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## Governing Board Welcomes Newly Tenured Faculty

**P**rior to their March 23, 2012, meeting, the Governing Board hosted a reception at the District Office to honor and congratulate the District's newly tenured faculty. Honorees were introduced by their college president and deans, and were joined at the reception by family, friends and co-workers.

Faculty earns tenure status following four years of full-time teaching and receiving satisfactory evaluations by a committee of managers and their peers.



### Top Row:

Patrick Moe (DVC), Kellie Conde (DVC), Kristen Koblik (DVC), Daniel Kiely (DVC), Dennis Franco (DVC), Catherine Agnost (DVC), and Brian McGlynn (DVC)

### Bottom Row:

Maria Dorado (DVC), Sandra Moore (CCC), April Tisby (CCC), Mickey Huff (DVC), and Michel Arnold (CCC)

### Not pictured:

Robert Abele (DVC), Najia Azizi (CCC), Jeanne Bonner (LMC), Michael Darr (DVC), Derek Domenichelli (LMC), Ana Guterrez (LMC), Mark Isham (DVC), Fran Jacobs-Buster (CCC), Linda Johnson (LMC), Mara Landers (LMC), Tedmund Munoz (DVC), Colleen Ralston (LMC), Jean Ruehl (DVC), Irena Stefanova (CCC), Maritza Vande Voorde (CCC), Julie Von Bergen (LMC)

## Districtwide Classified Meeting

Over 50 classified employees attended the annual Districtwide Classified Chancellor's Chat on March 22, 2012, at DVC's Trophy Room. Chancellor **Helen Benjamin** was joined that morning by her grandson from Oklahoma, and shared with attendees her recent experience on the Civil Rights Historical Trail and the many famous civil rights leaders she met along the way. It was also a great opportunity for classified staff to see colleagues from around the district.

"In these difficult financial times, we need to keep in mind that we are all under stress, both professionally and personally," says DVC's **Ann Patton**. "I left that morning with a feeling of optimism and community."

"Chancellor Benjamin has met with us for six years; she gives us an opportunity to ask questions of her and she shares information that many of us are not privy to through this opportunity of professional development," says CCC's **Michele Jackson**. "She has a way of making us better people as well as better employees."



Chancellor Benjamin welcomes attendees to the annual districtwide classified meeting.

## New Study Abroad Scholarship



*The Study Abroad program will be visiting Barcelona, Spain in fall 2012, and Florence, Italy, in spring 2013.*



For most people who participate in a study abroad program, they will say it was an experience that changed their life. For underrepresented students who do not have the financial resources, the opportunity to live and study in another country is just a dream.

That is about to change with a new scholarship program targeting historically disadvantaged students who traditionally had little chance of achieving this experience.

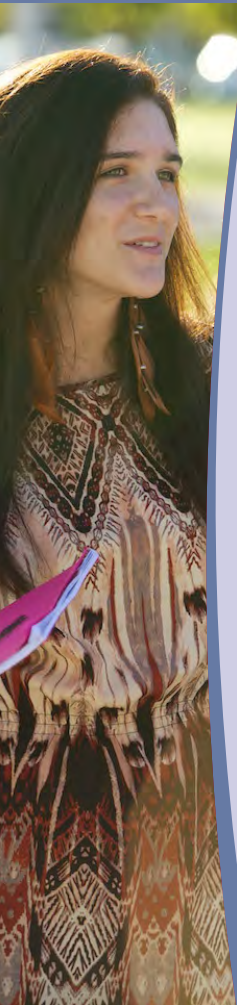
Two \$2,500 Study Abroad Scholarship awards are available to continuing students attending any college within the District (CCC, LMC, or DVC) intending to participate in a study abroad program. The semester-long program can be taken during the 2012-13

academic year. To be eligible an applicant must possess at least a 2.8 GPA, be enrolled in at least 9 units for the spring 2012 term, demonstrate financial need and have a records of volunteer and community involvement. Applicants must also meet all the eligibility requirements to participate in the study abroad program, with preference given to applicants from historically underrepresented backgrounds.

"The issue of economically disadvantages students not participating in study abroad programs is well known and often discussed nationwide," says Chancellor **Helen Benjamin**. "We are in business to provide educational opportunities that will change lives, and we hope these scholarships will contribute to a life-changing educational opportunity for a couple of deserving students who otherwise would not be able to participate."

Funds for these scholarships were provided by a contribution from Chancellor Benjamin and the DVC International Education Center.

Deadline for applications is Friday, May 11, 2012. For more details, contact the DVC Study Abroad Office at [studyabroad@dvc.edu](mailto:studyabroad@dvc.edu).



## District Welcomes New Employees

Please welcome the following new employees who were approved by the Governing Board in March.

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Angela Parris	Senior Administrative Secretary
CCC	Carlos Ramirez	Instructional Assistant

### Board Reports

To review the highlights of the March 2012 Governing Board meetings, click on the link below:

[http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board\\_reports/March%2028,%202012.pdf](http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/March%2028,%202012.pdf)

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*The mission of the District is to attract and transform students and communities by providing accessible, innovative and outstanding higher education learning opportunities and support services.*

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