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## Congratulations!

Melinda Matsuda, Vice President of Student Services at Chabot College, has been presented with an "Annual Vocational Award" by the Hayward Rotary Club. This award recognizes individuals who practice high ethical standards in the workplace and who exhibit vocational excellence.

## Welcome Chabot President Barberena!



Dr. Celia Barberena becomes the first female president of the 46-year-old community college in Hayward. For the past 11 years she has served as the Vice President for Student Services at

Hartnell College in Salinas where she was responsible for all student services including admissions and financial aid. She was also responsible for facility development, helping to implement the facilities plan put into effect by the passage of a general obligation bond in 2001.

"Dr. Barberena has a wealth of experience in the California Community College system. She is passionate about our mission and the students we serve. Her stellar career has led her to Chabot where she will bring strong leadership skills and a fresh perspective to all that we do. I truly believe she will become a shining star in our district and among her colleagues on a state and national level," said Dr. Joel Kinnamon, District Chancellor.

While at Hartnell College, Dr. Barberena developed several multi-million dollar grants in partnership with area schools to create a "college going culture" at an early age and improve the

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## Welcome Las Positas President Pollard!



Dr. DeRionne Pollard becomes the first African-American President of Las Positas College. She currently serves as the Vice President of Educational Affairs at the College of Lake County in Grayslake,

Illinois. She has also served that college as Assistant Vice President, Educational Affairs, Faculty Coordinator for the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Acting Division Dean for Communication Arts, Humanities and Fine Arts, and as an Assistant Professor of English.

"Dr. Pollard has distinguished herself among her peers through her dedication to students and the mission of

community colleges. She has a breadth of experience ranging from academic affairs to collective bargaining, including serving as a faculty member," said Dr. Joel Kinnamon, District Chancellor. "Dr. Pollard is one of the most enthusiastic and savvy administrators I have ever met and I believe she will use her experience and enthusiasm as she leads Las Positas College."

While at the College of Lake County, Dr. Pollard served as the chief academic officer of the College. She served as a co-leader of the College's accreditation action team on institutional governance, and negotiated the first adjunct and full-time faculty bargaining agreements in the shortest period of time in the College's history.

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## Vecchiarelli Named Board President

**By Jennifer Aries**

Mr. Carlo Vecchiarelli has been named President of the Board of Trustees. He was unanimously elected to fill the post by his fellow board members.

Elected to the Board in 2004, Mr. Vecchiarelli represents district constituents in Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol.

"I am honored to be elected to the position of Board president," said Mr. Vecchiarelli. "I fully believe in the mission of community colleges and I know that we have two of the best in our district. Our faculty and

staff go above and beyond to serve more than 22,000 students who come to us each year. Our students excel in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities. It is our job, as Trustees, to do everything we can to provide them the opportunities they deserve to succeed. We have a busy year ahead of us with state and federal funding issues and implementing our facilities bond. It's an exciting time in our district and I look forward to working with my fellow board members as we lead this district on to even bigger and better accomplishments."

Prior to his election to the Board, he served the District for 40 years as a faculty member, Director of Admissions, and Dean of the Math, Computer Science and Engineering division at Chabot College in Hayward.

He is a past director of the California Waterfowl Association and past treasurer of the Livermore/Pleasanton Umpires Association. He has also served on the Board of Regents for Bishop O'Dowd High School. In 2004, he was inducted into the Chabot College Sports Hall of Fame for meritorious service to student athletes.

## Chabot and Las Positas Students Win More Than 20 Awards at Journalism Conference!

**By Melissa Korber and William Johnson**

Chabot and Las Positas students recently competed at the annual northern California conference of the Journalism Association of Community Colleges. Media pro-

fessionals from Northern California judged community college publications from the 2006-2007 academic year to determine top honors in the various categories. More than 250 students from 25 colleges attended the all-day conference at San Jose State.

Chabot College Spectator staff and journalism students, led by William Johnson, earned 10 regional awards. The awards included a Top Honor for Overall Print General Excellence.

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## Three Las Positas Programs Recognized for Excellence

**By Tim Hunt**

The Campaign for College Opportunity has recognized Las Positas College by singling out three programs at the Livermore campus as exceptional.

In its Practices with Promise Report, the non-profit selected 15 programs across the state of California from four-year, two-year and kindergarten through 12th grade institutions, that are working to address issues of college access and success. Las Positas was the only institution recognized for

more than one program and was cited three times.

"The recognition of these three exceptional programs demonstrates how our staff and faculty consistently work to put students first," said interim President Bob Kratochvil. "Two of these programs are part of our two-year curriculum designed to help students move rapidly into the work force. The third one - the Integrated Learning Center - serves students regardless of their goals and helps them succeed."

"The mixture of programs is typical

of the Las Positas approach to help all students reach their goals, whether it's to transfer to a four-year university, to update their skills or learn new skills to move into the work force," Kratochvil said. The Campaign for College Opportunity analyzed 120 programs submitted by high schools and colleges across California. It selected 15 programs to highlight the type of practices that best serve students.

The three Las Positas programs cited are: *Continued on page 3*

## Chancellor Signs Climate Commitment

By Jennifer Aries

On behalf of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Dr. Joel Kinnamon recently signed the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, created by the organization as a pledge to make colleges and universities carbon neutral.

“As an educational institution it’s important for us to be leaders in the area of global warming, both in educating the public about its effects as well as taking the lead in

helping to alleviate damage to our environment,” said Chancellor Kinnamon.

Sponsored by the American College & University Presidents (ACUP), the Presidents Climate Commitment has more than 300 signatories from across the country, including the presidents of the University of California, University of Pennsylvania, Arizona State University and Cape Cod Community College.

By signing the pledge, each president is committing to immediately taking action to strive toward making their colleges carbon neutral.

Adopting the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED Silver green standards or equivalent is one such action the association has recommended. “With so much construction activity at both Chabot and Las Positas Colleges our district has committed to achieving LEED silver certification in as many projects as possible,” said Kinnamon. “Our Board of Trustees, faculty and staff recognize the importance of being role models in the area of global warming and climate neutrality and we are doing all we can to set the standard in our communities.”

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### **The Design Shop:**

Offered through the visual communications department and instructor Fredda Cassidy, the graphics program provides real-world experience to students once they’ve completed basic courses. Using state-of-the-art technology, the class functions as a full-service design shop for both on-campus clients and those in the business and non-profit communities.

Students deal face-to-face with clients and their expectations, timelines and budgets. The experience prepares students for their chosen career, particularly since they rotate roles from designer to marketer.

The Design Shop students produced a bilingual website for Tri-Valley HELP, listing all non-profit services available in Livermore, Dublin and Pleasanton; redesigned the Livermore-Amador Symphony website in preparation for its move to the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore; and designed the Las Positas

College Catalog which earned the Pro Award First Prize (PRO is the Community College Public Relations Organization).

Founded in 2004, the Design Shop serves an average of 50 to 60 clients per year. Clients have paid the shop an average of \$20,000 the last two years.

### **Head Start on College:**

More than 600 students from Tri-Valley area high schools and the Regional Occupation Program this year received credit for units at Las Positas College for classes they took while still in high school. Las Positas faculty and staff work with the high school instructors to ensure that the high school courses provide the curriculum equivalent to entry-level classes as Las Positas.

Once students pass the final exam, one that has content approved by Las Positas faculty and the high school teachers, the college will grant the students credit. Currently there are 20 courses

offered in the high schools and the Regional Occupation Program that provide college credit as well as high school units.

Las Positas provides the units with no fee (typical fee is \$20 per unit) and no residency requirement that would mandate students enroll at Las Positas College to receive the credit.

“There is a lot of research that shows if students have college credit when they graduate from high school they are much more likely to enroll in college,” said Birgitte Ryslinge the Las Positas dean who coordinates the program with the high schools.

High school students focused in certain career areas can earn as many as 15 units of credit at Las Positas through their high school career. That means one semester less at Las Positas to earn a certificate and start on a career six months earlier rather than starting at Las Positas without college credit. *Continued on page 4*

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Classes range in subject areas from auto mechanics to early childhood education to a variety of computer-related fields.

### The Integrated Learning Center:

This program provides instructors from a variety of disciplines who come together to help students in the key areas of math, English, and non-native speakers learning English as a second language. The center involves faculty from the English, math and English as a Second Language departments all working together to serve the student.

The variety of disciplines cooperating in one center focused on helping students improve set this approach apart from that offered at

other institutions of high learning. "The Integrated Learning Center is a wonderful opportunity for students who may need extra assistance in math, English or English as a Second Language," said Laurel Jones, vice president of academic services. "Individualized and supplemental instruction is provided for students in an integrated learning environment where they can work with faculty on particular areas of need in these very important subject areas.

"Assistance not only helps the student do well in their courses, but also helps them to succeed in other courses throughout their educational program."

The Integrated Learning Center has several dynamics leading to its success. The first is a student driven approach to learning where

the faculty members work directly with students on a lab hour attached to a math, English or English as a Second Language course.

The second dynamic is the interdisciplinary learning that takes place in the center. Students are aware of a "hub" of academic activity going on around them and they are made to feel comfortable asking questions at any time.

Faculty members also are learning at the same time. They learn more about other disciplines and can see different teaching techniques at work.

The Integrated Learning Center serves hundreds of students each semester and is growing as the student population grows at Las Positas College.

## I.T.S. Spam Update

By Ken Agustin

Our anti-spam, anti-virus server, GWGuardian, blocks around 7000 Internet emails per day that it identifies as spam, virus, or forbidden attachment. Over the last year over 2.5 million such email have been blocked. The filters are updated every 4 hours with the names and domains of known spam sites as well as the latest anti-virus updates. In comparison, the system delivers about 7000 "valid" emails every day from the Internet.

Even though 7000 spam email per day are being blocked the occasional spam email will get into our system and will be delivered to your mailbox. Most of the time these spam are benign or simply offensive but there are

those that ask you to click on link or open an attached file. Remember these rules:

**1. Never click on a link or open an attachment from someone you don't know.** Even if you do recognize the sender be careful about clicking on links or attachments. This includes the recent messages from the "IRS" and "Treasury Department".

**2. Never reply or unsubscribe to a spam message.** This only confirms to the spammer that they have reached a valid address.

**3. Never give out personal information such as social security numbers.** Be very careful when using credit card numbers unless you are completely sure it is a legitimate website with a secure

connection (the URL should be https:, not http: and the page should have a lock icon in the lower right corner of the web browser).

**4. When in doubt, delete any suspicious emails.** Contact the Help Desk at ext. 6966 if you are not sure about a message.

On December 6, a new version of GWGuardian Anti-spam/Anti-virus server was installed. This will help reduce the increasing amount of spam email. This more powerful server and enhanced filtering capabilities mean, no more Russian email! Please remember, even with the best spam filters you will sometimes receive suspicious or questionable email. Please keep these rules in mind.

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Chabot Spectator photographer Chris Qian examines photos by world famous Life Magazine photographer, the late Gordon Parks. The exhibition of Parks' work was a highlight of the conference. ~ Photo by Jack Barnwell, photo editor of the Chabot Spectator.

### **Chabot Spectator Awards:**

- 1st Place for Published Photo Illustration: Ryan Baladad
- 1st Place for Photography: Jack Barnwell and Sean Jones

*Jack Barnwell distinguished himself as the first Chabot student in memory to win ranked awards for both photography and writing.*

- 2nd Place for Published Column Writing: Jack Barnwell
- 2nd Place for Student-Produced Advertisement: Ryan Baladad
- 2nd Place for Published

- Feature Photo: Jack Barnwell
- 3rd Place for Published Profile: Randi Ray
- 3rd Place for Inside Page Design: Chris Nguyen
- 3rd Place for Photography: Sean Jones and Jack Barnwell
- Honorable Mention for Action Photo: Paige Graham

The Las Positas College Express delegation of 13, led by Melissa Korber, brought home several awards as well. The honors included an award for General Excellence On-line.

### **Las Positas Express Awards:**

- 1st Place for Sports Action Photo: Jeff Bennett
- 1st Place for News Photo: Andrew Villa
- 1st Place for Bring-in Infographic: Helen Cunningham, Lina Deeb, Jeff Bennett, and Naima Hopkins
- 2nd Place for Sports Action Photo: Alton Richardson
- 2nd Place for Critical Review:

- Will Thompson
- 2nd Place for Bring-in Infographic: Julian Lim, Cassie Koliass, Ryan Boule, Andre Kim, and Page Gates-George
- 2nd Place for Bring-in Photo: Alton Richardson
- Honorable Mention for On-the-Spot Editorial Cartoon: Julian Lim
- Honorable Mention for Photo Essay: Andrew Villa and Ciaban Krommenhock
- Honorable Mention for Front-page Layout: The Express Staff
- Honorable Mention for Profile Feature: Will Thompson
- Honorable Mention for Opinion Story: Jason Barr
- Generally Excellent Award for Public Service Announcement Commercial: Ryan Boule
- Generally Excellent Award for On-air Performance: Shernell Moseby
- Generally Excellent Award for On-air Performance: Dexter Dees

## Q & A With Chancellor Kinnamon

### **1. Is there currently a tax deferred plan for transportation for college employees to ease parking and emissions?**

This type of plan hasn't been made available to employees as part of our flexible spending accounts currently used by many of our employees. However, this is a wonderful question is something that the District will investigate further to see how it can be made available.

### **2. What do you feel are our District's strengths and what areas do we need to work on?**

This is probably one of the most difficult questions I've tackled. While we have many strengths I must say I perceive our primary strength to be our people. Our employees are committed to students and the mission of our colleges. Beyond that, CLPCCD employees provide nationally recognized programs to support students pursuing their goals and maintain environments conducive to teaching

and learning.

I feel there are many areas that we can improve however, the following are a few areas that I've committed to working on: Greater transparency in everything we do (at all levels); greater emphasis of staff development and training; streamlining processes and procedures; providing greater delegation of decision making to employees to improve responsiveness to our students and community; and lastly - more Communication, Communication, Communication!

## Building Bridges: International Student Numbers Up

By Joanne Hall

More students are attending Chabot and Las Positas colleges, and greater numbers of students from overseas are making the schools their target destination. Over the past year, international students at Chabot College increased by 11%, with 34 countries represented, led by students from Japan, South Korea, China, Taiwan and Vietnam. Las Positas logged a 35% increase in international students, also with 34 countries represented, with the largest number of students from South Korea, Vietnam, Japan, Taiwan, Peru, Indonesia and Thailand.

"Diversifying the student body with students from other nations enriches the entire learning experience for all students and staff through the sharing of cultures and new perspectives," said Laura Weaver, District Dean of Educational Services and Planning. "It also serves to bridge relationships between the United States and other nations by exposing international students to American life and culture," she adds.

The increase was the result of a targeted effort by the Chabot-Las Positas Community College Dis-

trict and the two colleges to increase the enrollment of international students. Global marketing efforts were launched and advertisements were placed on website banners and in magazines devoted to international student markets.

"The emphasis of the international students program at Las Positas, as it is district wide, is on service to our students. Thanks to the Board impetus, funds have been identified to more fully develop outreach efforts, but as importantly, to enhance programs and services that will lead to student success. Our Las Positas international students have commented frequently about how the College is responding to their changing needs, and this success should be credited to the expanded District-wide focus in general, but to the tremendous efforts of our international students support staff. The International Student Program initiative represents effective collaboration between the two Colleges and the District in supporting a common goal," says Sylvia Rodriguez.

"The International Student Program Initiative has been a collaborative and wonderful experience.

Uniting our efforts to grow both programs at each college has had a positive impact on the image of our District to attract more international students because we are able to provide more educational options. Our variety of learning opportunities helps our own native students learn along side our international students about major global issues and hopefully heighten their awareness and compassion and cooperative attitude," said Judy Young, Director of Admissions and Records at Chabot College.

The District also joined 32 community colleges from across the United States on the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) 2007 Asia Education Tour, which covered six cities in four countries over a period of 18 days.

Organized education fairs at each site drew prospective students, their parents, teachers and others who heard presentations about the colleges. These visits allowed for dialogue exchange and relationship building, and resulted in responses from approximately 1,800 prospective students who indicated an interest in studying in the United States.

## Spotlight on Our Students

By Tim Heisler

The Las Positas Talk Hawks recently competed in the Santa Rosa Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament at Santa Rose Junior College. The Hawks finished fourth place overall out of twenty colleges and universities. They were second among all community college participants in the category of prepared programs. The Speech Team came out ahead of St. Mary's, Chico State, UC Berkeley,

Sacramento State, Cal Poly, San Jose State, Diablo Valley College, Contra Costa College, and many others.

In addition to the team trophy, the following students earned individual awards:

### **Stacy Shaw**

1st Place - Novice Informative Speaking and 4th Place - Open Duo Interpretation

### **Tiffany Lee**

2nd Place - Novice Informative Speaking and Finalist - Open

Persuasive Speaking

### **Jaquie de Fremery**

4th Place - Novice Informative Speaking

### **Adam Shamouel**

Finalist - Novice Informative Speaking

### **Lauren Hoch**

4th Place - Open Duo Interpretation

### **Karen Brohard**

1st Place - Open Poetry Interpretation and 2nd Place - Open Dramatic Interpretation



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## Congratulations to the Chabot Theater Arts Department!

By Jennifer Aries

*To Say the Least* by Claire Onyett has been invited to the Kennedy Center/American College Theater Festival Regional Finals in Los Angeles to be held in February of

2008!

This is a huge honor for Chabot College and for Claire, one of our theater students, who is a promising young playwright in our program. This festival is the only college theater competition in the

country.

Her play was selected from a competitive field of four year schools and community colleges, including Stanford, UCLA, UC Orive and Cal State Fullerton (the largest theater school on the west coast).

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**Barberena Continued...** academic preparation of under-represented students.

She also led a team in the creation of Hartnell's non-credit high school equivalency program and provided leadership and advocacy on the expansion of bilingual instruction and services to reach a greater number of students in the district. She also chaired a group which established a Child Development Center at a remote campus site.

She has been active in her community, developing and strengthening college partnerships with high schools, governmental agencies and organizations, social service organizations and business and industry.

Prior to her service at Hartnell, she spent five years at Modesto Junior College where she served as the Dean of Special Programs,

-serving more than 2,000 students enrolled in basic skills, vocational and transfer programs. She also served as an adjunct faculty member teaching Spanish, and lecturing on social and economic conditions in Latin America.

Dr. Barberena received both her Ph.D. in Educational Administration and Supervision, and her Master of Arts degree in Spanish Literature, from Bowling Green State University, and her Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Sociology from Findlay College in Ohio.

Dr. Barberena is expected to begin her tenure at Chabot College on January 14, 2008 pending the final settlement of her employment contract.

**Pollard Continued...** She also developed and implemented a

plan to assess student learning outcomes and provided oversight of construction and renovation projects for several College programs and services. She has been active in her community, developing and strengthening college partnerships with high schools, governmental agencies and organizations, social service organizations and business and industry.

Dr. Pollard received her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies in Higher Education from Loyola University in Chicago, and both her Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts degrees in English from Iowa State University.

Dr. Pollard is expected to begin as President of Las Positas College on February 25, 2008 pending final settlement of her employment contract.