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Contra Costa Community College District Selects Dr. Monica Chahal as Diablo Valley College President

MARTINEZ, California – The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) has selected Dr. Monica Chahal as the 9th permanent president of Diablo Valley College (DVC). The 4CD Governing Board will vote on ratification of her contract at their June 11 meeting. The announcement was made following a search that began in February 2025.

“Dr. Chahal brings a remarkable breadth of experience to this role,” said Chancellor Mojdeh Mehdizadeh. “Having served in a variety of positions, she has developed deep institutional knowledge and understanding of students’ needs. Her extensive instructional expertise and student-centered approach make her well-suited to lead DVC.”



Over the course of her career in public higher education, which includes more than 30 years in the California Community College system, Dr. Chahal has served as the Interim President at Clovis Community College and has served as a classified professional, adjunct and full-time faculty member, and administrator at Yuba College, Woodland Community College, and Clovis Community College. In her new role as DVC’s President, Dr. Chahal will be the first Sikh American president to serve within the California Community College system.

“I am honored to join the amazing team of faculty, classified professionals, and managers at Diablo Valley College,” said Dr. Chahal. “We share a commitment to

ensuring student access and success, and I know that together we will continue to build upon DVC's legacy and reputation of excellence and service to our students and community. I am excited to begin my work with the DVC family and its surrounding communities."

Dr. Chahal earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of California, Davis; a Master of Arts in English from California State University, Sacramento; and a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of California, Davis.

Dr. Chahal is the proud daughter of immigrants to the United States, public school teachers themselves, who instilled in her the value of education. Through her work, she aims to continue their legacy, founded in their Sikh American roots and service to others.

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The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) is one of the largest multi-college community college districts in California. 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 are 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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