

Chancellor's CABINET HIGHLIGHTS



Members of the Chancellor's Cabinet:

Susan E. Lamb, President, DVC; **Mandy Liang**, Associate Vice Chancellor/ Educational Services; **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh**, Chancellor; **Jeffrey Michels**, Associate Vice Chancellor/Chief Human Resources Officer; **Micaela Ochoa**, Executive Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services; **Jennifer Ortega**, Director of Communications and Community Relations; **Pamela Ralston**, President, LMC; **Kimberly R. Rogers**, President, CCC; **Kelly Schelin**, Executive Vice Chancellor, Education and Technology; **Tony Wold**, Associate Vice Chancellor/Chief Financial Officer; and **Ines Zildzic**, Vice Chancellor, Facilities Planning and Construction

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The mission of the Chancellor's Cabinet is to serve as the leadership team ensuring the sustainability of our District to effectively and equitably educate students and meet the needs of our diverse communities in partnership with classified professionals, faculty, other managers and students.

Auto-Awarding Pilot Program Being Considered

Associate Vice Chancellor, Educational Services, Mandy Liang is working with admissions and records and financial aid directors to consider a pilot program for "auto-awarding," which refers to awarding degrees or certificates to students who have met the requirements for those awards even if the student did not apply or petition for them. The pilot would not replace the regular petition process and would be limited to declared programs of study.

Electricity Energy Provider Selected for Board Approval

Vice Chancellor, Facilities Planning and Construction Ines Zildzic reported that, among the three finalists, Oakland-based Commercial Energy (CE) was chosen to be 4CD's new energy provider. The contract with CE will generate at least \$675,000 in electricity cost savings for 4CD. It will also allow future renewable energy to be purchased and support 4CD's overall sustainability goals. The contract will be presented for approval by the Governing Board on May 14.

Summer Enrollment Numbers are Up

Summer enrollments have increased Districtwide, and enrollment for fall 2025 is also up compared to fall 2024, when looking at data retrieved from a similar timeframe one year ago.

Classified Employee Appreciation Week

In 2025, Classified Employee Appreciation Week was held May 18-24. Each college and the District Office have celebrations underway to recognize their Classified Professionals and thank them for their hard work.

The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD), founded in 1948 and governed by a publicly elected five-member Governing Board, is one of the largest multi-college community college districts in California. The mission of 4CD is to attract and transform students and communities by providing accessible, innovative, and outstanding higher education learning opportunities and support services.