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Lecture looks beyond stereotypes

Marina Bravo
Arts Editor

Stereotypes and microaggressions were discussed in this week's Belongingness lecture. At 1 p.m. Tuesday, the Quay Davis Board Room became an open inviting space.

Daniel Loera, director of multicultural affairs, started the discussion by sharing the 10-minute TED Talk. "Implicit Bias, Stereotype Threat and Higher Ed" by Russell McClain.

In the video McClain shared how ubiquitous stereotypes and microaggressions are in our society. Loera then opened up discussion for anyone who wanted to share a time where they might have encountered a stereotype or microaggression.

Loera reminded attendees to keep an open and honest dialogue, that within the space they had guidelines including active listening, respect and cultural sensitivity.

Lecture facilitator and senior biology major Kira Annis, got the conversation going by sharing that stereotypes and microaggressions can be encountered within your own community.

Annis shared how although they grew up in a predominantly African American community, it was a constant battle for them to see if they would be considered "black enough" by their peers.

"Sometimes it could be your own community that makes you feel this way," Annis said. "My most ingrained memories were literal kids who looked like me, that made me feel like I was too white to fit in with being black."

Graduate student Stephanie Oliva had a similar perspective to share. She mentioned how growing up in the Inland Empire, she was very fortunate to have grown up in a diverse community. However, being a woman had brought up some challenges of her own.

Oliva realized how people in her own community could make their own assumptions about her because of the fact that she was a woman and had to carry the stereotypes that come with being one.

However, she was able to discover that she does not need to give in or allow herself to be confined within those barriers that society and her community have placed.

"It makes me say, 'So what if I'm a woman; so what if I have short hair,'" Oliva said. "I feel like people might be judging me based on the way that I look, but at the same time, I feel empowered by that."

Stereotypes are a powerful thing. Leora put an emphasis on this by explaining how even a simple phrase driven by a stereotype can become prejudice.

"It becomes an institution," Loera said. "It becomes an unwritten or written law. It unknowingly becomes the way that we are…expectations and norms and all that is built off of it."

The Ted Talk also spoke about the growth mindset, which was an idea Loera made an effort to put an emphasis on throughout the lecture. That an individual is so much more than a stereotype. Culture is so much more than a stereotype.



Marina Bravo

Daniel Loera, director of multicultural affairs, discusses for community members Tuesday in the Quay Davis Executive Board Room for his Belongingness Lecture Series. The talk covered stereotypes and microaggressions that are confronted every day in society.

"Sometimes we think that when it reaches that level we can't disrupt it or do anything," Loera said. "But that's exactly when, in fact, we need to disrupt the process of the oppression before it gets worse"

This specific idea was something that impacted freshman, biology major Maya Espinoza. She shared that she had not ever thought about that in that way. That this way of thinking had opened a door for her.

"You can just be your own person and…learn, in your own way," Espinoza said.

This small group of three had become a space that was filled with community.

Loera's lecture offered an opportunity for students to gain understanding of a different perspective and come together to understand their own.

Shared experiences that are so different from each other almost acting as the same.

The next lecture of the series will be held at 1 p.m. on Sept. 30 in the Quay Davis Board Room. The topic discussed will be Gender Identity and Sexism.

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Latino College Expo attracts 7k students

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The University of La Verne and the National College Resources Foundation collaborated to host the Latino College Expo on campus Saturday at Sneaky Park among other locations on the La Verne campus.

Roughly 7,000 in all attended the event, which hosted representatives from more than 50 colleges and universities across the state, including Cal Poly Humbleboldt, Cal State Dominguez Hills, Cal State Monterey Bay, Mount Saint Mary's, UC Berkeley, USC, and many more.

Various ULV departments and groups held booths for students attending the expo including Housing and Residential Life, Undergraduate Admissions, the College of Business and more. Student organizations also participated with over 85 volunteers selling baked goods, stickers and agua frescas. A live Mexican band, Maná, also performed.

Prospective students and families attended to learn about the various colleges, scholarships and other resources available to them.

"This generation of students want things that are fun," said Paige Piontkowsky, assistant vice president of enrollment management. "So we did temporary tattoos that said 'First Gen' and 'Yo Soy ULV,' and we put tinsel in peoples hair."

Piontkowsky said her department worked closely with the National College Resources Foundation and the participating colleges on the event.

The event brought 225 on-the-spot admissions to the University of La Verne, for which High school students who brought their transcripts could meet with admissions counselors and could be admitted based on their high school GPAs.

The University shared various resources available to all students including the career center, the veteran's center and the Academic Success Center.

"When we look at our political climate today, especially here in Southern California, it is a challenge for students knowing that there is some distrust with education," Jose Jimenez,

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On the Cover

The Metro A-Line extension officially opens to the public on Friday. The new stretch adds rail stops in Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne and Pomona. The first train departs at noon from the La Verne Station, and riders can enjoy free rides all weekend long to celebrate the launch. Regular service begins Monday, with a standard fare of $1.75. / photo by Ronald Banks

Metro service comes to La Verne

Alexander Hernandez
Staff Writer

After years of sometimes noisy construction, and much anticipation, the Metro A light rail line, La Verne/Fairplex station at E Street and Arrow Highway, opens today.

The train will be able to take riders from the University of La Verne campus to Pasadena, Long Beach and 48 station points along the way, via 57.6 total miles of track – making it the longest light rail line in the world, according to Metro's website.

High school and community college students can ride the Metro for free.

All other passengers can travel for $1.75.

But all fares will be waived from 11:30 a.m. Friday through 3 a.m. Monday in celebration of the newest station's opening.

There are additional discounts for full-time college students through the Metro's U-Pass system, and select campuses partnering with the organization for the GoPass, which gives more discounts and free rides.

The La Verne station has about 300 parking spots, electric vehicle chargers, bicycling parking and bus and rideshare drop-off zones.

Albert Ho, spokesman for the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority, emphasized the importance of local input and safety.

"We consider the cities our partners," Ho said. "We're very conscious of what the community needs and the impacts," Ho said.

Ho said the light rail is environmentally friendly, beyond taking cars off the road.

"The A Line trains are all electric," Ho said. "They help reduce the carbon footprint around the area, providing a clean alternative."

"Cars on the freeway cause pollution, cause health problems… We're recognizing that and moving towards a cleaner, more sustainable method of transportation," Ho added.

University of La Verne community members shared their enthusiasm for this transportation alternative.

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Academic fair presents students with options



Kyla Stubbs

Marlene Tirado, history and political science department manager, and Gitty Amini, associate professor of political science, explain their department's majors to students at the Academic Exploration Fair on Wednesday in the Campus Center. The goal of the event was to get students interested in different possible career paths or majors they might be interested in. There were about 10 booths for students to explore and talk to department representatives as well other students interested in the same subject.

Sexual assault occurs in early months

Stay safe amidst the Red Zone

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The first several weeks of the academic year is often referred to as the Red Zone, a period of time between move-in day and Thanksgiving break when college students – first year students and women in particular – are most likely to experience sexual assault.

Over 50% of sexual assaults that happen on college campuses occur during the Red Zone period, according to a 2021 study by the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, or RAINN.

RAINN also finds that Indigenous Americans have the greatest risk of becoming victims of sexual violence, and women ages 18-24 are three times more likely to be victims of sexual violence.

"A lack of knowledge on people's part in terms of navigating as they're becoming adults and learning to live on their own" is one factor contributing to this trend, said Chadwick Best, the University's Title IX Coordinator.

Larger social gatherings present heightened risk for sexual violence, particularly if alcohol and drugs are involved.

Freshmen women are most at risk for becoming victims of sexual assault during the Red Zone period, but sexual misconduct can affect anyone at any time.

> 'We need to address the problem before it happens, not after. Let's train our men to not rape.'
> *—Linda Bartelt, adjunct professor of education*

Before the semester started, Best met with the resident assistants to talk through what they can do if their residents are sexually assaulted and how to spot the signs in the event they would need to intervene.

"The vital key component here is training," Best added. "It's working with them preventatively to help them understand what consent looks like and what they can do proactively if you see something."

Best has set aside time to meet most of the incoming freshmen so they are aware what resources they have if anything happens to them, no matter how small it is.

Additionally, the University has various Blue Light towers around campus, near the Citrus Residence Hall, the Mainiero Building parking lot and the Hoover Building.

If needed, students can press the emergency button which will contact authorities and send off a large blue light to help whoever may be in distress.

The Jed Foundation, a non-profit that supports teens' and young adults' emotional health, offers tips for college students to stay safe including always going out with at least one trusted friend, and trusting your intuition to remove yourself from a situation that feels uncomfortable.

But this may not be enough.

Advocates believe that better sex education in high school could be key in preventing sexual assaults on college campuses.

"They're not getting it in school, so they come here and they get pressured to go to parties," said John Bartelt, professor of education.

The most important piece of information that Best, John Bartelt and Linda Bartelt all expressed is the importance of consent and what it looks like.

Consent is for both parties engaging in sexual activities, where they are both clear and willing with their agreement.

Teaching students about the importance of consent can is a key component in sexual assault prevention programs.

Bystander training is also critical.

There are three ways bystanders can help if they see someone in harm: They can distract the perpetrator by asking them a question that can disrupt the flow of the situation; they can directly walk up to the perpetrator and call them out for what they are doing; and they can get a friend or someone with authority to call out a would-be perpetrator.

"We need to address the problem before it happens, not after," said Linda Barteldt, professor of education. "Let's train our men to not rape."

To that end, Hannah Hartung, United Leos project director, who works in student services hopes to have monthly sexual assault and violence prevention trainings for students starting in October.

If you or someone you know has experienced sexual assault, contact Counseling and Pyschological Services at 909-448-4105, the Title IX Office at 909-448-4012 or **title9coordinator@laverne.edu**, the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800-656-4673.

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Arts, etc...

Happenings

‘Material Worlds’

“Material Worlds,” art exhibit featuring works from Alycia Anthony, Adam Belt, Albert Contreras, David Allan Peters, and Zemer Peled, is on display in the Harris Gallery on campus until Oct. 9.

Artworks vary from sculptures made of plastics to acrylic paintings.

The gallery is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information visit **laverne.edu/event/harris-gallery-presents-material-worlds.**

‘Studio Focus–COLOR!’

“Studio Focus–COLOR!” art exhibit features acrylic paintings made by students in ART 360 from the spring 2025 semester. The works from Aidan Catullo, Vanessa Cruz, Ariadne Gamboa, Julia Luera, Alicia Naranjo, Natalia Ortiz, Jasmine Vazquez, are on display in the West Gallery on campus until Dec. 1. The gallery is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information visit **artsci.laverne.edu/art/exhibition/studio-focus-color**.

‘In Context’

‘In Context’ is a film seminar series intended to help students develop awareness of their environment and politics. The series is at 7 p.m. every Friday in ACB 212.

This week’s film will be “Water For Life” on Friday. The next film will be “Minimalism” on Sept. 26.

‘In Their Hands’

The American Museum of Ceramic Art in Pomona is currently featuring an exhibition titled “In Their Hands: The Evolution of Mata Ortiz Pottery.” The gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday, and the exhibit runs through Nov. 23.

Tickets are $14 for adults and free for kids.

For more information visit **amoca.org/in-the-vault/mata_ortiz**.

—Jordan Alcasas

Art Walk showcases

Local talent

by Rubbie Chavez

photography by Baljot Rathor

Pomona’s downtown arts district buzzed with creativity Sept. 13 as the Pomona Art Walk brought together different forms of art and visitors.

The Art Walk, held from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. the second Saturday of every month, offers a space for local artists to showcase their work for the community. The art district was filled with local vendors, while sidewalks and alleyways were transformed into art galleries.

Friday’s art walk included works by students at the School of Arts and Enterprise.

Sofia Marie Vazquez was one of the artists featured in the high school’s exhibit, showing two of her pieces.

“This is my first art walk,” Vasquez said. “I’m really excited but also nervous about it.”

Local artist Arianna Arganda said she appreciates the opportunity to show her work.

“This is my fourth time at the Pomona Art Walk but my first time vending,” Arganda said. “Vending … helps me communicate what my art is about and show a bigger variety of my art.”

Local businesses in the art district also were open to the public during the art walk, including books stores, restaurants and more.

Tess Dipple, who runs the tattoo and piercing shop Ink’d Chronicles said the art walk is good for her business.

“We get a lot of exposure and newer faces each time,” Dipple said. “Now they are really pulling through involving more small businesses which are filling up the streets with more people.”

The next Pomona Art Walk, at 119 W. Second St., will be Oct. 11.

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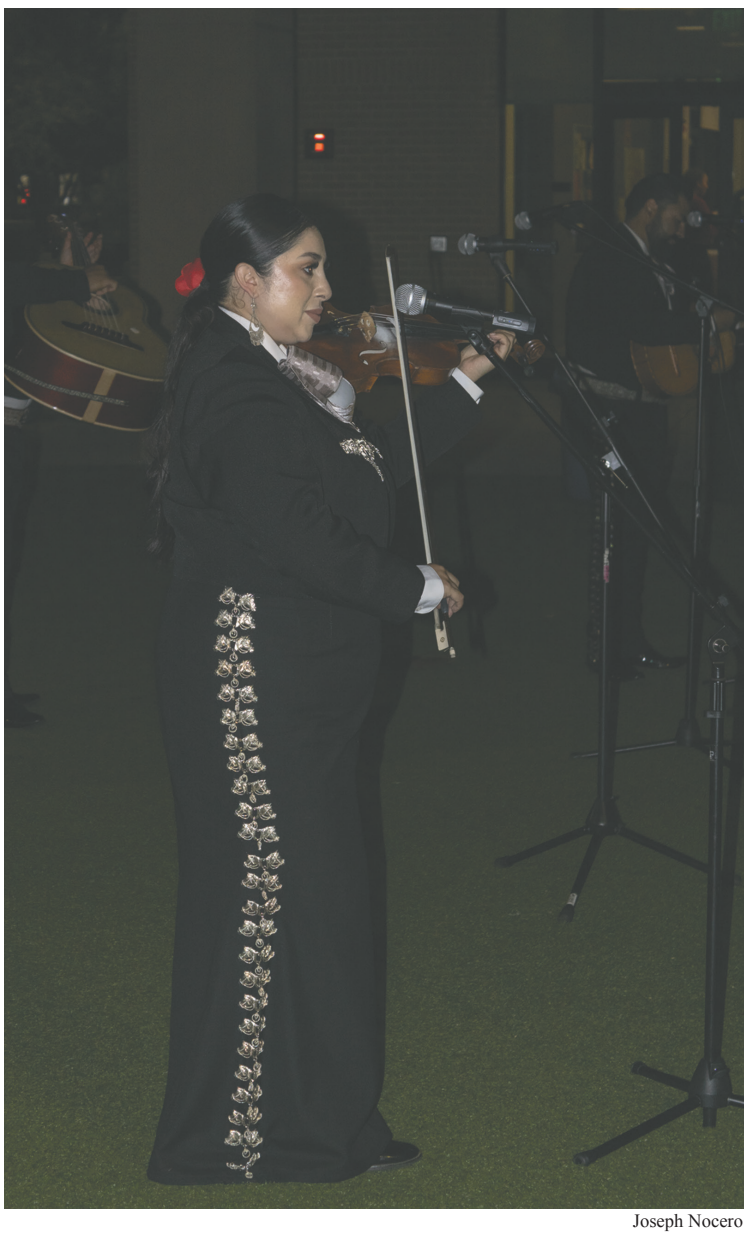


A public art installation featuring messages in support of Palestine is displayed along a sidewalk Saturday at the Pomona Art Walk. The piece was one of a series of installations put up along the street for the monthly event.



Dancers in colorful traditional Mexican dresses perform the Ballet Folkloric de Mexico at the Pomona Art Walk on Saturday. The dance showcases vibrant Mexican culture with lively music and dance.

Event celebrates Hispanic students



Joseph Nocero

Members of Mariachi Bohemio from Ontario serenade the crowd at the Leos Para El Mundo event Monday at Citrus Lawn. The Hispanic Heritage Month celebration was sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

Local cultures highlighted

Jordan Alcasas
News Editor

Students at the University of La Verne celebrated the arrival of Hispanic Heritage Month this week with Spanish music and food at the Leos Para El Mundo event hosted by the Campus Activities Board.

The event took place from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday at Citrus Lawn with an attendance of about 70 to 80 people.

The event sought to highlight the fact that the University is a Hispanic Serving Institution by honoring its Hispanic students.

CAB served free food including agua frescas, pupusas and tortas at different booths for students to sit down and enjoy at the tables placed along Citrus Lawn.

One of the common sentiments among students was a lot of gratitude that CAB was honoring Hispanic and Latino students.

"I don't see that changing anytime soon, since we're an HSI," Lindsey Mendoza Alvarez, a junior legal studies major said.

"I'm glad we have a lot of clubs on campus, like the Latino Student Forum and CAB, and I really enjoy that whenever we do have events celebrating Hispanic students, we venture out and try to partner with local businesses to help them out too."

Additionally, students found the food to be a great draw towards the event for them, as the University is an HSI, meaning most grew up with the kind of food served at the event.

"I heard that there was going to be Hispanic food presented, and even though it is so prevalent in my life, it is so great to celebrate different cultures and have that at events like these," Sharon Lance, a junior criminology major said.

"It's nice to have more community and spend time with other people, especially since I'm a commuter, and don't have as many opportunities to do these things."

The feeling of community was prevalent with a lot of the students that attended, but additionally, it allowed them to reflect on the value of their cultures.

"Absolutely, I think they provide a safe space for Latinos," Travis Naranjo, a freshman sociology major said. "Especially because of the heritage and all that we do share with each other. Events like these bring out that culture within us."

Students also enjoyed the mariachi band that played live music for them at the event. The band took requests from students on what to play, with students requesting dance music during the event.

"One thing that I was really excited about was the live music," Kimberly Carlos, a freshman business administration major said.

"We get to bring a part of us as Hispanics here, so it brings everyone as who they really are together, united.

CAB members checked people in with yellow wristbands and had them show the wristbands when they got food and drinks.

Sergio Sandoval, a junior computer science major and one of the multicultural chairs for CAB also explained the inspiration behind the event beyond Hispanic Heritage Month starting.

"So, it's going to be Hispanic Heritage Month," Sandoval said.

"It is September 15th, independence day for a lot of Latin American countries. We want to celebrate that important day specifically. It's an event for everyone but it's based on Hispanic Heritage Month because that is the theme."

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Train Museum showcases rare locomotives





Above: An old fashioned railroad timetable from the early 1900s greets visitors at the entrance of the Rail Giants Train Museum at the Fairplex in Pomona on Sunday. This museum features various types of locomotives and their designated cars, like the horse express car, ice cooled refrigerator car and business cars.

Left: This Union Pacific locomotive number 9000 at the Rail Giants Train Museum was donated to the Railroad and Locomotive Historical Chapter of Southern California in 1956. This locomotive was the lone survivor of 88 others in its class built for Union Pacific. The RailGiants Train Museum at the Fairplex in Pomona is open for public tours one weekend a month. For more information, visit **railgiants.org.**

photography by Amore Mason

New restaurant offers all-day menu

A new Mexican restaurant, La Casa De La Abuela, opened recently in Pomona about two miles from La Verne, at 401 E. Foothill Blvd.

The breakfast menu includes "create your own" omelettes, classic eggs and bacon, chilaquiles and more. The breakfasts include beans and rice on the side. The prince range is $14 to $16. The appetizer menu offers a fruit plate, chips and salsa, guacamole, grilled cheese with cactus and pork skin, with prices ranging from $5 to $12.

The dinner menu includes menudo and pozole, quesadillas, sopes, a variety of enchiladas, stews and more. The more classic known items include fajitas, carne asada, asada fries, and more. Burritos and tacos offer a variety of choices of meat and the option to create your own burrito.

Dinner prices vary with the most expensive meals around $25.

The huarache de asada was meat and a green salsa laid on multiple tortillas, with queso fresco and sour cream drizzled on top. The salsa was very flavorful, the meat was grilled and soft. However, not having rice or beans included on the side was a surprise.

The menudo, offered in cup or bowl sizes was flavorful. But in the cup size the ratio between liquid and honeycomb meat was not well balanced.

The crunch and taste of the potato tacos were good. However the aesthetic left a lot to be desired. While every other plate came in a ceramic plate or bowl, this one came in a plastic bowl container that is meant for food to go.

The interior of the restaurant is filled with colors, including pink, teal and yellow, though pink is the main color displayed. There are pink flowers hanging from the walls and sections of the ceiling.

Their menu is extensive, filled with many different options to choose from, there is breakfast to dinner to desserts. Close to the entrance, there is a walk-up counter for to-go orders with the menu on television screens above the cashiers. Customers can also walk to the hostess counter and wait to be seated.

On each table there is a wood burned drink menu.

The bilingual Spanish and English menu had the classic dishes such as, enchiladas, soft or hard tacos, soups, tostadas, nachos and many more. On the sweeter side, they offer waffles, crepes and pancakes. Under the pastries section they offer cheesecake, Dubai chocolate or cream deep strawberries, and neapolitan flan.

For more information follow the restaurant on Instagram **@lacasadelaabuelasouthgat**.

The restaurant is open Monday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to midnight.

—Margaret Contreras



Kyla Stubbs

Evon Isaiah and Ayanna Isaiah from Upland dine at Casa de La Abuela in Pomona on Sept. 12. The restaurant, located at 401 E. Foothill Blvd., celebrated its grand opening last week. Casa de La Abuela also has a sister location in South Gate.

Getting crafty at Magic Makers Mart



Aaliyah Alamillo

Freshman criminology major Seciliah Torres and junior biology major Ashlee Viveros browse jewelry in the University Quad Wednesday at the Magic Makers Mart. Paz from Riverside, the small business that hosted the booth, offered different ring sizes.



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Leopards lose battle against Warriors

Miguel Navarro
Staff Writer



Liberty Belle Garcia

Senior forward Kristen Smick fights for the ball against a Life Pacific defender Saturday at Ortmayer Stadium. Smick later received a yellow card in the 43rd minute of the Leopards' 2-0 loss. La Verne will take on Chapman at home at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The women's soccer team extended their losing streak with a 2-0 loss against the Life Pacific Warriors on Saturday at Ortmayer Stadium.

The Leopards entered the game with an 0-3-1 record and still looking for their first goal of the season. They came out with an aggressive approach to their attacks.

"I think just knowing what we want as a team really puts a lot of passion for me personally," senior forward Kristen Smick said. "Ultimately, putting a lot of effort behind your work ethic will show out in the end."

After a couple of costly turnovers by the Leopards, the Warriors were able to create a breakaway opportunity and score the first goal in the ninth minute.

Despite conceding the early goal, the energy and physicality for La Verne remained strong. However, the tempo of the game was controlled by the Warriors.

With the pressure on the Leopards to respond, freshman forward Laney Cutler led the charge, creating multiple opportunities in the 22nd minute that fell just short.

"Just coming off the bench, I think it's really important to bring energy onto the field, so that was just my goal to make an impact on the game," Cutler said.

Although the Leopards matched the Warriors' shot totals, 7-7, they were unable to finish.

On the other side, the Warriors finished their second goal of the game off a corner kick in the 24th minute.

As the first half came to a close, the Leopards had a pair of shots on target that were saved, keeping the score at 2-0.

The second half gave the Leopards a new opportunity to try to make a comeback.

Early, it was clear that the energy and aggression of both teams had picked up substantially, causing a lot of shoving on the field.

Smick led the charge by not backing down to the physical defense she received.

With the Leopards desperate to keep the deficit at two, their defense held their own to keep the score the same.

"When we're down like that, it fires me up a little bit more because it's like you have something to prove," junior defender Maren Handel said. "You're kind of coming into the second half, like an underdog."

The Leopards continued to battle; however, the second half was controlled by the Warriors as they looked to secure the victory. The intensity of the match remained high, but the Leopards were unable to complete the comeback and dropped the game 2-0.

"I think each game we have progressed for the better, which is good going into conference, but of course, you want to be able to have some results," head coach Lauryn Pehanich said. "I think everything that we do is in preparation for the conference. Going into the conference, I think we are in a really good place."

The Leopards opened their Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference schedule on the road at Occidental on Wednesday night with a 1-0 loss, dropping their season record to 0-5-1.

La Verne's next matchup will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Ortmayer Stadium against Chapman.

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Metro...

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"I can only think of good things that are going to happen," said George Keeler, professor of journalism. He added that history has shown that when a train comes through communities thrive.

Students agreed.

"Students can now have the ability to travel outside of campus," said Nathan Terrazas, junior theater major. "That's so important. Exploring and finding what's beyond the classroom is just as valuable as what you learn on campus."

L.A. Metro will hold an opening a "Rock the Rails" ceremony from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at the La Verne station.

Similar events will be taking place at the stations in San Dimas, Glendora and Pomona.

The event will feature food trucks, games, and DJs; and the Pomona North station will host live bands including The Paper Cutouts, Velcro Wallets and Tequila Tequila.

All opening events will have free admission.

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Expo...

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director of undergraduate admission, said. "And giving students an opportunity to open all the doors is why education is extremely important now more than ever."

"Seeing the families and students come through, they are so happy and excited about their future," said Alaina Dunn, vice president of enrollment management. "They never heard of La Verne before so I get to introduce them to La Verne and our beautiful campus."

The National College Resources Foundation, which was started in 1999, serves underrepresented and underserved students and their communities. NCRF provides programs for resources, guidance and information to empower students to achieve higher education in areas that fit their interests and career goals.

Corporate sponsors offering scholarships included the Southern California Gas Company, Comerica Bank, U.S. Bank and Southern California Edison.

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Leopards open SCIAC play with tie

Comeback falls short vs. Oxy

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The men's soccer team tied with Occidental, 3-3, in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opener Wednesday at Ortmayer Stadium.

"We were playing good. They had the ball, chances and moments to score," head coach Drew Rea said.

"If we lost today, I was still going to be happy because we played well."

The Leopards struggled in the first half, giving up two unanswered goals to the Tigers to go into halftime down, 2-0.

"We were definitely out of it but the second half came and we changed it up," freshman forward Israel Jimenez Ramirez said.

He started the scoring for the Leopards with an unassisted goal in the 72nd minute.

"I stepped on the field and I knew that I had to score or do something to help the team," Jimenez Ramirez said.

Junior forward Diego Soto continued the comeback with a goal in the 78th minute to tie the game, 2-2.

"They were playing pretty good. But we picked up the momentum and we tied it and even scored a nice goal at the end for a 3-2," Soto said.

That go-ahead goal for La Verne came on a dramatic play in the 80th minute.

That's when senior midfielder Alexander Bastidas collided with Occidental junior goalkeeper Joseph Bassett in front of the box.

The ball found the back of the net to give the Leopards a 3-2 lead.

But Bastidas left with an injury as Bassett received a yellow card.

The excitement was short-lived, however, as Occidental scored an equalizer right before the buzzer to tie the game, 3-3.

Rea said he believes there are a few things his team can improve on to secure a win in the next match.

"We want to be excited and bring a lot of notoriety to the college," Rea said.

"I think our team is young and hungry and pretty excited about it."

Assistant coach Bryan Phillips thought his team fought well against their opponent.

"The boys continued to battle, and when you battle, good things happen," Phillips said.

Phillips felt his team's effort was great and the energy was put in.

"We've just got to get a little bit better at finishing our chances," Phillips said.

"I think as we move on and move forward into the season, we'll see that sharpness and be able to finish less chances."

Soto also believes his team can improve a little more to secure a win for their next match.

"Honestly, we could use more discipline," Soto said.

We were gambling too much but everyone here has that winning mentality,"

The Leopards have an overall record of 2-1-3 and are currently in fourth place in SCIAC.

La Verne will have its next match against Chapman at noon Saturday in Orange.

The Panthers are 2-2-1 overall in first place in the conference.

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Antonio Ceniceros

La Verne senior midfielder Alexander Bastidas attacks the ball as Occidental junior goalkeeper Joseph Bassett attempts to make a crucial save Wednesday at Ortmayer Stadium. The Leopards finished the eventful match with a 3-3 tie, and will travel to face Chapman on Saturday.



Antonio Ceniceros

La Verne senior midfielder Alexander Bastidas takes a hit from Occidental junior goalkeeper Joseph Bassett but succeeds in getting a goal to make the score 3-2 to take the lead from the Tigers at Ortmayer Stadium on Wednesday. The Leopards' thrilling match ended with a 3-3 tie and they will have their next conference match at Chapman on Saturday.

LEOPARD SCOREBOARD

AT THE BUZZER

Volleyball, September 12
La Verne - 3
Wisconsin-Oshkosh - 2

Volleyball, September 13
La Verne - 3
Hope - 1

Volleyball, September 13
La Verne - 3
Chicago - 1

Women's Soccer, September 13
Life Pacific - 2
La Verne - 0

Women's Soccer, September 17
Occidental - 1
La Verne - 0

SCHEDULE

Saturday
Men's golf @ Chapman Quad, Costa Mesa, all day
Football vs.Willamette, noon
Women's soccer vs. Chapman, 7 p.m.
Men's soccer @ Chapman, 7 p.m.

Wednesday
Men's Soccer vs. Redlands @ 7 p.m.
Women's Soccer @ Redlands, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS

	SCIAC	Overall
Pomona-Pitzer	1-0	5-0
Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	1-0	6-0-1
Occidental	1-0	2-1-1
Chapman	1-0	3-2-1
Whittier	0-1	3-1
Cal Lutheran	0-1	3-2-1
Caltech	0-1	0-2-1
Redlands	0-0	0-4-1
La Verne	**0-1**	**0-5-1**