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Contra Costa College and Diablo Valley College Receive Equity in Placement Awards

MARTINEZ, California –The Campaign for College Opportunity recently honored both Contra Costa College (CCC) and Diablo Valley College (DVC) for their inaugural Excellence in Placement Awards.

CCC and DVC were among the 40 California community colleges who were recognized for championing student success by implementing equitable course placement practices that give community college students the opportunity to take college-level courses with the support they need to successfully complete them as outlined in AB 705. This work is transforming the college experience for students, particularly thousands of Black and Latinx students, as they successfully navigate their pathway toward a college degree.

CCC was recognized in the following three areas for successfully supporting:

- 100 percent of their students to enroll directly into transfer level English coursework;
- 100 percent of their Latinx students to enroll directly into transfer-level English coursework; and
- 100 percent of their Black students to enroll directly into transfer-level English coursework.

DVC was recognized as among the top three California community colleges who supported students who enrolled in a transfer-level Math course to successfully complete it within one year of initial enrollment.

“The ability for students to take transfer-level English and Math courses instead of remedial courses ultimately means faster time to completion,” said Interim Chancellor Mojdeh Mehdizadeh. “The key to this effort is the support services needed to successfully complete transfer-level courses, and our colleges deserve this recognition for helping our students achieve their educational goals in an equitable manner.”

The Campaign for College Opportunity’s mission has been to ensure that all eligible and motivated students in California have an opportunity to go to college and succeed. The Campaign remains committed to keeping the State of California from breaking its promise of college opportunity to its next generation of young people in order to ensure a strong state for all of us. For more information about the organization, visit <https://collegecampaign.org/>.

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The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) is one of the largest multi-college community college districts in California. The 4CD serves a population of 1,019,640 people, and its boundaries encompass all but 48 of the 734-square-mile land area of Contra Costa County. 4CD is home to Contra Costa College in San Pablo, Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, as well as educational centers in Brentwood and San Ramon. The District headquarters is located in downtown Martinez. For more information visit www.4cd.edu.

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