

Hello. I am DeRionne Pollard, President of Las Positas College—the college that holds firm to the belief that each of us, student and employee alike, makes an astonishing difference, and we thank you, our returning veterans, for making an astonishing difference for the lives of the citizens of this country. On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students of this wonderful institution, I welcome you to our growing campus. Indeed, astonishing differences are just what community colleges are about; we bring richness and value to the communities we serve by providing access to higher education to a diverse student body, and Las Positas College is no exception.

Community colleges are potentially the most transforming institution in contemporary America. Community colleges engage in the true work of mobilizing our society; we provide access to higher education for millions of Americans. In fact, half of all undergraduates in this country attend a community college. We accept, educate, and graduate the academically talented and the academically disenfranchised, the native son and the immigrant daughter, the career seeker and the dislocated worker, the working reservist and the returning veteran, and the child exploring youth programs and the senior citizen seeking intellectual challenge. Las Positas College is a community college committed to actualizing every facet of our mission as a comprehensive community college—with style and excellence.

I am honored that you have decided to pursue your educational goals here. I am convinced that your experience here—in and out of the classroom—will change the trajectory of your life. Thank you for choosing Las Positas College and entrusting us with your education...and your future. Welcome.