



# Community News

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Welcome to the **4CD Community News**, an online newsletter designed to provide news and information to our greater community. The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) encompasses three colleges: [Contra Costa College](#) in San Pablo, [Diablo Valley College](#) in Pleasant Hill and San Ramon, and [Los Medanos College](#) in Pittsburg and Brentwood.

With nearly 50,000 students and thousands of course offerings, our colleges are open to all, and they provide associate degrees, associate degrees for transfer, certificate programs in dozens of industries, career training, athletics, student clubs, and more!

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**February 2026**

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## Annual Report Highlights Facilities Progress Through Measure E

The Contra Costa Community College District's Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee presented its 2025 Measure E Bond Report, "Blueprint for a Thriving Future," to the Governing Board at its Feb. 18 meeting. The report details steady progress in improving campus facilities through projects funded by Measure E, which was approved by voters in 2014. Established to ensure transparency and accountability, the committee meets publicly each quarter to oversee use of Measure E funds and helps keep the community informed.

Nearly 90 percent of Measure E funds has now been invested in projects that are transforming campuses with modernized, sustainable learning environments. Many new and upgraded buildings meet LEED or Zero Net Energy standards, supporting the District's commitment to sustainability.

[Read the full report.](#)

### Looking Ahead

While this progress has been significant, many older buildings at each college still need repairs or replacement to meet current safety, technology, and sustainability standards.

To address these needs, the 4CD Governing Board voted to place a general obligation bond measure on the June 2, 2026 ballot. If voters approve the measure, the funds would be used to complete essential projects outlined in the District's adopted facilities plans.

[Learn more.](#)

# BLUEPRINT *for a thriving future*

CONTRA COSTA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

**2025**

## **BOND REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY**

**Contra Costa College**

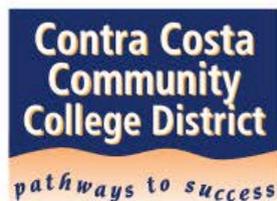
San Pablo Campus

**Diablo Valley College**

Pleasant Hill and San Ramon Campuses

**Los Medanos College**

Pittsburg Campus and Brentwood Center



Diablo Valley College Kinesiology/Athletics Complex, completed 2023

## College for Kids: Summer STEAM Fun at DVC



Diablo Valley College's popular College for Kids program is back this summer with two exciting three-week sessions packed with hands-on learning and creativity!

Open to students entering 4th–9th grades, the program offers a wide range of engaging classes in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.

From coding and robotics to cartooning, 3D printing, chemistry, and performing arts, every student can find something to spark their curiosity and imagination. Classes are conveniently held in the afternoons—typically 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.—on both the Pleasant Hill and San Ramon campuses.

**Session 1: June 9 – June 25**  
**Session 2: July 7 – July 23**

Spaces fill quickly—register today to give your student a fun and enriching summer experience! For more information or to sign up, visit the [College for Kids web page](#).

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## LMC Honors Recipients of Annual MLK Awards



In honor of Black History Month, Los Medanos College hosted its annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards ceremony on Feb. 26, recognizing two students as emerging leaders and two accomplished community leaders for their commitment to serving others.

Congratulations to:

- Visionary Leadership: **Dennisha Marsh**, executive director of Parent of African American Achievement Collaborative Team (PAAACT)
- Beloved Community - **Tianna Hicks**, vice president of Da Bigger Picture Non-Profit Foundation
- Emerging Leadership - LMC Student and poet **Mina Jobe**
- Emerging Leadership - LMC Student and *The Experience* Editor **Chijioko Onyeagucha**

[Read more about each honoree.](#)

Special thanks to LMC student **Roxanne Williams** for sharing her voice in singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing," and to **Brothas of the Drum** for their rhythm and inspiration

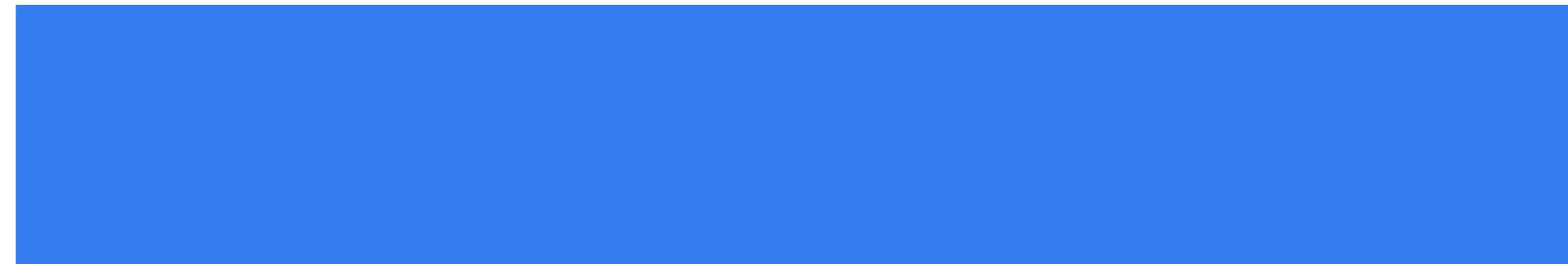
Special thanks to our keynote speaker, **Kolette Simonton**, Director of Recreation for the City of Pittsburg.

Pictured here (from left): LMC Vice President of Instruction Dr. A'kilah Smith; awardee Dennisha Marsh; LMC Vice President of Student Services Dr. Tanisha Maxwell; and LMC President Dr. Pamela Ralston.

See more event photos on [LMC's Facebook page](#). The event video will soon be posted to the LMC YouTube page.

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## DVC Speech and Debate Team Secures Commanding Victory





Congratulations to the Diablo Valley College Speech & Debate Team, which delivered an extraordinary performance at the Northern California Speech & Debate Championships, held Feb. 20–22 at the University of the Pacific in Stockton.

Hosted by the Northern California Forensics Association (NCFA), the Spring Championship is a premier regional tournament that brings together top two- and four-year colleges from across Northern California to compete in a wide range of speech and debate events. Over three demanding days, students showcased their skill, preparation and resilience.

DVC rose to the challenge with a commanding victory, recapturing the overall team championship with an impressive 324 points, finishing nearly 200 points ahead of all other colleges in attendance.

This achievement is a testament to the students' dedication, countless hours of preparation, and commitment to competitive excellence. Their success highlights the strength of DVC's Speech & Debate program and its continued leadership in the region.

[View the complete list of awardees.](#)

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## Free Clipper Cards for 4CD Students

Students who attend CCC, DVC, or LMC can now save on their commute thanks to a special offer from 511 Contra Costa.

Eligible students can receive a free \$25 Clipper Card just for trying public transit—whether by bus or BART.

The program encourages students to explore eco-friendly transportation options while saving money on gas and parking. Riding transit also offers a chance to relax, study, or even catch a quick nap on the way to campus.

Supplies are limited, so students are encouraged to [apply soon to claim their free card.](#)

It's an easy and affordable way to get to class, help the environment, and keep more cash in your pocket!



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College District**

# Nonprofit Board and Community Partnership Fair Hosted at CCC March 28



Looking for a way to give back, or to grow your organization's impact? When community shows up for one another, powerful things happen.

On **Saturday, March 28**, Contra Costa College is hosting a regional Nonprofit Board & Community Partnership Fair.

This event brings together local nonprofits and community members who care about making a difference. Whether you're exploring board service for the first time or your organization is seeking new partnerships, you'll find connection, conversation, and opportunity.

[Learn more and register.](#)



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