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District Administrator Julia Dozier Receives Gubernatorial Appointment

By Jennifer Aries



Ms. Julia Dozier, district executive director of economic development and contract education, has been appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to a four-year term on the California Apprenticeship Council.

Established by the Shelley-Maloney Apprentice Labor Standards Act of 1939, the Council provides policy advice on apprenticeship matters to the director of industrial relations, issues rules and regulations on specific apprenticeship subjects to be published in the California Code of Regulations, and conducts appeals hearings.

"The Governor's recognition of Ms. Dozier validates her work and that of her team members in the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District," said Dr. Joel Kinnamon, district chancellor. "She has a unique ability to envision and implement programs that support business and industry. The growth in her program is evident of the success she has achieved on behalf of the District."

Chabot and Las Positas are on the Big Screen!

By Jennifer Aries

Congratulations to Chabot and Las Positas faculty, staff, students and alumni! Both colleges were well represented in the California Independent Film Festival held in Livermore last month and left their mark on festival organizers and patrons.

LPC alum George Retelas competed as a Director in the Iron Filmmaker competition at the California Independent Film Festival and his team of LPC students and alumni won the title.

See the film: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h45lzJGKaRo>

Iron Filmmaker Team Members:

George Retelas - (A.A.)
 Edward Hightower - (A.A.)
 Shelly Breidenbach - (A.A.)
 Michael Braaten - (Lower Division Transfer)
 Georgina Retelas - (Lower Division Transfer)
 Rachael Ferris - (Graduating this semester)
 Christina Wahl - (Graduating this semester)

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Las Positas College Child Development Center Groundbreaking and Topping Off Events

By Laura Weaver - Photos by Jack Arent

May 4th was truly a special day as Las Positas College marked two significant milestones. The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Child Development Center (CDC) took place in the morning with a reception immediately following. An audience of special guests, dignitaries, students, faculty, and staff were present to witness the symbolic gesture of breaking the ground at the construction site. The CDC will have approximately 18,000 square foot of space and will include an Administration Building, a wing for toddler classrooms, and a wing for pre-school classrooms. The facility will accommodate up to 122 toddlers and pre-school children and will have two outdoor learning environments.

Immediately following the groundbreaking, a Commemoration Signing for the College Center for the Arts (CCA) was held to commemorate the last piece of structural steel to be placed on the CCA. The event took place at the construction site where members of the college community were invited to place their mark in Las Positas College history. Both facilities are scheduled for occupancy in 2010.



Zina Rosen-Simon, Jeanne Virgilio, Jackie Fitzgerald and Laura Reno



Students gather to celebrate the groundbreaking



Dr. Ted Kaye, Vice Chancellor Jeff Kingston and Vice President Bob Kratochvil



President DeRionne Pollard (left) and Jennifer Adams (above)

Las Positas College Aquatics Center Ribbon Cutting Scheduled

By Laura Weaver
Photos by Elizabeth Noyes

Thursday, May 21st will mark the Aquatics Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The event is scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. and will take place outside the gates of the Aquatics Center - located next to the Physical Education Complex - Building 2500 - with a reception immediately following the ceremony.



Members Needed for Chabot College's Psychology Club

The Chabot College Psychology Club started this semester and they are currently seeking new members.

The club's mission is to promote the study of Psychology and its many disciplines by means of fun events, activities, debates, volunteer work, public speaking,

and networking. One of the club's main objectives is to guide those students who are social science/humanities majors, into transferring successfully to a four year university. We ask for your help to get the word out so Chabot College students can benefit from this

club. For more information please visit the club at www.psychclubcc.webs.com or email ccpsychclub@gmail.com If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Israel Saucedo, club president, at isaucedo@chabotcollege.edu or (510) 314-3126.

Chabot Dental Hygiene Class of 2009 Earn 100% Exam Pass Rate - Again!

By Jennifer Aries

The Chabot College Dental Hygiene Class of 2009 achieved a 100% pass rate on the recent National Dental Hygiene Board Exam. This is the sixth year in a row that Chabot College dental hygiene students have achieved a 100% pass rate.

This exam is given to all dental hygiene students across the country in both community college and state college and university programs. Chabot College graduates who pass the State Board Examination typically have a 100% job placement rate, according to JoAnn Galliano, MEd., RDH, Program Director, Dental Hygiene Program.

Galliano reported that the national average score was 84.4%

and the Chabot students received an average score of 87.1%, once again exceeding the national average, "We are tremendously proud of our students," she said, "and we are very grateful for all the support our program receives from both the Chabot College community and the district."

Dental Hygienist and Dental Assistant are the #1 and #2 fastest growing occupations in the state according to the California Employment Development Department. The demand for new professionals in these positions is expected to grow by 57% over the next five years.

Chabot College is accredited by the Commission on Dental Ac-

creditation of the American Dental Association, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation and by the United States Department of Education. Because of the high accreditation standards, Chabot College limits the program to 20 students per year. These students enjoy the benefit of a 5:1 student to faculty ratio in clinic as well as considerable individual support from instructors. The program at Chabot College is available for \$20 per unit, plus the cost of books and instruments (approximately \$12,000), while comparable programs at colleges and universities offering a four-year degree cost as much as \$30,000-60,000.

Chabot and Las Positas Win CCPRO Awards

By Laura Weaver

Four marketing awards were garnered at this year's statewide Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO) conference. Chabot College received the 1st place PRO Award for the Chabot College Strategic Plan 2009-2012 brochure in the Brochure II category. Susan May, Yvonne Wu-Craig, and Tram Vo-Kumamoto developed an informative brochure which highlights the College's goals and strategies and outlines the College's commitment to the community. The College's Community Education Spring 2009 Class Schedule won

2nd place in the Class Schedule category. Congratulations to Susan May who developed the publication.

Las Positas College won 3rd place in the News Release category. The news release, Las Positas College Invites Women in Technology to Open House, was one element of the marketing campaign for the Las Positas College Women in Technology Program. The College also took 3rd place in the Media Success Story category for the creation of a multifaceted promotional campaign with the goals of promoting rec-

ognition of LPC's selection for the National Science Foundation Grant project to create awareness of LPC as an educational leader for women in technology and supporting recruitment efforts by communicating and forging relationships with opinion leaders and members of the recruitment target market. The story was an integral part of the promotional campaign. Congratulations go out to Dr. Birgitte Ryslinge, Mary Lauffer, Scott Miner, and Brian Hagopian for their efforts.

From the Chancellor ...



As the academic year comes to a close, I invite you to take a moment to help me identify those special individuals who deserve our collective “thanks” for going above and beyond in service to our colleges and district.

The Chancellor’s Awards are to honor those individuals among us who go the extra mile and to “recognize creativity and promote excellence.”

Nomination forms were emailed to all employees. Requests for the form can be made by calling Mary Hargiss at (925) 485-5218.

Recipients of the 2009 Chancellor’s Awards will be announced this coming fall during Convocation and will be followed at a later date with a luncheon where everyone can celebrate together and recognize our outstanding contributors.

Nominations are due May 29, 2009 and will not be accepted after that date.

Through shared efforts, we have

enriched the lives of over 22,000 students and continue to make a positive and significant impact on our community. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the students and community members we serve, I extend my sincere appreciation to each of you for your efforts in service to the District and Colleges.

I look forward to reconnecting with each of you at Convocation as we look forward to the start of a new academic year. Have a great Summer!

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Chabot College faculty members Sean McFarland and Tom deWit, along with their students, had their film “The Written Works” screened at the Festival. The Written Works traces the discoveries-and self-discovery-of a student who has been assigned to write a 15-page research paper. The movie ex-

plores the complexity of interaction between students and their writing, and the different institutions in which students do this work. Culled from over 200 hours of interviews, and two years in the making, The Written Works is the companion piece to the Chabot College student film company 778 Films’

well-received Reading Between the Lives.

The film was produced as part of a grant from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

Chabot Earns HSI Status

By Jennifer Aries

Bay Area Latino students are choosing to attend Chabot College, according to college enrollment data. Research shows that 32% of the college’s new students and 26% of the entire student body are Latino. Having such a high Latino enrollment earns Chabot the status of a Hispanic-Serving Institution, a federal designation that makes the college eligible for special funding.

“This growth in Latino enrollment has been the result of our outreach efforts and special programs that target Latino students to help them gain access and be more successful in higher education,” said Presi-

dent Celia Barberena. These programs include the Puente Project, founded at Chabot and now a national model for increasing university transfer rates among Latino students. Since its founding in 1981, the Puente Project is now at 33 high schools and 59 colleges in California. Students who are in the program at Chabot transfer to four year colleges and universities more than non-Puente students.

The TRIO Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program in Hayward and GEAR UP Program in San Leandro start in the middle school by increasing knowledge about col-

lege. As the students enter high school, the program provides extra support with making sure that students are enrolled in appropriate courses to ensure college readiness and educational success. By senior year, students in the programs are surrounded by a college-going culture and are supported with the application process to Chabot as well as other higher educational institutions.

Chabot is also working with students in middle schools and high schools to help create a college-going culture from an early age.

Spotlight on Our Students

Chabot Spectator Scores Multimedia Awards at Journalism State Conference

By William Johnson

The Journalism Association of Community Colleges acknowledged the Chabot Spectator as a leader in digital media by awarding the paper four prizes in online journalism at the annual state conference in Sacramento.

The online awards are four of the eleven total honors earned by the Spectator staff.

Spectator students Jennifer Falcon, Michelle Olson and Sean Jones earned the prestigious "Meritorious" honor for creating a multimedia feature for the World Wide Web. More than 40 community college teams from around the state converged on Old Sacramento to find and develop a story. The Chabot team focused on a group of ROTC cadets who, as newly commissioned officers, were off to duty in Asia and the Middle East. Only five other stu-

dent teams were similarly honored.

Jones also scored three other multimedia awards — one being a ranked fourth place for a "bring-in" slideshow of Chabot's recent International Night. Jones' photo of a night football game and his narrative of the return of an injured volleyball player earned him an Honorable Mention and a ranked fourth place respectively.

For published print photography, former photo editor Jack Barnwell earned an Honorable Mention for his photo essay of a bronze pour in Chabot's sculpture studio.

Photographer Chris Qian earned an Honorable Mention for his published sports photo and Jones earned an Honorable Mention for print photo illustration.

The Spectator earned two writing awards at the state conference.

Writer Kurt Garvey earned an unranked "Meritorious" award for his series on apparent voter registration fraud on the Chabot campus.

Spectator sports writer Joey Brownlee earned a fourth place ranked plaque for his published sports game story.

The Spectator's chief illustrator last semester, Kevin Maier, who now studies at San Jose State, earned an Honorable Mention for magazine illustration. The Spectator also earned another Honorable Mention for tabloid page design for a feature on Chabot's golf team. Sports staff members Chris Qian and Ricky Clark composed the page.

The paper sent six students and the adviser to the Sacramento state conference. More than 50 schools and 608 students attended the event.

LPC Talkhawks Score Internationally

By Jennifer Aries

The Las Positas College Talk Hawks participated in the Northern California Forensics Association's Spring Championship Tournament at CSU Chico.

More than 28 colleges and universities participated, and the Talk Hawks earned the 1st Place Sweepstakes Award as the top performer out of all Community Colleges. They also finished 1st Place among all competing schools in Individual Event competition and 2nd Place among all schools in all event categories. Every participating LPC student

won an award and the College had the top two speakers of the entire tournament.

Some of the schools participating at the NCFCA Championship included UCLA, Pepperdine University, UC Davis, Cal Poly, Cal State Chico, Chabot College, Contra Costa College, De Anza College, DVC, Los Rios Colleges, Modesto JC, Ohlone College, UOP, San Francisco State, San Joaquin Delta, San Jose State, Santa Rosa JC, and Yuba College." This competition was the result of hundreds of hours of hard work and

dedication by the Forensics Team and coaching staff," said Jim Dobson, instructor and team coach. "This was our 8th weekend of activity and our 10th tournament of the year, with more to come!"

The Las Positas College Talk Hawks brought home the 2nd Place Sweepstakes Award from the International Forensics Association's 2009 Speech and Debate Tournament held in February in Montreal, Canada. "Coach Jim Dobson and I are so proud of our students and how they handled

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themselves at this prestigious competition,” said Tim Heisler, instructor and forensics coach. “Three years ago our team was invited to Prague, Czechoslovakia and two years ago we competed in Buenos Aires, Argentina... but this is the highest finish EVER for Las Positas College at this international tournament.”

Natalie Kellner, Jacquie De Fremer, Anthony Passero, Stacy Shaw, Tiffany Lee, Katie Philpott, Masi Quorayshi and Christoph

Steinhagen competed for LPC at the competition. Not only did the Talk Hawks finish 2nd Place overall, they were also the #1 ranked two-year college/institution at the tournament, and student Stacy Shaw was named the International Champion in Informative Speaking.

Las Positas finished behind George Mason University, with a team three sizes larger than the LPC team, and LPC won the second most awards for a college/

university/institution at the tournament.

“On behalf of the Talk Hawks, I’d like to thank the LPC Foundation, the Inter Club Council and the LPC Bookstore whose financial support enabled the Talk Hawks to participate at this international event,” said Heisler.

The LPC Talk Hawks Forensics Team is coached by Jim Dobson and Tim Heisler.

Chabot College Forensics Team Wins Big

By Jennifer Aries

The Chabot College Forensics team went to Portland for the National Tournament and won 10 national awards, including four silver medals and six bronze medals. The team also finished 8th in Individual Events points in its Division, and 11th overall. This is the best showing that the Chabot Forensics team has had in over a decade.

Congratulations go to these six dedicated students who gave up their Spring Break to improve their lives:

Al Bungay - Al advanced to the medal round in every event he entered, eventually winning a

bronze medal in Speech to Entertain and Poetry, and a silver medal in Duo Interpretation of Literature and in Dramatic Interpretation of Literature.

Will Iralzabel - In his first year as a competitor at Chabot, Will won a bronze medal in Prose Interpretation of Literature, and tied with Al for a bronze in Speech to Entertain. Will was Al's Duo Interpretation of Literature partner, winning a silver medal.

Jassmin Poyaoan - Jassmin became the first person from Chabot College to win a medal in NFA Lincoln-Douglas Debate, taking home a bronze. Jassmin also won

a bronze medal in Extemporaneous Speaking, and a silver medal in Impromptu Speaking.

Congratulations also go to:

Joshua Pauselius and Curtis Ballard who went 3-3 in Parliamentary Debate and missed advancing to the medal rounds by just a few points.

Steven Mireles who partnered with Jassmin in Parliamentary Debate. Steven went 3-3 in Parliamentary Debate and missed advancing to the medal rounds by just a few points.

The Chabot Forensics Team is coached by Jason Ames.



LLNL Makes a Donation

By Laura Weaver

As part of their continued commitment to education in the Tri-Valley, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 to the Las Positas Foundation. President DeRionne Pollard and Chancellor Joel Kinnamon accepted the generous donation which will be used for student support.

From left to right - Kathy Vaselopoulos, LLNS Office Manager, Steve Liedle, LLNL Deputy Director, Dr. DeRionne Pollard, Dr. Joel Kinnamon and LLNS President and LLNL Director George Miller.

Spotlight on Our Faculty

Las Positas College Welding Instructor Scott Miner Receives Commendation

In December of 2008, LPC welding instructor Scott Miner was given a commendation recognizing his volunteer work in his district, specifically in Castro Valley. He participated in a Citizens Advisory Committee which, in conjunction with the Alameda County Arts Commission, selected artwork for the new Castro Valley Library which will open in fall 2009. The committee worked to select artists that will build a sculptural metal fence and bridge along a creek adjacent to the library. The sculptural fence will be installed this summer.

Scott and his wife own Lime Leaf Thai, a food service business in Castro Valley. Last summer he spoke to a group of students enrolled in a summer youth leadership program and shared what it is

like to work at, own and manage a food service business.

He spoke of the risks, rules, regulations and responsibilities involved in running a restaurant and catering business. He also discussed responsible alcohol use, sales and consumption as it relates to the food service business. Scott was appointed to the Alameda County Arts Commission representing District 4, specifically Castro Valley. In that capacity he has participated in the monthly county meetings aimed at commissioning artworks for county facilities, educational performing and visual arts programs for county schools, as well as community outreach. Scott is currently a Community Representative on the Executive Board.

In November 2008, he received



the 2008 welding educator of the year award from the San Francisco Section of the American Welding Society.

Scott is a LPC Welding Technology Alumni, and current full time welding instructor at the college. He is a member of the Industrial Advisory Board for Materials Engineering at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.



**Chabot College Foundation Presents:
“A Blooming Affaire:
Tour of Tables and Explosion of Design”
June 5th and 6th
Hayward City Hall Rotunda**

Unique table-setting designs by both professional designers and community members and floral demonstrations by famous designers will highlight this year's fundraising event. This event will feature a Friday evening table viewing and cocktail party and Saturday a gourmet lunch and presentation by Emmy winning producer, entertainment reporter and film critic Jan Wahl. Tickets are \$30 for Friday only and \$60 for Friday and Saturday. This year the foundation is offering a special rate of \$40 for both days for faculty and staff. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Nursing, Fine Arts and Interior Design programs.

For more information, please call Heidi Finberg at (510) 723-6936.

Las Positas Foundation - Best of the Best Event a Sold-Out Success

By Laura Weaver - Photos by Jack Arent

The Las Positas College Foundation welcomed a sold-out crowd to the sixth annual Best of the Best black-tie fundraising event held on April 25. The event showcased the performing arts, gourmet food, and fine local wines. Three area civic leaders were honored for contributions to their communities: Mr. Joe Callahan of Pleasanton, Mr. Jim Concannon of Livermore, and Mrs. Janet Lockhart of Dublin.

The evening began with guests sampling Livermore Valley wines and a variety of delicious hors d'oeuvres. Mid-way through the evening, guests enjoyed a Performing Arts Showcase featuring student presentations of dance, vocal, music, and interpretive speaking. The evening came to a close with a dessert and champagne celebration of the College and the Honorees. Over 90% of the funds raised at this event are used to directly benefit the campus community; less than 10% is used for event overhead.



Ms. Charlene A. McKenney, Foundation Chair and President DeRionne Pollard



Guests enjoy the reception and silent auction.



Mr. Jim Ott, Foundation Board Member and Ms. Lucinda Romero, student



From left to right - Leah Schaefer, Joshua English and Kelly Ruiz perform a scene from "Working".



Chancellor Joel Kinnamon and former Chancellor Susan Cota



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Upcoming Events

Chabot College

Commencement

Date: Saturday, May 30, 2009
Time: 10 a.m.
Location: Grand Court

A Blooming Affaire

Date: Friday, June 5, 2009 and
Saturday, June 6, 2009
Location: Hayward City Hall Rotunda

Las Positas College

Commencement

Date: Friday, May 29, 2009
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: PE Complex

**Aquatic Center Ribbon Cutting
Ceremony**

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2009
Time: 11 a.m.
Location: Aquatic Center

District-Wide

Convocation

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2009
Location: Chabot College