

# Las Positas College For Immediate Release

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## LPC Music Department Student Receives First Place Award at the Annual Music Association of California Community Colleges Conference

(Livermore, CA) - The Las Positas College (LPC) Music Department is proud to announce a first place win for talented composition student Sydney Roberts at the annual Music Association of California Community Colleges Conference held earlier this month. Roberts will be presented with a \$200 scholarship in recognition of her talents.

Roberts took home first place for her original piece for 3 marimbas entitled *Thief*, inspired during class while listening to various marimba pieces, particularly Steve Reich's *Nagoya Marimbas*. "The minimalist idea of the piece was very attractive to me and I decided I wanted to try writing something that was both minimalist and not at the same time," said Roberts. "I wrote a hook that I could really jam to and after that, the piece just wrote itself!"

"Sydney is one of our top music students at LPC, and I know of no-one else who is more deserving of this honor," said Dan Marschak, Director of Piano Pedagogy, Composition, Music Theory, and Piano and Music Department Co-Coordinator at LPC. "In addition to being a stellar composer, pianist, and flutist, she is also our department student assistant and our tutor. I know she will be successful in whatever she decides to pursue."

Currently on track to complete her Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) in Music as well as Certificates of Achievement in Scoring for Film and Multimedia, Music Business, Music Technology Fundamentals, Teaching Beginning Piano, Teaching Intermediate Piano, and Piano Teaching Fundamentals, Roberts plans to transfer to San Francisco State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in Game Scoring before going on to complete her masters in Composition.

"My ultimate goal as a composer is to write music for video games and maybe movies," said Roberts, "Even though I'm moving on from LPC in Fall 2021, I do hope that I can help give insight to the younger or newer composition students and help them succeed just as my colleagues, classmates, and educators do for me. I can attribute a lot of my personal growth as a musician, student, and person to my LPC professors and private instructors."

The LPC Music Department offers world-class facilities, state-of-the-art resources, classes lead by accomplished, actively performing faculty that provide one-on-one attention to their students, and unique degrees and certificates for successful university transfer or direct entry into the music industry.

For more information about the Las Positas College Music Department, visit: [laspositascollege.edu/music](https://laspositascollege.edu/music).

**About Las Positas College**

Las Positas College currently enrolls 9,300 students and offers curriculum for students seeking transfer to a four-year college or university, career preparation, or basic skills education. The College provides university transfer classes, retraining classes for those in need of employment or career advancement, a first-time educational opportunity for many adults, enrichment classes for those seeking a broader perspective, and career and technical training for those entering the technical and paraprofessional workforce.