

# *Las Positas College For Immediate Release*

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## Las Positas College to Honor Women Veterans March 7

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(Livermore, CA) - Las Positas College (LPC) and the LPC Veterans First Program will present a free, public program during Women's History Month featuring female veteran speakers and a panel discussion on Thursday, March 7 at 10 a.m.

Now in its seventh year, the Honoring Women Veterans program recognizes the contributions made by women in the military.

"We are proud to honor the special contributions made by women in the military by presenting this event during Women's History Month," said Veterans First Coordinator Todd Steffan. "We are pleased to feature such highly respected speakers who have many power stories to share. We know that people will be interested in hearing from these speakers and listening to the panel discussion featuring female student veterans from different branches."

This year, Honoring Women Veterans features keynote speakers Rachel Ballew and Graciela Tiscareno-Sato. Ballew is a veteran Staff Sergeant of the United States Marine Corps who deployed as a Female Engagement Team Specialist in Sangin, Afghanistan in 2012. She currently attends Columbia University where she is pursuing her bachelor's degree in International Politics. Tiscareno-Sato is a United States Air Force veteran who was honored by the White House as a Woman Military Veteran Leader Champion of Change in March 2014. A bilingual STEM Consultant to K-12 school districts and speaker on environmental entrepreneurship, leadership, innovation and the Latino educational crisis, Tiscareno-Sato is the author of the five-time award-winning *Latinovating: Green American Jobs* and the *Latinos Creating Them* and the bestselling children's book *Good Night Captain Mama/Buenas Noches Capitán Mamá*.

The event will be led by master of ceremonies Lindsey Sin, the California Department of Veterans Affairs Deputy Secretary for Women Veterans Affairs. A veteran herself, Sin served in the United States Navy from 1997 to 2005 where she received the rank of Petty Officer First Class while working in military intelligence and completing two tours in Rota, Spain. She was deployed to support operations Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Following the keynote addresses there will be a Q&A panel discussion including women student veterans who have served in various military branches. The panel will bring their diverse military experiences to illustrate the lifestyle, expectations and achievements of women veterans.

The Honoring Women Veterans event will take place from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in LPC's Building 1600, Rooms 1628 A and B at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore. Parking is available for \$3 and lunch will be provided to those in attendance. For more information, visit [laspositascollege.edu/veterans](http://laspositascollege.edu/veterans).

**About Las Positas College's Veterans First Program**

The LPC Veterans First Program provides veterans with services and resources to help them achieve their educational goals. The team includes a program coordinator, veteran counselors and veteran specialists who work full-time to ensure veterans have the tools they need to succeed. Veterans who are part of the program receive priority registration, veteran-specific scholarships, book loans, work-study program, a drop-in Veterans Resource Center and are involved in the Student Veterans Organization. This past academic year, more than 600 veterans, reservists/guard and active duty military personnel were enrolled at LPC. For more information, visit [laspositascollege.edu/veterans](http://laspositascollege.edu/veterans).

## About Las Positas College

Las Positas College currently enrolls 8,000 students and offers curriculum for students seeking transfer to a four-year college or university, career preparation, or basic skills education. The College provides university transfer classes, retraining classes for those in need of employment or career advancement, a first-time educational opportunity for many adults, enrichment classes for those seeking a broader perspective, and career and technical training for those entering the technical and paraprofessional workforce.

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