

Your Bond Dollars at Work

2012 Bond Report to the Community

Contra Costa College Music Building



The remodeled Music building (left) features a state-of-the-art performance hall (right) that accommodates up to 80 people, and a cozy, open courtyard area for rehearsals and small concerts.



Los Medanos College Nursing Program



The Nursing and Emergency Medical Services Program classroom (above) and lab space were completed last summer on the third floor of the college complex.



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Remodeled Music Building Scores High Notes of Praise

Diablo Valley College Commons Project



The inviting interior spaces (left) of the new Student Services Center building (right) offer easy access to the college's support programs and services. The opening of the building in November 2012 marked the completion of the second phase of the DVC Commons project.



Keeping a Diligent Watch over Your Bond Dollars



Above: Demolition of the former Quad area made way for the new Student Services Center building at Diablo Valley College, which houses all student support services. Below: The construction project of the Nursing area at Los Medanos College brought new technology to this highly sought-after program.



Message from the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

James Clay, Chair

In 2012, the Contra Costa Community College District (District) continued significant work on projects approved by voters as part of Measure A (2002) and Measure A (2006). Many of the major 2002 projects at the Diablo Valley College (DVC) campus have been completed, and the Nursing and Emergency Medical Services classrooms 2006 project remodel has been completed at the Los Medanos College (LMC) campus. Several other 2006 projects are under way, such as the new Commons project at DVC. Still to come is the new College Center project at the Contra Costa College (CCC) campus.

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is composed of volunteers from a cross section of community groups, including finance, business, academia, taxpayers, and seniors.

The Oversight Committee meets quarterly to verify that

- all bond funds have been spent in a manner consistent with the language of the Measure A (2002) and Measure A (2006) bonds;
- an independent audit has been performed; and
- no bond money has been spent for any purpose other than facility improvements and upgrades, new buildings to accommodate student growth, and the purchase of needed classroom equipment.

The Oversight Committee can report that these requirements have been met and that the money spent administering the bond expenditures is well within industry standards.

Independent performance and financial audits have been performed as required. In the auditors' opinion, "the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the capital outlay for 2002 and 2006 bond funds at June 30, 2011." In addition, the results of the District facilities bond program's operations for the year conform with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

The Oversight Committee recognizes that the District continues to adhere to the spirit and intent of Measure A (2002) and (2006), exercising diligent stewardship of the funds. In addition, the committee appreciates the dedication of the community to providing quality higher education.

2012 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Oversight Committee members and Contra Costa Community College District administrators pictured in 2012 include (front row, from left) Jagjit Bhambra, Mauna Wagner, Enrique Ruiz, Jasmine Ramezanzadeh, Denise Noldon (CCC president), (back row) Ray Pyle (chief facilities planner), Mark Ross, John Cottrell, James Clay, William van Dyke, Bob Kratochvil (LMC president), Peter García (DVC president), and John al-Amin (District vice chancellor). Not pictured are Debora van Eckhardt and Jess Hurtado. (District administrators are not formal members of the committee.)



Maintaining Focus on Fiscal Prudence

Letter from the Chancellor

What a difference a year makes. At this time last year, we began work on the first phase of the Diablo Valley College (DVC) Commons project to bring all the student services under one roof, and now we are serving students in a new building that we hope will obtain a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification. At Contra Costa College (CCC), a remodeled Music building is once again filled with the sounds of talented musicians and the harmonies of CCC's award-winning vocal program. For Los Medanos College (LMC), the college complex building, the first building on campus, is finally getting the long-awaited upgrades needed since its opening in 1974.



Helen Benjamin, Ph.D.

These and other capital improvements are helping us provide better access to student services, improve retention efforts that ultimately result in student completion, and prepare the future workforce for local businesses to be successful in the global economy. We could not improve our learning environment without the support of Contra Costa County taxpayers, who passed bond measures in 2002 and 2006. On behalf of the District employees and the 55,000 students we served in 2011–12, thank you for the investments you are making in us.

The rise and fall of the state budget has a direct impact on our funding levels, and four consecutive years of reductions have resulted in limiting course offerings and important student services and programs necessary for student success. As California's economy continues to improve at a slow but steady rate, we remain optimistic that brighter days are ahead. In the meantime, we remain focused on fiscal prudence while trying to do more with less. Our Governing Board continues to do its part by recently approving a second round of refinancing of outstanding 2002 and 2006 bonds through the issuance of new bonds. This recent action will save Contra Costa taxpayers approximately \$14.5 million over the life of the bonds.

Once again, I want to acknowledge the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee for its tremendous contribution in ensuring that the District is exercising exemplary stewardship with these public funds and complying with the intent and spirit of the approved bond measures. These caring community leaders deserve our thanks for their volunteerism and leadership.

Thank you, residents of Contra Costa County, for your continued support.

Financials for Fiscal Year 2012

MEASURE A (2002) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FINANCES	
Bond Funding	\$120,000,000
Expenses	
Prior Years	\$117,041,211
Current Year	\$2,958,789
Remaining Bond	\$0
State Funding	\$88,402,619
Expenses (Prior Years)	\$88,402,619
Interest Funding	\$9,800,616
Expenses	
Prior Years	\$3,290,756
Current Year	\$2,158,768
Remaining Interest	\$4,351,092
Total Capital Outlay	\$218,203,235

MEASURE A (2006) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FINANCES	
Bond Funding	\$286,500,000
Expenses	
Prior Years	\$67,734,209
Current Year	\$28,717,508
Remaining Bond	\$190,048,283
State Funding (estimated)	\$60,000,000
Expenses	\$0
Interest and Rebate Funding (estimated)	\$18,651,000
Expenses	
Prior Years	\$0
Current Year	\$149,500
Remaining Interest/Rebates (estimated)	\$18,501,500
Total Capital Outlay (estimated)	\$365,151,000

Background on the Measure A (2002) and Measure A (2006) Improvement Bonds

Voter approval of the Measure A Improvement Bond of 2002 endorsed the action outlined in the ballot language: "Shall the Contra Costa Community College District issue \$120 million of bonds (its first since 1948) to repair outmoded facilities (for energy savings, safety, and handicapped accessibility improvements), and update facilities used by vocational programs (for fire science, nursing, police, culinary arts, technology programs, etc.) and transfer programs at [all colleges], with a citizens' oversight committee to monitor spending of the funds?"

Passage of a second measure, the Measure A Improvement Bond of 2006, enabled the District to issue bonds of \$286.5 million "to renovate aging college facilities (making energy savings, safety, and handicapped accessibility improvements), and update facilities used by transfer, career and vocational students (for math, science, nursing, technology, and other programs) [at all colleges] . . . at legal interest rates with annual audits and a citizens' oversight committee to monitor spending."

California Proposition 39, approved in 2000, set the stage for these measures and authorized schools, community college districts, and county education offices to issue bonds "for repair, construction or replacement of school facilities, classrooms, if approved by 55 percent local vote. . . ."

California Education Code Sections 15278–15282 requires school districts, upon passing a bond measure, to establish an independent citizens' oversight committee. The committee is charged with informing the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues and actively reviewing and reporting on the expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction. This report is part of that response. More information is available on the District website at

www.4cd.edu



At the Music building's center is an open-air courtyard (left), where students can gather informally, make music, or study. The welcoming entrance (right) and attractive exterior retain the building's mid-century architectural vision.

Music Program Scores with Building's Renovation



Upgraded Classrooms and Performance Spaces Balance Functionality with Beauty

A major interior and structural renovation was completed last year on Contra Costa College's Music building (Building M), which had served the college's Music program for half a century. The \$3.5 million remodeling project was made possible by Contra Costa County voters' approval of Bond Measure A (2002).

While originally slated for completion in June 2012, the project required additional time and funds to increase the safety and long-term health of students, staff, and building visitors. Initially planned as a limited aesthetic renovation project, the challenges of targeted asbestos removal and the discovery of hidden structural deficiencies in the original construction prompted the planning team to change the assignment into a complete reconstruction project.

After nearly a decade of planning and construction, the newly remodeled structure offers a wonderful balance of functionality and beauty. It incorporates a substantial redesign of the performance and audio and video recording spaces, full utilization of smart-classroom technology, and a successful integration of individual rooms that function together as a single, connected space. The stunning recital space features many high-tech acoustical enhancements and can be used as a small concert hall not only for music, but for speech, drama, dance, film, and lecture programs. The entrance and exterior balcony have been designed to incorporate the building's creekside setting, and a center courtyard features olive trees, native plantings, and inviting seating areas. Improvements have also been made in ADA access, seismic safety, and the heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning system.

CCC music students begin attending classes in their new building with the start of the spring 2013 semester.



Music students and staff will enjoy practicing and performing in the new performance spaces, equipped with a tunable acoustic-absorbing system and advanced sound-recording capabilities.

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—Stephanie Austin

Contra Costa College



Wayne L. Organ

CCC Music Department Chair, Academic Senate President, Faculty Senate Coordinating Committee Chair, and Faculty Institutional Planning Coordinator

The Music program requires specialized spaces and equipment to provide an experience that can prepare a student for future success. When we open the renovated Music building in spring 2013, it will be the culmination of almost a decade of work, spanning two bond campaigns and rewarding the efforts of a legion of people. At every juncture, the District made decisions on the basis of what was best for the students and staff who would be the long-term occupants of the building. The structure has far exceeded my expectations. Rarely does an educational building offer this fine a balance of functionality and beauty.

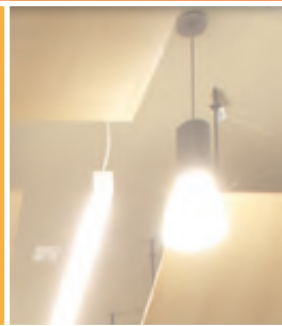
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Erick Almarez

first year CCC guitar student

The new Music building will be a new start for our Music program. Now that we have a building again, we will have some privacy to work. I can't wait to start rehearsal in the vocal chamber room. Musically, I need to work a lot if I want to consider myself a serious student, and with the new building, I will enjoy being there all the time. I'm hoping to transfer out of state and continue in music so I can miss home and experience something new. I'm not well informed about the bond measure, but if it has provided us with this magnificent building, then it's great!



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—Wayne Organ



Stephanie Austin, Ed.D.

CCC Performance Program Director, Director of Choral and Vocal Activities, and Piano Program Chairperson

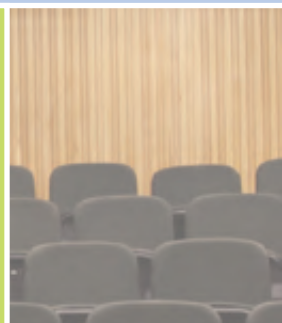
The Music building renovation is a true gift to this college and the community. We have so many talented and hard-working students whose passion and dream are to major and work in music, and the building renovation means that they will now have a beautiful space that is as serious as they are. Both Wayne Organ and I were very involved in every aspect of the design and planning of the building. It isn't often that one is given the gift and the amazing responsibility to create something that will support, help, and inspire present and future generations.



Denise Noldon, Ph.D.

CCC President

I am very pleased with the quality of the new Music building and I am sure that students will benefit greatly from the instruction provided in this state-of-the-art environment. The Music program is now in a position to enhance its curriculum and develop new offerings based on the improved facility. Once the College Center, next on the building agenda, is completed, it will reaffirm Contra Costa College as a premier location to receive a quality education. The District bond program provides us with opportunities that ensure our students and our community are well served. We greatly appreciate the community's support!



Daniel Ruiz

second year CCC music student

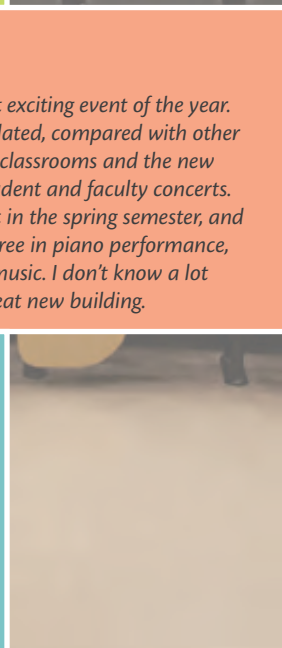
The opening of the new Music building will be the most exciting event of the year. The old building was grim and the practice rooms outdated, compared with other buildings on campus. I'm also excited about the smart classrooms and the new performance hall, which will allow us to have more student and faculty concerts. I plan to complete my associate in arts degree in music in the spring semester, and transfer next year. I hope to get my undergraduate degree in piano performance, then a master's degree, and eventually a doctorate in music. I don't know a lot about the bond program, but I am thankful for this great new building.



Sofia Rojas

CCC graduate and member of the commercial vocal ensemble

My time as a music major at Contra Costa College was a one-of-a-kind experience. Such an amazing program with such dedicated teachers was not something I thought I would find at CCC. My days as a music major were often 14 hours long. Studying music is a great commitment that takes many hours in the practice room. I am so happy that we have new facilities that will make it easier to keep the practice rooms clean. I am also excited about the new performance studio. The vocal ensembles are soaring to new heights—fully prepared and anxious to get into the studio and show what they have learned.



Meeting the Educational Needs of Our Communities



Contra Costa College

Left: Two enclosed high-voltage switch gear units operate the new 12-kilovolt utility system at the college, which ties in electrically to Pacific Gas and Electric Company to power a major portion of the campus. Right: Athletic field visitors' bleachers are compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act access requirements, following construction of an aluminum ramp and accommodation for wheelchair and companion seating.



Diablo Valley College

Left: The new Student Services Center building forms the south wing of what will be a single facility and part of the college's \$52 million Commons project. Right: Future construction will include a north wing, the new home of Culinary Arts and the main campus Food Service facility and Cafeteria, slated for completion in November 2014. The project incorporates Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold standard design principles.



Los Medanos College

Left: The completed college complex level three entrance leads to the renovated Nursing and Emergency Medical Services program facilities at the college. Substantial planning, design, and construction paved the way for the \$3 million program expansion, featuring classrooms equipped with the latest hospital technology so that students who train and learn here are using the same equipment as a real hospital. Right: A room housing a mock-up of an ambulance provides a good training setting for EMT students.

Bond Measure Projects List (2012)

Contra Costa College

MEASURE A (2002): Vocational Technology building remodel, and Americans with Disabilities Act Path of Travel project (2007); Library original student perimeter fencing and new Student Services Center building (2008); Biological Sciences building mechanical system upgrades, and Applied Arts and Automotive Technology buildings roofing projects (2009); Applied Arts building remodel and roof replacement, and Automotive Technology building exterior renovation (2010); Smart Classroom equipment installation (2011); Music building remodel, and 12 Kilovolt Utility upgrade (2012); Access Control and Security upgrades*, new Gym Annex elevator**, Parking Lot 16 upgrade**, and new College Center design**

MEASURE A (2006): Athletic facilities (field/track) renovation (2008); 12 Kilovolt Utility upgrade (2012), new Student Activities building**, new Classroom building**, new Quad area**, seismic retrofit of various buildings**, and Physical Education Annex remodel***

Diablo Valley College

MEASURE A (2002): New Book Center, Physical Sciences building remodel, Life Science remodel for Advanced Technology Center, and Business Education building remodel (2006); new San Ramon Campus and Technical Education building seismic mitigation (2007); Planetarium remodel (2008); Life and Health Sciences ceiling upgrade, and parking island landscaping (2009); gas line replacement (2011); new Student Services Center—partial project (2012); DVC Measure A (2002) allocation fully expended and closed in 2012.

MEASURE A (2006): Athletic facilities (field/track) renovation (2008); parking lot repaving (2009); soccer field regrading (2010); new Student Services Center (2012); new Culinary Arts and Food Services building*, new Commons area*, Baseball and Softball Field upgrades**, and Engineering Technology building remodel***

Los Medanos College

MEASURE A (2002): Planetarium remodel (2006); new Library and new Math building (2007); new Science building and Brentwood Center expansion (2008); new Quad area and Core building remodel (2009); and Art Area remodel and Brentwood Center expansion (2010)

MEASURE A (2006): Athletic facilities (field/track) renovation (2008); parking lot B extension (2010); Nursing and Emergency Medical Training classrooms and labs (2012); Student Services Area renovation*, and new Physical Education building***

Regional Education Centers

MEASURE A (2006): purchase 17.5 acres for new Brentwood Center (2011); new Brentwood Center building***

Districtwide Initiatives

MEASURE A (2006): Solar power and energy-efficiency initiatives (2008); and Information Technology infrastructure*

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Contra Costa College

YEAR EST. 1949

PRESIDENT Denise Noldon, Ph.D.

ENROLLMENT 12,226 students annually

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WEBSITE www.contracosta.edu



Since 1949, Contra Costa College (CCC) has provided exemplary educational services to thousands of residents from the greater West County area. The college has superior faculty and staff members and a learning environment that maximizes the potential of students. Technology is available throughout the institution and connects students to the world to ensure a relevant exchange of ideas. The college is proud of its diverse student body and commitment to individual student success. Excellent programs such as the Center for Science Excellence, *The Advocate* newspaper, the green Automotive Services program, the Nursing program, and the Culinary Arts program are known throughout the state and the nation. A model of excellence, CCC prides itself on being one of the finest community colleges in the country.



Diablo Valley College

YEAR EST. 1949

PRESIDENT Peter García

ENROLLMENT 29,308 students annually

LOCATION 321 Golf Club Road
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

TELEPHONE 925.685.1230

WEBSITE www.dvc.edu



Diablo Valley College (DVC) has distinguished itself as one of the nation's most successful community colleges by offering incomparable transfer opportunities and exceptional career-technical programs and degrees, while responding to an evolving need for more robust adult basic skills and ESL programs. At both the Pleasant Hill and San Ramon locations, local and international students experience high-quality instruction and support services designed for student success. DVC's many career-technical programs are continuously improving to keep pace with emerging technologies and the new skills our students need to be successful in any job market. The college's transfer achievements are unparalleled, making DVC the number one transfer pathway to UC Berkeley.



Los Medanos College

YEAR EST. 1974

PRESIDENT Bob Kratochvil

ENROLLMENT 13,329 students annually

LOCATION 2700 East Leland Road
Pittsburg, CA 94565

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WEBSITE www.losmedanos.edu



Los Medanos College (LMC) provides innovative career-technical and excellent transfer opportunities in East Contra Costa County. A focus on student learning and success helps students build their abilities and competencies as lifelong learners, and provides critical educational preparation to help them to succeed in their career endeavors. Special opportunities include the only honors program certified as part of the UCLA Transfer Alliance, and learning communities supported by faculty and staff. With programs like Engineering, Nursing, Communication Studies, Child Development, Instrumentation Technology, Mathematics, and Process Technology, students receive the resources they need to excel in today's competitive workforce and at four-year colleges. LMC's main campus is located in Pittsburg, with a center in Brentwood.

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