

# *Las Positas College*

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**MEDIA:** You are invited to attend the event.

### **Las Positas College to Present "#UnstoppableWomenVeterans - Honoring Women Veterans 2021" Event Featuring Speakers and Panel Discussion During Women's History Month**

**(Livermore, CA)** - Las Positas College announces the ninth annual Honoring Women Veterans event, 'UnstoppableWomenVeterans,' featuring keynote speaker Xochitl Rodriguez Murillo, Deputy Secretary of Minority & Underrepresented Veterans of the California Department of Veterans Affairs, Army Reservist. Event highlights will include a presentation by the Honor Guard, singing of the National Anthem, LPC student women Veterans' panel, and scholarship awards. This virtual event will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10th via Zoom conference, and is free and open to the public.

"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 Supervisor, Todd Steffan. "We are very pleased to feature such highly respected speakers who have many powerful 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," Steffan said.

Xóchitl Rodriguez Murillo was appointed on October 8, 2019 as Deputy Secretary for Minority and Underrepresented Veterans at the California Department of Veterans Affairs. She has served as Council member to the City of Woodland since 2016, and as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserve since 2012. She deployed with the Army from 2004-2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and received the National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device and Global War on Terrorism medals (expeditionary and service).

Xóchitl holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations and Spanish from the University of California, Davis and a Master of Arts degree in Spanish from California State University, Sacramento. She is a member of the American Legion Yolo Post 77, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1985.

The Las Positas College Veterans First Program provides veterans with services and resources to help them achieve their educational goals. This past academic year, more than 600 veterans, reservists/guard, and active duty military personnel were enrolled at the college.

Veteran support services include a full-time team composed program supervisor, Veterans counselor, and Veterans specialist, priority registration for Veterans, Veterans scholarships, a book loan program, a virtual Veterans Resource Center, work-study program and an active Student Veterans Organization. For more information, please visit the website at [www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/veterans).

For more information and to register, visit <https://lpchonoringwomenveterans2021.eventbrite.com>

#### ***About Las Positas College***

Las Positas College currently enrolls approximately 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.

Las Positas College is a learning-centered institution focused on excellence and student success. It is fully committed to supporting Tri-Valley residents in their quest for education and advancement. Las Positas College faculty and staff are distinguished by their energy, creativity, and commitment to making a difference in the lives of the students they serve and the future of the Tri-Valley region.