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## College Welcomes President Kevin Walthers



~ Photo by Stephanie Secrest

Las Positas College began the new academic year by welcoming its fifth president, Kevin Glen Walthers, Ph.D. "I am very excited about the future of Las Positas College under the leadership of Dr. Walthers," said District Chancellor Joel Kinnamon. "He is passionately committed to both the community college mission and to the students we serve."

Dr. Walthers moved from West Virginia with his wife and son to make a new home in Livermore. "Everyone has been so welcoming to our family," he said. "We've been here less than two months but it feels like we've always lived here."

In just a short time, Dr. Walthers already is a familiar presence on campus and in the community. He has attended civic events, hosted his first office hours for students, held "Campus Conversations" to share ideas, and launched a "Learning Tour" with the College community.

"This campus is a special place," he said.

"There is a clear desire to make sure students have every opportunity to succeed. Las Positas College is in a great position, but there is still much to do. From completion of construction projects to attaining sustainable, continuous improvement in our instructional programs, we will stay very busy."

Dr. Walthers brings extensive administrative experience and expertise to the College. He previously served as the Vice Chancellor for Administration for the West Virginia Community and Technical College System and the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission. He was responsible for the state's financial aid program and the West Virginia Network for Educational Telecomputing, the state's educational technology provider to K-12 schools, colleges, and universities.

At the College of Eastern Utah, he served as Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services. He was a senior administrator with the Utah State Board of Regents and also held policy roles with the Utah State Legislature. He began his career as an educator as a high school teacher in Texas.



## Hayward Proclamation Honors 50th Anniversary

At its September 13 meeting, the Hayward City Council honored Chabot College's Golden Anniversary with a proclamation that read, in part: "We recognize that Chabot College's presence in our fine city of Hayward has been an important component of the quality of life for our area residents, especially for the education of our youth, for the last 50 years."



Members of our District family present for the proclamation reading are, from left: Sujoy Sarkar, Laura Weaver, Dr. Celia Barberena, Mark Smythe, Dr. Joel Kinnamon, Kathy Kelley, Yvonne Wu Craig, Keith Stiver, Gordon Watt, Andrew Pierson, Catherine Powell, Ming-Lun Ho, and Bella Witt. ~ Photo by Sheila Watt

# 50th Anniversary Convocation Welcomes District Family

Convocation is an opportunity for reunion, reflection, and renewal. It is a time to gather together as a district and look forward to a new academic year. This year, it was also an opportunity to celebrate a milestone - the Golden Anniversary of Chabot College and our District. Thanks to Chabot College for hosting this year's Convocation and thanks to everyone who helped make the event such a great success. ~ Photos by Stephanie Secrest



## Math Instructor Wins Buffington Award for Excellence

At Convocation, Las Positas College Math Instructor Emerita Dale Boercker was named the recipient of the 2011 Buffington Award for excellence in teaching, considered the most prestigious faculty honor in the District.

"Dale brings boundless enthusiasm and energy to all that she undertakes, and never does anything halfway," said Math Instructor Teresa Henson. "Being mathematicians, we know that you can't give more than 100 percent; having said that, we have to say that Dale gives more than 100 percent in all that she does."

Ms. Boercker has served the district as a math instructor, faculty leader, and program innovator for more than 22 years, first teaching at Chabot College and then moving to Las Positas College in 1999. She has taught a full range of math courses from the pre-algebra level to the multivariable calculus level. She retired as a full-time faculty member in June, but continues to teach part-time and work with the Academy for College Excellence as a certified Master Mentor.

Faculty members acknowledge Boercker's contributions as a leader and innovator. "Dale has been an

inspiration within the math department and to the faculty as a whole as someone who consistently seeks new ways to teach her classes and to best serve her students, her fellow faculty members, and her college," Ms. Henson said.

Ms. Boercker was instrumental in creating the Open Math Lab, Integrated Learning Center, and College Foundation Semester Program. She built a legacy of curriculum development, student success, and life-changing math instruction, especially for students who struggle with math. One of her former students recently contacted her to thank her for her dedication and "tough love," and to let her know that, since leaving Las Positas College, he went on to complete a Ph.D. in mathematics at UC Davis.



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## College Scores in Top 10 Percent in Math Contest

The numbers are in. Chabot College scored in the top 10 percent and a student captured a spot in the top 3 percent in the recent American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges Student Mathematics League Contest. "Chabot ranked 18th out of 186 schools. I believe this is our best result ever," said Math Instructor Joe Berland. "Each round is an extremely difficult 20 question multiple choice test in precalculus mathematics," he explained.

Mr. Berland recognized student Jingwei You for "fine

individual achievement" for ranking in the top 3 percent of students in the West Region. "We are proud of our students and we congratulate them for their intellect and competitive spirit," Mr. Berland said. Following is a list of the top Chabot College math team members: Jingwei You, Elizabeth McCarthey, Linyi Xia, Heewon Woo, Kiyoen Kim, Artos Cen, Jacob Shaw, Ashley He, Yi Liu, Chi Hau, Zhen Lin, Michael Roberts, Corin Ennis, and Cynthia Rash.

## Interim Administrators Appointed

Las Positas College welcomes back veteran administrator Marge Maloney who has agreed to serve as the College's Interim Vice President of Academic Services, a position she also held at Chabot College, where she also was Dean of Social Sciences. John Ruys has accepted an appointment as the Col-

lege's Interim Dean of Arts and Communications. Dr. Ruys has served as a full-time faculty member in the Psychology discipline and as chair of the Staff Development Committee.

# Democracy Lecture Begins 50th Anniversary Celebration

~ Photos by Mary Lauffer

Chabot College kicked off its year-long 50th Anniversary Celebration with a lecture by California State Treasurer Bill Lockyer, "Sustaining Democracy in a Time of Declining Revenues," on September 15, International Democracy Day. Many students, staff, faculty, administrators, board of trustees members, community leaders, and college friends attended the event in the Reed L. Buffington Visual and Performing Arts Center.

"Because golden anniversaries are a time of reflection and recommitment, the faculty, staff, and students of Chabot College are using the occasion of the 50th anniversary to recommit themselves to the democratic purposes of the college mission - preparing students to engage in the civic and cultural life of the global community," said Chabot College President Celia Barberena.

Presenting introductions were Dr. Barberena, Chancellor Joel Kinnamon, and Dean of Social Sciences Susan Sperling. Dr. Sperling announced that Chabot College now offers the new capstone class "Law and Democracy," an interdisciplinary exploration of issues such as equality, citizenship, participation, and social justice. Chabot College is the only California community college to offer a course by this name and it is thought to be the only community college in the nation to offer this particular capstone course which emphasizes critical and theoretical



Students from a number of clubs, including the Law and Justice Club, meet State Treasurer Bill Lockyer at the post-lecture reception. From left are Aaron Waymire, Andrea Preciado, Mr. Lockyer, Jahaziel Rodriguez, Brendan Posell, and Ixtanyolha Galicia.



State Treasurer Bill Lockyer, left, visits with Political Science Instructor Sara Parker and Administration of Justice Instructor William Hanson.

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Mr. Lockyer's lecture was the first in the College's new Law and Democracy Lecture Series. Furthering student engagement in democracy, the College also presented "Campus Camp Wellstone" September 16 -17. This national organization offers intensive training in civic engagement for students, focusing on campus and community organizing and young voter engagement.

A host committee of students with the Associated Students of Chabot College and other student groups organized this event. Social Sciences Instructors William Hanson, Sara Parker, and Rick Moniz are the faculty advisers for this program which concluded on Constitution/Citizenship Day, a federal observance that recognizes the adoption of the U.S. Constitution.

## Chabot and Las Positas Student Trustees Sworn In

~ Photo by Laura Weaver

Congratulations to the new District student trustees, Takeo Hiraki and Nkechi "Pat" Okpara representing Las Positas and Chabot Colleges, respectively. They took the Oath of Office at the September 20 District Board of Trustees meeting. Since fall of 1996, each College has had a student trustee. Pictured from left to right are Las Positas College student trustee Takeo Hiraki, Chancellor Dr. Joel Kinnamon, Chabot College student trustee Nkechi "Pat" Okpara, and Board President Dr. Barbara F. Mertes.



## New Child Development Center Opens

# Campus Hears the Pitter Patter of Little Feet

A maple hardwood kitchen has been assembled and ready for make-believe play. Books have been displayed on tables. Dolls have been waiting to be hugged. A dream that has been years in the making came true on October 3 when the first children walked or toddled to their classrooms in Las Positas College's new state-of-the-art Child Development Center.

"Our new center is the culmination of a dream that began more than 20 years ago," said Child Development Center Program Director Corinna Calica, who is also a mother of three. "Our faculty worked closely with architects and they thought of everything that would be beneficial to the development of young children."

Ms. Calica invites interested parents in our district and in the community to contact her immediately for tours and information about enrollment and tuition. Openings still are available in both classes: the toddler class for children 18 to 36 months, with a teacher/student ratio of one to four; and preschool class for children 3 to 5 years old, with a teacher/student ratio of one to eight.

She said that parents' responses have been positive and enthusiastic. "Parents really like the fact that we are part of a learning laboratory program. Our teachers are always on their toes because they are being observed by college faculty and students, and they are modeling best practices in early education - teaching future teachers how to teach," said Ms. Calica.

Classroom teachers hold qualifications that exceed minimum state requirements, noted Ms. Calica, who currently is complet-

ing a doctorate program in Educational Leadership at the University of California at Davis. She earned an M.A. degree in Human Development/Early Childhood Education from Pacific Oaks College in Pasadena.

She explained that Las Positas College students will get hands-on teacher training and mentoring through the center. Additionally, the opportunity to observe will complement their classroom education in the most current research, developmental theories, and best practices in early childhood development.

"Theory and practice go hand in hand in our center," she said. Parents have been impressed with the new center's state-of-the-art facilities. "They can tell that we celebrate childhood here and that this is reflected inside and out. This is a place for imagination, where children are encouraged to explore and discover."

Explaining that children learn through play, she gave one example of how children will learn pre-math and pre-science by cooking in the full classroom kitchen-measuring ingredients to create a liquid batter and turning that into a solid muffin through baking. Each classroom also has an outdoor garden box where the children will grow vegetables. "Children like to eat what they grow," she said.

The two outdoor play areas offer sinks, bikes, play equipment, art areas, many natural and water features, and several water misters to keep children cool during



Program Director Corinna Calica invites area parents to enroll their children now in the new Las Positas College Child Development Center which opened October 3. ~ Photo by Mary Lauffer

hot summer months. The center includes an administration building and separate wings for toddler classrooms and preschool classrooms, accommodating up to 132 children.

Supporting Las Positas College's commitment to sustainability, toys and other classroom materials are eco-friendly, and many pieces are constructed of solid maple hardwood. The building is designed to achieve LEED Silver Certification; LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is an internationally recognized "green" building certification system and standard for measuring building sustainability.

The building has been funded by Measure B, the general obligation facilities bond which voters passed in 2004. For more information about the program, please contact Ms. Calica at [ccalica@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:ccalica@laspositascollege.edu) or (925) 424-1575; or visit [www.eastbaypreschools.com](http://www.eastbaypreschools.com).

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## Celebrating Our District Health Sciences Programs

### Healthcare Partnerships

## Together We Take Care of Our Community

Anyone who requires surgery, takes medication, or needs nursing care knows how important quality healthcare is to quality of life. Our District enjoys a special partnership with ValleyCare Health System which helps us train our students to provide the very best care for the people in our community, helping enhance our service district's quality of life. This leading healthcare provider in the Tri-Valley has played a vital role in the development and expansion of the Chabot College Nursing Program and Las Positas College's Surgery Technician and Pharmacy Technician Programs.

A major benefit of the partnership is the ValleyCare Livermore Campus Mertes-Feit Education Center - a state-of-the-art facility featuring a simulation operating room, skills lab, simulation lab, computer lab, library, and classroom space providing essential hands-on clinical practice to supplement students' classroom curriculum.

ValleyCare Health System has served our community since 1961 and, along with the District, celebrates its Golden Anniversary this year. By sharing state-of-the-art practices and technology with our students, ValleyCare has demonstrated its commitment to excellence in education and in healthcare training for our

community. Thank you, ValleyCare, and Happy 50th Anniversary!

We are grateful to all of the following District healthcare partners and donors who help us train our community's healthcare workforce of tomorrow:

ValleyCare Health System/ValleyCare Medical Center including LEGENDS program; Eden Medical Center; St. Rose Hospital; Kaiser Permanente Medical Center; John Muir Medical Center; Oakland Children's Hospital; Alta Bates Summit Medical Center Herrick Campus; Alameda County Medical Center and John George Psychiatric Pavilion; Hacienda Surgery Center; Tracy Sutter Hospital; Washington Hospital; Tracy Surgery Center; Heritage Psychiatric Health Center; Gladman Mental Health Rehabilitation Center; Alzheimer's Service of East Bay; Axis Community Health; George Mark Children's House; Silva Clinic; Pathways Home Health and Hospice; CVS Pharmacy; Rite-Aid Pharmacy; Premier Pharmacy, Dublin; Stoneridge Pharmacy, Livermore; Grantline Road Pharmacy, Tracy; Harold K. Reichs Pharmacy, Tracy; Stryker, Inc.; Cardinal Health Systems; Karl Storz Endoscopy-America, Inc.; and Thompson Surgical Instruments, Inc.

## Nursing Program Gets High-Tech Simulation Lab

There was a very special delivery August 9 at Chabot College. With the help of a nursing student team, the computerized birthing manikin Noelle gave birth to Baby Hal every 30 minutes at the Nursing Program Open House for the new state-of-the-art Simulation Laboratory - a high-tech, wireless lab conceived by Nursing Program Director Connie Telles, with extensive technical design by Don Fuller of Media Services.

Students, staff, faculty, administrators, guests, and a *Hayward Daily Review* photographer observed as nursing students performed fast-paced birthing and emergency scenarios, demonstrating how they gain hands-on, active experience that simulates real life. While students engage in learning scenarios, instructors in a control room observe from behind a two-way mirror, using computers to remotely manipulate the activity and vital signs of the manikins which have computers as internal organs. *Continued on next page.*



Instructors and students take care of Noelle the Birthing Manikin and Baby Hal in Chabot College's new state-of-the-art Nursing Program Simulation Laboratory. From left: Pediatric Instructor Farah Mofidi; Nursing Program Director Connie Telles; second-year preceptor students Jessica Sautter, Gabriella Corona and Leia Wolfe (holding baby); and Medical/Surgical Instructor Jessica Symes. ~ Photo by Mary Lauffer

## Our District Health Sciences Programs

### High-Tech Simulation Lab *continued from previous page*

This past year, Dr. Telles transformed a computer room into the sim lab which looks like a multi-purpose hospital room - with two beds, a bassinet, and all the latest hospital equipment. The lab is populated with a busy family of four: Noelle the birthing manikin, Baby Hal, 5-year-old Hal, and Simulation Man Essential.

“Active learning is the future of nursing education,” said Dr. Telles. Using the latest teaching methods has been a catalyst for success in the college’s Nursing Program. For the past five years, Chabot College students have achieved a 95-100 percent pass rate on the national licensing exam. Known for

its academic rigor and high first-time nursing exam pass rate, the Chabot College Nursing Program is highly competitive. “We had over 1,100 applications for this year,” Dr. Telles said. “Of those, 600 qualified and we were able to admit only 60.”

She funded the new lab with a Song-Brown Nursing Education Grant, Pete Stark and the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education Retention Grant, Measure B funds, and private funding from the Chabot College Foundation and from Nursing Program graduate Nancy Cuddy Pennell in memory of her friend, Kathi LaGrange, also a Nursing Program graduate.

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### Dental Hygiene Grads Boast Perfect Pass Rate on Exam

The Chabot College Dental Hygiene Class of 2011 achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the Dental Hygiene National Board Exam. This is the seventh year in a row the graduating class has earned a perfect pass rate.

Once again, the class also exceeded the national average scores. Test score averages were 86.7 percent, compared to the national average of 82.7 percent. The exam is administered to all dental hygiene students at colleges and universities nationwide.

“We are very proud of our graduates,” said Chabot College Dental Hygiene Program Director JoAnn Galliano MEd., RDH. “I think the biggest reason for our success is that our faculty focuses on student success. We do all we can to support the students’ learning, and the students are extremely committed to doing their best to achieve their goals.”

The Dental Hygiene Program at Chabot College is small and selective, enrolling 20 out of a pool of approximately 90 qualified applicants each year, Ms. Galliano said. Most applicants have completed at least two years of prerequisite college course work. The program is demanding and requires a full-time commitment for two years, she noted. It attracts a diverse student body.

“The diversity of the San Francisco Bay Area popu-

lation is reflected in the program’s demographics, and the curriculum addresses this diversity,” Ms. Galliano said. “Students from different backgrounds share their own and their families’ dental care experiences. This gives students a better understanding of different cultural attitudes,” she said.

Students prepare to serve a diverse patient population through their work in Chabot College’s dental clinic and their community service at day care centers, elementary schools, and elderly care residences.

Ms. Galliano acknowledges significant community involvement with the program through the Chabot College Dental Hygiene Education Fund, supported by local dentists, dental practices, and hygienists.

The Chabot College Dental Hygiene Program clinic provides low-cost dental hygiene services to the community. The clinic is open from August 17 to May 16. Individuals can schedule an appointment by calling (510) 723-6900. For more information about the program, please visit the website at [www.chabotcollege.edu/dhyg](http://www.chabotcollege.edu/dhyg).

## Our District Health Sciences Programs

### Surgery Tech Trains Students in High-Demand Field

Through its strong partnership with ValleyCare Health System, Las Positas College is training students in Surgery Technology, one of the top 20 fastest growing occupations in Alameda County. Now in its second year, the program has more demand than space, according to Surgery Technology Program Director George Johnson. He noted that the program offers students state-of-the-art education, especially with the new Simulation Operating Room. "If you walked into any operating room, this is exactly what it would look like," he said of the facility. "ValleyCare wants this program to succeed and gives us what we need to make the program a success," Mr. Johnson said. The program benefits from the following additional generous support:

- Stryker, Inc. donated a \$350,000 power instrument system for orthopedic surgery.
- Cardinal Health Systems donated a lifetime supply of drapes, gloves, and "packs" which include everything needed to perform surgery except the instruments.
- Karl Storz Endoscopy-America, Inc. donated laparoscopic instruments, scopes, and cameras.

Using specialized cameras, students have the opportunity to view major surgeries, such as heart surgeries, in real time and then ask questions of the surgeon after the procedure. While working in the



Veteran ValleyCare Surgery Technician and Surg Tech Instructor Cynthia Bolin, front left, prepares her students for a simulation in the state-of-the-art Simulation Operating Room at the Mertes-Feit Education Center. ~ Photo by Mary Lauffer

simulation operating room they learn the latest procedures and use state-of-the-art instruments and supplies available in major healthcare centers.

"Students can take their education anywhere and get jobs," Mr. Johnson explained. Last year, 75 percent of students were placed in jobs. He noted that many students were hired by hospitals that provided clinical rotations for them. "Hospitals often hire the students they train," he said. "We encourage more hospitals to have students go through clinical rotation at their facility."

### Pharmacy Technician Program Launches its Third Cohort

Las Positas College will launch its third cohort of Pharmacy Technician training this January. The program prepares students to take the California State Certification Examination administered by the California State Board of Pharmacy.

Pharmacy technicians are in high demand in health care and in the pharmaceutical industry. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, job opportunities

are expected to be good for full-time and part-time work, especially for those with formal training and certification. Employment of pharmacy technicians is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2014 due to increased needs for pharmaceutical care services and products.

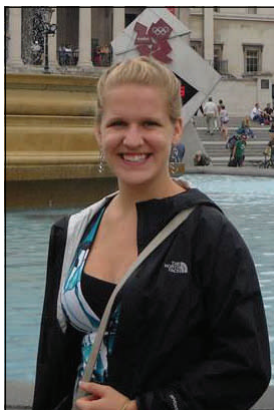
## Changing the World, One Student at a Time

### Alumna Writes from Italy

Following is an excerpt from a letter alumna Alyssa Lichtenberger wrote to the Pedrozzi Foundation, re-printed here with permission.

"I'm the recipient of a transfer scholarship from the Pedrozzi Foundation and wanted to take some time to say thank you and update you on what I've been able to achieve thanks in part to the generous scholarship I've received. I'm currently a senior at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. which I absolutely love... Georgetown, and D.C. in general, is so different from Las Positas where I first began my higher education. I definitely had a period of adjustment, but looking back at my college experience I wouldn't change a thing...

"I had the opportunity to study abroad this summer in Florence, Italy... I got to further develop my love of art, an interest that began in my first art history



class at Las Positas, and saw famous works throughout Europe that I never thought I would have the opportunity to see...

"I'm a government major at Georgetown and work with the After School Kids program, a mentorship/tutoring program for court involved D.C. youth. I am also interning for the Urban Education Leaders Internship Program for the District of Columbia Public Schools, an education research and public policy program that seeks to improve the quality of schools and the achievements of students in D.C. I'm currently exploring job opportunities in the federal government for after graduation and am hoping to secure a position where I can help students better themselves through education. I'm also exploring some fellowship opportunities that have been made available by Georgetown's amazing post-graduation resources. Thanks to the Pedrozzi Foundation I've been able to have an incredible undergraduate experience and have made life long relationships that I'll always be grateful for."

## College and Pedrozzi Foundations Partner for Scholarships

The Las Positas College and the Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundations have joined hands to serve our military veterans who have served our country.

At the Annual Student Scholarship Ceremony last May, 19 students won Pedrozzi scholarships; 10 of those students are veterans. The Las Positas College Foundation raised \$10,000 in scholarships and the Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation matched that amount, bringing total veteran scholarship funding to \$20,000. Both foundations invite the community to pitch in and increase that amount for future student veterans.

"Every dollar people invest in the college will do the work of two dollars, so your support goes twice as far," said Las Positas College Foundation Chief Executive Office Ted Kaye, Ph.D.



The Las Positas College and the Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundations support our veterans as they work to achieve their academic goals. Student veteran recipients of the scholarships are: William Campos (left), William Pittman, Justin Berkenstock, John Kukahiko, Christopher Clark, Brandon Hildebrand, and Jerrod Martinez. ~ Photo by Mary Lauffer.

## See New Fitness and Strength Building

# Celebrate 50th Anniversary Homecoming October 22



Bring your Gladiator spirit and pride to the 50th Anniversary Homecoming starting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 22. Chabot College Athletic Director Jeff Drouin and planners have put together a fun-filled day to include: food, games, prizes, a fun run, alumni softball game, baseball games, an open house for the new Fitness and Strength Training Building, and, of course, the homecoming football game at 6:00 p.m.

## Colleges Welcome Students

~ Photos by Ernesto Victoria

Congratulations and thanks to the outstanding members of our college communities who worked so tirelessly to welcome our students for the new year. Each welcome event was a great success and a tremendous service to our students. In August, 1,953 students visited Las Positas College's Welcome Center including Admissions & Records and Counseling services.

Last May, Chabot College hosted Mega Day for incoming college freshmen who participated in the Early Decision program. Approximately 555 high school seniors and 180 parents came to learn about college and register for classes. Chabot College reported the following numbers for this year's Early Decision program:

- 21 high schools in our service area participated in the program.
- 2,079 students attended Early Decision workshops.
- 1,325 high school seniors submitted an application for admission for Summer and/or Fall by March 15.
- 991 students completed the math and English/ESL assessment tests in March and April.
- 6,923 units = 577 FTES were registered on Mega Day.



## Transfer Success Stories

### Instructor Engineers Student Success

Chabot College Engineering Instructor Bruce Mayer announced that 13 of his engineering students from last year have earned transfer acceptance to four-year colleges, including five students who were accepted by the University of California at Berkeley and 22 total acceptances by the UC system. "I'm preparing my students to succeed not just at Chabot, but to

earn degrees at prestigious institutions such as UC Berkeley and UCLA. During my time at Chabot, over 170 students have transferred to university engineering programs, including 46 students who have transferred to UC Berkeley," Mr. Mayer said.

### Students Advance to Top 10 Architecture Schools

Chabot College Architecture Instructor Adrian Huang announced a nearly 100 percent transfer rate this past year in the Architecture Department, with students transferring to the "top 10" university architecture programs nationwide. He reports the following transfers: six students, University of California, Berke-

ley; two students, University of Oregon, two students, University of Arizona; and one student, Kansas State University, Master of Architecture degree program. "I am so proud of all my students and their hard work and efforts," Mr. Huang said.

### Chancellor Award Recipients Honored

At Convocation, 22 members of our district community were honored with 2011 Chancellor Awards for their outstanding service to the district. Winners are nominated by their colleagues. Congratulations to all of the recipients.

Frankie Alexander - LPC  
 Audrey Ching - DO  
 Vanessa Cormier - CC  
 Greg Daubenmire - LPC  
 Sharon Davidson - LPC  
 Wyman Fong - DO

Don Fuller - CC  
 Miyo Harvey - CC  
 Theresa Hirstein - DO  
 Nan Ho - LPC  
 Jeff Kingston - DO  
 Lorenzo Legaspi - DO

Hilal Ozdemir - CC  
 Catherine Pinkas - CC  
 Karin Rose - LPC  
 Patty Russell - DO  
 Rajinder Samra - LPC  
 Patricia Shannon - CC

Randy Taylor - LPC  
 Sarah Thompson - LPC  
 Lisa Ulibarri - CC  
 Minta Winsor - CC



Pictured from left to right: Vanessa Cormier, CC; Lorenzo Legaspi, DO; Sarah Thompson, LPC; Minta Winsor, CC; Patty Russell, DO; Jeff Kingston, DO; Rajinder Samra, LPC; Theresa Hirstein, DO; Patricia Shannon, CC; Wyman Fong, DO; Lisa Ulibarri, CC; Nan Ho, CC; Catherine Pinkas, CC; Greg Daubenmire, LPC; Karin Rose, LPC; Hilal Ozdemir, CC; Randy Taylor, LPC; and Sharon Davidson, LPC. Recipients not pictured are: Frankie Alexander, LPC; Audrey Ching, DO; Don Fuller, CC; and Miyo Harvey, CC. ~ Photo by Stephanie Secrest

## Achieving Sustainability

# Measure B Program Exceeds Expectations


The most recent Measure B progress report gets high grades. Energy costs are down. Energy efficiency is up. The Colleges' Climate Action Plans for sustainability are becoming a reality.


The Measure B program continues to meet or exceed the expectations of the Colleges and the community. Of the \$498 million original budget, \$370 million of work is in place and \$67 million currently is committed, providing a remaining budget of \$61 million. Progress reflects the district's commitment to sustainability.

District Chancellor Joel L. Kinnamon joined more than 500 other university and college presidents across the country as a signatory to the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. The commitment was created by the organization as a pledge to make colleges and universities carbon neutral.


Both colleges in the district affirmed their support of the climate commitment by creating a historic Climate Action Plan and establishing a Sustainability Committee of volunteers to establish sustainability goals that reflect the colleges' missions and values.

Climate Action Plan sustainability goals, use of renewable energy, and energy efficiency are providing significant reductions of our carbon footprint along with reductions in operating costs. Some significant sustainability activities include the following:


 **IceBank Energy Storage System.** Summer's heat is gone, but the cost savings and benefits to the environment are forever. The new IceBank system saved the district more than \$200,000 and 1.1 megawatts in energy costs and consumption. IceBank creates ice at night when energy is off peak and less expensive. The stored ice is used the next day to cool buildings, leading to significant annual energy cost savings and lower greenhouse gas emissions associated with peak demand avoidance.


 **Photovoltaic (PV) Solar Generation System.** Currently there are over 2 megawatts of PV power being generated district-wide, accounting for more than 30 percent of the Colleges' power being generated from the sun. A design-build contractor has been selected for the installation of another 1.3 megawatt PV Solar generation system located at Las Positas College to produce green energy for both Colleges. These PV projects also reflect the sun from our parking lots to reduce the heat islands that perpetuate green house gasses. This pro-

ject is funded with Measure B interest earned over the past several years.

 **Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.** Both Chabot and Las Positas Colleges received two free electric vehicle charging stations in lots E and F, respectively, from a Department of Energy grant program, with installation paid for by Measure B. These stations use the latest technology and have a web-based interface. They are available 24/7 to students, staff, and faculty and offer charging of the new Nissan Leaf and Chevy Volt vehicles.

 **LEED Certification.** At Chabot College, the Instructional Office Building has been certified as LEED Gold and the Community and Student Services Center will be certified for LEED Gold in the coming months. At Las Positas College, the Barbara Fracisco Mertes Center for the Arts has been certified LEED Silver and the Child Development Center has been submitted for LEED Silver evaluation. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is an internationally recognized "green" building certification system and standard for measuring building sustainability by the U.S. Green Building Council.

 **Savings by Design.** Additional energy incentives have been submitted and received by our Measure B projects through participation in a proactive energy savings program. The Savings by Design program rewards architects' energy efficient designs for exceeding the existing energy code requirements. The energy incentive is shared between the program and the architect. PG&E is evaluating several of our new facilities for additional optimization of energy use, including the IT Data Center, the Central Utility Plants, the CoGen plant (which produces both electricity and heat for Chabot College using natural gas), and the Child Development Center.

 **Energy Reduction Studies.** We are analyzing energy usage to identify future energy efficiency projects to offset future operating costs through energy savings such as adding variable speed pumps at the Central Plant to reduce power requirements. We are planning to perform a strategic energy analysis to better understand other opportunities to reduce our energy usage and cost.

## Mertes Center Wins National Design Award

~ Photos by Stephanie Secrest and Mary Lauffer

Las Positas College's Barbara Fracisco Mertes Center for the Arts won a 2011 Outstanding Design Award in the American School and University Design Competition. The award is one of 26 national awards and one of only two awards given to schools in California.

"Las Positas College is honored to have been recognized with such a prestigious award. The Mertes Center for the Arts is truly a beautifully designed facility, both architecturally and functionally, and it will serve our community for decades to come," said Las Positas College Vice President of Administrative Services Bob Kratochvil.

Completed last year, the Center was named to honor Barbara Fracisco Mertes, founding Dean of the College and current President of the District Board of Trustees. The state-of-the-art center is both an educational facility and an asset to the entire community. Guests from the campus and community have gathered at the center to enjoy musicals, concerts, lectures, ceremonies and special events including a Veteran's Day seminar featuring three survivors of the Pearl Harbor U.S.S. Arizona.

The 55,000 square foot building includes a 464 seat main theater, formal lobby, 175 seat black box theater, classrooms, rehearsal rooms, faculty offices, two parking lots, entry plaza, landscaping and an outdoor amphitheater with seating capacity for up to 1,500 people. The building has achieved LEED Silver certification. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is an internationally recognized "green" building certification system and standard for measuring building sustainability.

The Mertes Center for the Arts was made possible by voter approval of Measure B. The Center architects are John Sergio Fisher & Associates, Inc.

For information about upcoming performing arts events in the Center, please visit the website at [www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/performingarts).



# Campus Community Observes 9/11

~ Photos by Jared Howard

The Las Positas College campus community gathered together for a solemn and moving 9/11 observance, "Never Forget," presented by the Veterans First Program and Student Veterans Organization. Appreciation is extended to these organizations and the many people who made this such a meaningful event including students, staff, faculty, administrators, the Fire Science Program, and Vice President of Administrative Services Bob Kratochvil who presented the address.



# Years of Service Celebrated

Congratulations and thank you to the following individuals for their commitment and service to the district.



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## Save the Date

### Chabot College

**Jazz Combo Concert**

Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m.  
Event Center  
\$7 Advance/\$10 Door

**Homecoming 2011**

Oct. 22, starting at 9:00 a.m.  
Gladiator Football Game  
6:00 p.m.

**Othello**

Nov. 9, 10, 11, 12, 7:30 p.m.  
Nov. 12, 13, 2:00 p.m.  
Buffington Center  
\$10 Students, Staff  
\$15 General Admission

**Winter Wind Band Concert**

Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m.  
Buffington Center  
\$10 General Admission

**Jazz Combo Concert**

Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.  
Event Center, Building 700  
\$7 Advance/\$10 Door

**Winter Choral Concert**

Dec. 4, 4:00 p.m.  
TBA  
\$7 Advance/\$10 Door

**Big Band Concert**

Dec. 6, 8:00 p.m.  
Buffington Center  
\$10 Advance/\$15 Door

**Winter Jazz Orchestra Concert**

Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m.  
Buffington Center  
\$10 Advance/\$15 Door

**Chamber Music Concert**

Dec. 8, 12:00 p.m.  
Buffington Center  
\$10 General Admission

### Las Positas College

**The Jungle Book**

Children's Theater  
Oct. 21, 7:00 p.m.  
Oct. 22, 2:00 p.m.  
Mertes Center, Black Box Theater  
Free; Donations Welcome

**Choir Concert with Valley  
Concert Choral**

Music Department Fundraiser  
Oct. 23, 3:00 p.m.  
Mertes Center, Main Theater  
\$20 General Admission

**All My Sons**

Nov. 11, 12, 18, 19, 8:00 p.m.  
Nov. 13, 20, 2:00 p.m.  
Mertes Center, Main Theater

\$8 Students, Seniors  
\$12 General Admission

**Music Department Recital**

Nov. 30, 12:30 p.m.  
Mertes Center, Main Theater  
Free

**Orchestra and Wind Ensemble  
Concert**

Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.  
Mertes Center, Main Theater  
\$8 Students, Seniors  
\$12 General Admission

**Choir Concert**

Dec. 4, 3:00 p.m.  
TBA

**Stories and Speeches**

Dec. 8, 7:00 p.m.  
Mertes Center, Black Box Theater  
\$5 General Admission

**Dance Concert**

Dec. 10, 8:00 p.m.  
Mertes Center, Main Theater  
\$8 Students, Seniors  
\$12 General Admission

**Jazz Night Concert**

Dec. 16, 8:00 p.m.  
Mertes Center, Black Box Theater  
\$8 Students, Seniors  
\$12 General Admission