Las Positas College Music Department Signs Articulation Agreement with California Jazz Conservatory

(Livermore, CA) - Las Positas College is pleased to announce it has entered into an articulation agreement with the California Jazz Conservatory in Berkeley. This means that students enrolled in LPC's Jazz Studies certificate program are guaranteed to have their classes articulate directly into a bachelor of arts degree program at CJC, allowing most students to enter into the conservatory as a junior, pending an audition.

"We're thrilled to have a partnership like this," said CJC's President and Dean of Instruction Susan Muscarella, Ph.D. "I have played professionally with instructor Cindy Browne Rosefield, and department coordinator Daniel Marschak was a longtime student of mine. I feel like there's a high standard set for the students who transfer to our school."

Although all credits outlined in the articulation agreement, specifically courses pertaining to the Jazz Studies certificate, will be transferrable, a student will still be required to pass an audition and CJC's placement exams before they're admitted.

"Students from Las Positas will be guaranteed an audition," said Muscarella. "Our goal is to admit everyone who is interested in improving their jazz playing. We admit musicians and graduate artists. That's what we pride ourselves on and I feel so confident taking transfer credits from Las Positas College because of the faculty."

Marschak said the institutions have long been interconnected, as LPC's combo program, faculty and alumni have performed at CJC. Muscarella said she's excited about future concerts and how the partnership will help students prepare to enroll and succeed at the conservatory.

"Our program is only nine years old, so we're still building it," said Muscarella. "We're small by design, admitting no more than 120 students, and solely devoted to jazz. This agreement is really great for recruiting and we know that the students coming from Las Positas College already meet a high academic standard."

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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.