

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District For Immediate Release

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The Friends of Chabot College and the Las Positas College Foundation respond to inquiries to support student needs

(Dublin, CA) - In response to many inquiries from donors and the community to support Chabot and Las Positas College (LPC) students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, The Friends of Chabot College and the Las Positas College (LPC) Foundation have each established funds to accept donations to help students during this unprecedented time.

"We began receiving inquiries from donors, and it was very heartening to know they were thinking about our students," said Kenneth Cooper, Executive Director, LPC Foundation. "With the COVID-19 Giving Initiative, we really wanted to set up a way for donors to support our students who have very real and pressing needs." The Giving Initiative, established by the LPC Foundation, directs donations to LPC students impacted by the pandemic, and raised a significant amount of funding during its first week to address our students' critical and unmet needs.

Our district students are facing a multitude of challenges during the pandemic and the consequent shelter-in-place order. They face job loss or significant reduction in pay while adjusting to having to take courses remotely and facing technology access issues. Many are juggling taking care of their own children who are also at home from school while adjusting to learning remotely and struggling to pay for basic needs (i.e. food, utilities, rent).

In order to promptly address these needs and help reduce the stress they cause as much as possible, donations received are directed to the areas of greatest need for students such as technology resources for remote/distance learning including laptops, internet hot-spots and software applications, as well as basic needs, such as food and living expenses.

The Friends of Chabot College has established the 'Response to COVID-19 Emergency Student Aid Appeal,' which aims to help Chabot College students most severely impacted in this challenging time. "The Friends of Chabot College foundation board saw the need to provide an easy way to collect donations because this is such a big change for our students, and we know all of our students don't have the necessary technology at home," said Yvonne Wu Craig, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement Chabot College. "A lot of our students use our library to access Wi-Fi and expressed concerns of not knowing how to continue their courses without Wi-Fi or a laptop. We are working to fill that gap and ensure our students have the necessary resources to succeed and reach their educational goals in this ever-changing environment."

Chabot and Las Positas College are fortunate to be part of such giving communities and appreciate the outpouring of support, though many resources are still needed to help students navigate through these challenging times. To support the Friends of Chabot College Emergency Student Aid Fund and/or the LPC Foundation Giving Initiative, visit:

[The Friends of Chabot College](#)

[Las Positas College Foundation](#)

About Chabot-Las Positas Community College District

CLPCCD serves 29,000 students annually, in the San Francisco East Bay Area, particularly southern Alameda County, through its two colleges: Chabot College in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore. CLPCCD is governed by a seven-member board of trustees which is responsible for all policy decisions. Board members are elected from trustee areas by the registered voters of nine communities: Castro Valley, Dublin, Hayward, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Sunol, and Union City.

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