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Outgoing Student Trustee Recognized

Francisco Hinojosa gave his final report at the May 23, 2012, Governing Board meeting, finishing his one-year term as the District's Student Trustee. Francisco also served as the student representative on the statewide California Community College Trustees board during his term, and acknowledged the tremendous learning opportunity he was given in representing the student voice.

"The experience of being the District's student trustee and the student voice on the statewide trustees organization was amazing," says Hinojosa. "I learned so much about the issues facing community colleges, about myself as a leader, and thank the Chancellor, her staff, and the Governing Board for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Francisco continues his leadership activities with his election as the ASDVC president beginning the fall 2012 semester.



Governing Board President Tomi Van de Brooke presents a certificate of appreciation to outgoing Student Trustee Francisco Hinojosa.

Governing Board Approves Reduction in Classified Staff

The Governing Board approved a resolution at their special meeting held on May 8, 2012, for a reduction of classified staff due to lack of work and lack of funding. A total of 21 classified positions throughout the District are impacted by this decision effective June 30, 2012; two classified positions were eliminated and 19 classified positions received a reduction in hours.

District Service Awards

The annual District service awards recognition event was held on May 9, 2012, at DVC's Trophy Room. Presenting the awards for serving 20, 25, 30, and 35 years, were Governing Board members Tomi Van de Brooke, Sheila Grilli and Robert Calone to honor these employees for their years of service and dedication to the District.



20 years of service (Back row, left to right): DVC's Bill Foster, DVC's Martha Laham, DVC's Julie Catalano, SRC's Jennifer Tejada, CCC's Will Robertson, DVC's Peter Churchill, DVC's Steve Coccimiglio. (Front row, left to right): DST's Pat Kaya, DVC's Barbara Hewitt, DVC's Nancy Zink, DVC's Debra Phelps, LMC's Kiran Kamath, LMC's Guadalupe Mora, and DVC's Mohammad Panahandeh.



25-years of service (left to right): DVC's Robert Eustes, LMC's Eileen Valenzuela, LMC's Linda Kohler, DVC's Bruce Koller, DVC's Cathi Till, DVC's Leslie Leong, and DVC's Peter Garcia.



30 and 35-years of service (left to right): CCC's Hugh Walter, CCC's Melody Hanson, and LMC's Gil Rodriguez.

CAMPUS	YEARS	NAME
DVC	20	Almaguer, Michael
DVC	20	Catalano, Julie
DVC	20	Churchill, Peter
DVC	20	Coccimiglio, Steve
LMC	20	Destefano, Jill
DVC	20	Fischer, Laurence
DVC	20	Foster, Bill
DVC	20	Gallin, Lenore
DVC	20	Hewitt, Barbara
DVC	20	Hopkins, Kevin
LMC	20	Kamath, Kiran
DST	20	Kaya, Patricia
DVC	20	Laham, Martha
DVC	20	Lamb, Susan
DVC	20	Magee, James
DVC	20	Mangante, Lucilla
DVC	20	Martinez, Claudia
DVC	20	Martinez, Marianne
DVC	20	Mikolavich, Daniel (Keith)
LMC	20	Mora, Guadalupe
DVC	20	Needham, Charles
LMC	20	Norris, Michael
DVC	20	Panahandeh, Mohammad
DVC	20	Phelps, Debra
CCC	20	Robertson, Will
DVC	20	Sinsel, John
DVC	20	Snyder, Rory
LMC	20	Speer, Denise
CCC	20	Stanton, Carol
SRC	20	Tejada, Jennifer
SRC	20	Torre, Dorothy
LMC	20	Yeong, Michael
LMC	20	Zhu, Yongmin
DVC	20	Zink, Nancy

CAMPUS	YEARS	NAME
DVC	25	Armstrong, Terry
CCC	25	Barnes, Debra
LMC	25	Dorritie, Frank
CCC	25	Ericson, Greg
DVC	25	Eustes, Robert
CCC	25	Figuera, Ricky
DVC	25	Garcia, Peter
DVC	25	Karmon, Oshri
LMC	25	Kohler, Linda
DVC	25	Koller, Bruce
DVC	25	Leong, Leslie
CCC	25	Mayo, Michael
DVC	25	Smith, Eric
DVC	25	Terry, Scott
DVC	25	Till, Catherine
LMC	25	Valenzuela, Eileen
DVC	25	White, Kenneth

CAMPUS	YEARS	NAME
LMC	30	Castillo, Sandra
CCC	30	Hanson, Melody
DVC	30	Johnson, David
DVC	30	Riley, Joyce
LMC	30	Schweickert, Michael (Mitch)
LMC	35	Rodriguez, Gilbert (Gil)
CCC	35	Walters, Hugh

District Announces Teacher of the Year Awardee

After a successful 11-year career as a journalist in Florida, **Cindy McGrath** joined the Los Medanos College (LMC) faculty in 1988 to teach journalism and take over the faculty advisor role of the school newspaper, *Los Medanos College Experience*, from founding faculty member **Richard Livingston**. During the past 25 years in that capacity, the school paper received many state and national awards of excellence, a testament to Cindy's teaching success and leadership. In recognition of her success with students and leadership role in academic matters, the LMC academic senate selected her as the District's 2012 Teacher of the Year.



Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Ovick (right) joined LMC interim president **Richard Livingston** (left) in congratulating **Cindy McGrath** (middle) at a May 17, 2012, reception honoring all county Teacher of the Year nominees.

"Cindy was selected this year as our honoree because of her ability to connect and engage with her students," says LMC's academic senate president **A'kilah Moore**.

The Teacher of the Year awards dinner will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2012, at the Hilton Concord Hotel. For more information on the program, click on the following link: <http://www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/supe/toy.html>.

Cabinet Highlights

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

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

DVC Receives Upward Bound Grant

Folks at Diablo Valley College (DVC) were in a celebratory mood when they received a letter from the United States Department of Education (USDE) announcing they were selected to receive a five-year grant at \$250,000 annually, to create an Upward Bound program in collaboration with the Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

The grant proposal was written by DVC academic student services manager **Jackie Jones-Castellano** and DVC Foundation director **Cindy Goga** and begins in the 2012-13 academic year. It will focus on 9th and 10th grade students from disadvantaged backgrounds who aspire to attend college and have the commitment to complete an intensive program of academic support so they can be college-ready.

"We appreciate the opportunity and challenge to help 60 students from Mt. Diablo High School and Ygnacio Valley High School reach their full potential," says Jones-Castellano. "Participants in the Upward Bound program must be first-generation college students, low-income individuals, or individuals who have a high risk for academic failure, and has a high need for academic support to be successful."

DVC was also successful in obtaining another USDE grant earlier this academic year entitled "Educational Talent Search", a 5-year grant at \$300,000 per year that provides broad based services to over 660 middle and high school students in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District.



2012 4CDLI Graduates

After a grueling and challenging four-month program, it was all smiles for the graduates of the 2012 Contra Costa Community College District Leadership Institute (4CDLI) program.

While the formal classroom learning has been completed, the participants have been putting the final touches on their presentations to the Chancellor's Cabinet on a districtwide issue along with a recommended solution they have identified.

Here are the project proposals they are working on:

- Pathways to Success: The First Year Experience
- Videos for Student Success
- Educational and Career Resource Center
- Districtwide Mentoring Program
- Achievement Gap Process Expert Team: Enhancing Inter-Campus Communication to Increase Student Retention and Success



Congratulations to the 2012 4CDLI graduates! First row, left to right: CCC's Michel Arnold, CCC's Aminta Mickles, CCC's Katherine Krolikowski, CCC's Tamara Green, CCC's Sherry Sharufa, DVC's Cheryl Martucci, LMC's A'kilah Moore. Second row, left to right: DVC's Scott MacDougall, DO's Jenn Café-Rawlinson, DVC's Yvonne Canada, SRC's Melody Phillips, DVC's Tish Young, DVC's Kerry Bledsoe, CCC's Erika Greene, DO's Susan Sedillo, and LMC's Leetha Robertson. Not pictured are CCC's Kelly Ramos and DO's Jovan Esprit.

I thought the most valuable part of the program was the exposure to various leaders from within and outside the District. It was such an awesome privilege to glean from them and hear the story of their careers first-hand. Equally important was the opportunity to be affected by their passion and commitment to student and district success as well as leadership.

Leetha Robertson, LMC

Participation in the 4CDLI program has opened my mind to the many different ways people perform, see, and analyze situations. The program has helped me grow to appreciate the dynamics of team work and has provided me with skills to work and manage teams more productively.

Tish Young, DVC

The program has significantly developed my understanding of what it means to be part of a multi-campus community college district. I have increased my understanding of how the District is organized and my place in it as part of a team whose mission is to change the lives of students in our community, one at a time. I received a very strong foundation in what it takes to be a successful leader, and I now have the tools to enhance my own development.

Tamara Green, CCC

Led by Chancellor **Helen Benjamin**, the 4CDLI program was coordinated by **Andrea Gonzalez-Lewis** and **Tim Leong**. The District plans to seek employee interest for the third cohort in late 2013.

2012 Kennedy King Scholarship Winners

Hundreds of supporters and family members gathered at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on May 18, 2012, to celebrate the students who were selected as the 2012 recipients of the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship awards.

Now in its 44th year of providing undergraduate and graduate scholarships, the organization has awarded 633 scholarships totaling \$3,166,000.

This year, the following 17 District students each received a two-year, \$8,000 scholarship, to help them successfully transfer to a four-year college or university.

In addition, a one-year \$4,000 graduate scholarship was awarded to LaTasha Trevillion Dubois, a 2010 Kennedy-King scholarship recipient from CCC who is currently attending UC Berkeley and plans to attend graduate school at Mills College.

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



The 2012 recipients of the Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund.

- CCC Albert Ambris
- CCC Quwana Bashir
- CCC Veronica Hernandez
- CCC Robin Lopez
- CCC Marta Pastore
- CCC Paul Rhone
- CCC Robert Sanchez
- CCC Brandy Wilson
- DVC Alfredo Coronel
- DVC Kabria Pervoe
- DVC Jose Martinez
- DVC Gerardo Pacheco-Montalvo
- LMC Erik Brown
- LMC Marisela Garcia
- LMC David Lopez
- LMC Guadalupe Martinez
- LMC April Romero

District Welcomes New Employees

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

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Eric Appel	Computer Aided Instruction Laboratory Coordinator
CCC	Edward Miller	Locker Room Attendant

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.

Board Report

To review the highlights of the May 8, 2012, Governing Board special meeting, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/May%208,%202012.pdf

To review the highlights of the May 23, 2012, Governing Board meeting, click on the link below:

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