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LOS MEDANOS  
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# SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

A Community of Learners

Spring 2012

**ALL COLLEGE DAY CONFERENCE**

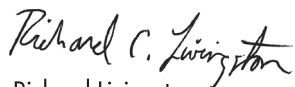
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# Staff development is an integral part of the life of the college.

– Chester Case, Professional Development Facilitator.

Los Medanos College was built on a foundation of professional development – that and reinforced concrete, of course. Today's program – Spotlight on Success, A Community of Learners – continues to build on that strong foundation. During the morning mini-conference, we will be learning from our colleagues who have developed innovative ways to enhance student success, ultimately leading to improved student outcomes. No matter what your role at LMC, you will get ideas on how you can contribute to achievement of those outcomes.

Thanks to the Professional Development Advisory Committee (PDAC) and Local Planning Group (LPG) for designing this community of learners day. As we kickoff spring '12, please participate with positive energy and a joyful spirit. Together we make a positive difference in the lives of our students.



Richard Livingston  
Interim President

## Schedule

8:30	<b>Light Refreshments</b>	<i>Music Building Foyer</i>
9:00	<b>College Convocation</b> KEYNOTE: President Richard Livingston	<i>Recital Hall</i>
10:00	<b>Spotlight on Success Workshops</b> See pages 2–3 for details	
	• Contextualized Teaching and Learning	CC2-212
	• Spotlight on Homework	CC2-214
	• Team Work and Communications	CC2-221
	• Students Talking to Teachers, Teachers Talking to Students	CC2-226
	• Using New Technologies in the Classroom	CC2-225
	• Applying Creative 'Smart' Technology in Your Classroom	CC2-296
	• Introduction to Diverse Work Styles	CC4-473
11:50	<b>Break</b>	
Noon	<b>Round Table Discussions</b> See page 4 for details	<i>Library Conference Room 109</i>
	<b>Poster Session Displays</b> See page 5 for details	<i>Library Lobby</i>

# Workshops

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## **Applying Creative ‘Smart’ Technology in Your Classroom**

Room: CC2-296

Presenter: Laurie Huffman

Faculty and staff members interested in engaging students in learning with mobile SMART devices will be interested in attending this two-hour session. We will discuss how faculty/student interaction can be enhanced using students’ mobile units (cell-phones, iPads, tablets, Kindles, etc.). Attendees for this session will leave with ideas for using technology both with and without SMART room podiums by using students’ personal technology.

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## **Contextualized Teaching And Learning**

Room: CC2-212

Presenter: Dave Wahl and representatives from the Career Ladders Project

Collaborate on how to engage, energize and excite our students to learn English and math in the context of a real world career. This collaborative workshop on teaching English and math “in context” is an important element of our upcoming Career Advancement Academies and is becoming an ever-important part of the college’s workforce development system.

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## **Introduction to Diverse Workstyles**

Room: CC4-473

Presenter: Dave Belman

This workshop will give participants tools with which to diagnose reasons for conflict, a context for better communication with others and strategies to support others in their best thinking. This workshop is a version of the “colors” workshop. Classified staff are highly encouraged to attend.

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## **Spotlight on Homework: Investigating Our Teaching Practices That Support Student Learning**

Room: CC2-214

Presenter: Mara Landers, PhD.

Homework is something we expect students to do as part of their academic learning experience, but often we are not satisfied with their work, or we feel they do not live up to our expectations. For several semesters faculty in the Math department’s teaching communities have been exploring the issues involved in supporting our students in engaging with homework as a learning opportunity, with dual focus on developing relevant and successful teaching practices, and analyzing the messages we send about our expectations through our practices.

In this workshop we will engage our colleagues from other disciplines in the conversation about the messages we send and how we can support our students. We will present some of the strategies we have developed and discuss how strategies can be adapted across disciplines and across academic levels (e.g. DE versus Transfer).

## **Students Talking to Teachers, Teachers Talking to Students**

Room: CC2-226

Presenters: Greg Brown, and Gutierrez, Erin Johnson (student) Maria Tuttle, Sharon Wellbrook and Michael Yeong

One year ago, a group of LMC faculty and students came together to view the film, “Students Talking to Teachers, Teachers Talking to Students: The Real Community College Experience”. Their purpose was to uncover strategies which promote dialogue between real college students and faculty in order to create a deeper understanding of the student experience at LMC.

At today’s workshop the original participants will share their thoughts on the film and how ideas presented nearly a year ago have played out in their current classroom experiences. We will review clips from the film and comment in real time what ideas resonated with them at the time of their viewing. Commentary from each participant will segue into a whole audience discussion. The workshop’s overall approach will be for faculty and staff to reflect on student needs and expectations, to discuss as professionals what those voiced ideas mean to us, as their teachers and mentors, and, finally how we are to respond in meaningful ways.

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## **Team Work and Communication – ACE Style**

Room: CC2-221

Presenters: Tue Rust and Clint Ryan

What is the difference between working alongside other people and working on a team? How about talking to someone and communicating with them? Come to this workshop to find out. We will learn about the Spherical Dynamics learning and working styles assessment, how to understand your own strengths and weaknesses, and how to use it to form a healthy, efficient team. We will also discuss techniques for active listening and productive communication.

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## **Using New Technologies in the Classroom**

Room: CC2-225

Presenters: Matt Stricker and Jill DeStefano

This workshop will include hands-on training for how to use new technologies to improve instruction. Topics will include: using lecture capture software such as Camtasia, Camstudio, or Jing; using tablet pc’s for lecture or to answer e-mail; creating Youtube videos; creating outlines for class discussions, and using avatars to send your class messages.

## Roundtables

Library Conference Room 109

### **Counseling: A Comprehensive Approach**

Facilitator: Frances Moy

A summary of counseling services and how advising fits with counseling services.

### **How to Engage Students on the First Day**

Facilitators: Rosa Armendariz and Janice Townsend

What are the strategies that you use to actively welcome and engage students in the class on the first day of school? How do you develop a partnership with students that supports the class success? Come share your thoughts, strategies, challenges and ideas.

### **Maintaining High Expectations and Good Relationships with Students**

Facilitator: Mara Landers, PhD.

### **Online Teaching and Learning Using Smart Phones and Learning Tablets**

Facilitator: Laurie Huffman

Join us for a discussion about ideas for using students' personal technology in the classroom and for student services.

### **SGC, Communication and Spotlight on Learning**

Facilitators: Theo Adkins and Bruce Cutler

The SGC would like to hear from the college community members what they think the SGC should be doing to support learning on campus.

## Poster Sessions

Library Lobby

### **ACE**

Presenter: Tue Rust

### **Child Development**

Presenter: Kathryn Nielsen

### **Enhancing Student Learning (In Chemistry)**

Presenter: Daniel Amare

### **LMC Leadership Academy**

Presenters: Mary Oleson and Teresea Archaga

### **LMC Library's New Electronic Resources**

Presenter: Kim Wentworth

### **MESA**

Presenter: Jeanne Bonner

### **UMOJA**

Presenters: A'kilah Moore and Tess Caldwell

### **Web Advisor, Insight and Rosters: A&R**

Presenters: Robin Armour and Stefanie Alves

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