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Congressman John Garamendi Honors CCC President Dr. Kimberly Rogers at Annual Women of the Year Awards

MARTINEZ, California – The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) is proud to announce that Contra Costa College (CCC) President Dr. Kimberly Rogers was among the 20 Contra Costa County women honored by Congressman John Garamendi at his 10th annual Women of the Year Event held on October 12, 2023.

Dr. Rogers was chosen for her tireless dedication in higher education as an administrator and teacher over the past 20 years. She has spearheaded efforts to greatly expand student services such as launching the Free Lunch program, increasing mental health services, extending housing assistance, expanding access to professional attire, and increasing staffing.

"The service and dedication each honoree has shown their community is deserving of recognition, and by receiving this award, their work will be commemorated and chronicled at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC," Garamendi said.

Another 33 women from Solano County were also recognized this year, and all 53 women from throughout his 8th Congressional District were acknowledged for making significant contributions to society through public service, business, education, and local economy.

"We congratulate Dr. Rogers and Contra Costa College for this wonderful recognition," says Interim Chancellor Mojdeh Mehdizadeh. "It is a team effort to successfully serve the thousands of students each of our colleges and centers help every year, and it is our passion to continue our 75-year legacy of making a positive difference in the lives of our students and our communities."

For more details about the 10th annual Women of the Year Event, awards program, bios and photos of all the honorees, and a link to the live streaming video of the event, visit: <u>https://garamendi.house.gov/media/press-releases/garamendi-honors-53-women-annual-women-year-awards</u>.

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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 1.2 million residents, 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 with campuses in Pleasant Hill and San Ramon, and Los Medanos College with campuses in Pittsburg and Brentwood. The District headquarters is located in downtown Martinez. Each college is individually accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. For more information visit <u>www.4cd.edu</u>.

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