

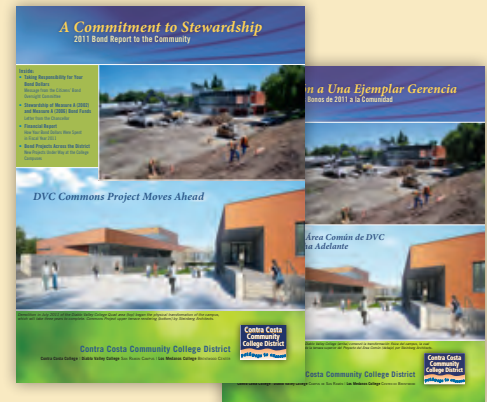
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2011 Measure A Bond Report to the Community

The 2011 Bond Measure Annual Report to the Community is now available on the District website at www.4cd.edu. The annual report is a mandated communication that thanks the community for their support, summarizes the spending of the bond funds, and includes a statement from the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee who reviews and substantiates that District spending is consistent with the original bond intent.

The report, produced and available in both English and Spanish, was also sent to all public libraries and historical societies in the county.



The 2011 Measure A Bond Report highlights the major transformation underway at DVC with the Commons Project.

District Welcomes New Administrative Services Vice Chancellor



After completing a nationwide search, the District selected **John al-Amin, Ph.D.**, as the new Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services. He will oversee Finance Services, Facilities including Measure A bond-funded projects, and Police Services.

John brings over 14 years of experience performing managerial/supervisory level duties in the areas of financial services, facilities operations, and economic research. His community college experience includes serving as the vice president of business services at Oxnard College, vice president of administrative services at Grossmont College, and Business & Administrative Services manager at Laney College. John also worked at the

California Department of Finance as a finance budget analyst for four years.

“The opportunity to work at a District level in a multi-college district was the logical next step in my career,” says al-Amin. “I grew up in Oakland, and this position gave me the right reason to come back home and work in the Bay Area. Everyone has been so welcoming, and I want to thank everyone for making the transition so easy.”

John has a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a Master of Arts in Education from the University of California, at Riverside. He also earned his Doctor of Philosophy, Management, from California Pacific University.

John started his new position on February 1, 2012, and is located on the 5th floor of the District Office.



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New Services Offered at CCC

More than 12 million students nationwide attend community colleges each year, yet many are unable to complete their studies. While there are many obstacles to retention and success, financial concerns are usually mentioned as one of the greatest impediments to student success. A new program at Contra Costa College (CCC) is helping students overcome these barriers.

CCC is partnering with Single Stop USA, a non-profit organization that works with community colleges across the country to provide students with access to screening for government benefits like health insurance and food stamps, as well as legal services, financial coaching and tax preparation. All services are completely free and geared toward helping students take advantage of more than \$65 billion in government resources and tax credits that go unclaimed every year.

In 2009, Single Stop USA and their partners helped over 120,000 families across the nation access resources worth more than \$300 million.

The Single Stop concept is being piloted at CCC with the goal of expanding the program to the other colleges in the future. Services are available for any current students and immediate family members including those at Diablo Valley College and Los Medanos College.

Teresea Archaga, former LMC career development services coordinator, is the interim Single Stop site manager located in the CCC Student Services Center, Room 106. She previously worked at Rubicon Programs in Berkeley, and is thrilled to be helping students obtain free services that can help them succeed in college.

“I feel this position was custom made for me,” says Archaga. “I worked with a similar clientele at Rubicon Programs, and now I have the opportunity to help our students become self-sufficient and successful.”

Free tax preparation services are currently being offered 5-days a week. Financial coaching is set to begin in the near future and legal services are projected to begin in fall 2012.

“Thanks to everyone here at CCC who has been so welcoming and supportive,” says Archaga. “Keep those referrals coming!”

For more information, contact Teresea Archaga at (510) 235-7800, extension 4264.

To learn more about Single Stop USA, visit their website at www.singlestopusa.org.



*CCC Single Stop Site Manager **Teresea Archaga** has already begun helping students access federal programs. Any current student and immediate family members are eligible to take advantage of this new free service.*



Budget Forums Scheduled

The annual budget forums led by Chancellor **Helen Benjamin** and Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services' **John al-Amin** are now set. Given the challenging state budget picture, it is important for everyone to stay on top of the latest developments.

The sessions are open to all employees, so pick the date and time that works best for you and attend!



2012 Budget Forums			
Date	Time	Location	Room
April 10 th , 2012	3:00pm – 5:00pm	LMC	L-109
April 11 th , 2012	1:00pm – 3:00pm	San Ramon Center	W204
April 16 th , 2012	12:00pm – 2:00pm	CCC	LA-100
April 17 th , 2012	8:30am – 10:00am	DO	Board Room
April 17 th , 2012	3:00pm – 5:00pm	DVC	Trophy Room
May 1 st , 2012	3:00pm – 5:00pm	Brentwood Center	Room 14

District Welcomes New Employees

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

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Priscilla Beas	Educational Opportunity Program and Services Assistant
DST	Shirley Busath	Senior Payroll Clerk
DVC	Jessica Martin	Senior Administrative Secretary
LMC	John McDermott	Athletic Equipment Manager II
DVC	David Rivas	Laboratory Equipment Technician II
LMC	Tara Sanders	Transfer Center Coordinator
DST	Sally Worland	Programmer/Analyst
LMC	Barry Edwards	Custodial Manager
CCC	Kathleen Donlan	English Faculty
DVC	Caterina Pentcheva	Computer Science Faculty

Board Reports

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

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/January%2025,%202012.pdf

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 attract and transform students and communities by providing accessible, innovative and outstanding higher education learning opportunities and support services.

Cabinet Highlights

To review highlights of the January 2012 Chancellor's Cabinet meetings, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors_cabinet/January%202012.pdf