

# *Las Positas College For Immediate Release*

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## Las Positas College Celebrates Record Success in Students Completing College English

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(Livermore, CA) - Not only is Las Positas College celebrating the return of students for the fall semester, but the college is also celebrating its latest academic achievement.

According to a report from the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), LPC has the highest rate of students completing college English in California. Seventy-six percent of students completed college English in one year in 2016-2017.

To improve student outcomes in developmental education, LPC began allowing students with a high school GPA of 2.5 or higher to enroll directly into college English courses during the 2016-2017 academic year.

"We could not be prouder of our students and their achievements," said Roanna Bennie, Interim President at LPC. "Reports such as this only serve to confirm that students are our priority at LPC. We are dedicated to improving our student outcomes, and to our students' continued success both in the classroom and in their personal lives. We also celebrate our English faculty and their commitment to finding innovative ways to make learning engaging and fulfilling for our students."

The PPIC report also mentions that while a few California community colleges, such as LPC, have taken steps to reform curricula and offerings for their developmental courses, the passage of Assembly Bill 705 will accelerate the pace of these changes. AB 705 will be fully implemented in fall 2019 and will result in colleges placing the majority of their entering students in transfer-level courses. This reform will change the assessment and placement of incoming students in English and math to an approach called multiple measures, rather than standardized placement testing.

For more information concerning this program, contact [laspositascollege.edu](http://laspositascollege.edu) or call 925-485-5208.

### **About Las Positas College**

Las Positas College currently enrolls 8,000 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.

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