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New LPC Student Government Constitution

By Lizzy Rager

While the US constitution might need 50 years to change, the Las Positas College Student Government Constitution doesn't. The student government has drafted a new constitution supported by the Senate and student body, entailing much-needed provisions since its 2019 version.

According to Jackie Carillo, LPCSG's Director of Communication, the existing document hasn't been adjusted in a very long time, other than some minor edits in 2019. The new constitution will allow for critical student government positions to be filled without appointment from the LPCSG president, alter the non-inclusive gendered language of the old one and be simplified for ease of reading and inclusivity. It will also expand the size of the executive board, allowing the Director of Finances and the Director of Programs and Services to be elected by the student population every election season.

The change of gendered language is necessary and welcomed, as having only he/she pronouns leaves out people who do not identify with those pronouns. It's



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also unnecessarily wordy to use 'he/she' over 'they,' which covers bases for both singular and plural subjects.

For context, the old constitution promises that the LPCSG "provide[s]" means for student representation by maintaining well-established lines of communication throughout the many

areas of the community college environment." In order to best provide for the student body, a constitution should stay relevant to student needs.

The next step to pass this document is to get it approved by the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Board of Trustees, then the docu-

ment can be official. Thanks to student support, LPCSG is able to be proactive and improve the LPC campus. Stay updated on their social media to see what ways you can help.

If you'd like to be a part of the Las Positas Student Government, visit the LPCSG website for details.

Scholarship season at Las Positas College

By Sophia Sipe

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As students return to campus, the race for free money kicks into high gear. From \$10 awards to \$25,000, LPC's financial aid office is offering a wide range of scholarships to help every kind of student pay tuition and afford vital class resources such as textbooks and school supplies.

In addition to applying to The Free Application for Federal Student Aid or The California Dream Act Application, students are expected to complete the Scholarship Application to be eligible. To apply, the student must have been enrolled in at least 12 total units or more, must be currently enrolled in six units and must have a grade point average of at least 2.0. Aside from these requirements, all applicants are expected to upload their academic transcripts.

The application asks a series of questions about race, ethnicity and individual disadvantages that may play a role in what kind of scholarships one is considered for. This information is necessary to match students to appropriate organizations that meet their

needs.

Aside from the general inquiry section, the application also includes a personal statement section in which the applicant should address their career, achievements, background, interests and future goals. To provide students with extra help, Las Positas' financial aid office has uploaded supplemental videos about the process to their Youtube channel.

LPC also provides a list of external scholarships on their website that have varying deadlines from March to May. These scholarships vary in career and tend to be particular to those studying specific majors.

Depending on the scholarship, students may also need to submit reference letters. LPC recommends obtaining these from trusted sources as soon as possible to prevent falling behind deadlines.

After applying, students are advised to consistently check their zonemail accounts for any emails about awards. Students should also turn to their classweb accounts for any updates regarding financial aid.

For assistance, the financial

aid office offers drop-in hours throughout the week and holds open cranium cafe sessions to speak to an advisor if need be.

The last day to apply for LPC's Scholarship Application is March 9, 2022 at midnight, so what are you waiting for? Get busy!

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For assistance with the Scholarship Application and Process, the following training videos are available:

Scholarship Application Process and Requirements
<https://youtu.be/9ldPmktBUcl>

The Online Application
<https://youtu.be/D3AbwqFZDgk>

Personal Statement 101
<https://youtu.be/hnryXwWs6Yo>

For technical assistance or uploading documents, the LPC Computer Center is available to help!
<http://www.laspositascollege.edu/computercenter/index.php>

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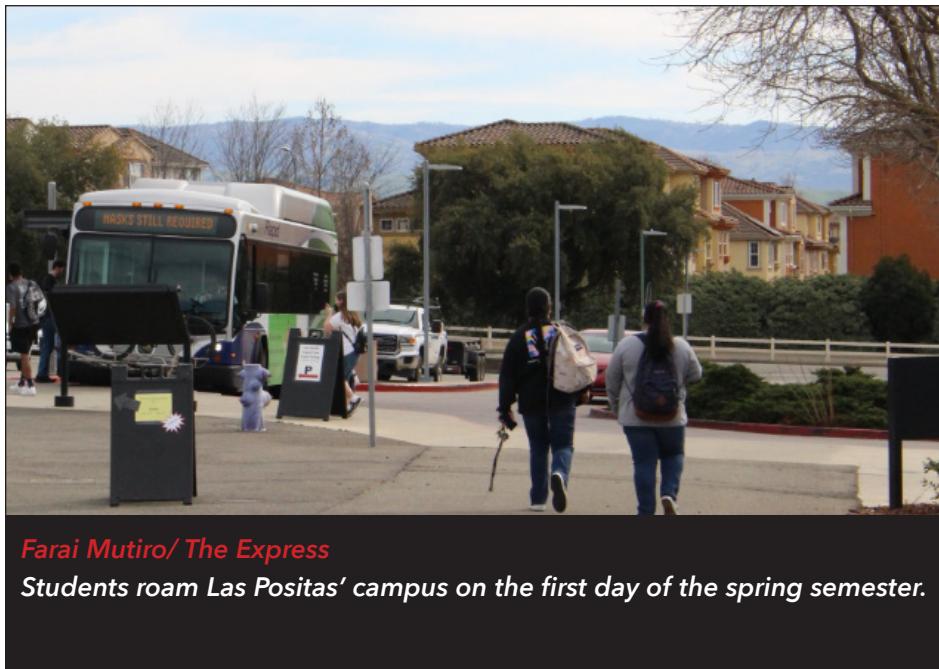
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Las Positas College returns to in-person instruction



Farai Mutiro/ The Express
Students roam Las Positas' campus on the first day of the spring semester.

By Farai Mutiro

Las Positas College is transitioning to full-time on-campus instruction for the first time since 2020.

Since the first case of COVID-19 broke out in China in 2019, the world of education has not been the same, witnessing an unprecedented increase of online education. At Las Positas College, students were forced to study online via Zoom during the height of the pandemic. Though this proved difficult, given specific classes such as lab courses couldn't make smooth transitions to online forms.

Disparities in access to educational technology such as reliable internet have created difficulties in regards to student participation with digital learning. To combat this, Las Positas provided students with laptops and portable WiFi to use for their school-

work.

"I'm ready for in-person classes," said Tino, who hasn't taken any in person at Las Positas since graduating from high school in 2021. Many students believe they don't learn well online; they prefer in-person lectures.

You Kung, a professor at Oxford University, trashed the effectiveness of online education branding it as leading to non-regulated students who are likely to show academic procrastination and increased disorganization.

On the other hand, online learning is both time and cost-effective. Karla Gutierrez, a veteran educationist at International Business Machines Corporation, said they implemented an eLearning program, "IBM found that participants learned nearly five times more material without increasing time spent in training".

While online education is a welcome development in pandemic times, work is necessary to make it effective for every potential student.

Black history month celebrated at Las Positas College

By Sophia Sipe

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As the month of February rolls around, Las Positas College coordinates with The Black Education Association to celebrate Black heritage and inform students about the importance of Black history.

According to Dr. Jeanne Wilson, the Vice President of student services, celebrating Black history month "Celebrating Black history month on college campuses is a way to educate people about the triumphs and significant impact African Americans have made throughout US history, including the civil rights movement and our artistic, cultural and political achievements".

Furthermore, LPC dedicates itself to honoring Black students with a Black scholars family night and a Black graduation celebration event. All of which are hosted by The Black Education Association, an organization of eager volunteers.

Aside from celebratory events, the college has focused on weaving diversity, equity and inclusion into its mission statement. To do so, The President's Speaker Series was created. It provides faculty, academic leaders, professionals and students with information on topics related to anti-racism and unconscious or implicit race bias.

The Presidential Task Force has also become

a forum for extra discussion in regards to racism. "The Presidential task force was created to discuss and address actions that have led to systemic change for our students and the communities we serve," said Wilson.

LPC also provides a space for students to decompress with health workshops. The workshops provide emotional support resources such as relaxation and stress management methods to ensure that each student has the tools to thrive mentally.

In addition, LPC's Black Cultural Resource Center has reopened.

"The BCRC is a space designed for students to study, arrange for academic, transfer or mental health counseling, meet in study groups and receive referrals for basic needs support. It is also a place to just hangout, have engaging discussions with other classmates or participate in fun activities such as open mics, movie nights and game nights," said Wilson.

She continues, "The response in regards to the re-opening has been phenomenal," said Wilson. Students have since gathered in support of the center and attest to feeling welcomed."

The center provides services from Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. While Black History Month comes to a close at the end of February, resources are available year-round to help every Black student feel prepared and seen.



Image Courtesy of Jeanne Wilson
Former UMOJA student and designer of the BCRC logo, Tyrese Miller, poses in front of The Black Cultural Resource Center.

Protect yourself. Protect your peers.

COVID-19 VACCINATION IS REQUIRED
for all students attending in-person classes for Spring 2022.

All students accessing in-person classes and services must show proof of vaccination before starting classes.



Tom Brady changed my life forever



Image Courtesy of CBSsports.com

By Josh Jones

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Dear Tom Brady,
I don't know where to begin. 22 seasons, 624 touchdowns, 84,520 yards and countless other career achievements—but the past two years have been life changing.

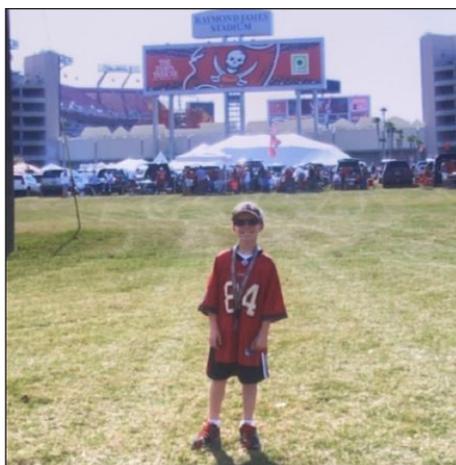
You made the dreams of an 8 year old kid from a small town in Colorado, 1,500 miles away from his favorite team, come true. The same 13-year-old kid that moved to Seattle and was a fish out of water with his Bucs hat barely hanging off his head.

We're not far removed from the years of my favorite football team having historically bad losing seasons, the countless seasons without a playoff berth and the same old jokes about the Buccaneers, or should I say "Succaneers". There were many Sundays filled with frustration and disappointment.

Many of my peers and even strangers would question my fandom of a historically bad team that was located about as far away as possible. No matter the outcome of each game, I was a diehard from the moment my dad got me my first Bucs hat for Christmas.

I would be lying if I said there weren't moments of doubt that I'd ever see my team in the playoffs, let alone the super bowl.

Never in my life did I think the best



QB of all time would leave his home for 20 years as a New England Patriot and come to Tampa to join the Buccaneers. Not to mention win a super bowl with the Bucs on home turf.

The 8 year old me would still be crying knowing we won it all and the 13 year old me would be rubbing it in to all the passionate Seahawks fans.

The 2020 season was a wild ride and one to never forget. The way you came to the Tampa organization and changed the culture immediately is unbelievably impressive. The team was so inspired by your work ethic. The way you were able to step into a completely new environment and lead the Bucs to a championship was amazing.

You ended your career at the age of



44 years old as the leading passer and touchdown scorer in the NFL. Despite these massive accomplishments on the field, the amazing person you are off the field is even more inspiring.

It may seem crazy that a football team can be this important to me but it is more than that. It's staying true to who you are no matter who tells you differently. It's believing in something that may seem nearly impossible. It's sticking with something no matter how low it may go because you never know, you may wake up one day and have Tom freakin Brady on your team.

I'm so proud to be a Bucs fan. It has provided me with some of my favorite



memories. I'm so proud of the team we've had over the past two years and thankful for the light they've brought me in such a crazy time.

Tom, you are an inspiration in so many different ways and I aspire to have as much passion and dedication as you do towards your dreams. Thank you for the memories. Thank you for the inspiration.

-Bucs Fan since '08

Jones' return to the college court

By Gibran Beydoun

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In an interview, Lee Jones Jr. tells us what has helped him and the team succeed and readjust from a long time without playing basketball. Under the leadership of key players like Jones, the Hawks have had a dominant return with a 22-2 record.

Jones is a sophomore point guard on Las Positas's basketball team. According to the Athletics page of Las Positas, Jones is averaging about 13.2 points, 6 assists, and 2.0 rebounds in 22 games.

Prior to returning to the college courts, Jones had to find ways to maintain his skill set while there were no games played during the pandemic. Jones would find any public basketball courts to practice and play for hours in order to keep up.

"I had to find courts on my own to practice and stay in shape," Jones says. "[It] was very important for me to stay in shape when the time was called"

Jones says it's great to be back and it was an adjustment at first. It was important to get social interaction with everyone on the team.

The team is taking the season one game at a time. They have their eyes set on Friday's game against City College of San Francisco.

Jones says the opening loss against Butte has motivated the team to succeed this season.

"We were disappointed in that loss," Coach James Giacomazzi says. "We had expectations to try to win every game that we play and we have to look forward to the next game."

Giacomazzi has been the head coach of the men's basketball team at Las Positas since 2015. The Hawks have made the playoffs every season since Giacomazzi began coaching at LPC.

Jones says he's proud of the team collectively and that he's proud of the freshman stepping up and taking on bigger roles. The freshmen allow Jones to lead them into success.

"The freshmen trust me as a point guard to lead them," Jones says. "I think [they] saw that we can all come together, trust each other and have that comradery."

Giacomazzi says Jones's leadership is invaluable. The



Image By Alan Lewis

Lee Jones, Jr., #1, going for the basket. Jones scored 18 points, 3 rebounds and 7 assists for the Hawks in a victory over Chabot College.

two of them have spent so much time together that Jones knows what Giacomazzi wants and tries to implement that on the court.

"[Jones, Echalas, and Satchell] are the only ones who've had college experience prior to this year," Giacomazzi says. "The fact that they've played meaningful and important games at this high level, they can reflect on that experience and apply it to now."

The essence of the team in Jones' perspective is: we fight, we come together, we don't stop.

Giacomazzi says Jones has been a big part of the team's success.

"[Jones] has been one of the best point guards in CA throughout this year," Giacomazzi says. "Not only is he scoring efficiently, but also defending and facilitating at a high level"

Jones is currently attend-

ing Las Positas with a major in health science. His family is in the medical field so his education is in the medical field.

"I'm already talking to schools right now, but I'm not committed to anybody yet," Jones says. "I'm still weighing my options and seeing what's next."

Jones's goal is to play professional basketball for the NBA while getting his education.



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Livermore rap scene rises from the underground

By Joel Martinez

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The city of Livermore is not known for its rap scene or music in general. Livermore is known for the wineries, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the world's long-lasting light bulb, The Centennial Bulb.

Aside from all of that, there is an upcoming music scene that is bound to be the next big thing in the Bay Area. The Livermore rap scene has been bubbling underground for a few years now and is definitely unique compared to the rest of California's music.

When you think of the Bay Area rap scene, you think of cities like Oakland, San Francisco and Vallejo. You also think of rappers like Too Short, E-40 and Mac Dre. Though when it comes to the Tri-Valley music scene, it is unheard of or people don't think it even exists.

An exception, however, is the pop-duo Kalin and Myles. Born out of Dublin, California, the singers had the Bay Area spotlight in the mid-2010s with songs like "Trampoline" which charted #102 on the Billboard charts in 2015 and "Love Robbery" which charted in the top 200 in the Billboard charts.

Now, let's focus on the Livermore rap scene. Right now, the hottest rap



JOEL MARTINEZ/ THE EXPRESS

FAHTMIKE (STANDING) IS IN THE STUDIO RECORDING WHILE NICK SMITH (SITTING) IS HANDLING THE PRODUCTION ASPECT.

per in the city of Livermore goes by the name FahtMike, who has been releasing music since 2019. Songs like "No Tuss" featuring DeDe and "Mitsubishi" featuring NicoFasho who's also from Livermore, have more than 10,000 views, with "No

Tuss" being his highest viewed visual with 44,000 views and "Mitsubishi" being at 14,000 views.

"The Livermore rap scene is definitely slept on. There are honestly so many talented and diverse artists here. The Livermore

rap scene is building momentum. It's only a matter of time before someone bubbles. It's been an amazing journey watching the growth of all my artists. The work ethic and consistency of artists like FahtMike and NicoFasho deserve to be recognized," said Nick Smith. Smith is a producer and music video director who's also from Livermore. He works with Faht Mike and other Livermore artists in the studio and records music videos with them as well.

Along with FahtMike and NicoFasho, the Tri-Valley is home to Young Savin, an artist who is close with FahtMike and has been rapping since 2019. "Being from a city where no one really knows has a rap scene is motivating to put your city on the map," Savin said. For the musician, coming from a lesser-known area gives him more purpose to work harder in the studio.

The Livermore rap scene is a true underground scene. With the help of up-and-coming artists, the city of Livermore has the potential to be the next Oakland or San Francisco. Despite being established in a smaller town, artists clearly have been working their way up from the ground to make household names for themselves.

Livermore library art exhibits reopen amidst COVID-19 pandemic

By Sophia Sipe

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After a two-year hiatus due to the spread of COVID-19, Livermore's Civic Center Library showcases a new exhibit for the month of January to promote their literacy program.

According to Carey Jones, the current literacy coordinator, the initiative began 35 years ago for non-native English speaking adults to improve their grammar with resources such as one-on-one tutoring help and collaborative conversational meetings.

"The program's philosophy is that both the tutor and the participant are working side by side. It's more of a partnership," Jones said. As a result, many of the adult learners form close bonds with their instructor.

In this month's showcase,

titled Our Celebration Stories, various stories written by 19 learners address the importance of this bond. Many give thanks to the education they've received by sharing their achievements including passing written exams, feeling confident in oral interviews and even acquiring American citizenship.

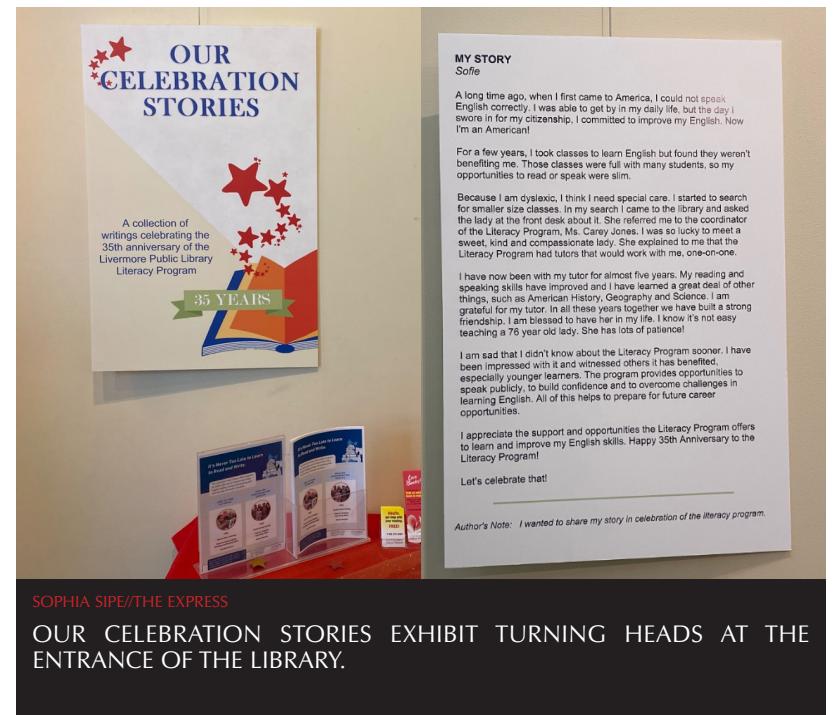
"The library provided me with a tutor. She helped me prepare for the Citizenship Test. And I became an American Citizen!" said Valentina Fedorova, one of the writers featured in Our Celebration Stories. Fedorova eventually took to paper to write about her story and suggested the idea of a poster gallery after many had their own personal anecdotes to share.

Fedorova's experiences with the program along with her peers' can be viewed at the

entrance of the library thanks to the help of Judy Pickett, a loyal library volunteer, who worked alongside Jones to organize the event.

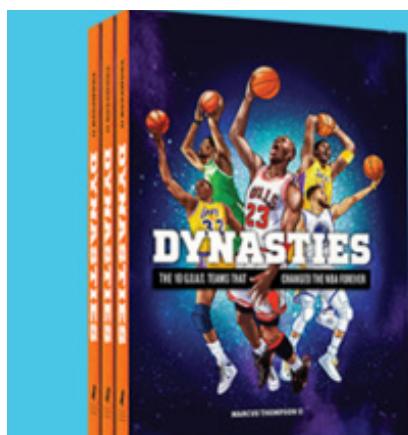
"As others view the exhibit and read the remarkable stories, I hope they recognize the hard work, dedication and talent of the authors and appreciate the skills that the writers are developing through their participation in the Literacy Program," Pickett said.

While this exhibit comes to a close at the end of January, the literacy program continues to guide residents of the Livermore community. For more information about the program and additional resources for English learners, visit the Livermore Public Library official website.



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OUR CELEBRATION STORIES EXHIBIT TURNING HEADS AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE LIBRARY.



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Michael Lee
The Washington Post



New student program has flaws

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California Gov. Gavin Newsom announced on Aug. 19 that a new public service program will take place and 45 of the state's colleges and universities will take part in it. Seven of 10 campuses from the system of University of California, 16 of 23 from California State University and about two dozen private and community colleges.

The \$146 million cost was included in the state's budget last year. Coming from my perspective as a writer and college student, I was pleased to read the benefits coming from this newly implemented program.

The incentive of receiving up to \$10K for 450 hours of public service can be enticing to students, especially for the many students who are in debt from the cost of higher education and other respective schools. I do support the new program that the state of California has introduced, but I will still go over the benefits and obstacles of the latter.

I know communities and students attending colleges and universities are curious to know what campuses will participate in the program.

Out of the University of California system, the following campuses are partaking in the program: UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Irvine and UC Merced. The California State University schools involved include Chico State, CSU East Bay, Fresno State, CSU Monterey Bay, San Francisco State and Stanislaus State.

The other colleges and schools in the first round include Butte College, College of the Siskiyous, Compton College and Sacramento City College.

If the program were to be a suc-

cess in its first round, then it can be expanded in the state and Newsom hopes for it to be replicated elsewhere.

The program is hoping to admit "dreamers," or students who've lived in the US without legal status since childhood and low-income students. What I like about the program is that it'll accept students whose parents brought them into the United States illegally and are still eligible for in-state tuition under state laws AB 540 and SB 68.

California Senate Bill 68 replaced the conditions listed in Assembly Bill 540 for these students to be eligible for in-state tuition instead of nonresident tuition. AB 540 was approved in October of 2001. SB 68 was approved in October of 2017.

Under California Senate Bill 68, it exempts students, other than non-immigrant aliens, from nonresident tuition under certain conditions.

If the student completed 3 years of attendance, or attained equivalent credits, at California high schools, adult schools, community colleges or a combination of the listed schools. The student can also be exempted if they completed 3 years of coursework in high school and 3 or more years of attendance in elementary or secondary school.

However, CSU Chancellor Joseph Castro says that it's important that it's open to the dreamers who were brought to the United States illegally, but it isn't open to all students who are living in the country illegally.

While that is an issue I have with it, I also consider the lack of spare time that students have.

Students are consumed by classes, homework, at-home responsibilities and work. My main concern is their

willingness to participate in this program and if they consider it.

If they are willing to include public service into their schedule, then it's good that they are willing to take time to do good things for their community. If not, if it's because of their responsibilities and heavy schedule, I wouldn't be hard on them about it. Like I said, many students already have a lot on their plate.

I think the monetary incentive itself of \$10,000 for 450 hours of community service is like an unbalanced scale. I can't tell if it's a good or bad amount for the time people give to participate.

On the bright side, it can seem like an incentive for students to drive for, along with the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping their community. They can even be appraised by neighbors for taking care of their hometown or nearby communities.

If the students are paid \$10,000 for 450 hours, that would mean about \$22.22 for every hour of service. How that appeals to students can vary by student and how they may perceive it.

The main obstacles I see coming from this program, is the level of participation and the chances of it working out. I think students may contemplate whether they can spare enough time and participate in it and if it's worth the monetary incentives.

I am not against the new program that California has introduced to students. Outside of the obstacles it may face, I am in favor of it as much as I am for the new Highway 132 project going on in Modesto, California.

The program anticipates 6,500 students will partake in the program when it launches in fall 2022. It is very soon to call, so we shall wait and see how well it will do in its first round.

California For All College Corps

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WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM?

6,500 students from 45 various campuses will be deployed to work in areas in need.

Each participating student who work 450 hours of public service will be rewarded \$10,000 towards their education and even receive academic credit for their work.

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WHAT ELSE IS INTERESTING ABOUT IT?

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List of the participating CA colleges and universities: <https://edsources.org/updates/45-colleges-selected-as-part-of-first-round-of-californians-for-all-college-corps>

Las Positas and Chabot Colleges have not made the first round of this new program launching later this year.

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IF IT'S \$10,000 FOR 450 HOURS, WHAT WOULD THE STUDENT BE PAID

Students will basically earn about \$22.22 average each hour

Sophia's school of thought: life on antidepressants



By Sophia Sipe

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This month marks my one year anniversary of consistency with medication. It's taken a long time to get here, but now that I've joined the stability club, let me break down the process.

With the consideration of mental health medication comes the daunting task of finding the right prescription. For many, this is the hardest part of acquiring help.

It can be overwhelming to find a pill at the right dosage that does its job without the burden of a new subset of symptoms, which sometimes proves itself to be difficult.

As I've come to find out, some psychiatrists treat medicine like Lexapro and Prozac as a catch-all for mental health. While both of these may be the right fit for some, medicine is not one size fits all. Though I didn't figure that out until after my first run with Prozac.

I was 17 when I tried out the drug and I was also in a relationship. Let's just say the two didn't mix well. I felt forced to pick between experiencing passion versus consistency in terms of my emotions. The pills made me feel numb to any and all emotions. It was great that I wasn't sad all the time, but it stopped me from feeling excitement or joy. That's the thing with some medications, it almost requires you to pick and choose which emotions are more important.

The trial didn't last long. I quit taking

it after a week, but I definitely didn't tell my therapist until months later. I wouldn't recommend this.

A year later, after months of painfully honest therapy sessions, I was informed that my previous diagnosis of depression was false. This happens in the industry a lot, which plays a large role in the medicine department. My new diagnosis—and the one that felt more correct—was Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.

I lived in constant fear that I would always struggle to be alive. I had intense obsessive paranoia that led to delusions and severe high-functioning anxiety. I suffered from destructive compulsions like avoidance to certain locations and rumination. All of which aligned with OCD rather than traditional depression. Yes, I was depressed for most of my life, but I was depressed because my brain made it hard to exist in a state of constant anxiety.

From there, I began taking Luvox, which is a pill specifically for OCD patients. Life got easier from that point on. The right

medicine lifted a weight off my shoulders and led me to a kind of euphoria that I hadn't felt since I was a child.

Finding the right diagnosis is half of the battle. If someone had told me that, I probably would've been more hopeful for the future.

A year later, I'm still on the same medication. I still feel the same euphoric feeling. I'm able to experience life as I should. I still have OCD and that's something that won't go away. Despite the fact that I'll always have a neurodivergent brain, it doesn't necessarily dictate how I live anymore and that's been the most beneficial side effect of my medicine.

My experience with mental health won't be like anyone else's. Everyone has an individual path that will be unique to them. On the other hand, mental struggle is a universal feeling that unites one in five Americans, according to The National Institute of Mental Health. You aren't alone in the mental fight and you certainly don't have to struggle without help.

EXPRESS YOURSELF

Does the lifting of the state-wide mask mandate change how you feel about returning to in-person classes?



“I’ve taken two semesters online but I am excited to have in-person classes again, because I don’t have to sit at home all day, staring at a screen. I’d rather go out and interact with people, even if it’s through a mask. I tend to do better face to face instead of through a screen. Honestly, the mask mandate being lifted wouldn’t affect me that much because I would still rather wear my mask.”

– Joban K, 20



“This is my first semester on campus here. I was more excited rather than nervous. That does make me a bit nervous, especially because this is the first time I’m hearing about it. I am comforted in the fact that everyone on campus is vaccinated, but at the same time we’ve seen how vaccines don’t totally protect you from covid. I will probably continue to wear my mask.”

Kiara W, 19



“I enjoy the one-on-one interaction because, to be honest, I was kind of falling behind with online classes, but I like being on campus. This is my second semester at LPC but first semester in-person. I would still personally keep the mask on. The vaccine requirement actually kind of helps me feel better, because I have a grandma at home, so that’s what I’m really worried about. I don’t want to give her anything, so I’ll keep the mask on.”

– Ben S, 23



“This is my third semester at LPC. I had one class on campus last semester, but this is my first time having a full schedule being all on campus. I wasn’t sure if I would like it, but I do. I just pay more attention and feel like I learn better compared to online. In-person school works best for me and I’m going to be as safe as I can, but that wouldn’t affect me from coming to school. I’m still going to be safe and wear my mask.”

– Kaleigh B, 23

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