Field of Dreams
On June 16, Summer Session started and our PE classes began using the new playing field. The field, adjacent to the PE Complex and Aquatics Center, is constructed of artificial turf materials and has lighting installed and operational. The opening of the new field and the pending contract award for the College Center for the Arts will pave the way for construction to begin on the new 55,000 sq. ft., LEED Silver facility, which will be located on the site of the old playing field.

Make a Difference
Community Advisory Committee
For many years, the College has utilized Advisory Boards for its academic programs and disciplines. These groups — comprised of business representatives, K-12 partners, community members, and experts in the industry — have provided us with valuable information and feedback on both academic and support programs. Dr. Pollard is establishing a Community Advisory Committee to provide the same type of feedback on a broader scale, and share their views on how the College functions within the Tri-Valley. The group will meet quarterly at locations throughout our service area.

Creative Thinking
Summer is “Cherry” Season at LPC
For its summer production, the Performing Arts Department will be delighting audiences with The Cherry Orchard by Anton Chekhov. The last play by the Russian writer, The Cherry Orchard is the story of a family facing the auction of their estate. Chekhov intended the play to be a comedy, but it has often been directed as a tragedy — and in this day and age it is an old tale with modern relevance. Performances run on Saturday and Sunday evenings, July 26 through August 10.

Lifelong Learning
Crafting A Partnership
For the last year, the College has partnered with the Carpenters Training Council of Northern California Apprenticeship program to provide college level instruction and college credit in the field of Carpentry. We are proud to share that approximately 950 apprentices have earned 1.5 - 10 units to date, and 130 apprentices have earned an additional 4 - 12 units of work experience credit. Our staff is currently working with the state Chancellor’s Office for approval of three AS degrees along with numerous certificates in carpentry related areas.

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Respect for Diversity
Girls in Control
Nosotras en Control (We [Girls] Are In Control) is a program created by BasicNecessities.org, a local non-profit, in conjunction with our Spanish and Counseling Departments. It is designed to empower and educate young Latinas in the Tri-Valley to become leaders of tomorrow. This summer the College will be hosting a series of Nosotras en Control workshops for middle- and high-school aged girls, with topics like self-esteem and careers in science.

Community Connections
• 141st Sheriff’s Academy Graduation June 25
• Livermore Chamber of Commerce Summer Luncheons June 26 July 24 August 28 September 25
KUDOS: Student, Faculty & Staff Recognitions

- Vice President Luster, the Student Services team, and the Graduation Committee for their incredible work to make Commencement such a successful event and a special celebration for our graduates.
- Co-vedicinators Christian Blanco and Katharine Holland for the words of inspiration to their fellow graduates.
- Cynthia Ross, Psychology Instructor and Student Life Advisor, and Vice President Jones for being selected to participate in AACC’s Future Leadership Institute (FLI) and FLI-Advanced, respectively.
- Admissions & Records and Financial Aid staff for a successful annual internal audit with Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP, resulting in no reported findings.

Facilities Update

PE Complex & Multi-Disciplinary Building
District staff and legal counsel met with representatives of the parent company of the General Contractor June 17, 2008 who committed to correcting all defective work. The General Contractor will review the forensic architect’s report with their subcontractors and submit a proposed work-plan. At that time detailed design of the remediation work will commence.

Central Utility Plant
The Design Build contractor, Southland Industries, is working on detailed design for the Central Plant. Southland mobilized and commenced work on the utility loop in April. The first phase of utility loop trenching has been completed on schedule. The second phase is well underway and work is progressing per schedule.

Maintenance & Operations Facility
Bids for the utility and grading and building erection work will be submitted 6/19/08 and a recommendation to award a construction contract will be submitted to the Board of Trustees at their meeting on 7/15/08.

District-wide Information Technology Building
DSA issued permit approval the second week of June, 2008. The construction management team is finalizing the bid schedule, coordinating construction activities on this project with those of the Maintenance & Operations Facility, Central Plant and new Parking Lot H and campus operations.

Child Development Center
The Division of State Architect (DSA) issued permit approval June 2, 2008. The construction management team is finalizing the bid schedule, and coordinating construction activities on this project with those of the Maintenance & Operations Facility, Central Plant and new Parking Lot H and campus operations.

PE Phase III
Design Development drawings have been completed and provided to the District for review and comment. Currently, the Architect is proceeding with the Construction Documents (CD). The CDs are scheduled to reach 50% completion by early July. Because this is a heavy earthwork project, start of construction will be pushed out to the second quarter of next year to avoid beginning the project during the rainy season.

Expansion of Science Building, Library and ILC
These projects were approved for funding via the State Capital Outlay process for fiscal year 2009/2010. Funding is contingent upon passage of a State-wide bond measure generally expected to be included in the November 2008 ballot. Assuming passage of the measure, funds would be released to begin the design process some time in the Fall of 2009.

Aquatrics Center & Soccer Field
The Construction Contractor was issued the Notice to Proceed 11/5/07. Since that time work has proceeded smoothly, excepting approximately two months when rains slowed much of the earthwork activities. The Soccer Field subsurface and drainage system, and artificial turf material installation have been completed. The field lighting poles and fixtures have been installed. The electrical system for the field lighting was energized on 6/13/08. The play field portion of the Soccer Field construction was completed as planned, with the District taking beneficial occupancy by 6/16/08. Areas surrounding the Soccer Field, however, will remain under construction until 8/08. The Aquatics Center construction, until recently, has focused on the construction of the Pool House. Foundations, utilities, ground and second floor slabs, and masonry walls up to the roof level, have been completed. This period excavation for the two swimming pools was completed, with rebar installations currently underway in preparation for the concrete pool lining. The Aquatics Center portion of the project is scheduled to be completed 11/08.

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