is brilliant when you think about it.”

This event drew in several student veterans and was also open to members of the public. At the event the speakers instructed participants on targeting companies for employment, making military experience understandable to employers, and the STAR technique for interviewing.

Event participants like Ron Payne expressed their gratitude towards the speakers for helping participants achieve their career goals. The Veterans First Program gives thanks to all the event speakers who took the time to share their knowledge and advise student veterans at this event.



*Dennis W. O'Brien*



*Bethany McCormick*



*Eric Dillie*



*Gordon Jones*



*Deb Tacker*



*Tim Barry*

### Upcoming Event: **OPERATION GATEWAY XIII** Virtual New Student Veterans Orientation **July 29 & 30, 2021**

#### Highlights:

Participants will have an excellent opportunity to connect with fellow student veterans in an online virtual orientation format. Our goals are to provide the resources to help new student veterans succeed at Las Positas College. You will learn about LPC support services, such as tutoring, financial aid, and library resources, as well as learn about off campus veterans support organizations, such as Vocational Rehabilitation and the Palo Alto VA Mobile Health.

Visit the Veterans First Program website for more information: [www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans)



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## Randy Geddings US Marine Veteran Pre-Nursing Transfer Student

Randy Geddings joined the United States Marine Corps shortly after graduating from Livermore High School in 1968. He served in both the infantry and as a sniper for a force recon unit during the Vietnam war. Geddings continued to serve until 1975 when he retired from military duty and returned to civilian life.

Since leaving the military Geddings has continued to live a rich and full life. Shortly after leaving the military Geddings went to culinary school and received certification as a Le Cordon Bleu chef. Geddings worked as a chef for a decade and a half before deciding that it was not for him and moving into custodial work to escape the obnoxiously large egos of others in the culinary field. Randy got married in 1984 to his spouse, Jean Geddings. Randy and Jean had two children, a boy who died at a young age and their daughter Breanna. Randy now has a 6-year-old grandson Ethan Suhay.

Currently Geddings works as both a Rancher and an Emergency Medical Technician.

For Geddings 2020 has been a difficult year. On top of the global pandemic Geddings lost his home to the Complex Fire in August of 2020 and has been homeless while his house is being reconstructed. However, Geddings continues to attend college and is hopeful for the future.

Geddings is attending Las Positas College to work towards a nursing degree. He hopes that by attending LPC he will be able to transfer to California State University, East Bay and attain a bachelor's degree to advance his career in medical practice. With the degree he hopes to work in pediatric oncology.

Geddings intends to use the prerequisites he has taken at LPC to get through State University without having to slow himself down with prerequisites. Randy proudly said, “when I get into my program it will just be my clinical rotation with no other prerequisites. It will cut off a year and a half from one of the state colleges.”

Geddings is proud of his military service and what he has done to protect the country. Geddings is proud to be a veteran and part of the veteran’s community. Geddings has plans to apply to Cal State University East Bay this coming Spring 2022. At LPC Geddings has been a wonderful and active member of student veteran life; he will be missed by the veteran’s community of Las Positas.

From everyone at the Las Positas Veterans Center; thank you Randy! Thank you for being you.





## Our Commitment to Student Veterans VIRTUAL SERVICES

The Veterans First Program offers many online services to LPC student veterans. We encourage any student veterans to make use of these programs to support their education and mental health.

### Online Tutoring

Need help in your classes? The Veterans first program offers free online tutoring to LPC student veterans. Just visit our website at [www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans/tutoring.php](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans/tutoring.php) and fill out a tutor request form. Tutors will do their best to support you through your classes.

### VA Course Certification Form

To receive educational benefits, student veterans must certify that they are taking classes at the College. This can be done at [www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans/certifyclasses.php](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans/certifyclasses.php). Please remember to fill out these forms after enrolling in your classes to ensure you will receive veterans' educational benefits. If you have any specific questions regarding Course Certification, ask us at the Virtual Welcome Center or check out the frequently asked questions on our website.

### Speak to the Veterans Counselor

The Veterans First Counselor can assist the creation of education plans, cover letters, and the transition to civilian life. Fill out an appointment request at [www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans/requesting\\_an\\_appointment.php](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans/requesting_an_appointment.php) for to speak to our Counselor.

### Textbook Loan Program

Struggling to afford textbooks? The Veterans First program has got you covered. The Veterans First program offers to loan books to LPC



student veterans at a nominal fee. See our available books on



our [website](#).

### Veterans Chill and Chat

Sometimes, life can be hard. The LPC Veterans Chill & Chat is an opportunity for veterans to socialize and express themselves. The event is hosted every Wednesday at 6 pm and can be found accessed from the Veterans First website. The event hosts a mental health counselor and several Veterans Center staff who are ready to be helpful and supportive to any student veteran who wants to join in the conversation.

### MyVRC Virtual Veterans Resource Center

MyVRC is an app that allows LPC student veterans to stay in touch with a supportive community at all times. By using MyVRC student veterans can receive support from staff, talk to other veterans, and find information like job postings on the Student Veterans Information Board. MyVRC can help to aid student veterans with useful mental health and academic resources.

### Virtual Veterans Welcome Center

The Virtual Veterans Welcome Center is here to help. It is an online service that aims to help veterans with challenges they encounter at LPC and questions about the services offered at the Veterans Resource Center. The Center is regularly staffed by peer student veterans.

Login to zoom – meeting ID: 8851925 8951. The password is “veterans”.

Check the LPC Veterans First Program website – [www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans) for operational hours (varies each term).



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## Congratulations on your Scholarship!



### Veterans Learning Community: Mission Ready

The Veterans First Program has laid the groundwork for a new learning community, Veterans First Learning Community:

Mission Ready, launching this Fall 2021 term. Mission Ready is joining the group of established learning communities, including: the Umoja Program, the Puente Project, Engineering Technology, and Gateway to Success.

It is a program which groups student veterans together to create a more cohesive and interactive learning environment. Mission Ready strives to provide student veterans with a veteran friendly space to learn and meet their academic goals.

Mission Ready students participate in the classes English 1A (course code 21689), instructed by Professor Jim Ott, and Communications 1 (course code 23625). Any student veteran can join the Veterans Learning Community: Mission Ready to take advantage of support the learning community provides. Both courses are required in order to participant in this special learning community.

Participants will receive a backpack with college tools to help in their success at LPC.



Las Positas College Scholarships	Recipient
Barbara & David Mertes Memorial Allied Health Scholarship	Kenia Garcia
Brill and Pihl Families Memorial Scholarship 2020-2021 (Botany)	Trevor Terry
Eduardo and Blanca Posada First Generation Student Award	Alejandra Quezada Sermeno
Friends of the Vineyards VWT Viticulture Scholarship	Dominic Provenzola
Halliday Family Scholarship	Justin Reyes
John McKinley Scholarship	Alejandra Quezada Sermeno
Las Positas College Academic Senate Scholarship	Alejandra Quezada Sermeno
Las Positas College Classified Senate Scholarship	Viviana Martinez
Las Positas College Foundation Scholarship	Alejandra Quezada Sermeno
Nissen-Hensen PEO Chapter BG Scholarship	Adriana Santos
Online Student of the Year Scholarship	Adriana Santos
The Osher Foundation/Seppala Family Scholarship	Kenia Vazquez Garcia
The Osher Foundation/Claudia Pendo McCormick Scholarship	Courtney Godinez
Osher/Rheinheimer Family Nursing Career Scholarship	Alejandra Quezada Sermeno
Osher Foundation Scholarship	Trevor Terry
Osher Foundation Scholarship	Viviana Martinez
Osher Foundation Scholarship	Doria Prum
Porta Family RE-ENTRY Scholarship	Arica Steedley
Veteran Scholarships	Recipient
American Legion - Livermore Post 47 New Student Scholarship	Travis Coty
American Legion - Livermore Post 47 Scholarship	Trevor Terry
Corporal Ken Logsdon (USMC) Memorial Veterans Scholarship	Noe Ortega Gomez
Corporal Ken Logsdon (USMC) Memorial Veterans Scholarship	Isaiah Steedley
Corporal Ken Logsdon (USMC) Memorial Veterans Scholarship	Jesse Bowman
Florendo T. Maduli Memorial Scholarship	Kenia Vazquez
Francisco-Perez Lopez Memorial Scholarship	Arica Steedley
Francisco-Perez Lopez Memorial Scholarship	Kenia Vazquez
Francisco-Perez Lopez Memorial Scholarship	Elani Scott
Francisco-Perez Lopez Memorial Scholarship	Isaiah Steedley
John Steffan and William Wiesgram Veterans Scholarship	Doria Prum
Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship	Courtney Godinez
Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship	Kenia Vazquez
Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship	Tracey Walker
Josefa Higuera Livermore Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship	Christina Rosa
Las Positas College Student Veterans Organization Scholarship	Jackie Guzman
Las Positas College Veterans First - Las Positas College Foundation Scholarship	Isaiah Steedley
Las Positas College Veterans First - Las Positas College Foundation Scholarship	Justin Reyes
Las Positas College Veterans First - Las Positas College Foundation Scholarship	Tracey Walker
Las Positas College Veterans First - Las Positas College Foundation Scholarship	Kristi De Lashmutt
Las Positas College Veterans First - Las Positas College Foundation Transfer Scholarship	Jessie Bowman
Lt. Robert D. Dern and Mary A. Henry Scholarship	Kenia Vazquez
Las Positas College Veterans First - 2.2 Scholarship	Adriana Santos
Las Positas College Veterans First - 2.2 Scholarship	Arica Steedley
Las Positas College Veterans First - 2.2 Scholarship	Edgar Reyes
Las Positas College Veterans First - 2.2 Scholarship	Noe Ortega
Las Positas College Veterans First - 2.2 Scholarship	Isaiah Steedley
Las Positas College Veterans First - 2.2 Scholarship	Tracey Walker
Las Positas College Veterans First - 2.2 Scholarship	David Jesus-Barragan
Las Positas College Veterans First - 2.2 Scholarship	Brian Hernandez
Las Positas College Veterans First - 2.2 Scholarship	Zachary Aines
Las Positas College Veterans First - 2.2 Scholarship	Doria Prum
Las Positas College Veterans First - 2.2 Scholarship	Jesse Bowman
Las Positas College Veterans First - New Student Scholarship	Travis Coty
Las Positas College Veterans First - Academic Excellence Scholarship	Arica Steedley
The Rotary Club of Pleasanton North - David Cherry and Ed Golden Memorial Scholarship	Donald McIntyre

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## Save the Date! Upcoming Events for Summer and Fall 2021

*Events are subject to change. Please visit the Veterans First Program website for the most current information and for **URL ZOOM information**: [www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans)*

### June

Event	Date - Day	Time
Yakabo Hike II – 2021 Hike in honor of SGT Francisco Perez-Lopez Jr.	June 26, 2021 -	8 am
Veterans Chill n Chat with the Student Health Center	Every Wednesday	6-7 pm

### July

Event	Date - Day	Time
Operation Gateway XIII: Student Veteran Orientation	July 29, 2021 – Thurs. July 30, 2021 – Fri.	9 am – 1 pm
Veterans Chill n Chat with the Student Health Center	Every Wednesday	6-7 pm

### August

Event	Date – Day	Time
Start of Classes - Fall 2021	August 18, 2021 – Wed.	N/A
Veterans Chill n Chat with the Student Health Center	Every Wednesday	6-7 pm

### September

Event	Date – Day	Time
Mission L.U.C. – LPC President, Dr. Dyrell Foster	September 1, 2021 – Wed.	TBD
Add/Drop NGR Deadline - Full Term Classes Add/Drop NGR Deadline – Online classes	September 3, 2021 – Fri. September 6, 2021 – Mon.	N/A
Veterans First September 11 Remembrance	September 9, 2021 – Sat.	TBD
Veterans First Hispanic Heritage Month Event	September 22, 2021 – Wed.	TBD
Last day to request P/NP for full term classes	September 24, 2021 – Fri.	N/A
Veterans Chill n Chat with the Student Health Center	Every Wednesday	6-7 pm

### October

Event	Date - Day	Time
Mission L.U.C – LPC Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Jeanne Wilson	October 5, 2021 – Tue.	11 am – 12 pm
2.2 for 22 Challenge for Veterans – virtual event to bring awareness to veteran suicide	Oct. 23, 2021 – Sat. Nov 13, 2021 – Sat.	N/A
Veterans Chill n Chat with the Student Health Center	Every Wednesday	6-7 pm

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