Global Responsibility

College Kicks Off Initiative to Meet Needs of Black Male Students

The global responsibility piece in our Values Statement speaks to the College’s commitment to social and environmental responsibility; and as our campus community grows, it is essential that we be socially responsible and take steps to ensure the success of all our students. Led by Dean Jeff Baker, who also serves as our Student Equity Officer, a group of faculty, staff, and administrators have come together to develop a program specifically designed to support the needs of our Black male students — an underrepresented but growing group at LPC. This task force is beginning a dialogue on ways to enhance services for these young men as they work toward reaching their educational goals.

Respect for Diversity

Grant Awarded to Joint ECD/ESL Program

Through a $10,000 Perkins CTE grant, LPC faculty and staff will be working to develop a learning community for ESL and Early Childhood Development (ECD) students. Led by Jeanne Virgilio (ECD) and Joyce Podevyn (ESL), the program will be designed for a cohort of students completing their ECD certificate along with several ESL courses. This is in line with efforts across the State, as Child Development programs work to develop a workforce that is linguistically and culturally responsive to the children and families they serve.

Adapt to Change

The Changing Face of LPC...

This summer — with ongoing construction on the Aquatics Center, trenching for the Central Utility Plant, and the opening of our new playing field — the face of LPC is literally changing every day. Last Friday, the College welcomed the College’s newest building onto the campus: a 20’ by 60’ modular trailer that will replace Building 100A. The trailer, located in the Quad, will be the home to our Office of Academic Services for the next several years until the new Student Services & Administration Building is completed. Building 100A is being taken off-line as it sits in the footprint of the new Center for the Arts.

Lifelong Learning

Faculty Awarded Alameda County Grants

Two of our faculty, Marilyn Marquis (ESL) and Catherine Suarez (Foreign Language), have been awarded $1,000 ARTSFUND Grants through the Alameda County Arts Commission. This program supports art forms — dance, literature, media and visual arts, music, theater, traditional arts and crafts, and multidisciplinary programs — and is backed by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. Both instructors will use the grants to enhance their already successful events: Marilyn coordinates the Early Music Concert Series and Catherine organized Cuban Culture Week held last December.

Make a Difference

A-1 Audit for A&R and Financial Aid

In June, Admissions and Records (A&R) and Financial Aid had their annual internal audit to look at State compliance requirements related to such areas as concurrent enrollment students, residency, non-residency apportionment reporting, and census accounting procedures. The auditor selects a random sample of students and a random sample of courses with different attendance methods. This sample test demonstrates if we are claiming apportionment appropriately — and we passed with no findings! With the audit taking place on the first day of Summer Session classes it made for a busy day in Student Services, and the success is due to the hard work of the staff in A&R and Financial Aid.

Creative Thinking

Winning Wine & Label Design

LPC students and faculty recently took home some of the top honors in the 2008 Best of the Bay Wine Competition at the Alameda County Fair. The premier release of our Viticulture Program’s first wine, a 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, won a Silver Medal in the field of 125 entries. And this wine was a winner inside and out — the label, designed by our Visual Communications students in The Design Shop, won First Place in the Label Design Competition. Congratulations to all of the students for a job well done!

Summer Production

The Cherry Orchard

July 26 & 27
August 2, 3, 9 & 10
6:30 p.m.
Building 800 Courtyard

Community Connections

Livermore Chamber of Commerce Summer Luncheons
July 24
August 28
September 25

Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Luncheon featuring Supervisor Haggerty
July 30
KUDOS: Student, Faculty & Staff Recognitions

- Graduates of the 141st Sherriff’s Academy, who successfully completed their coursework at the Alameda County Sheriff’s Regional Training Center in Dublin.
- Congratulations to our faculty and the Office of Academic Services for their leadership in ensuring that we met our enrollment target for Summer Session.
- LPC’s Administrative Council for giving their time, energy, insights and ideas at the recent planning session — here’s to a great 08-09 year and an incredible team!
- Vice President Jones for coordinating and leading the compressed calendar visit team — comprised of students, faculty, staff, and administrators — that recently traveled to Folsom Lake College.

Facilities Update

Aquatics Center & Soccer Field
The Construction Contractor was issued the Notice to Proceed November 5, 2007. The play field portion of the Soccer Field construction was completed as planned, with the District taking beneficial occupancy on June 16, 2008. Areas surrounding the Soccer Field, including the cooling system, will remain under construction until August 2008. The Aquatics Center portion of the project is scheduled to complete November 2008, for occupancy December 2008.

College Center for the Arts
A recommendation was submitted to the Board of Trustees to award a construction contract at the July 15, 2008 meeting. Notice to Proceed for construction is planned to be issued on August 8, 2008.

PE Complex & Multi-Disciplinary Building
The General Contractor is reviewing the forensic architect’s report with their experts and sub-contractors and expects to complete this review by the end of July. At that time the general contractor and sub-contractors will physically walk both buildings the last week of July or first week of August in preparation for submitting their workplan. The forensic architect is initiating design of mitigation measures for installation prior to design and construction of permanent fixes.

Central Utility Plant
The Design Build Contractor, Southland Industries, continues work on detailed design for the Central Plant. The first phase of utility loop trenching was completed on schedule. The second phase is well underway and work is projected to complete ahead of schedule. Southland is improving the schedule by working on Saturdays, which also reduces disruption to campus operations.

Maintenance & Operations Facility
A recommendation was submitted to the Board of Trustees to award a construction contract to Robert A. Bothman, Inc. at the July 15, 2008 meeting. Robert A. Bothman is currently the general contractor for the Aquatics Facility and Soccer Field project. Notice to Proceed with construction is scheduled to be issued July 30, 2008.

Child Development Center
The Division of State Architect (DSA) issued the permit approval June 2, 2008. The construction management team is finalizing the bid schedule, which currently shows bidding in July and construction commencing in November 2008. The bid date has been postponed pending reconciliation of the construction estimate and project budget. Construction activities on this project continue to be coordinated with those of the Maintenance & Operations Facility, Central Plant, New Parking Lot H and campus operations.

District-wide Information Technology Building
DSA issued the permit approval June 2, 2008. The construction management team is finalizing the bid schedule, which currently shows bidding in July and construction commencing in November 2008. The bid date has been postponed pending reconciliation of the construction estimate and project budget. Construction activities on this project continue to be coordinated with those of the Maintenance & Operations Facility, Central Plant, New Parking Lot H and campus operations.

Parking Lot H & Solar PV System
The design of the new Lot H received DSA permit approval June 11, 2008. The solar panels and structures were submitted DSA separately and are now under review. The design build contractor, Chevron Energy Solutions, commenced construction June 23, 2008. Chevron is working to have the parking lot ready for use in the Fall Semester (August 20, 2008). All work, including the solar installation at Lots E & H, is scheduled to be complete by December 31, 2008.

Campus Boulevard Phase I
The Design team redesigned a simplified project due to the original design being estimated at 100% over budget. The new design was presented to the User Group in April, 2008. Input was provided to the Architect for incorporation to the design. Upon incorporation of this input the design will be finalized.

Values Statement
Las Positas College thrives as a teaching and learning community committed to integrity and excellence.
To nourish this environment and the communities served, we:
- promote and celebrate lifelong learning
- anticipate and meet the needs of the ever-changing workplace
- demonstrate social and environmental responsibility
- promote tolerance and mutual respect in a diverse community
- foster a climate of discovery and creativity
- hold firm to the belief that each of us makes an astonishing difference