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Late Breaking News!

Chabot College recently announced that the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) is recognizing Shari Jacobsen as Faculty Person of the Year. Shari Jacobsen has been advocating for students with disabilities at Chabot College since 1985.

Chabot Nurses and Dental Hygienists Score Big!

By Joanne Hall

The faculty and staff of the Chabot College Dental Hygiene program are proud to announce that the Class of 2007 ranked 5th in the nation on the National Dental Hygiene Board Exam. This exam is taken by all dental hygiene students in the country representing vocational programs, community colleges, state colleges and universities. The top ranked school in the nation had a school average of 91.2%, and our graduates had a class average of 90.1%.

The students took their state clinical board exam in July, and they are awaiting their results. They must pass both exams to obtain licensure as a registered dental hygienist.

For the second year running, the Chabot College Nursing Program reports that all of the May 2007 graduates passed the state licensing examination administered by the California Board of Registered Nursing. The latest report on the 2007 graduating class indicates that all 44 who took the National Licensing Exam passed and are now Registered Nurses.

"We congratulate our students and faculty with the success demonstrated on the state exams. For the first time, the U.S. Department of Labor has identified registered nursing as the top occupation in terms of job growth through the year 2012. In view of that, we anticipate that there will be many career opportunities available to our graduates," said Nancy Cowan, Coordinator of the Chabot College Nursing Program. *Continued on page 3*

A Group of Wonderful Students

This email was shared with Las Positas College faculty, staff and students in late September. We have received permission from Lisa Everett, athletic director, to reprint the email so that we can all recognize these students.

"It is with tears in our eyes and warmth in our hearts we write this letter to inform you of a genuine act of kindness. As Kit mentioned, our little Madison (17 days old) is quite ill. She was born with multiple internal deformities including

heart issues, no kidney on the left side, tumors in her body, a tumor on her bowel and a severe cleft pallet. The doctors think she may have a genetic syndrome of some sort. Madison is the biological sister to our almost adopted son Michael.

We have been in and out of Children's Hospital since her birth and, as you can imagine, running low on time, energy and sleep, and coping with an

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Q & A With Chancellor Kinnamon

1. What is the District doing to protect the integrity of its data, especially student grades, to ensure that a DVC style problem does not arise? *(This question was asked twice)*

I spoke with our vice presidents of student services and they explained that tight security access protocols are monitored by Admissions & Records and Financial Aid, along with a lead IT person. This is controlled by the department manager. Authority for access is based on position and

level of responsibility with periodic audits. The number of people who have access is limited. At Las Positas there are only three people that have access and they are all permanent staff in Admissions & Records.

2. Wait lists for classes - can we bring these back?

Wait lists have been a topic of discussion in several different groups and committees over the years, including Chancellor's Cabinet and DEMC. (District Enrollment

Management Committee)

The installation and implementation of Web for Faculty will pave the way for us to investigate the reinstatement of wait lists. What form those will take and how they will be used is currently under review. There is still some uncertainty as to whether or not they are lists for students that can be tied to CLASS-Web and Banner, or whether they take some other form.

We will continue to investigate this at both the college and district levels.

Spotlight on Our Student Leaders



**Frances Pascal
Morrissey
LPC Student
Trustee**

My name is Frances Pascal Morrissey. I was born September 17, 1990. I have lived in Pleasanton my whole life. I have three sisters and currently live at home with two of them (who both happen to be attending Las Positas currently) and my parents. I attended Gingerbread Preschool, Vintage Hills Elementary, Valley Christian, Foothill High, and now Las Positas College. My first semester at Las Positas was Spring 07'. I got out of high school at the age of 16, a year and a half early, because I took the California High School Proficiency Exam. I plan to major in Political Science and History. I also plan on graduating with my AA this spring of 08' and transferring to a UC. My ultimate goal is to become a lawyer. I enjoy learning and indulging in other hobbies like sports, work, and travel. My favorite sport is soccer which I played for 14 years and finished up my last season earlier this

year. I enjoy working as well. I work as a customer service representative at a local commercial landscaping company. I am currently a senator in the Student Government, a member of A.G.S., and student trustee at Las Positas.



**Kayla Moreland
ASLPC President**

My name is Kayla Moreland, and I'm the president of the Associated Students of Las Positas College for the 2007-2008 school year. I am 19 and I graduated from Amador Valley High in 2005. My major is political science, and I'll be transferring to a UC next year. One of my goals for this year is to increase voter turnout and student participation. This also goes along with enhancing student life by helping all our student clubs, having more events for students on campus, and increasing membership of ASLPC and campus clubs. I also feel that it is important for all ASLPC members to be aware of legislation affecting community college students so we can inform

other students. One of the steps we are taking this year is having a voter registration drive. I hope this will be a successful year for ASLPC and for Las Positas as a whole.



**Waiz Badar
ASCC President**

I moved to the Bay Area from my home country of Pakistan in 2006. I began attending Chabot shortly after my arrival intending to major in Business. It has been a great experience for me so far learning to adapt to a new way of life here in the U.S. My experiences at Chabot so far have been positive as well. My work with the Associated Students began as a senator last fall. My experiences in that capacity lead me to pursue the position of President which I currently hold. After completing my studies at Chabot next year I hope to transfer to the Haas Business School at Berkeley.

The Chabot College Student Trustee will be named later in the semester.

Chabot Automotive Program Awarded National Certification

By Joanne Hall

Chabot College is pleased to report that its Automotive Program has been certified by the National Automotive Technical Education Foundation (NATEF). In achieving the distinctive NATEF certification, the program has met the organization's evaluation of technician training and adheres to very strict guidelines and standards.

The U.S Department of Labor Statistics estimates the auto industry will need 35,000 new technicians every year through the year 2010. Auto service technicians are in demand in multiple settings, from service station garages to car dealerships, to transportation and government agencies.

"The NATEF designation brings the Chabot College Automotive Program to the same level of superior recognition as the top automotive technical schools in the nation, but at a fraction of the cost," according to Stephen Small, one of the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certified instructors in the program.

The comprehensive Automotive Program at Chabot College includes engine repair, transmissions and drive trains, steering and suspension, heating and air conditioning, electrics and electronic systems; fuel and emissions control systems, and engine and vehicle performance. Students can earn certificates of completion in one of five areas, or all five areas, and/or earn an Associate of Science degree in one of the five areas depending on their course of study.

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The Chabot College Nursing Program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing. The program offers Licensed Vocational Nurses admission into the second year of the major as well as other advanced standing

applications. All advanced standing applicants are admitted on a space available basis.

Upon satisfactory completion of the major, students are eligible for the Registered Nurse License Examination. The program pre-

pares graduates who can contribute to the advancement of nursing science and influence changes in a variety of settings within the health care system.

A Group of Wonderful Students

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incredible emotional challenge. What I will share with you next is truly an amazing blessing to our family.

On Thursday, our very own LPC Women's Soccer team cooked our family two weeks of dinners, snacks, salads and desserts. They filled our freezer with meals that we can just pop in the oven/microwave and heat for the entire family (with the additional foster children and Jenn's daughter we are a family of 6 right now!) This generosity of the heart and the spirit brought our whole family to tears. As we were heating a meal

tonight, we again were grateful and Rachel began to cry (which of course set off a chain reaction!)

I mention this to all of you because we as faculty need to recognize and honor this act of kindness and selfless reaching out. Sometimes we are called to the attention of the students who may misbehave and cause chaos in the classroom. Not this time! We have the opportunity to praise these students for reaching out to their coach and her family and doing something to help. If you have a LPC Lady Hawk Soccer

player in your class, please take the time to pat them on the back for a job well done. What they learn at LPC will carry them to greater heights but what they did today will permeate our hearts forever and truly learn and live the meaning of being a humanitarian. What awesome students we have!"

- *With a grateful heart (and full bellies) - Jennifer O'Neal, Coach Sissi, Rachel, Tayrie'll, Michael and Madison*

Upcoming College Events

By Joanne Hall and Ken Ross

Chabot College

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the Chabot College Homecoming Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 20 at the Chabot College athletic field. The event will run from 12:00 p.m. - 4 p.m. and admission and parking are free.

There will be activities for the entire family, including a pumpkin patch, crafts and games for children, line dance lessons, a country craft fair featuring community artisans, a farmer's market, and much more. A variety of treats will be available, from kettle corn to

hot dogs and the college's Automotive Technology program will present a display of classic cars. Football fans can join in the spirit of the season when the Chabot College Gladiators team takes on the West Valley College Vikings at 5:00 p.m. at the football stadium.

Special guests will include two Chabot College alumni: Sylvia Chacon, a radio personality on Star 101 and Chabot alumna Tracie Stafford, who was crowned the 2007 Mrs. California. For more information please contact Karen Silva at (510) 723-6641.

Las Positas College

The Las Positas College Theater

Department will present two performances of its touring Children's Theater show, The Fabulous Fable Factory on Friday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 27 at 2:00 p.m. The forty minute production will take place in Room 601 and admission is free.

The Fabulous Fable Factory tells the story of a young boy who discovers a strange machine that creates fables. With its inventor, Aesop, the machine enacts several of his famous stories while the boy supplies the lessons or morals to each tale. The show is both educational and entertaining and is suitable for the entire family. For more information, please contact Ken Ross at (925) 424-1166.

Chabot Wind Symphony to Perform for State Music Educators

By Joanne Hall

The Chabot College Wind Symphony has been invited to perform a concert on March 13, 2008 at the Sacramento Convention Center before the California Association for Music Education (CMEA) at its annual state conference. Many two and four-year colleges apply to perform at this prestigious event but just two were selected - Chabot College in Hayward and California State University, Long Beach.

"Being selected as one of just two groups to perform at this event is a monumental honor for any college band, but the honor is even greater when you consider that this program has only been in existence for a few years," said Timothy Harris, the Director of Instrumen-

tal Studies at Chabot College. In just three years, the 40-member Chabot College Wind Symphony has gained notoriety as one of the state's premier en-



Chabot College Wind Symphony ~ Photo by Greg Tarczynski

sembles of its kind and is comprised of the most outstanding musicians in the greater Bay Area. Known for adventurous programming, the group pursues a

commitment to performing new and historically significant music for wind band.

CMEA membership is open to all music educators working in public and private schools, colleges and universities in California. The purposes of the association are: to promote access to a sequential music education for all Pre-K through grade 12 students taught by fully qualified music educators; to support and improve existing music programs; to promote quality pre-service and in-service music teacher preparation programs; and, to create a greater awareness of the value of music education through partnerships with other associations and advocacy among state and local agencies.



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Las Positas Launches Veterans' Program

By Tim Hunt

Las Positas College is committed to serving United States veterans who want to pursue higher education.

Campus leadership and a four-person team led by Todd Steffan is working hard to make Las Positas and its web-site a one-stop resource for veterans. Todd is the financial aid and veterans specialist at Las Positas College.

Like his counterparts at community colleges, the state university and University of California systems, he works with veterans to certify their eligibility to receive higher education benefits earned during their military service.

But Las Positas leaders have been pursuing a vision to serve veterans and their families that is much broader. A steering committee consisting of Dean of Student Services Sylvia Rodriguez, Financial Aid Officer Andi Schreiber and instructor Mark Tarte has been driving the process of creating an institution that caters to veterans and their special needs.

With the support of college administration, this vision is moving toward reality.

The establishment of the Veterans'

Club at Las Positas this fall is a critical piece of the overall vision. The club has already met three times. Also the college hosted the 1st Annual Veterans' Information Faire in August and plans to continue it and create other events.

"We foresee the Veterans' Club being a big part of the program at Las Positas College," Steffan said. "The idea is to help veterans effectively transition from the very structured military life to the college campus. They have a lot to deal with."

The Las Positas committee is modeling its approach after programs at Sierra College in Rocklin, CSU Sacramento, and many of the San Diego-area colleges. Growing the veterans' program is included in the campus master plan. Steffan said the program has been well-received and is striving to continue to meet needs for veterans.

There are more than 2.2 million veterans in California and the state provides one of every nine members of today's military.

Officials estimate that there will be a 20 percent increase in the number of soldiers enrolling in colleges next year.

"The local community, faculty, administration, and classified, and most importantly the students,

have been great in supporting the development of this program. The Las Positas Veterans' Club, the new web page, and the info faire, are just the beginning of the veterans' program. We would not be able to do any of these things without all of the support we receive," Steffan said.

Veterans at Las Positas have a variety of goals. Some are doing under-graduate work and preparing to transfer to four-year institutions while others are taking advantage of the skills learned in the military to prepare for a career. The sheriff's academy has been a popular choice for a number of military vets.

The Las Positas committee has joined with a number of other organizations supporting veterans in the Valley and the Bay Area. Tarte, a Las Positas instructor in the Administration of Justice program and a retired Livermore police sergeant as well as a vet, has been extremely helpful in this area.

Partner organizations include: Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 6298; Blue Star Moms, Danville Chapter; Pleasanton Military Families; Operation SAM (Supporting All Military) in Livermore; the Livermore Veterans Foundation; and Swords to Plowshares.