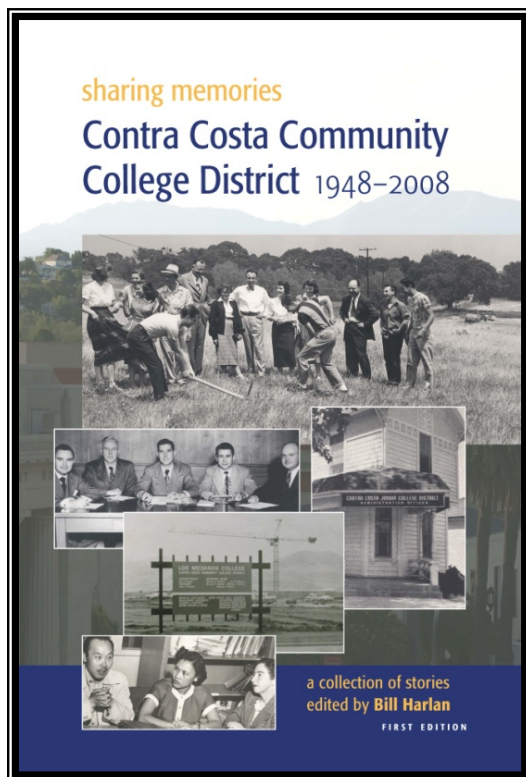


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60th Anniversary Book on Sale



The District's 60th anniversary book entitled "Sharing Memories: Contra Costa Community College District 1948-2008" is now on sale at our CCC, DVC, SRC, and LMC bookstores. In addition, copies of the book can be found at the college libraries and twenty-two county libraries to give our community the opportunity to read the book.

Whether you are a veteran of the District or a new employee, this book of memories will provide a greater understanding of the events and decisions that make up our legacy.

A book signing event was held last month at the Craneway Pavilion in Richmond that gave the public an opportunity to purchase the book and have it signed by guest contributors in attendance.

To see the photo album of the event, click on the

following link:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/srj1029/60thAnniversaryBookSigning#>

New District H1N1 (Swine) Flu Website



A newly created District website is sharing tips to prevent illness during the upcoming flu season. It will be an unusual season since there will be two types of flu: the regular (or seasonal) flu, and the H1N1 (swine).

Prevention tips and information on vaccines are available on the site, along with links to other helpful websites. The colleges are also updating their websites to communicate with their students on how to stay healthy this flu season.

To visit the website, click on the following link:
<http://www.4cd.net/crpa/h1n1/default.aspx>

Datatel Process Expert Team Chairs Recognized



DVC chairperson **Maria Barno** accepts her award from president **Judy Walters**.



CCC chairperson **Barbara Rance** listens to accolades from president **McKinley Williams**.

College chairpersons of the Datatel Colleague Process Expert Team (PET) were recognized for their leadership by the Governing Board at their October 21, 2009, meeting.

PET was created in April 2008 after consultant Strata Information Group conducted an Information Technology Review for the District. Business reengineering and training were identified as District priority items, so a team consisting of Admissions & Records, Curriculum, Financial Aid, Human Resources and Payroll staff from each campus, as well as the District Office convened to address the challenges.

The teams focused on reviewing their business processes, developing best practices and uniformity where pertinent, and compiling training documentation to ensure that all members of the unit had the appropriate knowledge base.

The Contra Costa Community College District, founded in 1948 and governed by a publicly elected five-member board, is one of the largest multi-college community college districts in California. The mission of the District is to transform and enhance the lives of students, and through them, the communities served.



LMC chairperson **Stephanie Alves** enjoys her recognition from president **Peter Garcia**.

“The work of PET was an important business initiative to make our work easier and more efficient,” says associate vice-chancellor and chief information officer **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh**. “The District makes a huge investment in the Datatel software program, and we appreciate this team’s leadership for finding ways to maximize its use and capabilities.”

District’s Teacher of the Year



LMC’s **Durwynne Hsieh** (right), co-chair of the Biology department, was recognized last month as the District’s honoree at the Contra Costa County Office of Education’s 2009-10 Teacher of the Year Program. Hsieh is seen here receiving his award from County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Joseph Ovick.

New DVC Signs



Diablo Valley College (DVC) proudly unveiled new signs recently to help welcome visitors and students to the campus. Over the years, there have been many visitors and students alike who have been frustrated at how difficult it was to locate the campus or uncertain as to when they have actually arrived on the campus.

The largest of the four new signs is located at the entrance of the campus on Golf Club Road. Not only do they boast the

year the campus was established, the design of the signs include the silhouette of Mt. Diablo across the top.

This great signage accomplishment comes as the DVC campus celebrates its 60th anniversary. The signs were unveiled on October 1, 2009, by President **Judy Walters** and Contra Costa Community College District Board president Sheila Grilli.

“I think the signs are sturdy enough to take us through the next 60 years”, stated Dr. Judy Walters.

District Awarded Clean Jobs Grant

The Contra Costa Community College District (District), in collaboration with the Contra Costa Workforce Development Board and other partners, was awarded a one million dollar (\$1,000,000) grant to help jumpstart California’s Clean Energy Jobs Training Program. The District was one of 34 recipients statewide that shared in the \$27 million in grants available as part of the largest state-sponsored green jobs program in the nation.

The District’s program is called the Contra Costa Green Building Retraining Partnership (CCGBRP), and will serve at least 180 participants during the grant period which runs through June 30, 2011. The grant will also substantially expand the capacity to provide training for these jobs and careers in the future.

“This award is a testament to the strong collaboration we have in Contra Costa County that focuses on getting our residents back to work,” says District vice chancellor **Deborah Blue**. “We are ready to train the “green collar” workforce of the future, and look forward to doing our part in rebuilding the economy.”

Over the next eighteen months, the CCGBRP’s training program will be implemented at Contra Costa College in West County, Diablo Valley College in Central County, and Los Medanos College in East County. Each will augment its existing construction training program by developing and offering new training options that address both the demand for new workforce skill sets in the solar and energy efficiency industries and the retraining needs of workers in the construction industry recently downsized as a result of the real estate slump.

Employers project a growing number of jobs in numerous positions including solar photovoltaic installer; solar thermal technician; solar installation manager/project foreman; solar designer/engineer; heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration technician; HVAC maintenance/repair trainee; green plumber and pipefitter; residential/ commercial/industrial energy field auditor; home energy rating specialist; building analyst; building performance contractor; building envelope specialist; and weatherization auditor. At the same time, employers indicate great difficulty finding qualified personnel for many of these occupations.

The District has begun the process of selecting a program director and building a Green Business Council advisory group that will help guide the program and provide jobs for training graduates. Recruiting will be coordinated through local EDD one-stop centers and focus on retraining unemployed and underemployed workers with construction experience. Studies indicate that workers with construction experience are the “primary recruiting pool” for these positions.

New Board Room Pictures



After years of being covered by a wall of black and white photographs, the District Office Board Room recently got a make-over with new color photos of our employees and students. Take a look at the new pictures the next time you visit the District Office.

October 2009 Board Reports

To review the highlights of the October 21, 2009 Governing Board meeting, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.net/crpa/board_reports/October%2021,%202009.pdf

October 2009 Cabinet Highlights

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

http://www.4cd.net/crpa/chancellors_cabinet/October%202009.pdf

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