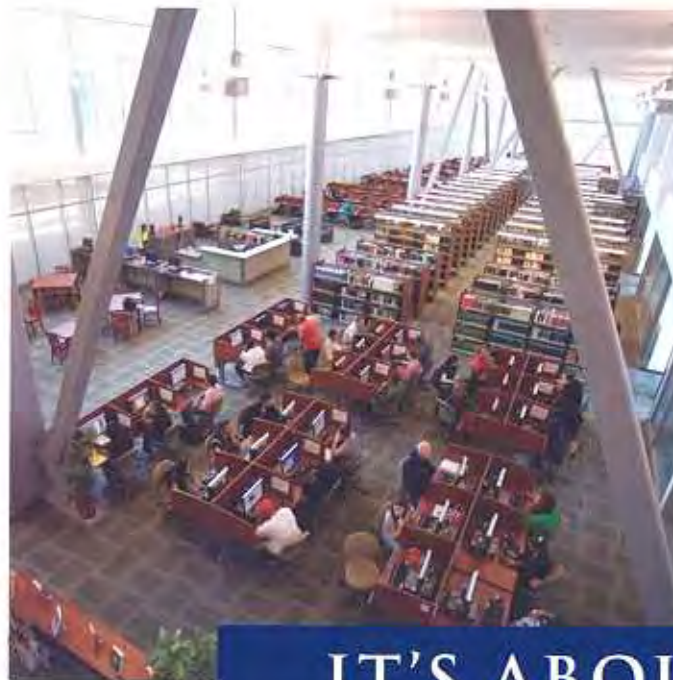


Contra Costa Community College District

Contra Costa College
Diablo Valley College
San Ramon Campus
Walnut Creek Center
Los Medanos College
Brentwood Center



IT'S ABOUT EXCELLENCE

A MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

IT'S ABOUT SERVICE

Chancellor's Message

It is an honor for me to serve as Chancellor of the Contra Costa Community College District (CCCCD). Since the District's founding in 1948, our partnership with the community has flourished, and throughout my eighteen years with the District, it has been a pleasure to work with you — our community — to promote and enhance CCCCCD and its colleges.

It is an exciting time for the District as we approach our sixtieth anniversary next year, and we look forward to celebrating it with you. To highlight this milestone, the District is planning a series of special events. As part of the community, we hope you will join us in celebrating our rich and diverse history.

With our history of excellence in education, CCCCCD has always focused on serving our students, as well as our Contra Costa County community. Our mission as a District is to transform and enhance the lives of our students, and through them, the communities we serve. Because we take this mission very seriously, our emphasis continues to be on maintaining instructional integrity. We are offering the best in education while remaining fiscally responsible.

This publication is an opportunity for us to highlight our progress and showcase our educational institutions. It is also a way for us to keep you apprised of the important facilities upgrades approved by the voters in 2002 and 2006 as part of Measures A and A+. These bond measures totaled \$406.5 million. What's more, a recent report from Standard & Poor assigned its "AA" rating to the District's series 2007 General Obligation (GO) bonds sold in 2007.

This rating reflects the following:

- a return to positive general fund operations and the restoration of reserves that meet or exceed state requirements;
- a manageable overall debt burden;
- a regional economy that is fully integrated into the Bay Area Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA); and
- a large, diverse, and growing tax base.

The strong leadership of our Governing Board, our rich heritage, our focus on serving students, our dedicated faculty and staff, and our vision for the future will continue to enable us to provide a solid return on your investments.

We are proud of the success stories we hear from students, employees, businesses and the broader community. We have more work to do, and with your continued support, the District will make progress to effectively meet our challenges.

Please take a look inside this brochure and become better acquainted with Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College and Los Medanos College, the San Ramon Campus, and the Brentwood and Walnut Creek Centers. Our doors are always open to you. I invite you to become more familiar with the District by taking a class, visiting our colleges, or reviewing the District and college websites. You will learn firsthand why CCCCCD continues its tradition as the higher educational jewel of Contra Costa County.

Thank you on behalf of our students and employees for your continued support and partnership. Without your commitment, our facilities modernization and improvements could not be achieved.



Helen Benjamin, Ph.D.
CCCCD Chancellor

Helen Benjamin

IT'S ABOUT COMMUNITY

CCCCD Impacts Area Economy

The Contra Costa Community College District (CCCCD) colleges have boosted the local economy for nearly 60 years.

CCCCD is a sound investment from multiple perspectives. Students benefit from improved lifestyles and increased earnings. Taxpayers benefit from a more robust economy and lower social costs. The community as a whole benefits from increased job and investment opportunities, higher business revenues, greater availability of public funds and an eased tax burden.

CCCCD positively impacts students, employers, taxpayers, business, and state and local government in the following ways:

Stimulating State and Local Economy

- District operations and capital spending injects \$113 million annually into increased regional income.
- 14% of students who come from outside the county to attend our colleges produce \$15 million in regional income.
- The District is truly an engine of economic growth for the county, producing \$3.5 billion in income through past and present efforts.

Leveraging Taxpayer Dollars

- Taxpayers see an expanding tax base and reduced tax burden because students with college degrees earn higher wages.
- Social costs are avoided with higher wage earners, including savings associated with improved health, reduced crime, and fewer welfare and unemployment claims.
- Students with a community college education generate \$143 million annually in higher earnings.

Generating Return on Investment

- State and local government see a rate of return of 10% from their support of CCCCCD — comparing very favorably with similar long-term investments in the private sector.

Increasing Student Earning Potential

- Students who earn an associate of arts or science degree can expect an increased income of approximately \$9,500 per year for every year of employment than someone with only a high school diploma.
- Students enjoy a 21% annual rate of return on their community college educational investment, recovering all costs — including wages lost while attending college — in just seven years.

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Accreditation

Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College and Los Medanos College are accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

IT'S ABOUT DISCOVERY

Contra Costa College

Since 1950, Contra Costa College has provided educational excellence to thousands of students in San Pablo and its surrounding communities. Equipped with smart classrooms and technology ensuring student success, CCC offers a variety of exemplary programs, services and transfer options. Our educational programs have earned outstanding reputations, both nationally and regionally; and our newspaper, *The Advocate*, has won numerous awards. Other award-winning and exemplary programs, such as our Center for Science Excellence, Journalism, Culinary Arts, Early Learning Center, Nursing, and Automotive Services allow students a wide variety of career options.

QUICK FACTS

Year Established 1949

President McKinley Williams

Enrollment 12,625 students annually*

Location 2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo, CA

Telephone 510-235-7800

Website www.contracosta.edu



McKinley Williams
Contra Costa College President



Greetings to our Contra Costa College friends and supporters,

The faculty, staff and students of Contra Costa College (CCC) would like to thank the residents of the county for your belief in, and support of, the educational and student services provided by the college. The passage of Measure A 2002 and Measure A+ 2006 has made it possible for CCC to become a world-class educational institution that changes lives one student at a time.

As a life-long resident of West County, I am proud that for almost 60 years CCC has offered exemplary programs and services. Our faculty and staff are passionate about teaching and learning, and are dedicated to maintaining an excellent academic institution. With the funds made available by the bond measures, CCC will be able to maintain this excellence.

Thanks to your generosity, CCC continues to benefit from Measure A and A+ funds with a number of facility improvements. These improvements include the "Path of Travel," an inviting new campus entryway meeting the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, the Computer Technology Center (CTC), which opened last spring, and the Library and Learning Resource Center (LLRC).

Next year, students can look forward to a new one-stop Student Services Center, as well as our solar energy project — an earth-friendly, cost-effective parking lot that will enable CCC to benefit from utility savings, as well as preserve precious natural energy resources.

As we continue to move toward a more global society, bond funds and private donations are also supporting the installation of numerous smart classrooms — classrooms wired to the Internet and equipped with technology ensuring innovative teaching and student success.

Improvements of our college facilities will continue to be a major goal over the next ten years. New buildings and significant renovation of existing facilities and infrastructure will ensure CCC has the capacity to educate our future generations.

Faculty, staff and students have so much to be proud of during our nearly 60 years of educational excellence. Our student newspaper, *The Advocate*, has won numerous awards through the years and is the only community college newspaper in the nation to be cited in *TIME* magazine for its excellence in journalism.

Other educational programs at the college also have garnered awards and earned national and regional reputations for excellence, including the Center for Science Excellence (CSE), the only community college program in the nation recognized by the President of the United States for its excellence in mentoring, the Culinary Arts program, featuring a student-operated restaurant serving gourmet cuisine throughout the academic year; the Automotive Services Department; the Early Learning Center; and our Nursing program that had 86 graduating students last year!

Thank you for your continued commitment to Contra Costa College. With your support, the Contra Costa College of the future will have the very best education, facilities and services for the generations to come.

McKinley Williams



IT'S ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY

MEASURE A 2002 and MEASURE A+ 2006 BACKGROUND

Voters of Contra Costa County have passed two facility bond measures enabling the Contra Costa Community College District to refurbish aging facilities, build new facilities to accommodate enrollment growth and purchase sorely needed equipment for classrooms.

Measure A is a \$120 million bond measure passed on March 5, 2002, and Measure A+ is a \$286.5 million bond measure passed on June 6, 2006.

Much Needed Upgrades

Aging facilities are receiving much-needed upgrades, while faculty, students and staff are enjoying modernized facilities designed to meet the growing technological demands of the 21st century. Some of the projects are mentioned below.

CCC

- Student Services building
- Library remodel
- Vocational Technology remodel

DVC

- Bookstore
- San Ramon Campus
- Planetarium

LMC

- Learning Resource Center
- Science and Math buildings
- Planetarium

In our quest to become more environmentally friendly and energy efficient, the District is becoming "greener" with the addition of solar panel collection system covers located in key parking lots at the colleges. The energy generated will offset nearly one third of the District's total energy consumption and provide covered student parking.



CCC



DVC



LMC

Dear Citizens:

The Measure A Bond Oversight Committee is pleased to present this report to the community. The Committee monitors the expenditure of the voter-approved 2002 Measure A and 2006 Measure A+ facility improvement bond funds, and takes this responsibility very seriously.

Each bond requires two annual audits—an independent performance audit to ensure bond money is used only for voter-approved projects and a financial audit of revenues and expenditures. Annually, the independent audits are reviewed by the Committee and then presented to the CCCC Governing Board for approval. The reports and audits are available at http://www.4cd.net/measure_a/index.asp

One area of concern to the Bond Oversight Committee involves the use of bond funds to deal with deferred maintenance. While Measures A and A+ allow for the use of bond funds to correct instances of deferred maintenance, the Committee is mindful of its responsibility to ensure that bond money is not used to pay for salaries or other administrative expenses. Routine maintenance expenses are normally funded out of the operational budget, competing with salary compensation and benefit expenses. The fact is that state funding for programmed maintenance is inadequate, which forces the District to budget operational funds in a manner that causes more bond money to be used for maintenance than would otherwise be the case. The Committee has asked that the CCCC Governing Board review and approve all instances of deferred maintenance, to provide tight control over this issue.

The Bond Oversight Committee is gratified to report that the District remains a good steward of public funds, and continues to be in compliance of the requirements of Proposition 39, as it has been since the inception of the bond program in 2002.

Thank you for your support and your confidence in the District and in its mission to provide higher education in our communities. Because of you, CCCC continues to play an important role in the community, with positive economic impact, excellence in education, and now, a model for innovative, yet effective campus improvements and expansions.

Sincerely,

Thank you!

2002 Measure A and 2006 Measure A+ Bond Oversight Committee

Both Measures A and A+ were approved by the voters under the regulations of Proposition 39, which requires that the District establish a 15-member, independent Bond Oversight Committee to monitor and audit bond proceeds to ensure they are spent only on specified projects. Committee members are appointed by the CCCC Governing Board and serve staggered, two-year terms. The Committee meets no fewer than four times a year.

Jack Weir, Chair, CCCC Taxpayers Association Representative

Maria Alegria, CCC Foundation

Gary Bell, CCC Business/Community

Ed Best, DVC Business/Community

John DuBois, DVC Business/Community

Diane Gibson-Gray, LMC Business/Community

Barry J. Gordon, LMC Foundation

Derrasha (Raja) Hudson, CCC Student

J. Dale Hudson, LMC Business/Community

Vernon Jones, CCCC Senior Citizens Representative

Andrea Lopez, LMC Student

Leonard McNeil, CCC Business/Community

Colin Nelson, LMC Student

Jerry Okendo, CCCC General Member



IT'S ABOUT CHOICES



Diablo Valley College

For over 50 years, DVC has provided students with more extensive course choices, high transfer rates and excellent career training programs and degrees. Located in Pleasant Hill and shadowed by beautiful Mount Diablo, DVC is a short drive from San Francisco and UC Berkeley — where many of our students choose to transfer. With a variety of career training programs including Geographic Information Systems, Dental Hygiene, Assisting and Technology, Culinary Arts, Digital Media/Arts, and weekend career development courses, DVC offers cutting-edge courses designed for future emerging technologies and workforce.

QUICK FACTS

Year Established 1949

President Judy Walters, Ph.D.

Enrollment 32,207 students annually*

Location 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, CA

Telephone 925-685-1230

Website www.dvc.edu

*CA Community College Chancellor's Office - Data Mart — 2006-07 Headcount

Diablo Valley College



Judy Walters
Diablo Valley College President

New Year Greetings to our Diablo Valley College community friends and neighbors,

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff at Diablo Valley College (DVC), I wish to thank you for your overwhelming support of our institution. The community can be proud of our college's outstanding reputation for offering the highest quality liberal arts, sciences and career/technical programs, taught by an exceptionally dedicated and experienced faculty, as well as excellent support services provided by our staff. Everyone here — students, faculty, staff and administrators — contributes to DVC. However, none of these contributions is more significant than the generous support of our community. We are most appreciative of the support you have shown in passing Bond Measures A and A+, enabling us to begin renovating our facilities, bringing our buildings up to the standards that our students and community deserve.

Diablo Valley College is constantly evolving and changing to meet the needs of our students and communities. Many of these changes are conceptual and philosophical as we respond to the shift in demographics of our student body, and as technological advances in communication create a more global experience. And thanks to the passing of Measure A, many changes we see on our campus are physical. DVC's brand-new state-of-the-art campus in San Ramon's Dougherty Valley was named a finalist by *East Bay Business Times* for "Commercial Development of the Year," while our Pleasant Hill campus students benefit from a new, more spacious bookstore, offering new conveniences to students.

Renovations include an advanced technology center with six computer labs offering a variety of teaching and learning applications, as well as expanding the former Physical Science Building, providing additional space for Life and Health Science programs, including a new dental hygiene facility. Our planetarium is also receiving upgrades with the installation of a new star projector, while the former museum space has been converted into additional classrooms.

The remodel of our former bookstore into the temporary Student Services Center mirrors the conceptual plan of our future student services center building, bringing together most of our student services in one convenient location.

Finally, our ongoing interest in providing sustainable, environmentally friendly solutions to our growing energy needs has led to our most recent project — solar parking lots. When the solar panel collection systems are completed, they will generate enough electricity to pay for nearly one third of our total energy consumption and provide covered student parking.

As many of you know, we are celebrating our 60-year anniversary next year. Throughout our long history, we have built many traditions. One of these traditions we cherish most is our community partnerships. From our very youngest community members to the growing population of seniors, DVC celebrates student learning of all ages. Programs such as College for Kids and Emeritus College serve thousands of members of our community. Additionally, a number of community organizations use our campus and athletic facilities on a regular basis for education, as well as various meetings and events.

As the president of DVC, I operate from a positive strengths-based center, which calls upon us to appreciate what has worked in the past and to imagine our future unfolding from our present successes. While I am committed to creating opportunities for our students to succeed and responding to the needs of our community, I am also interested in doing our part to create a more sustainable world. I want to thank you for your continued support in ensuring this vision will be achieved.

A handwritten signature of Judy Walters in black ink.



Los Medanos College



Peter Garcia
Los Medanos College President

To my Los Medanos College area friends and community,

I want to thank you for nearly sixty years of community college support in Contra Costa County. In 1949, the county's first junior college classes were offered in Pittsburg at former army base Camp Stoneman. I have fond memories of working — and playing — with my father and grandfathers after the last student soldiers left in the 1960s, tearing down old schoolrooms and barracks, transforming these units into room additions and covered patios around town.

Today, I can't express how grateful and humbled I am to be president of Los Medanos College (LMC). Because of your continued support and commitment to higher education, LMC is constantly improving, making our college a vibrant, state-of-the-art institution offering a wide variety of courses and degrees to current, returning and future students.

I also want to thank you for your support in passing our local facility Bond Measures A and A+, allowing LMC to grow into a technologically advanced educational institution worthy of this community. Our spectacular new library, classrooms and math labs ensure students more options — leading to many more opportunities for educational and professional success. Additionally, our science building is paving the way in educating our next generation of business leaders, engineers, nurses, doctors and researchers — students who are your current and future neighbors, friends and family members.

With easier enrollment processes for students, more modernized classrooms for our nursing program, art, tutoring and computer labs scheduled for major improvements and expansion, LMC has made — and continues to make — significant improvements in both procedures and facilities. Enhanced student life services — student activities, fitness, and education buildings and programs are also in the planning process, offering our students much more than just an academic experience, but a home away from home. And while our Brentwood Center expansion is currently underway, plans for a larger, permanent facility are in the works to meet increasing student demand.

As our surrounding communities continue to experience phenomenal growth and activity, I see LMC as not only a positive, but also a critical resource for the development of our future leaders — a place where we share ideas, knowledge and a commitment to student dreams and aspirations. LMC is yours, and I personally want to thank each and every one of you for continuing to invest in our future generations and your community.

Peter Garcia



IT'S ABOUT STUDENTS



Los Medanos College

With a variety of diverse career technical education programs, as well as high transfer rates, Los Medanos College provides a wide variety of career choices. Located in Pittsburg and close to San Francisco, Berkeley and Sacramento, LMC offers a beautiful campus with challenging curriculums, and has the only honors program certified as part of the UCLA Transfer Alliance. With programs like automotive technology, appliance service technology, business, child development, electrical technology, emergency medical services, engineering, environmental science, process technology and much more, LMC ensures students receive the resources needed to excel in today's workforce.

QUICK FACTS

Year Established 1974

President Peter García

Enrollment 13,619 students annually*

Location 2700 East Leland Road, Pittsburg, CA

Telephone 925-439-2181

Website www.losmedanos.edu

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IT'S ABOUT POSSIBILITIES



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