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Contra Costa Community College District Announces Two Finalists for Diablo Valley College President

MARTINEZ, California – The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) has announced the selection of two finalists for the position of President of Diablo Valley College. The finalists are Dr. Davin Brown and Dr. Monica Chahal.

Two separate in-person forums have been scheduled for April 30, 2025, on the Diablo Valley College Pleasant Hill campus. Employees, students, and community members are invited to attend the forums, which will last 60 minutes each, beginning at 10:15 a.m., and will be recorded. A detailed public forum schedule, recordings of each forum, and an online survey to provide feedback on the candidates will be available on the 4CD website at www.4cd.edu.



Dr. Davin E. Brown is a seasoned higher education leader with over two decades of experience championing equity, access, and student success across California's community colleges and public universities. She currently serves as Vice President of Student Services at Sacramento City College, where she provides strategic vision and leadership for a wide-ranging portfolio of programs supporting student engagement, equity, wellness, and achievement.

Before joining Sacramento City College, Dr. Brown served as Dean of Student Success at Folsom Lake College, where she developed and implemented data-informed programs that improved student retention and helped close equity gaps. Her earlier tenure at Sacramento State University spanned more than a decade, most recently as Director of Student Engagement & Outreach, where she led transformative initiatives focused on basic needs, student leadership, and social justice. A scholar-practitioner, Dr. Brown has also taught undergraduate and graduate courses in educational leadership, equity, and research at Drexel University, Sacramento State, and Concordia University.

Dr. Brown earned her Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Management from Drexel University, a master's in educational administration from California State University, San Bernardino, and a bachelor's degree in English from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Her academic foundation, combined with her lived experience as a first-generation college graduate informs her deep commitment to dismantling systemic inequities and building inclusive educational environments that center historically marginalized students.

Recognized as one of Sacramento's 2025 Top 20 Black Change Makers, Dr. Brown is also an engaged community leader. She has served on the Board of the Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce, mentored aspiring leaders through the Pipeline to Possibilities initiative, and is a current board member of The COALITION, a statewide advocacy network for California's community college system. She is also a founding member of The Queendom, a collective dedicated to supporting Black women leaders in higher education through truth-telling, spirit-lifting, and transformative leadership. A dedicated member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Dr. Brown is a third-generation Bay Area native and the proud mother of a graduating senior at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia.



Dr. Monica Chahal is an experienced educator and leader whose work is defined by her focus on equity, social justice, and student success. Her work, spanning more than thirty years in the California Community College system, is reflective of her commitment to students and has led to a rewarding career as a classified professional, adjunct and full-time faculty, and administrator at Yuba College, Woodland Community College, and Clovis Community College. In all these roles, she is most proud to have served

alongside and worked collaboratively with others committed to excellence and innovation.

Dr. Chahal currently serves as Interim President at Clovis Community College, which serves a diverse population of more than 13,000 students. Dr. Chahal has led the College in strategic planning, strategic enrollment management and post-pandemic enrollment recovery; resource development, including a \$3 million Title V grant focused on Latinx student success in STEM; Guided Pathways implementation; building community partnerships through service on local nonprofit agencies and cross segmental collaborative efforts with K12 and local universities; and faculty and staff professional development. She has served as Accreditation Liaison Officer, assuring thoughtful and collaborative self-study.

Dr. Chahal is actively involved in community organizations, currently serving as a board member for Focus Forward (a local non-profit organization that supports Fresno County youth in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems) and Central California Asian Pacific Women (CCAPW provides scholarships and opportunities for leadership and advocacy for Asian and Pacific Island women from the Central Valley). She maintains a presence in the community by attending local community events as well as city government events, including Clovis City Council meetings and the most recent Clovis Mayor's community roundtable, which included discussions on current issues facing the community, activities supporting the city's strategic plan, and future growth.

Dr. Chahal earned a bachelor's degree in English from UC Davis, a master's degree in English from CSU Sacramento, and an Doctorate in Educational Leadership from UC Davis. As a lifelong student herself, she has successfully completed the CCLC's Aspiring CEO Program, the UC Davis Wheelhouse Advancing Leaders Institute (ALI), and the UC Davis Wheelhouse Rural Serving California Community College CEO Convening.

Dr. Chahal is the proud daughter of immigrants to the United States, public school teachers themselves who instilled in her the value of an education.

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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. 4CD headquarters is located in downtown Martinez. Each college is individually accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. For more information visit www.4cd.edu.

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