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Commission Re-affirms Accreditation For District Colleges

MARTINEZ – The Contra Costa Community College District (District) announced all three colleges--Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, and Los Medanos College--have had their accreditation Follow-Up Reports accepted by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (Commission). The Commission's reaffirmation indicates that each college is meeting eligibility requirements, accreditation standards, and Commission policies.

The accreditation process includes a comprehensive internal and external review, and the Commission's decisions are a testament to the dedication and professionalism of all our employees who are working in the best interest of our students.

The process begins with a comprehensive self-evaluation and visit by an accreditation visiting team in fall 2014. Each college received recommendations on areas of improvement and was required to submit a Follow-Up Report addressing the recommendations. An evaluation team visited each college in November 2015 to verify the progress on the recommendations and communicated their review to the Commission. In making their reaffirmation decision, the Commission encourages each college to ensure it sustains the work done to meet its requirements, standards and policies. In its letter to each college president dated February 5, 2016, the Commission also reminded each college of its regular obligation to submit a Mid-Term Report by October 15, 2017.

“We appreciate and respect the accreditation process,” said Chancellor Helen Benjamin. “We are all focused on the same goals: performance standards and practices that promote academic quality, institutional effectiveness and student success.”

Accreditation is a process of internal and external quality review that higher education uses to evaluate colleges, universities and educational programs to assure and improve educational quality and institutional effectiveness.

Here are the links to the Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, and Los Medanos College websites containing all the accreditation documents including the recent Commission’s letter reaffirming accreditation.

Contra Costa College:

<http://www.contracosta.edu/home/about/accreditation/>

Diablo Valley College:

<http://www.dvc.edu/about/accreditation/index.html>

Los Medanos College:

<http://www.losmedanos.edu/accreditation/>

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

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