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Governing Board Thanks Outgoing Student Trustee



On behalf of the Governing Board, President Sheila Grilli recognized Bundit Kertbundit for his service as the 2008-2009 Student Trustee. During his final report, Kertbundit thanked staff and Board members for their support and guidance, and also introduced the incoming Student Trustee, Christina Cannon, who begins her term on June 1, 2009.

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2009 Kennedy-King Scholarship Awards



On May 15, 2009, the 27 District students pictured above received a tremendous boost to their educational dream as they were awarded Kennedy-King scholarships. These scholars will each receive a stipend of \$4,000 for the fall 2009 and spring 2010 semesters. One of the recipients is a graduate student, and the rest are transferring to four-year colleges and universities this fall in pursuit of a bachelor of arts degree. They are the 41st group of CCCCDC students to receive the honor of being a Kennedy-King scholar.

To qualify for a Kennedy-King scholarship, a student must be enrolled in one of our three colleges or centers; be a student of African, Hispanic, Native American or Pacific Islander descent; have documented financial need; and have been accepted at a four-year college or university. These undergraduate scholars were chosen through evaluation of their application; by an in-person interview conducted among a panel of local community members; by letters of recommendation from District faculty and community members; and by review of financial need. The 2009 undergraduate scholars include 17 students from LMC, six students from DVC and three students from CCC. Qualifications for a graduate scholarship are based on the fact that the student must have been an undergraduate recipient of a Kennedy-King scholarship and be in good academic standing in graduate school.

The Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund, Ltd., was founded in 1968. The concept for this scholarship program was formulated by a group of Contra Costa County community members who sought to honor the memory of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The current Kennedy King Board of Directors is comprised of community members as well as our own Chancellor Helen Benjamin, retired Interim DVC President Diane Scott-Summers, and Governing Board member Dr. Anthony T. Gordon.

Visit their website at <http://www.kennedyking.org> for more information on this year's recipients.

District Office Health Fair



Facilities' **Sandy Smith** (pictured left) takes time to have her cholesterol and glucose screening.



(Pictured left to right) Human Resource's **Andrea Gonzalez-Lewis** and **Pat Kaya** from the Chancellor's Office join Sharon Jenkins of John Muir Health in greeting employees to the health fair.

In celebration of national health month, the District Office (DO) Staff Development Committee hosted a health fair on May 21, 2009. Employees were invited to participate in free glucose, cholesterol, and bone density screenings; blood pressure and body composition readings; and flexibility testing. At the completion of each screening, test results were shared with participants. Nearly 50 people received personalized health screening reports during the fair.

The DO Staff Development Committee thanks the following insurance providers and other organizations for making this fair a huge success: Vision Services Plan; Managed Health Network; Delta Dental; Health Net; American Cancer Society; Whole Foods Market; American Heart Association; Contra Costa County Schools Insurance Group; John Muir Health; Alzheimer's Association; Arthritis Foundation; and Christie and Company. Employees look forward to making the health fair an annual event.

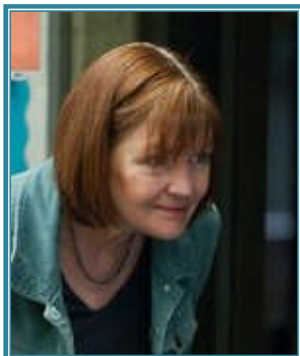
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Chancellor Receives Robert B. Leet Legacy Award



West Contra Costa County Business Development Center board members (left to right) Maria Alegria, Linda Best, Executive Director Alex Gomez, and Robert Leet visited the Chancellor at her office to offer their congratulations on Helen's selection as their 2009 Robert B. Leet Legacy Awardee. This honor is presented to an individual who has demonstrated strong dedication, leadership and vision in support of the small business community. When she was CCC president, Dr. Benjamin promoted and involved the college within the area by establishing strong business and community partnerships. CCC dean of economic development **Priscilla Leadon** continues the District's involvement as the board vice-chair. It was truly a District happening since Contra Costa College's Culinary Arts program catered the event.

LMC Faculty Member Wins Statewide Research and Planning Excellence Award



Each year, the Research and Planning Group for California Community Colleges issues awards for outstanding research and planning work done in California community colleges. The categories were expanded this year to include excellent assessment projects and LMC's **Nancy Ybarra** won an award for the college's Teaching and Learning Project.

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Nancy credits LMC's institutional approach to assessing student learning outcomes as the reason she was recognized. By working at the institutional, program and course level, the college is moving closer to its goal of improving student learning and helping them in clarifying and achieving their academic and career goals. This goal requires a coordinated program that takes an integrated approach to curriculum, support services and professional development in order to optimize student learning, both in and outside of the classroom.

"We have worked extensively on creating and sustaining a multifaceted program with an emphasis on collaborative inquiry," said LMC Senior Dean **Richard Livingston**.

"Believing that questions drive learning, we pose relevant and significant questions and investigate possible answers. One way we do this is through the work of teaching communities -- faculty coming together to systematically study student work and listen carefully to what students are telling us, both by what they say, and what they do and produce." LMC's effort responds directly to the accreditation standards on assessing student learning.

Through Nancy's leadership, LMC is documenting the work of these teaching communities, sharing it on web pages or electronic portfolios that allow others to see the results. In the process, she has become a statewide leader in the assessment movement, Livingston noted. By assessing student learning, LMC is well on its way to building a body of evidence that allows the college to make informed decisions that improve teaching and learning.

Visit <http://www.losmedanos.edu/intra-out/tlp/default.asp> for more information on LMC's Teaching and Learning Project.

Introducing New District Employee

Please welcome the following new employee who was approved by the Governing Board in May.

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Location	Name	Title
District Office	Faraidoon Tahan	Senior Web Administrator

May 2009 Board Report

To review the highlights of the May 27, 2009 Governing Board meeting, click on the link below:

<http://www.4cd.net/publications/BoardReport0809.asp>

May 2009 Cabinet Highlights

To review the highlights of the May 2009 Chancellor's Cabinet meeting, click on the link below:

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