

Las Positas College For Immediate Release

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Las Positas College Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics to be Featured During Quest Science Center Event

(Livermore, CA) - Quest Science Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting everyone to the value of science, is hosting a live-stream event for business leaders, educators, parents and students on December 1, 2020 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm PDT.

The event, *Paving the Way: A Virtual Conversation*, will feature Las Positas College's own award winning educator, Nan Ho, in addition to a former White House advisor, an innovator with 69 patents, and a STEM and drug safety advocate, all sharing stories and perspective to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers.

Nan Ho, Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics at Las Positas College (LPC), is passionate about connecting the talent at LPC with community, education, and industry partners to inspire and support all students in their academic and career pathways. Nan has served for more than 25 years as faculty and Dean at LPC, in addition to helping originate the Science and Engineering Seminar Series with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Undergraduate Science Research Poster Session, and being an advisor to student clubs and Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society.

"I am looking forward to learning from the other panelists and sharing stories and journeys, both personal and professional, on our way into STEM," said Nan. "I have been working closely with Quest over the last two years, and hope to share an expanded view of STEM pathways."

Currently, Nan serves on the Board of Directors for Bay Nature Institute, Advisory Board for Quest Science Center, and Institutional Biosafety Committees for Sandia National Laboratories and Daybreak Labs. She previously served on the Understanding Evolution Teacher Advisory Board for the UC Museum of Paleontology and the Oakland Zoo Docent Council Board. Nan has received the John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Award, the Unity Award, Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Award, and is a three-time recipient of both the Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society Outstanding Teaching Award and the Chancellor's Award.

The event, moderated by former journalist and Quest Advisory Board member Susan Houghton, will reveal the panelists' paths to STEM careers and how they overcame obstacles by providing insights to help attendees prepare young people to make a bigger impact when they enter the workforce, gain the skills they need for success, and help prevent stereotypes and other barriers from getting in the way.

Registration is free for students. General admissions is \$15. To register, visit quest-science.org/live-stream-event-paving-the-way/. All proceeds support Quest Science Center community programs and outreach.

For more information, visit: <https://quest-science.org>.

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.