

Investing in Student Success

Contra Costa Community College District
2022 Bond Report to the Community

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Contra Costa College students
at new Science Center



Diablo Valley College
Art Complex printmaking



Los Medanos College
Kinesiology & Athletics fitness studio

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Banner image: Diablo Valley College's new
Art Complex, opened in fall 2022

2022 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Members Monitor District Bond Program Capital Expenditures

Letter from the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee | Elaine Schroth, Chair

California Community College districts passing a Proposition 39 school bond are required to form a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (Committee). The Committee is composed of volunteers from a cross section of community groups, including finance, business, academia, taxpayers, and seniors. Specifically, our role as Committee members is to continue monitoring the Contra Costa Community College District's (4CD's) expenditures of the 2014 bond funds to ensure that all money spent is consistent with the bond language of the original ballot measures.

The Committee meets quarterly to review reports from 4CD, confirming that

- all bond funds have been spent in a manner consistent with the language of the bonds;
- an annual 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, the purchase of needed classroom equipment, and the administration of bond projects.

The Committee is pleased to report that the information and presentations by 4CD indicate that all bond funds have been spent in a manner that is consistent with the bond language.

Independent performance and financial audits have been performed as required. In the auditor's opinion, "The financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the capital outlay for 2006 and 2014 bond funds as of June 30, 2021." In addition, the results of the 4CD Facilities bond program's operations for the year conform to the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Despite the impact the pandemic has had on our community, the Facilities Planning and Construction teams have continued teaming up with the colleges to collaboratively move projects forward. A number of projects were completed this

year, including Contra Costa College's new Science Center and Physical Education/ Kinesiology complex and the Diablo Valley College (DVC)—San Ramon Campus Library and Learning Resource Center. We are also excited to see tremendous progress on the Kinesiology/Athletics and new Art complexes at the DVC—Pleasant Hill campus, and initiation of the new solar panels at the Los Medanos College—Brentwood Center.

The Committee appreciates the willingness of voters to approve 4CD's bond measures. These funds help provide facilities that fulfill the higher education needs of a diverse student population, meet the training requirements for an ever-changing qualified workforce, and offer other benefits to the community at large.

As members of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, we encourage others to learn how to become a future Committee member. Current and former members have found the experience of learning about bond programs and monitoring expenditures to be both personally rewarding and a satisfying way to contribute to the community.

"The bond program is invaluable, as it allows us to modernize the 4CD infrastructure, furnishings, and equipment so that we can impart quality education to our community."

— Jagjit Bhambra, Bond Oversight Committee Member since 2019



Diablo Valley College
pool construction

BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENT COUNTY CONSTITUENCIES



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Los Medanos College (LMC)
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Representative



Jagjit Bhambra
District Senior
Citizens' Organization
Representative



Rob Schroder
Diablo Valley College (DVC)
Support Organization
Representative



Elaine Schroth
DVC Business Organization
Representative



Dr. William van Dyk
Contra Costa College (CCC)
Support Organization
Representative



Varsha Vijayanand
DVC Student
Representative

The CCC Student and Business Organization Representative, LMC Student and Business Organization Representative, and Taxpayers' Organization Representative positions are currently unfilled.

The Importance of Investing in Student Success

Message from Interim Chancellor Mojdeh Mehdizadeh



Studies show that when students develop a strong connection with other students and instructors, and spend more time on their college campus, they are more likely to be successful in achieving their educational goals. Building modern and engaging learning environments, featuring state-of-the-art classroom technology that supports both in-person and online courses, is enabling our students to achieve their higher education goals despite the impacts of the pandemic. These are the kinds of investments the Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) is able to make, thanks to the community's generous support of our bond measures.

After exhausting the remaining balance of Measure A 2006 funds, we are now implementing the final available funding from the Measure E 2014 bond measure. As you will read on the following page of this report, our student and staff testimonials confirm that the new facilities are making a huge difference for them, and they appreciate the community's contribution to our students' academic success.

During 2022, 4CD formally unveiled the new Los Medanos College Student Union and Kinesiology & Athletics Complex, the new Brentwood Center, and the new Contra Costa College Science Center.

Work continues on the completion of Diablo Valley College's Art and Kinesiology/Athletics complex projects, and we are beginning design of the new solar panels at the Brentwood Center.

Despite the significant transformations these and other projects are having on our campuses, much work remains to be done. With some of our facilities still dating back to the 1950s, we must continue to focus on making wise choices on facilities improvements that contribute to the success of our students while ensuring exemplary stewardship of the public's money. We want to thank our Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee members, who volunteer their time to help us do that. These community leaders deserve our gratitude for their time and outstanding commitment to the citizens of Contra Costa County.

Finally, these investments would not be possible without the passage of our bond measures by Contra Costa County voters. On behalf of our Governing Board, our 46,000 students annually, and our approximately 2,900 full- and part-time employees, thank you for your support. We could not complete this important work without you.

DISTRICTWIDE MEASURE E 2014 FINANCIALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

As of June 30, 2022

Capital Improvement Program

Total Bond Funding
\$450,000,000

Remaining Bond
\$106,862,230

Spent Current Year
\$54,703,551

Spent Prior Years
\$288,434,219

Interest, Rebate, and Other Funding

Total: \$28,265,717

Prior Years
\$11,544,969

Current Year
\$3,547,934

Remaining Interest,
Rebate, and Other
(estimated)
\$13,172,814



DISTRICTWIDE AND DISTRICT OFFICE BOND PROGRAM AND PROJECTS LIST

REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTERS

MEASURE A 2006: Purchase 17.5 acres for new LMC—Brentwood Center (2011)

DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDINGS

MEASURE E 2014: Public Safety Center at CCC (2019); Public Safety Center at LMC (2019); District Office seismic repairs (2020)

DISTRICTWIDE INITIATIVES

MEASURE A 2006: Solar power and energy efficiency initiatives (2008); Information Technology infrastructure (2014)

MEASURE E 2014: Upgrade security and access control systems (2022); building systems and Districtwide energy conservation projects*

*UNDER CONSTRUCTION

(Completed projects include year finalized. Measure A 2006 is financially closed out.)

(See additional bond program projects on college pages.)

Top: Los Medanos College students outside Student Union;
below: student space at Contra Costa College Science Center



San Ramon Campus expansion



Los Medanos College Student Union



Los Medanos College—Brentwood Center



Contra Costa College Science Center

Celebrating Our Progress

Campus Ribbon-Cutting Ceremonies Herald Bright Beginnings at College Campuses

As part of this year's collective celebration, we formally opened four bond-funded project buildings to 4CD students and staff with ribbon-cutting ceremonies, beginning with the Diablo Valley College—San Ramon Campus on November 21, 2021. While Los Medanos College—Pittsburg's Kinesiology & Athletics Complex and Student Union were completed just ahead of the pandemic of 2020, the time was finally opportune on April 6, 2022, to formally recognize completion and occupancy of the two buildings. A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place on May 4, 2022, at LMC—Brentwood Center, also completed during the pandemic. Finally, with completion of Contra Costa College's Science Center in spring 2022, ribbon-cutting festivities took place on May 5, 2022.

At the Diablo Valley College—Pleasant Hill campus, fall 2022 classes began in the new Art Complex. The final phase of DVC's Kinesiology/Athletics complex project is proceeding apace. The first phase of the project was completed in late 2021, providing the college athletics program with much needed space in the new Fieldhouse. These milestones in the Measure E bond program represent a major contribution to student access, learning, and success.

Here are some perspectives from 4CD administrators, staff, and others about what these new facilities mean to them personally and professionally.

Making good choices . . .

René Sporer, Contra Costa College Dean, Natural, Social, and Applied Sciences, has been involved in bond projects at two colleges—first, from the ground up at Diablo Valley College—San Ramon Campus, and more recently at the new CCC Science Center.

"I am very pleased with the new Science Center. Almost all of our science classes are on campus and our building is full of active students and faculty daily. There were good choices made in finishes and materials that were student-centric. The design by the SmithGroup incorporates so much light and inviting student areas. It is clear the focus was on how to make the areas more usable and welcoming to students."

Getting valuable user input . . .

"Exceptional" is how San Ramon Campus Senior Dean **Kenyetta Tribble** describes her experience working with the 4CD Facilities team and architects in designing Measure E projects. "The local team—made up of faculty, staff, and managers, with input from students—was able to provide for the needs of our students and the overall community," she says. "Realistic options and multiple designs were presented and then adjusted to ensure our requests were met."

Making campuses remarkable . . .

"I think the new bond-funded projects are an excellent addition to our community. I enjoy giving tours to community members, students, and staff that showcase how remarkable the LMC campus has become," says Bookstore Supply Buyer at LMC—Pittsburg and Brentwood Center **Andrew Murphy**, who participated in Facilities meetings at both sites. "We provided helpful input on the layout of our location that allowed it to look modern and be functional," he says. "The connectivity of our digital devices is much improved as well."

"I believe the new Science Center is an absolute privilege to have. I am very grateful that we, a community that has been through so much, has gotten this amazing building."

— **Kevin G. Ruano Hernandez**, ASUCCC President

Maximizing funding . . .

Dean of Health Sciences and Athletic Director at DVC—Pleasant Hill **Christine Worsley** says the academic programs benefitting from the new Kinesiology/Athletics complex include kinesiology, sports medicine, public health, athletics, and fitness training. "The primary goal was to maximize the funding to touch as many venues as possible by designing every inch of the buildings as functional space," adds Worsley. "The new facility now matches the outstanding education students receive at DVC in our Health Science Division. The upgraded facilities allow students to learn and prepare for the workforce or transfer to four-year programs with state-of-the-art facilities."

Contra Costa College



Banner image: Contra Costa College campus;
inset: student in renovated Gym

BOND PROGRAM PROJECTS

MEASURE A 2006:

Athletic facilities (field/track) renovation Phase 1 (2008); 12 kilovolt utility upgrade (2012); Athletic facilities renovation Phase 2 (2013); parking lot 16 upgrade (2015); new Student Activities and new Classroom building (2016); seismic retrofit of various buildings (2016); automated ADA doors (2018); AA Building renovation (2019); Physical Education/Kinesiology complex renovation and expansion (2022)

MEASURE E 2014: AA

Building renovation (2019); Physical Education/Kinesiology complex renovation and expansion (2022); new Science Center (2022); new Science Center Phase 3 (demolition)*; campus site work***; modernize or construct Campus Operations building***

*UNDER CONSTRUCTION

***FUTURE

(Completed projects include year finalized. Measure A 2006 is financially closed out.)

Contra Costa College (CCC) is the oldest and most diverse of the three colleges in the Contra Costa Community College District (4CD). Its campus, accentuated by Wildcat Creek, rests on 83 acres of beautiful natural landscaping in the rolling hills of San Pablo and Richmond. A proud Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), CCC's student-focused faculty and staff cultivate a premier learning environment that annually serves over 10,000 learners who reflect the diverse communities surrounding the campus.

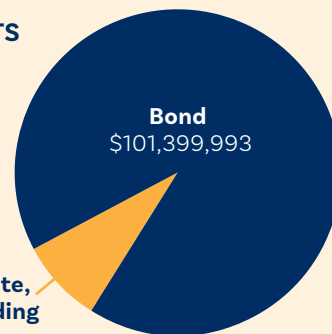
CCC has been the only institution of higher learning in the West County area since its opening in 1949. The college has been key to the well-being and prosperity of this socioeconomically diverse, resilient, and culturally vibrant community. The General Education, Science Center, and renovated athletics buildings that West County voters have overwhelmingly supported through generous bond measures are vital additions that support student success and improve the quality of life in our community.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COLLEGE ALLOCATION (MEASURE E 2014)

As of June 30, 2022

TOTAL:
\$110,539,624

**Interest, Rebate,
and Other Funding**
\$9,139,631



New Science and PEK Complexes Bring West County Campus Forward

Contra Costa College's impressive \$72 million Science Center opened its doors to students and staff in spring 2022. Funded by Measure E bonds, with additional support from community donors, 4CD's first zero-net energy-ready building features an all-electric heating and air-conditioning system. Designed by a SmithGroup architects/design team and recognized by the Board of Governors for its innovative sustainability strategies, the building houses the Center for Science Excellence, a Presidential Award-winning program that offers financial and academic support to students majoring in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. The three story building accommodates a 55-seat planetarium, a star-gazing observation deck, and science teaching labs. Following the new Science Center occupancy, the final phase of the project has commenced, focusing on the existing science building demolition.

Modernization of the campus's \$42 million Physical Education/Kinesiology complex is in the closeout phase, with Measure E bond improvements including design and renovation of the existing four buildings and a Gym expansion to provide a modern circuit training lab/exercise facility, aerobics, and other physical fitness and wellness instructional spaces. Other improvements to the 69,000-square-foot complex include utility infrastructure, ADA code improvements, and restroom renovations.



**CONTRA
COSTA
COLLEGE**



Acting President
Kimberly R. Rogers, Ph.D.

Year Est. 1949
Enrollment
9,075 students annually

San Pablo Campus
2600 Mission Bell Drive
San Pablo, CA 94806
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Banner image: Students on Art Complex steps;
inset; Kinesiology/Athletics complex Fieldhouse,
track, and field

Diablo Valley College

DVC DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE



President
Susan E. Lamb

Year Est. 1949

Enrollment
25,226 students annually

Pleasant Hill Campus

321 Golf Club Road
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
925.685.1230

San Ramon Campus

1690 Watermill Road
San Ramon, CA 94582
925.866.1822

www.dvc.edu

www.dvc.edu/san-ramon/

With campuses in Pleasant Hill and San Ramon, **Diablo Valley College (DVC)** has distinguished itself as one of the nation's most successful community colleges. DVC offers unequalled transfer programs and exceptional career education programs and degrees to an increasingly diverse student body.

With a focus on student equity, DVC prepares all our students of today to be the leaders of tomorrow. This requires facilities designed with student learning and success in mind.

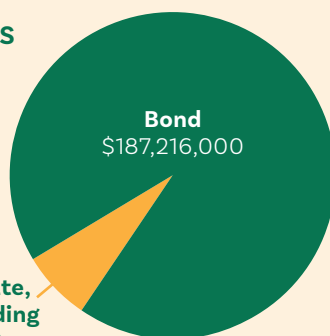
Measure E bond funds are providing the college with an opportunity to update or replace aging facilities and infrastructure to ensure that our students and communities continue to receive the excellent instruction for which DVC is known. We appreciate the support that voters have shown by passing Measure E and earlier bond measures.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COLLEGE ALLOCATION (MEASURE E 2014)

As of June 30, 2022

TOTAL:
\$200,610,922

**Interest, Rebate,
and Other Funding**
\$13,394,922



DVC Welcomes Attractive New Art and Kinesiology/Athletics Complexes

Classes began in fall 2022 at the new, \$47 million Art Complex, funded by Measure E. The 37,000-square-foot building, located next to the Kinesiology/Athletics complex on the northeast corner of the Pleasant Hill campus, brings all DVC art programs back under one roof. The building was designed by HMC Architects and features art studios and classrooms, an art gallery, printmaking shop, wet photography lab, ceramics workshops, media labs, outdoor display spaces, and faculty offices. A new central utility plant supports both the Art and Kinesiology/Athletics complexes in 4CD's energy conservation and zero-net-energy goals.

The \$52-million Kinesiology/Athletics complex is being constructed in three phases. Phase 1 construction of a new Fieldhouse and faculty offices was completed in December 2021. The Gym renovation is now complete, and work on the Aquatics Center and pool renovation, including new piping for the pool, is anticipated to finish by late spring 2023.

The Engineering Technology building renovation is the next project moving toward design phases, which will allow time for the college to assess and plan for the future Academic Complex.

BOND PROGRAM PROJECTS

MEASURE A 2006:

Athletic facilities (field/ track) renovation (2008); parking lot repaving (2009); soccer field regrading (2010); new Student Services Center (2012); baseball and softball field upgrades (2013); new Hospitality and Food Services building (2014); new Commons area (2015); new softball bleachers/upgrades (2016); ADA barrier removal projects (2020); Kinesiology/Athletics complex renovation*; Engineering Technology building renovation**

MEASURE E 2014:

Infrastructure improvements—main water valves replacement (2016); building system upgrades—HVAC systems evaluation (2016); Library boiler/chiller and HVAC renovation (2016); roof replacements, Phase I (2016); central plant feasibility (2017); Faculty Office Building condition assessment (2017); groundwater study (2017); main electrical switchgear replacement (2019); main loop gas valves replacement (2019); HVAC and controls upgrades (2020); western utility corridor (2021); new Art Complex (2022); Kinesiology/Athletics complex renovation Phases 1 and 2 (2021 and 2022); Kinesiology/Athletics complex Phase 3; ADA barrier removal (ongoing projects)***; new Academic Complex***; Engineering Technology building renovation***; Learning Center repurpose***; future building site development***

REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTERS, MEASURE E 2014:

DVC— San Ramon Campus expansion (2021)

*UNDER CONSTRUCTION | **UNDER DESIGN |

***FUTURE (Completed projects include year finalized. Measure A 2006 is financially closed out.)

Los Medanos College



Banner image: Los Medanos College Student Union exterior; inset: students in Kinesiology & Athletics Complex hallway

BOND PROGRAM PROJECTS

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 (2015); Nursing/EMT Bio Lab remodel (2012); gymnasium renovation (2016); tennis courts resurfacing (2016); College Complex renovations (2019); Kinesiology & Athletics Complex and Student Union (2020); ADA Improvement projects (2020)

MEASURE E 2014:

Tennis courts resurfacing (2016); College Complex renovations (2019); mechanical system upgrades (2020); Kinesiology & Athletics Complex and Student Union (2020)

REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTERS, MEASURE E 2014:

New LMC Brentwood Center building (2020); Brentwood Center solar panels**

**UNDER DESIGN (Completed projects include year finalized. Measure A 2006 is financially closed out.)

Los Medanos College (LMC) offers award-winning transfer and career education programs, stellar support services, and diverse learning opportunities in East Contra Costa County. Our exceptional educators, innovative curricula, growing degree and certificate offerings, and strong regional partnerships focus squarely on student success. Of the 1,600 two-year institutions across the nation, LMC has three times been recognized as a "Top 150 U.S. Community College" by the Aspen Institute and was named one of the "50 Best Community Colleges" by College Choice.

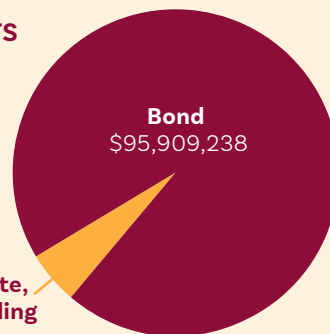
We are grateful to county residents for supporting our 4CD bond measures, enabling the college to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment in state-of-the-art facilities at our beautiful Pittsburg campus—and at the new Brentwood Center, which was completed in fall 2020. That community investment allows LMC to continue positioning our students for success at four-year institutions, in the workforce, and beyond.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COLLEGE ALLOCATION (MEASURE E 2014)

As of June 30, 2022

TOTAL:
\$100,972,423

**Interest, Rebate,
and Other Funding**
\$5,063,185



Brentwood Center Plans for a New Solar PV and Backup Generator System

A Measure E-funded, \$2.7 million solar photovoltaic (PV) and resiliency project constitutes the last phase of the Brentwood Center project at 1351 Pioneer Square. Anticipated for completion at year-end 2023, the project involves installation of solar PVs in the parking lot as well as provision for a backup generator or a battery storage system to ensure resiliency of the Information Technology main distribution frame (MDF). Some additional infrastructure was also completed as part of the building-construction project. An energy efficiency and solar PV resiliency firm was commissioned last fall to provide technical criteria documents required as part of the energy-efficiency design-build project in anticipation of the PV builder-selection process.

The attractive \$62.5 million Student Union (SU) and award-winning Kinesiology & Athletics Complex, funded by Measures A and E, were completed in late 2019 and spring 2020 on the Pittsburg campus. A 485-seat conference center on the first floor of the SU, the largest meeting space in east Contra Costa County, has been paramount in bringing groups together following the post-COVID opening up of the Pittsburg campus.

LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE



President
Bob Kratochvil, Ed.D.

Year Est. 1974
Enrollment
11,293 students annually

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2700 East Leland Road
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Brentwood Campus
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www.losmedanos.edu/brentwood/



Making Education Affordable

Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) Helps Ensure Student Success

The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) recognizes that the high cost of textbooks can serve as a barrier to student success. In our commitment to providing students an affordable and equitable education, many instructors within 4CD have begun offering zero-textbook-cost (ZTC) courses.

ZTC-designed courses do not require the purchase of textbooks. Instead, students rely on freely accessible alternative instructional materials and methodologies, including open educational resources (OER).



Finding ZTC courses in the Class Schedule

Locate ZTC courses in the class schedule by looking for the ZTC icon (shown here) or the letters "ZTC" after the name of the course.

Visit this link to learn more: <https://vsb.4cd.edu/>

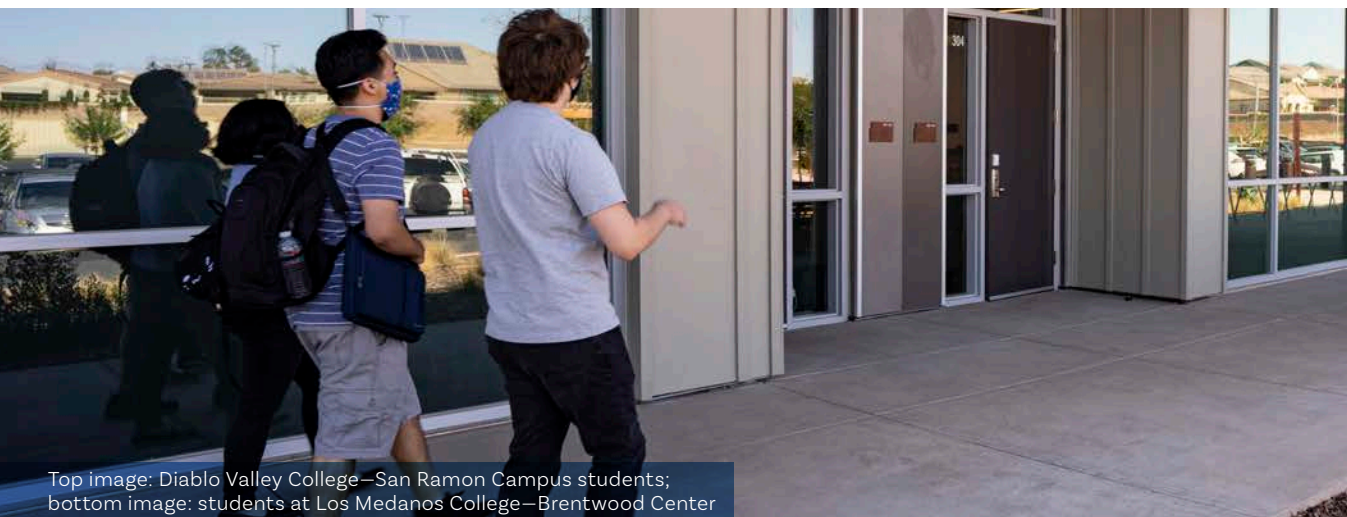
Note: Students may have to pay for lab materials or required supplies, such as clay, paint, goggles, or calculators.

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ATTEND BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND LEARN HOW YOUR BOND DOLLARS ARE SPENT

You can review this annual report, past reports, and a current schedule of meetings of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee on the 4CD website at <https://bit.ly/4CDbondinfo>. Meetings are open to the public and are being held virtually until further notice.



Top image: Diablo Valley College—San Ramon Campus students;
bottom image: students at Los Medanos College—Brentwood Center

The Contra Costa Community College District is committed to equal opportunity in educational programs, employment, and campus life. We do not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender, marital status, national origin, parental status, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status in any access to, and treatment in, college programs, activities, and application for employment.

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