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Las Positas College Journalism Students Win Big at State Journalism Convention

(Livermore, CA) - Las Positas College (LPC) journalism students combined for 16 awards at the Journalism Association of Community College's (JACC) state convention.

"JACC was such a valuable experience," said LPC's The Express Editor-in-Chief Emily Forschen. "I am so proud of our showing and how we stacked up against other journalism programs in California. Most of the focus is on how we need to get better and what we need to improve. So, it felt good to get the affirmation that we are doing some good work. We all came back even more motivated to create the best publications we can and grow even more in our craft."

Through engaging workshops, and on-the-spot competitions that saw students judged on reporting live events, participants from across the state attended in the three-day convention held March 28-30 in Sacramento. Students learned modern reporting techniques and fine-tuned their media skills.

Additionally, LPC adjunct professor Marcus Thompson II, author of the bestselling "Golden: The Miraculous Rise of Steph Curry" and the upcoming "KD: Kevin Durant's Relentless Pursuit to be the Greatest," taught two workshops on sports reporting.

Outside of individual awards, LPC earned the coveted General Excellence award for Naked Magazine and The Express website. A complete list of LPC winners is as follows:

Publication Awards

Online General Excellence: lpcexpressnews.com

General Excellence: Naked Magazine

First Place Magazine Illustration: Alexa Lowe "Friends?"

Second Place Photo Illustration: Mariel Chong and Christina Vargas "Legacy of Great Women Strong in Bay Area"

Third Place Magazine Profile Article: Ian Jones "Walking the 'Long, Long Road' (Fantastic Negrito)"

Third Place Photo Essay: Timothy Cech "A Day in the Life of Furry Bunny" (bunny photos throughout)

Fourth Place Magazine Illustration: Courtney Metz "When the Game Beats You" (Image left-middle of the article)

Fourth Place Magazine Opinion Article: Kyle Zeisbrich "Confessions of a Retail Ambassador"

Fourth Place Magazine Photo: Elizabeth Joy "My Return Home"

Honorable Mention Magazine Design/Layout: Taylor Lobb, Alexa Lowe, Timothy Cech, Jon Chiarello and Jennifer Snook for Naked 13

Honorable Mention Critical Review: Arion Armeniakos "Nicki Minaj's newest rap battle:

'Queen' vs. the industry"

Honorable Mention Profile Feature Story: Devin Bradshaw "Small Package, Big Impact"

Honorable Mention Student Designed Ad: Jennifer Snook "Words Inside Your Head"

On-the-Spot Awards

Honorable Mention Critical Review: Emily Forschen

Honorable Mention Feature Writing: Emily Forschen

Honorable Mention Sports Writing: Arion Armeniakos

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.