

Las Positas College For Immediate Release

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Las Positas College Foundation's 2019 "Best of the Best" Celebration

(Livermore, Ca) - It's time to get those taste buds ready, as the Las Positas College (LPC) Foundation prepares to host its annual signature fundraising event, The Best of The Best at the college's Livermore campus. This year, festivities will take place in and around the newest instructional facility on the campus, Building 1000. Guests will be invited to tour the classrooms, labs and state of the art meeting spaces and hear from Las Positas College students about the excellence of college programs.

The May 4, 2019, celebration will feature contemporary southwestern cuisine from Posada Restaurant. Owner Eduardo Posada, an alumnus of Las Positas College, is preparing a delicious array of food for the celebration. Posada's new food truck will be making its debut at Best of the Best, allowing guest to sample street tacos prepared in the mobile kitchen. There will also be an enticing selection of wines from eight of the area's premiere wineries - including the campus' very own Las Positas College Campus Hill Vineyard, and two local breweries have been added to the mix. Highlights will include live performances from LPC students, a silent auction and much more. The evening concludes with sparkling wine and exquisite desserts made by culinary students from seven local high schools. Serving as emcee again this year will be multi-talented performer and LPC Alumnus Shawn Ryan. Shawn was selected as a semi-finalist on the first season of America's Got Talent and was an instrumental part of the Foundation's record fundraising during last year's Best of the Best.

"It's no secret that education budgets in general are limited, and while we are diligent in identifying ways to maximize that budget, we must still fulfill our mission of providing a superior education to more than 9,000 students in the Tri-Valley and beyond. The Best of the Best celebration helps the college through this critical fundraising," said LPC Interim President Roanna Bennie.

"A portion of the proceeds raised at Best of the Best 2019 will be re-invested in the campus through the Foundation's Faculty Grant program. This initiative provides funds for innovative projects that directly impact students at Las Positas College. We are fortunate to serve the residents of the Tri-Valley community and grateful to have their continued support. For those who have not yet attended a Best of the Best celebration or visited the Las Positas College campus, I invite you to join us on May 4th! Take a closer look at Las Positas College and see how we make a positive impact on our region", said Kenneth Cooper, Executive Director, Las Positas College Foundation.

This year's Best of the Best event will be held on **May 4th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm in Building 1000 on the Las Positas College campus**. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased on line at <http://www.lpcfoundation.org/bob2019> or by calling 925 424-1014.

Top sponsors for this upcoming event are: Kaiser Permanente, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, The Independent, Sandia National Laboratory, Souza/Balazs and

UNCLE Credit Union.

Participating wineries are: Concanon Vineyard, Cuda Ridge Wines, Occasio Winery, Las Positas College Campus Hill Vineyard, McGrail Vineyards, Page Mill Winery, Steven Kent Winery and Wente Vineyards.

Participating breweries: Altamont Brew Works & Eight Bridges Brewery

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About the Las Positas College Foundation:

The primary mission of the Foundation is to attract funding for student scholarships, support vital educational programs and support the mission of Las Positas College through outreach to the tri-valley community. The Foundation's goals are (1) to inform and educate the Tri-Valley communities about the outstanding resources and opportunities available through their local community college and (2) to provide businesses and community based organizations the opportunity to invest in the future of the college's students.

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.