As Las Positas College readies itself for another academic year, it prepares for a variety of transitions: new students, new leadership, a new Strategic Plan, and new opportunities to innovate and collaborate with colleagues and the community. Perhaps the most visible transition is the change occurring across the institution and on a daily basis, as the face of the campus is literally transforming before our very eyes.

Over the Summer, the College has embarked on a “secondary effects” journey as it begins the preparations for construction of the Student Services & Administration Building (SSA). Because several existing buildings will be impacted or razed to make way for the new SSA, a number of programs and personnel have relocated to other areas on campus: Financial Aid, International Student Program, and Veterans services are settling in to Building 1300; DSPS, Student Government (ASLPC), and the Office of the Vice President of Student Services are moving into temporary facilities now in place near the south entrance of the campus; and faculty and staff are gearing up to occupy new spaces in the soon-to-be-completed College Center for the Arts (CCA) and other vacant offices made available by those moves. In addition, progress continues on other projects, including construction of the Child Development Center, site work for PE Phase III, and renovations to Buildings 500, 600, and 1700.

Throughout this strategically-timed and carefully-orchestrated process, the College community has been engaged, informed, and accommodating — knowing that these changes will result in an expanded and enhanced physical campus that demonstrates the institution’s commitment to teaching and learning, reflects its focus on excellence in programs and services, and symbolizes its responsiveness in meeting the dynamic and diverse needs of our students and community.

KUDOS: Student, Faculty & Staff Recognitions

- Layne Jensen for her exceptional work expanding the College’s facilities rental program, supporting the Office of Administrative Services, and making an astonishing difference at LPC.
- Christie Verarde, ECD Professional Development Coordinator, who recently presented at the Child Life Council’s 28th Annual Conference in Phoenix, AZ.
- Dr. Jan Noble, Dean of Business, Computing, Applied Technology & Social Science, for her participation as a panelist at the recent Bay Area Innovation Symposium.
Global/Social Responsibility

Cafeteria Showcases Sustainability Efforts & Commitment to the Community

Several months ago, the Elite Café — LPC’s cafeteria provider — welcomed its new manager, Bill Chow, to campus. Since then, the Café has been sharing its sustainability efforts, socially responsible practices, and sizzling Summer menus with the campus community. According to their newsletter, “Chow Time,” the Café is making every effort to work with small business owners in the area so they can “incorporate local, seasonal, and organic products” into the menu, which has included fresh, made-to-order salads and organic fruits and vegetables. In addition, customers receive a discount on beverage purchases when they bring their own cup. Way to go, Elite Café!

Respect for Diversity

CCN Seeks Nominees for Annual Award

Campus Change Network (CCN) and the Office of the President are currently soliciting nominations for the 3rd Annual “Diversity, Equity & Inclusion” Award. Based on the principles of CCN — Courage, Conviction, Compassion — the award is presented each year at Convocation to a member of the College community who embodies the CCN mission statement. As outlined in the award materials, this work can take many forms — from high profile activities to everyday kindnesses; from someone who develops innovative strategies or programs in the classroom, to someone who simply goes above and beyond to know and meet the needs of others.

Adapt to Change

Chancellor Kinnamon: Communicating & Collaborating On Campus

In May, Dr. Kinnamon conducted a series of meetings with LPC’s constituency groups to talk about leadership transitions at the College and to get input on desirable traits for the interim and permanent president. The following month, he held several “office hours” on campus to provide faculty and staff an opportunity to further share their perspectives and insights. Then last week, as indicated in his end-of-semester message to the College community, the Chancellor expanded this schedule through the month of July. This has enabled the campus community to connect with the Chancellor in new and different ways, thus enhancing communication and fostering collaboration.

Make a Difference

EXPO Introduces New Students To The LPC College Experience

On August 11, Las Positas College will welcome another round of learners to campus at EXPO, its annual orientation for new and returning students. The day-long event will include “a tour of the campus, a preview to college life, college success strategies, important academic information, an opportunity to meet faculty, staff and fellow students.” Registered participants will receive lunch and earn 0.5 unit. In 2009, EXPO reached a record high — with more than 500 students taking part in the event. This year the College expects to still see significant attendance numbers, and is adding a separate orientation session that morning for the parents of new students.

Creative Thinking

LPC Hosts Innovation Symposium

Last week Assemblymember Joan Buchanan held her Bay Area Innovation Symposium at Las Positas College. The event featured a welcome from Dr. Kinnamon, opening remarks from Assemblymember Buchanan, and was attended by nearly 75 business and technology leaders, political representatives, and community members. With a focus on “the intersection of Green Technology and Job Creation,” the Symposium included panelists leading the way in four areas: Research and Economic Impact, Local Business, Education, and Innovation Forecasters. Kudos to the College and District personnel who contributed to this successful event!

Lifelong Learning

Las Positas College To Welcome Colleagues At Convocation

Across the District, people are excited about the upcoming Convocation, which provides an opportunity for the CLPCCD family to gather, garner info on important issues, and get excited about the new academic year. At LPC there is an extra special buzz in the air, as the College will once again welcome colleagues from Chabot and District Office for this annual tradition. Although attendees will be greeted by a new “look” (thanks to the addition of the Center for the Arts, Child Development Center, IT Building, and M&O Facility) they will see that the “feel” of the campus — that warm and welcoming LPC way — remains unchanged.