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4CD Governing Board Approves Contract for Interim President of Los Medanos College



MARTINEZ, CA – The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) Governing Board approved the contract for Dr. Pamela Ralston to become the interim President of Los Medanos College (LMC). Dr. Ralston will begin on December 29, 2022, and 4CD will begin a national search in February 2023 for the permanent President position.

Dr. Ralston most recently served as the President of Santiago Canyon College, a Hispanic Serving Institution. She worked closely with the community to enhance partnerships with business, governmental and community organizations, as well as with the K-12 and higher education institutions in the area. Prior to joining Santiago Canyon College, Dr. Ralston was the Executive Vice President for Educational Programs at Santa Barbara Community College District, overseeing academic affairs, student services, and institutional research.

“I am excited and honored for the opportunity to serve as interim President of Los Medanos College,” said Dr. Ralston. “I am deeply committed to working with faculty, staff, and administrators at the college to improve student success and student equity through the creation and support of strong innovative programs, while maintaining a respectful and collaborative working environment.”

Interim Chancellor Mojdeh Mehdizadeh shared “I am very impressed with Dr. Ralston’s commitment to student success, and her respect for the participatory governance process. With over 20 years of community college leadership experience, I have great confidence she will continue the legacy of high quality instruction and student services at LMC.”

Dr. Ralston was selected as interim President after Dr. Bob Kratochvil announced his retirement after 10 years at the helm of Los Medanos College.

Los Medanos College (LMC), one of three colleges in the Contra Costa Community College District, has served the east Contra Costa County community since 1974. LMC offers award-winning transfer and career education programs, high-quality support services, and diverse academic opportunities in an engaging and inclusive learning environment. With exceptional educators, innovative curricula, growing degree and certificate offerings, strong regional partnerships, and state-of-the-art facilities, the College prepares students for success at four-year institutions, in the workforce, and beyond. LMC offers classes and support services at its 120-acre Pittsburg Campus and new permanent Brentwood Center. For more information about Los Medanos College, please visit www.losmedanos.edu .

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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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