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RETIRED CHANCELLOR JOHN (JACK) CARHART PASSES AWAY



MARTINEZ, CA – The Contra Costa Community College District (District) sadly announces the passing of retired chancellor John (Jack) Carhart on Friday, November 4, 2016. Mr. Carhart was chancellor from 1984-1991, and previously was the founding president of Los Medanos College (LMC) from 1970-1984.

“Mr. Carhart was devoted to LMC, the District, and the communities served by the District,” said chancellor Helen Benjamin. “He provided the foundation on which our District stands today, and we are most grateful for his contributions. Our sincere sympathies to his family for their loss.”

Hired by the District in 1970, he led the planning and construction of the LMC campus which became an innovative national model of designing educational facilities that blended instructional needs with supporting student services.

“Jack Carhart was a truly inspirational educational leader and his vision led to the creation of LMC,” commented Richard Livingston, a founding LMC faculty member.

“Based on a sound educational philosophy and student-centered approach, the college was designed to improve students’ lives and, in the process, our society.”

Mr. Carhart’s leadership as chancellor guided the District through post-Proposition 13 budget reductions, while expanding student access to the three colleges. He was a mentor to educators, touched the lives of students throughout the county, and is remembered as a person of integrity, ideas and warmth.

The Governing Board will offer a special tribute to retired chancellor Carhart at their Wednesday, December 14, 2016, meeting, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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The Contra Costa Community College District (CCCCD) is one of the largest multi-college community college districts in California. The CCCCDD serves a population of 1,065,177 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. For more information about the District, visit www.4cd.edu.