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Celebrating Our District's 50th Anniversary

Together we celebrate our District's 50th anniversary this year, recognizing all members of our district family who have helped shape the colleges into the pride of our East Bay communities. We are grateful for outstanding staff and faculty dedicated to providing quality education to a growing student population, and for our communities that value and support excellence in education. While looking forward to continued success, we also reflect to acknowledge past trustees, staff, faculty, and community residents who built this district with their vision, wisdom, and commitment to quality education.

The idea of a district emerged in 1945 when the legislature created a state commission to survey local needs for higher education. The commission reported that the East Bay "South County" area had no junior college, but needed one to meet the educational and cultural needs of the burgeoning population. This report sparked dreams, dialogue, and debate that finally culminated on January 10, 1961, in overwhelming voter approval of the proposed junior college district - by a six to one vote.

In April 1961, voters elected a Board of Trustees whose most pressing task was finding a president for the newly created "South County Junior College," later to be named Chabot College. The board members were looking for a president who would share their commitment to quality education and who was willing to move quickly and open the college in September of that same year. They found the consummate leader, Dr. Reed L. Buffington, who

became president in July 1961.

With a faculty and staff often working 16-hours days, the college opened its doors for registration on September 11, 1961 on a temporary, 7.5-acre campus in San Leandro. A small administrative staff, a faculty of 26 instructors, three counselors, and a librarian were there to greet the students. Some 300 to 500 students were expected. Instead, 1,163 students arrived to sign up for classes. When a reporter asked Dr. Buffington to name his chief objective for the new college, his response was, "Quality. Quality in everything we do."

Today, with our two college campuses serving more than 25,000 students and employing more than 2,000 administrators, faculty, and classified staff, our district continues its enduring commitment to quality. It is this very commitment that we celebrate throughout our golden anniversary year.



The San Leandro campus is officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 10, 1961. Shown wielding a giant pair of scissors are Charles W. Stone, president of the Board of Trustees; Mayor Jack Maltester of San Leandro; and City Councilman Arthur Phillips of Hayward. Joining in the ceremony are Hayward and San Leandro city officials, members of the Citizens' Committee which was instrumental in forming the district, and trustees and officials of the college. ~ Photo reprinted from *Chabot College: The First Twenty Years*

President Search Forums Slated for February 24

In a letter dated January 20 and addressed to the Las Positas College Community, District Chancellor Dr. Joel L. Kinnamon provided a progress report on the Las Positas College President Search. Following are excerpts from the letter:

“I am pleased to report that the process of selecting a new president for Las Positas College is progressing. Our national search has been underway since October and we expect to name the new president by early March... Finalists will be invited to participate in informal community and campus tours and formal public forums on February 24. I plan to conduct interviews the following day... I would like to extend my appreciation to the Advisory Search Committee and to each of the individuals who attended earlier forums or provided electronic input to our consultant.”

To read the letter in its entirety and to learn more about the search process, please visit the website at <http://www.clpccd.org/HR/PresidentialSearch.php>.

Dr. Barberena Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Chabot College President Dr. Celia Barberena was recognized for outstanding community service by the Hayward-South Alameda County Chapter NAACP at its 30th Annual Banquet on October 8, 2010. Honored for strong leadership in the community and education, Dr. Barberena was recognized for her visionary pursuit to inspire, educate, and empower others toward achievement and success in higher education.



Open Houses Celebrate Colleges and Community

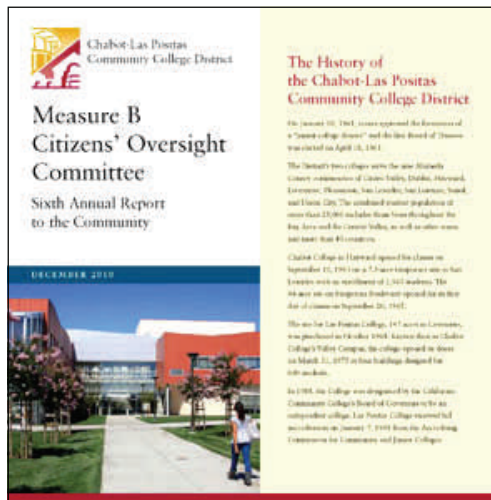
This past fall, Chabot and Las Positas Colleges held open houses and building dedications, inviting the community to see the outstanding results of Measure B, the 2004 general obligation facilities modernization bond. Hundreds of people came together to make each event a resounding success. Elected officials, business and community leaders, college friends and alumni, former employees, students, staff, and faculty attended. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who contributed to these celebrations and to the many businesses and contractors whose generous support made the open houses possible. The events are captured in photographs on pages 4 and 5.

Las Positas College Helps H.S. Seniors Shift Gears

Congratulations to the faculty, staff, students, and administrators who orchestrated the outstanding November 3, 2010 *Shifting Gears* event where high school seniors and their families had the opportunity to meet faculty and staff and learn about the many programs and services at Las Positas College. The event drew the largest turnout of any high school senior parent night, with approximately 650 high school seniors and family members attending.

First we shape our buildings, then they shape us. ~ Winston Churchill

Measure B Report Highlights Landmark Climate Action Plans



The Measure B Citizens' Oversight Committee has completed its Sixth Annual Report to the Community, thanking the community for its continued support and featuring Measure B history, progress, economic impact benefits, an audit statement, and news about the colleges' landmark Climate Action Plans.

Sustainability committees, comprised of dedicated volunteers at both Chabot and Las Positas Colleges, worked to establish Climate Action Plans that reflect the colleges' missions and values. They have pledged to "think globally and act locally," maintaining that the colleges need to play key roles in the community to enhance and sustain academic, economic, social, and environmental vitality.

Each college agreed to initiate actions designed to move the campus towards carbon neutrality. The colleges completed comprehensive greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory reports and have taken proactive measures to reduce GHG emissions while planning for further, long term reductions.

The historic Climate Action Plans support the district's commitment to sustainability leadership. Four years ago, Chancellor Joel L. Kinnamon joined more than 500 other university and college presidents across the country as a signatory to the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. The commitment was created by the organization as a pledge to make colleges and universities carbon neutral.

In his Measure B report message, Chancellor Kinnamon recognized the outstanding work of the colleges' sustainability committees:

"The Sustainability Committees at the colleges spent countless hours creating these comprehensive plans requiring meticulous research, self-study, and evaluation. I commend the many individuals involved for their dedication and commitment to protecting our world for us and for future generations."

To read the 2010 Measure B report, please visit the website: http://measureb.clpccd.cc.ca.us/district/bond/documents/CLPCCDMeasureBSixthAnnualReportFinal_000.pdf.

Hayward's Daily Review Features Hometown Hero

Chabot College Theater Manager Kari McAllister was featured in a *Daily Review* newspaper article celebrating East Bay residents who are making a difference in the community. Ms. McAllister was recognized for her work in Hayward as a former director of the Lighthouse Community Center and now as a member of the City of Hayward's Library Commission and the Board of Directors for the Chabot College Foundation.

Las Positas College Open House and the Barbara Fracisco Mertes Center for the Arts Building Dedication October 12, 2010

~ Photos by Stephanie Secret



Dr. Barbara Fracisco Mertes, Founding Dean of Chabot College-Valley Campus (which became Las Positas College in 1988).



The Barbara Fracisco Mertes Center for the Arts.



A bronze plaque was unveiled at the building dedication.



Interim Las Positas College President Guy Lease welcomes guests at the building dedication.



Guests enjoy refreshments in the arts center courtyard following the ceremony.



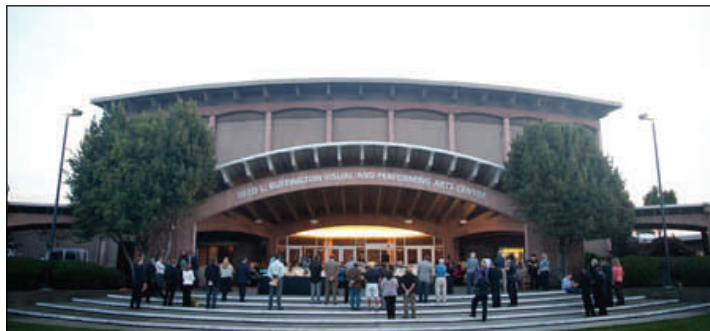
Dr. Mertes is honored with an Assembly Resolution from Assemblymember Mary Hayashi. From left are District Chancellor Dr. Joel L. Kinnammon, Assemblymember Hayashi, Dr. Mertes, Congressman John Garamendi, and Dr. David Mertes, husband of Dr. Barbara Fracisco Mertes and past Chancellor of the California Community College system.

Chabot College Open House and the Reed L. Buffington Visual and Performing Arts Center Building Dedication November 3, 2010

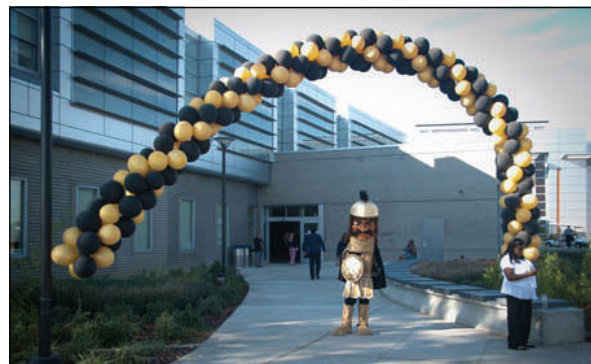
~ Photos by Stephanie Secrest



Dr. Reed L. Buffington, Founding President/Superintendent of Chabot College.



The Reed L. Buffington Visual and Performing Arts Center.



The Gladiator mascot greets Open House visitors.



Dr. Buffington is surrounded by his family at the building dedication ceremony.



Guests enjoy delicious refreshments and good company at the building dedication reception.



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi presents an Assembly Resolution to Dr. Buffington for his outstanding contributions and to Chabot College on the occasion of the rededication of the Center to honor him. From left are Chabot College President Dr. Celia Barberena, District Chancellor Dr. Joel L. Kinnamon, Senator Ellen Corbett, District Board of Trustees Member Donald L. "Dobie" Gelles, Assemblymember Hayashi, and Dr. Buffington.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.
~ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Hundreds Celebrate Dr. King at Chabot College

On January 17, the Reed L. Buffington Visual and Performing Arts Center rocked with music in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "Lift Every Voice: A Musical Tribute to Dr. King Jr." featured an evening full of music and drama as hundreds of community members joined with presenters to remember and celebrate Dr. King.

This birthday extravaganza featured an exciting evening of musical presentations and inspirational tributes to Dr. King. Music that brought the audience to its feet was performed by the Glad Tidings Church Youth Choir; the Mt. Eden High School Concert Choir under

the direction of Ken Rawdon, performing an original composition by Trente Morant; and the California State University East Bay Gospel Choir.

The "Anointed Ones" mime troupe praise dance was a definite crowd pleaser that brought thunderous applause several times during their performance as well as after. Dramatic presentations of excerpts from Dr. King's speeches performed by Justin Ross, Eileen Zedd, and Antone Tucker set the stage for Pastor Tommy E. Smith of Palma Ceia Baptist Church who delivered King's "I Have a Dream" speech so close to the original

speech by King that the audience called out during the speech that ended with Pastor Smith standing and shouting, "Free at last! Thank God Almighty we are free at last!" The evening ended with choirs and audience members joining to sing Stevie Wonder's "Happy Birthday," a spirited musical tribute to Dr. King and his dream.

The event was co-sponsored by Hayward-South Alameda County Chapter NAACP, Chabot College, City of Hayward, California State University East Bay, and Reality Mentors.

- Story courtesy of Marilyn Baker-Madsen, event committee co-chair.

Campus Change Network Honored with Dr. King Legacy Award

The Las Positas College Campus Change Network (CCN) was honored January 24 with a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Award from the Tri-Valley YMCA. The award reads:

"Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of a world in which people would be judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character is advanced at Las Positas College through its Campus Change Network, a group of employees working on many levels of campus life to create access, inclusiveness and equity through dialogue, reflections, and action. In the college's recent accreditation reaffirmation by the Accrediting Commission of Community and

Junior Colleges, the Commission commended the College for its significant success in fostering campus dialog and in nurturing cultural awareness and competence for students and the greater community."

Accepting the award on behalf of the College, Interim President Dr. Guy F. Lease elaborated on CCN initiatives.

"CCN began with three primary goals designed to bring about change at the College: building cultural awareness, increasing outreach and recruitment efforts to students and employees, and improving the success of basic skills students," he said.

"Since its inception in 2005, CCN

has had a broad impact at the institution and beyond: sponsoring numerous activities - for both the internal and external community - including workshops, panel discussions, and a speaker series; working with HR to create an 'unconscious bias' resource for hiring committees; painting the first mural on campus; launching an 'equity point person' pilot for College committees; and establishing an annual award to recognize the work of faculty and staff," Dr. Lease said. "Thanks to the dedicated efforts of its members, CCN's work to increase diversity, equity, access, and inclusiveness has been infused into the institution."

In Celebration of Black History Month

Film Director and Star to Visit for Film Screening February 15

To celebrate Black History Month, Chabot College will present viewings of the acclaimed 2009 film *The Harimaya Bridge* and a rare opportunity to meet the renowned director and star on February 15. Aaron Woolfolk, the film's co-producer, writer, and director, was born and raised in the East Bay and is the son of Chabot College Faculty Emeritus Leonard Woolfolk. The award-winning star of the film, Ben Guillory, has performed for stage, on television, and in major motion pictures. The film's story centers on an American man who must travel to rural Japan after his estranged son dies there in a traffic accident.

While there, he discovers some secrets his son left behind. Reviews include: "One of the best films of the year," *San Francisco Examiner*, and "It is a unique, complex, consciousness-raising accomplishment," *Los Angeles Times*. *The Harimaya Bridge* February 15 event schedule is as follows:

- Film viewing, 2 to 4 p.m.
- Question and Answer Session with Aaron Woolfolk and Ben Guillory, 4 to 6 p.m.
- Reception with Aaron Woolfolk and Ben Guillory, 6 to 7 p.m.

Another viewing of *The Harimaya Bridge* will be held Tuesday,



February 8 at 5 p.m. Events are free and will take place in the Event Center, Room 722 of the Community Student Services Center, Building 700.

“Renaissance Woman” Presents Gallery Show



Student Dr. Pushpa Dalal (left), joins Visual Communications Program Coordinator Fredda Cassidy at the gallery reception. ~ Photo by Mary Lauffer

Local photographer and Las Positas College visual communications student Dr. Pushpa Dalal displayed her new work last month in an exciting show, “Color, Light and Movement,” at the new Barbara Fracisco Mertes Center for the Arts Gallery. Artwork in the show is for sale, with all proceeds benefiting the award-winning Visual Communications (VCOM) Program.

“Pushpa is a renaissance woman,” said Fredda Cassidy, coordinator and head faculty of the VCOM program. “With both feet firmly grounded in science and the arts, she is a compassionate humanist and lifelong learner. For more than 25 years, she was a practicing OB-GYN. A photographer for most of her adult life, she started taking classes several years ago in the VCOM program to further her knowledge in digital photography and graphic design,” Ms. Cassidy explained. In addition to pursuing photography, Dr. Dalal volunteers at the ValleyCare Health Library, volunteers her medical services at the Axis Community Health Clinic, and is a hospice volunteer at the Tri-Valley Hope Hospice. Last May, Pleasanton honored her with a Juanita Haugen Community of Character Award.

Community Generosity Brings Smiles to *Faces of Cuba*

This past November, Chabot College History Instructor Rick Moniz organized *Faces of Cuba*, a trip to Cuba for education and cultural exchange. Las Positas College



Faculty members Rick Moniz (left) and Catherine Suárez visit a synagogue in Havana.

Foreign Language Instructor and Coordinator Catherine Suárez also saw this as an opportunity for philanthropy, and sent out a request for donations.

The two faculty members will share stories of their trip during Cuban Week at their presentation on Thursday, February 24, 7-9 p.m. in the Barbara Francisco Mertes Center for the Arts Black Box Theater.

The generosity of many students, staff, faculty, and residents of East Bay communities brought countless smiles to the *Faces of Cuba* cultural exchange program. Ms. Suárez said she was “overwhelmed” with all

the funding and donations, “I was able to fill five extra large duffle bags with all of the school and medical supplies donated,” she said. Hundreds of Cubans, including many children, received shoes, socks, soap, toothpaste, books, baseballs, art supplies, medical supplies, and Las Positas College t-shirts.

“My goal with this project is to use education, art, and culture to bring the American and the Cuban communities together for a common cause. I believe that the human spirit is much stronger than any government,” said Ms. Suárez, who founded Las Positas College’s Cuban Week four years ago. She is also director and co-founder of a local non-profit organization, BasicNecessities, helping families and individuals in need who live within the Tri-Valley.

Ms. Suárez pointed to Mr. Moniz as the “mastermind” behind *Faces of Cuba*. On his 20 trips to Cuba, he has taken hundreds of students and community members to visit with doctors, teachers, architects, women’s organizations, farmers, cooperatives, and Cuba’s solar energy leaders.

During the November trip, the group traveled on a religious license, meeting people of many different faiths including Jewish, Baptist, Santería, and Catholic. The delegation brought donations to churches, synagogues, medical clinics, hospitals, libraries, and schools, including an art school for students with Down syndrome. Ms. Suárez said they hope to travel to Cuba again in January of 2012.

Celebrate Cuban Week February 22-25

Las Positas College will present Cuban Week/La Semana Cubana, February 22-25, featuring a celebration of the Cuban people, history, art, dance, music and religions, providing education, information - and a chance to practice your Spanish. All events are free and open to the public, and will take place 7-9 p.m. For a complete schedule, please visit the website at <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/>. Donations are requested for the Cuban Association for the Disabled, a public program helping children with special needs in Cuba.

The theme of the fourth annual Cuban Week is *Yemaya: Embracing the Earth*. The festival, organized by Cubans living throughout the Bay Area, is sponsored by the Las Positas College Spanish Department, with generous support from the Las Positas College Foundation, The Milanese Family Gift Fund, and *BasicNecessities.org*.

Campus Community to Honor Dr. Philip Manwell at April 2 Concert

The Las Positas College community will combine music appreciation with professional and personal appreciation at the April 2 Early Music Concert in honor of Dean of Academic Services for Arts and Communication, Dr. Philip Manwell, who will retire this year.

“Dr. Manwell has been an inspired instructor and colleague. Those qualities that made him an exemplary teacher have also made him an exemplary dean. He has earned the respect and trust of students, faculty, and staff. His patience, integrity, and creativity will be greatly missed. At the April 2 concert, people in the campus community can demonstrate their appreciation and honor his legacy,” said Marilyn Marquis, instructor and Early Music Concert Series Founder and Artistic Director. She added that “Dr. Manwell was instrumental in planning the early music concert series and has been a major supporter and administrator, on duty for every performance.”

Now in its sixth season, the Early Music Concert Series features internationally recognized artists performing music from the Medieval and Renaissance through the Baroque and Classical on period instruments. Events will take place in the new Barbara Fracisco Mertes Center for the Arts. All concerts are on Saturdays at 8 p.m.; pre-concert talks begin at 7:30 p.m.



The Archetti Baroque Strings will perform April 2 in a concert honoring Dr. Philip Manwell.

Following is the schedule for the 2011 season *The Splendor of Music*:

- *The Morning Star*, February 12. The Farallon Recorder Quartet, taking its name from the islands off the coast of San Francisco, will perform music from northern Europe. “Farallon’s performance of ancient music is unique and compelling, each piece sculpted to capture the haunting melodies and harmonies of medieval and Renaissance music,” said Ms. Marquis.
- *The Lure of London*, March 12. Showcasing Jay White, acclaimed American counter tenor, and harpsichordist Yuko Tanaka, an international performer and recording artist, the concert will be an evening of arias by Purcell, Bononcini, and Handel with solo harpsichord music of Handel, Blow, Dieupart, and Bach.
- *The Enticement of Italy*, April 2. Archetti Baroque Strings, the popular and dynamic eight-member ensemble featuring some of the finest early music performers in the Bay Area, will perform Italian Baroque Concerti for Multiple Violins. *The San Francisco Examiner* applauded a recent concert as “a performance of dazzling clarity... Bach at his best.”

Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$5 for students with ID. Purchase advanced tickets at Brown Paper Ticket; tickets also will be available at the door. For more information, please visit <http://www.lpcearlymusic.org/index.php> or contact Marilyn Marquis, MMarquis@laspositascollege.edu, (925) 424-1209.



Chabot College Rolls Out New Hybrid Auto Tech Course

Chabot College is poised to meet the growing technological demands for the cars of today and tomorrow with its new eight-week Hybrid Vehicle Operation and Servicing course beginning February 22. California currently leads the nation in new hybrid vehicle sales. "This class is recommended for students who have completed

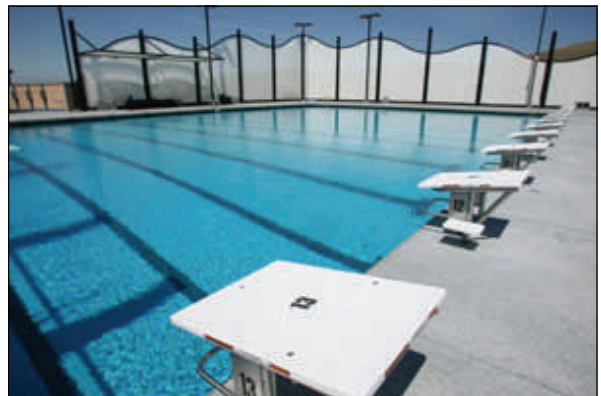
some of their automotive training and is focused on the basics of hybrid vehicles," said Automotive Program Instructor Kurt Shadbolt. Last semester, the program offered two free preview training seminars showcasing learning opportunities and featuring an introduction to hybrid vehicles, discussions, and hands on experience.

Chabot College was awarded a U.S. Department of Energy grant to fund the seminars and support the college's efforts to develop hybrid vehicle curriculum for community colleges, high school and ROP programs, and the automotive industry.

New Swimming and Diving Teams Make a Splash with Students

Beginning this spring semester, Las Positas College is offering Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving intercollegiate teams. "There is a lot of excitement about the season," said Head Coach Jason Craighead.

Mr. Craighead, who joined the Las Positas College faculty in August 2009, followed a transfer path from community college to a four-year college. Born and raised in Santa Rosa, Mr. Craighead was a seven-time All-American swimmer and All-Conference water polo player at Santa Rosa Junior College. He transferred to the University of California at Santa Barbara where he contributed to 24 consecutive conference titles.



Register Now for Professional Development Opportunity

Register by February 18 for the Faculty Inquiry Network (FIN) Conference March 4 - 5 at Chabot College, where FIN groups from around the state will come together to share insights, initiatives, and innovations generated by their inquiry work.

Conference activities will include an interactive Inquiry Fair, wide choice of workshops and student co-Inquirer presentations and panels.

Registration is \$50 and \$25 for students. Please register at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CQ2NQTQ>. For more information, please visit <http://fincommons.net/> or contact Faculty Inquiry Network Program Manager Monique Williams, MWilliams@chabotcollege.edu.

Veterans History Symposium with USS Arizona Heroes Packs Theater

The day before Veterans Day 2010, a capacity crowd listened with rapt attention to a compelling history lesson from History Instructor Stuart McElderry, Ph.D., and heard first-person stories from honored guests - three veterans of the Pearl Harbor USS Arizona. This was the first major event in the new Barbara Fracisco Mertes Center for the Arts Main Stage Theater.

Those who attended the event were inspired to discuss it afterward and share their thoughts in letters. Following is a Veterans Day email to the Las Positas College community from Financial Aid Officer Andi Schreiber, reprinted with her permission.

"In the 23 years I have been here, this had to be one of our finest moments and I too can honestly say [in response to a previous letter] I have never been more proud to be part of this college. From the standing room only audience with a huge cross-section from the campus and our community, to Stuart's well thought out excellent history lesson to set the stage, to the thoughtful questions from our students, and from the candid sharing of historical and personal experiences from the three Arizona survivors. These were such incredibly brave

men who exemplify 'the Greatest Generation'. You could have heard a pin drop, the audience was so spellbound and so respectful of what these men and all the veterans in the audience have done for us.

Todd and Sylvia did a superb job of planning and coordination, and my thanks to them and to all who supported them including our student veterans, technical support, and all those behind the scenes who helped make it a truly meaningful and memorable event.

Kudos to all involved, and to Las Positas College. My deepest gratitude on this Veterans Day for all of the brave veterans over the years who have selflessly put their lives on the line for our country, and particularly those on our campus. I cannot even begin to contemplate where we would be without them."

History Instructor Stuart McElderry (left) fields questions from a capacity crowd for USS Arizona Survivors Lonnie D. Cook, Clarendon "Clare" R. Hetrick, and Louis A. Conter - honored guests at Las Positas College's November 10, 2010 Veterans History Symposium.

~ Photo by Angel Tellez of angelsphotography. Mr. Tellez is a veteran and student at Chabot College.



Foundation Announces Carol Clough Business Scholarships

Throughout her 27-year career as a Las Positas College faculty member, Carol Clough shared her gift of teaching with countless students. After she passed away in 2004, her giving continued with a \$10,000 legacy gift for Business Major Scholarships, now available through the Las Positas College Foundation.

“Carol was committed to student success and we are very grateful for her generous planned gift to support that success,” said Ted Kaye, Las Positas College Foundation chief executive officer. He noted that individuals have many different reasons for planned giving including expressing their personal values, investing in their communities, making a difference in the lives of others, and realizing tax savings and financial benefits, as well.

In addition to making a difference in the lives of past and future students, Dr. Clough also helped shape what is now Las Positas College. “Dr. Carol Clough was one of the early pioneers, hired shortly after the opening of Chabot College-Valley Campus. She brought to the college - in addition to an esteemed

academic preparation - extensive, relevant, and diverse work experience from the world of business,” said Don Milanese, retired vice president of Academic Services.

Dr. Clough made innumerable contributions to college curriculum, planning, and governance, and was instrumental in the design and development of many of the college’s current classes, certificates, and degree business programs such as Administrative Assistant and Business Entrepreneurship. “As a devoted and dedicated educator, she always was guided, first and foremost, to giving her students her highest priority,” Mr. Milanese noted.

To learn more about the scholarships, please visit the Financial Aid Department website at www.laspositascollege.edu/financialaid. For information on planned giving and foundation investments, please contact the Las Positas College Foundation at 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore, CA 94551-7623; call 925-424-1010; or visit www.lpcfoundation.org.

Starlight Club 2010: Crowd Rocks at Santa's Sock Hop

More than 200 guests - many in poodle skirts and letterman jackets - rocked the night away at the swinging December 4, 2010 Sock Hop sponsored by the Chabot College Foundation. Congratulations and thanks to the many individuals and organizations responsible for this fun-filled fundraiser. ~ Photos by Jack Barnwell



Members of the Associated Students of Chabot College: (left) Senator Aylen Campi, Financial Director Bernadette Hu, Senator Andy Seok Hoon Park, Senator Mehak Dharmani, and Marketing Director Isabel Macasieb.



The band, “In Full Swing,” sets the mood and gets sock hop revelers to their feet.

Chabot Cheerleaders: (left, top) Alexis Hodge, Maurice Randolph, Megan Hussey, Ashleigh Parker, Veronica Gonzalez, and Anina Olivier.

World Renowned Temple Grandin to Speak March 7

Temple Grandin, portrayed in an award winning HBO movie and regarded as the world's most accomplished and best-known adult with autism, will speak at Las Positas College on Monday, March 7, at 7 p.m. in the Barbara Francisco Mertes Center for the Arts. Tickets are now on sale at the campus bookstore. Early ticket purchase is recommended because this event is expected to sell out. Seating is general admission, so early arrival is encouraged.

"We're really excited about bringing Temple Grandin to Las Positas. She is a dynamic and inspirational speaker," said Las Positas College Psychology Instructor Ernest Jones. Dr. Jones noted that Dr. Grandin's presentation is part of the college's week-long celebration of Brain Awareness Week, a global campaign to increase public awareness about brain research, and is sponsored by the Psychology Department and the Psi Beta Psychology Honor Society.

People around the world have seen Dr. Grandin thanking her mother and waving to appreciative audiences on the nationally televised 2010 Emmy and 2011 Golden Globe Award ceremonies where the eponymous 2010 HBO movie about her life won awards and recognition.

Temple Grandin was 2 years old when she was diagnosed with autism in 1950. The doctors told Eustacia Cutler, Temple's mother, to put her in an institution but her mother refused choosing to teach Temple, send her to school, and find her the best teachers. Dr. Grandin went on to earn a B.A. in Psychology and both M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Animal Science.

"On behalf of all the parents like myself who have a child with autism, you are our hero," said movie producer Emily Gerson Saines at the Emmy Awards ceremony, where she also called Dr. Grandin's mother "our inspiration."

Named to *Time* magazine's 2010 list of the 100 most influential people in the world and one of 25

"Heroes," Dr. Grandin is a scientist, professor, best-selling author, leading authority on autism and animal behavior, animal welfare



advocate, inspirational speaker, and professor at Colorado State University.

She has been featured on National Public Radio, the BBC TV special *The Woman Who Thinks Like a Cow*, ABC's *Primetime Live*, *The Today Show*, *Larry King Live*, *48 Hours*, and *20/20*, and in many national publications including *People*, *Forbes*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and *New York Times*. Bravo Cable produced a half-hour show on her life and she was featured in the best-selling book, *Anthropologist from Mars*.

Dr. Jones noted that Dr. Grandin's speaking engagement marks her second visit to the college. When she visited in March 2008, she also met with the Psychology Club students and presented a lecture to anatomy and biology students.

The Las Positas College Department of Psychology brings world-renowned speakers and events to the campus and Tri-Valley community. This past year, the department presented *The Mystery of Sleep* conference featuring William C. Dement, M.D. Ph.D., the world's leading authority on sleep and regarded as the "Father of Sleep Medicine." A frequent Las Positas College visitor was the late Kim Peek, the super-savant who inspired the Oscar winning film, *Rain Man*, starring Dustin Hoffman. Past speakers also have included Dr. John Ratey, best selling author and associate clinical professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.

Holiday Angels Spread Joy to Children and Families

Students in the Chabot College CARE/CalWORKs program and their families were touched by Holiday Angels this past holiday season. Thanks to generous donations from all of the Holiday Angels, 102 children received gifts and the families enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner.

Thanks to the generosity of staff and faculty, the Las Positas College Public Safety Club collected more than 350 new toys during its Holiday Toy Drive. About 83 children from families associated with the CalWORKs program were the happy recipients.

Wind Symphony Concert and CD Release Party Give Gift of Music



Chabot College's Wind Symphony features some of the best musicians in the Bay Area.

Audiences enjoyed a symphony performance and took beautiful music home with them, too, at Chabot College's Wind Symphony Concert and debut CD release celebration December 1, 2010 in the Reed L. Buffington Visual and Performing Arts Center.

"The concert and CD release party evening was a great success," said Director of Instrumental Studies Timothy Harris. "I'm so proud of the musicians and we are thrilled that the recording has received such positive reviews and feedback from the Chabot community at large.

"The Chabot Wind Symphony features some of the best musicians in the greater Bay Area and has been praised for its inspiring performances and adventurous programming featuring new and historically significant music," Mr. Harris said.

Colleges Experience Soaring Demand for Financial Aid

During this time of economic difficulty, our college financial aid staffs are on the front lines to support students, ensure accountability, and adhere to government regulations in an environment of dramatic challenge and change.

Kathryn Linzmeyer, Chabot College, and Andi Schreibman, Las Positas College, offered an informational presentation to the Board of Trustees at its February 1 meeting. The presentation, which included a description of their office missions, responsibilities, activities, and observations, was followed with questions, expressions of appreciation, and applause.

The presentation outlined a confluence of events that has placed unprecedented demands upon their offices and have sent student financial needs soaring. The trend in federal and state aid is to decentralize service and delivery, transferring the workload to the already burdened financial aid offices. Direct lending, for example, forced the offices - with already skeletal staffing - to assume significant workload increases as they took on functions previously provided by lenders and guarantee agencies.

At Chabot College, the ratio of service is ten to one serving 23,180 students or 2,318 students per staff member. At Las Positas College, the ratio is four to one serving 13,532 students or 3,383 students per staff member.

The amount of student financial aid has soared at each college. At Chabot, in 2005-06, 5,761 students received \$9,792,805 in various types of aid. In 2009-10, that amount climbed to 8,467 students receiving \$16,376,061, resulting in a 67.2 percent dollar value increase. At Las Positas College, the demand more than tripled. In 2005-06, 1,594 students received \$2,346,850 in various types of aid. In 2009-10, it soared to 3,290 students receiving \$7,730,951 - a dollar value increase of 229.4 percent.

Trends the office staff members have been seeing include frequent cases of "riches to rags" students from formerly middle class families who have lost everything due to the current economy. They said that many of our students are borrowing excessively, resulting in significant increases in loan volume and amount of loan debt.

They have observed that the poor economy has forced many students to borrow because they do not have jobs and need to support themselves, their own families, and sometimes their parents. Another phenomenon they reported is students with bachelor's degrees and high existing debt coming to our community colleges seeking retraining and requesting additional loans.

Please visit the financial aid websites to learn more about these challenges and to read the complete presentation to the Board of Trustees: <http://www.chabotcollege.edu/FinAid/>, <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/financialaid/index.php>.



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Save the Date

Chabot College

"The Harimaya Bridge"

February 8 at 5 p.m. - Film screening only

February 15, 2-7 p.m. - Q & A and reception with director and star Chabot College, Bldg. 700

Info: Lani Wilson at (510) 723-6714 or LWilson@chabotcollege.edu

5th Annual Chabot Wind Band Festival and Wind Symphony Concert

February 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., High School Band Performance and at 8 p.m., Wind Symphony conducted by famed composer/conductor Frank Ticheli

Chabot College, Reed L. Buffington Center for the Visual and Performing Arts

Cost: \$15, \$10 for students

Info: Timothy Harris at (510) 723-6833 or

THarris@chabotcollege.edu

Faculty Inquiry Network Conference

March 4 - 5, register by February 18 Chabot College

Cost: \$50, \$25 for students
Info: <http://fincommons.net/> or Monique Williams at

MWilliams@chabotcollege.edu

Chabot College Foundation's "A Blooming Affaire"

June 3 at 6 p.m. and June 4 at 10 a.m.

City Hall, Hayward

Info: Heidi Feinberg at (510) 723-6936 or

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Las Positas College

Temple Grandin

March 7 at 7 p.m.

Las Positas College, Barbara Fracisco Mertes Center for the Arts
Cost: \$5

Info: Ernest Jones at (925) 424-1217 or <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/news/TempleGrandin.php>

Early Music Concerts

February 12, March 12, and April 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Las Positas College, Barbara Fracisco Mertes Center for the Arts
Cost: \$15, \$10 for students

Info: Marilyn Marquis at (925) 424-1209 or

<http://www.lpcearlymusic.org/>

"Phantom of the Country Opera"

April 9, 15, and 16 at 8 p.m. and April 10 and 17 at 2 p.m.

Las Positas College, Barbara Fracisco Mertes Center for the Arts
Cost: \$15, \$10 for students

Info: Ken Ross at (925) 424-1166 or KRoss@laspositascollege.edu

District-Wide

Chancellor Luncheon

March 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hilton Hotel, Pleasanton

Cost: \$25

Info: Ora Bigelow at (925) 485-5208

For news about the many important events on the college campuses, please visit the college websites. For sports event schedules, please visit

<http://www.chabotcollege.edu/pe/athletic.asp> and

<http://www.laspositascollege.edu/athletics/index.php>.

Go Gladiators and Hawks!