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## Governing Board Recognizes Outgoing Student Trustee



**B**randon Amargo gave his final report at the May 25, 2011, Governing Board meeting, as he finishes his one-year term as the District's Student Trustee. He acknowledged the tremendous learning opportunity he was given in representing the student voice on the Governing Board.

"I think one of my proudest accomplishments is securing stable funding for the colleges' associated student organizations through a Student Activity Fee," says Amargo. "I learned a great deal during my year as Student Trustee, and I thank the Chancellor, her staff, and the Governing Board for their support, guidance and patience."

Brandon will be transferring to UC Berkeley this fall semester.

## Daniel Abbott Presents at National Datatel Convention

**W**hen you attend the annual Datatel Users' Group National Conference and Expo, it is easy to get lost among the 1,700 attendees. The recent three-day conference in Washington D.C. welcomed participants from 359 higher education institutions representing more than 2.6 million students. That did not stop District Office Director of Administrative Information Systems' **Daniel Abbott** from standing out among the crowd with his presentation.

Abbott was selected to present how the District portal is being used by the Admissions Office to provide targeted information to students. He later learned his presentation was recorded by Datatel and is being promoted in their new "Directions" online newsletter.

"I did receive a lot of recognition from my

peers for getting my presentation selected for the online newsletter," says Abbott. "What I'm

most proud of is getting kudos for using the tool as it was designed. Not only does the portal communicate

effectively with our students, it also provides another platform for our departments to collaborate with each other."

Here is the link to the Datatel online newsletter that features Daniel's presentation: <http://gw1.vtrenz.net/?O94O38HYC6:C7T5S9ER21=ssID:100755857,email:lks@datatel.com>.

Click on the video screen featuring Daniel, and launch the video that is being watched nationally as one way Datatel software is helping higher education institutions improve their business processes.



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## Brentwood's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

The purple balloons draping the entrance to the Brentwood Center helped to create a welcoming atmosphere as Los Medanos College held a celebration on May 10, 2011, highlighting ten years of serving students in this community.

Brentwood Mayor Robert Taylor attended the event and spoke of the importance of having a college in their community. He also vowed to continue supporting Los Medanos College in building a permanent facility at the Vineyards at Marsh Creek location. Plans are being finalized to build an 84,000 square foot campus in two phases at this new location.

"This was a wonderful opportunity to thank all the people in Brentwood who have really supported us



Helping out Thais Kishi (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) at the Brentwood 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration were members of the local Rotaract Club: (left to right) Faith McCauley, Joaquin Ramos, Yolanda Garcia, Errick Earl, Natasha Sternbergh, and Ezra Dinwanbor.

over the years," says interim LMC president **Richard Livingston**. "As we move towards having a permanent facility in Brentwood, it is comforting to know that they understand and appreciate having quality and affordable higher education in their own community."

## Districtwide Service Recognition Awards

On Wednesday, May 4, 2011, the District held the annual Districtwide Service Recognition event at DVC's Trophy Room. Led by Governing Board President John T. Nejedly, awardees were congratulated by other Governing Board members for their contribution to the District, and reaching the milestones of 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service.



### 20-years of service:

Front row: Stephanie Alves, Bill Jason, Ed Trujillo, Kathleen Costa, Helen Benjamin, Michele Krup

Back Row: Pamela Hawkins, Linda Boyd, Teri Fournier, Jessica Barksdale, Nanette Guinez, Ellen Kruse, Helen Kalkstein, Bill Fracisco

Not pictured: Garen Avanesian, Tselane Caldwell, Bruce Cutler, Lupe Dannels, Paul Guess, Jacqueline Halm, Deya Brashears Hill, Durwynne Hsieh, Catherine Jester, Judith Klein-Flynn, Viviane LaMothe, Catherine Machalinski, Randy Martin, Rodney Raumer, Leticia Rodrigues, Ronald Rusay, Nader Sharkes, Juanita Shimada, Mark Steidel, Christopher Tarp, McKinley Williams, Hedy Wong



### 25-years of service:

(left to right) Mary Rock-Brosius, Helen Kow, Tom Mowry, Gary Budd

Not pictured: Paul Bernhardt, Susan Browne, Don Kaiper, Patricia Leitner, Sharen McLean, Joseph Morgado, Lois Yamakoshi

### 35-years of service:

Elaine Rehr (left), Lorraine Biles (right)

### 40-years of service:

Richard Risbrough (center)

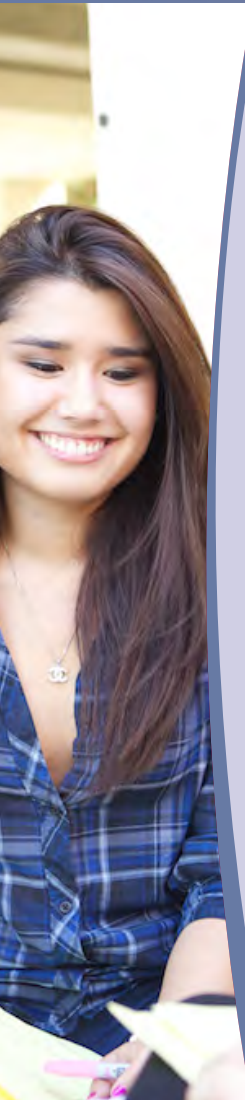


### 30-years of service:

Nancy Ybarra, Paul DeBolt, Nancy Ryanen-Grant

Not pictured: Kay Armendarez, Cheri Etheredge, John Morocco, Maryanne Werner-McCullough





## LMC's Stephanie Alves Honored with Statewide Classified Award

At their May 10, 2011, meeting, the California Community Colleges Board of Governors recognized six classified employees statewide who exemplified the highest level of commitment to professionalism and community colleges. LMC's Lead Admissions and Records Assistant **Stephanie Alves** was honored as a 2011 Classified Employees of the Year Award winner.

She was chosen for her knowledge of policies, procedures and regula-

tions, and for exhibiting a high level of professionalism in her approach to the college and the students during her 20 years with the District. Stephanie was also praised for promoting teamwork and communication, insisting that every employee's opinion is voiced and acknowledged.

"Stephanie is an outstanding employee and I'm so fortunate to work with her," says **Robin Armour**, her supervisor and Director of Admissions & Records. "When we recently made the announcement of this statewide award at a college-wide meeting, she received a standing ovation. That tells you how much she is appreciated at LMC."

"It was an overwhelming experience to receive the award in Sacramento in front of the Board of Governors," says Alves. "I really believe in what we are doing here, and I am truly blessed to be working with so many wonderful people here at LMC."



LMC's Stephanie Alves (second from the left) accepts the statewide award from Foundation for California Community Colleges' Christopher Joyce (left), Board of Governor Tanna Thoma, Chancellor Jack Scott, and Board of Governor Scott Himelstein.

### Cabinet Highlights

To review highlights of the May 2011 Chancellor's Cabinet meetings, click on the link below:

[http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors\\_cabinet/May%202011.pdf](http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors_cabinet/May%202011.pdf)

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## Kennedy-King Scholarship Awards

This is the time of year when we experience one of the great joys of working at a community college. It is graduation time, and students who came to us just a few years ago with hopes and dreams, are now moving on with their lives with certificates and degrees that exemplify student success.



*The 2011 recipients of the Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund.*

Faculty, classified and managers all can take some credit for this accomplishment, but for many of our students their journey has just begun. The Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund (Fund) annually awards scholarships to some of our graduates, students who overcome amazing challenges in the hopes of using education as a building block for success. Over the past 42 years of offering scholarships to deserving students, the Fund has awarded over \$3 million to almost 600 students.

This year, the following 23 District students each received a two-year, \$8,000 scholarship, to help them successfully transfer to a four-year college or university.

For more information on the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund, visit their website at: <http://www.kennedyking.org>.

- CCC Gabriela Alva
- CCC Angel Asante
- CCC Rickena (Kena) Bates
- CCC Adrian Cortes
- CCC Carlos Gonzalez
- CCC Ruth Lopez
- CCC Walter Orellana
- CCC Dexter Pitre
- CCC Maritza Salinas
- CCC Ronda Sharp
- CCC Adrienne Warsley
- DVC Anthoy DeLuna
- DVC David Ramirez Rios
- DVC Jessica Watts
- DVC Yani Webster
- LMC Daisy Curiel
- LMC Ashleigh Findley
- LMC Morma Guido
- LMC Donald Lang
- LMC Michael Lashore
- LMC Christine Merin
- LMC Toi Nichelle Mickle
- LMC Linda Riley

### Board Report

To review highlights of the special May 10, 2011, Governing Board meeting, click on the link below:

[http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board\\_reports/May%2010,%202011.pdf](http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/May%2010,%202011.pdf)

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[http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board\\_reports/May%2025,%202011.pdf](http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/May%2025,%202011.pdf)