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CCCCD Student Trustee Selected for CCCT Board



2011-12 student trustee Francisco Hinojosa will also serve as a board member of the statewide organization representing community college trustees.

Contra Costa Community College District (District) student trustee Francisco Hinojosa was selected to serve on the board of the California Community College Trustees (CCCT) as its student trustee for 2011-12.

The statewide board meets five times a year, and the 21-member board provides leadership and direction to ensure a strong voice for locally elected governing board members. The CCCT student trustee is not viewed as "the representative" of the student trustees of the districts, but a voting member of the CCCT board who brings a student perspective to the debates and deliberations.

"It is quite humbling to be elected as the District's student trustee and the CCCT student trustee at the same time," says Hinojosa. "Some of the top issues I plan to promote at the statewide level are removing barriers to access, ensuring community colleges remain affordable, closing the achievement gap, and helping students complete their educational goals by earning a certificate and/or degree." For more details on CCCT, visit their website at <http://www.ccleague.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3335#CCCT>.

American Red Cross Shelter Drill at CCC

Scores of volunteers and county agencies turned Contra Costa College (CCC) into a relief shelter for families displaced by a 6.1 magnitude earthquake that hit the Bay Area. Didn't feel the shock? That's because it was a mock emergency exercise that gave volunteers a chance to practice giving aid to displaced families.

The responders during the morning's exercise were several dozen American Red Cross and Salvation Army volunteers and employees from the county's health, animal, emergency and human services agencies. In addition, a number of District and CCC employees also took their turn practicing the roles they will be tasked with if and when disaster strikes, delivering mass care and providing shelter for Contra Costa County families.

"My responsibility was to greet people coming to the shelter and ascertain their condition and needs prior to the formal registration process," says CCC Center for Science Excellence director **Seti Sidharta**. "The exercise was very valuable to me; you get to see the whole scope of an emergency response operation. More faculty and staff should participate, especially

those who live by a fault zone."

"Every government employee, including those of special districts such as ours, is expected to provide support during times of disaster," says District emergency services coordinator Teddy Terstegge. "These exercises



Community volunteers acted as displaced earthquake survivors and helped emergency responders like the American Red Cross practice meeting the shelter needs of residents.

are great opportunities for us to practice and prepare for future emergencies. We conducted a similar exercise at DVC last year and hope to coordinate one at LMC next year."

For more emergency preparedness information, visit the District website at <http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/pd/emergencypreparedness.aspx>.



CCC's **Seti Sidharta** practiced assessing people coming into the emergency shelter for services.

Chancellor Chats

Have an idea to improve student retention and success? Do you have a suggestion on how the District can save money? Concerned about the impacts resulting from recent budget decisions? Want to stop in and say hello?

Chancellor **Helen Benjamin** is coming to your campus soon for her annual “Chancellor Chats” that allow employees to ask questions and talk about issues that are important to them. This is a great opportunity to speak with her on an informal basis, so mark your calendar and stop by for a visit and say hello. To schedule an appointment at any of the locations, contact **Pat Kaya** at extension 1204.

Date	Location	Room	Time
9/21/2011	DVC	Trophy Room	2:00-4:00pm
9/15/2011	SRC	West 204	2:00-4:00pm
9/19/2011	Brentwood	Room C-1	1:00-3:00pm
10/03/2011	CCC	AA 216	1:00-3:00pm
10/06/2011	District Office	Chancellor's Office	10:00-11:30am
10/06/2011	LMC	Room 409	2:00-4:00pm

iPivoted Links Donors to Deserving Students

Valerie Bagala is a Contra Costa College (CCC) student and single mother of a special-needs child. She is balancing college classes with a full-time job, and needs a little financial support to complete her higher education goals.

“I’m the kind of person who takes advantage of opportunities,” said Bagala, 29, a psychology student transferring from CCC to California State University East Bay this fall. “I’m sitting there applying for hundreds of scholarships and thinking, wouldn’t it be easier to post yourself and they can contact you?”

She now has a new website that will let her do just that. Called iPivoted.org, this online tool allows donors to browse student profiles and find someone they believe in.

iPivoted.org is similar to other online efforts like Kiva.org or DonorsChoose.org which allows students to post a short profile and specify a budget for the education expenses, ranging from a few hundred to several thousand dollars. Potential contributors browse student listings, pick a student, and donate.

“There is no question that many smart, hard working students do not graduate due to a lack of funds,” says CCC president and member of the iPivoted board of directors **McKinley Williams**. “iPivoted.org provides another option to bridge donors with deserving students who need a little financial assistance.”

To learn more about this new donation option, visit their website at www.iPivoted.org.

District Meets with LMC and DVC Community Leaders

In response to the challenging times faced by community colleges, the District decided it was important to spend time with the local community to share how things are changing for higher education in the county. With the first meeting held at Contra Costa College in July 2011, similar meetings were held in August at Diablo Valley College (DVC) and Los Medanos College (LMC). The goal was to begin a conversation with community, business, and political leaders, on how best the District can continue meeting the higher education needs of our students and our community despite the dismal fiscal climate.

The LMC meeting was held on August 10, 2011, at the college Community Room. Attendees included Antioch City Council member Gary Agopian, Oakley Vice Mayor Kevin Romick, and Sean Wright from the Antioch Chamber of Commerce, heard chancellor **Helen Benjamin** share a presentation on the "State of the District" while interim President **Richard Livingston** talked about the successes and challenges at LMC. Also in attendance were Governing Board members Robert Calone, John T. Nejedly and Tomi Van de Brooke.

"It was clear to me that the attendees were interested and deeply committed to quality higher education in their community," says Livingston. "The increasing cost of tuition and textbooks are on the minds of our community leaders, and we need to do what we can to keep those costs in check. We serve at the pleasure of our community, and this was an opportunity to help them understand how we are changing as a result of budget reductions."

The DVC meeting was held in the Norseman on August 24, 2011, and had a similar program. Attendees, including Supervisor Mary Nejedly Piepho, Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, San Ramon Mayor Abram Wilson, Orinda Mayor Victoria Smith, and Steven Baiter from the Workforce Development Board. Also in attendance were Governing Board members Robert Calone, Tomi Van de Brooke, and Sheila Grilli.



"They asked a lot of excellent questions," commented DVC president **Peter Garcia**. "The opportunity to dialogue with these community movers and shakers is a great way to seek input from other local decision makers, and hear their ideas on how we can best serve the higher educational needs of Central County."

*President **Peter Garcia** provides some introductory remarks at the State of the District meeting held at Diablo Valley College.*



*LMC interim president **Richard Livingston** talks to community leaders about the challenging decisions made as a result of drastic state budget reductions.*

Cabinet Highlights

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

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors_cabinet/August%202011.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.

Searches for Contract Administrator Positions

Searches for 4 District contract administrator positions are being planned or underway. Details follow. Here are the positions:

Interim CCC president: With President **McKinley Williams** announcing his retirement effective December 31, 2011, a process has begun to select an interim college president for the period of January 1-June 30, 2012. The goal will be to complete the selection process and place the recommendation before the Governing Board at their November or December 2011 meeting for approval.

Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services: Following the departure of Dr. Kindred Murillo who left the District to become the President/Superintendent of the Lake Tahoe Community College District, a search to fill this position begins in September 2011. The job announcement will be made public nationally, with the goal of having the selected candidate placed on the December 14, 2011, Governing Board meeting for approval.

Permanent CCC president: The process to select the permanent CCC president will begin in December 2011 when the job announcement will be distributed nationally. The selected interim CCC president will be eligible to apply for the permanent position. The goal is to complete the selection process and place the recommended applicant for approval at the May 2012 Governing Board meeting. The position is scheduled to be effective July 1, 2012.

Permanent LMC president: The process to select the permanent LMC president will have a similar timeline as the CCC presidential search, with the job announcement and national search scheduled to begin in December 2011. The goal will be to complete the selection process and place the selected applicant for approval at the May 2012 Governing Board meeting. The position is scheduled to be effective July 1, 2012.

DVC's Steve Coccimiglio Selected for Teacher of the Year Honor

2011 has been a good year for Diablo Valley College (DVC) basketball coach **Steve Coccimiglio**. He joined an elite group of community college basketball coaches by amassing 500 or more victories averaging 24 wins per season, and has the highest winning percentage in state history among coaches with at least 500 victories.

At the March 27, 2011, Governing Board meeting, he was presented with a resolution that acknowledged his winning ways on the basketball court, and the ability to make a difference with his players by transferring 81 of his players to four-year institutions.

Now, as part of the annual Teacher of the Year (TOY) awards presented by the Contra Costa County Office of Education, Coach Coccimiglio will once again be recognized for his outstanding service as a teacher.

"Coach Coccimiglio was selected this year as our honoree because of his commitment to the education of student athletes," says DVC's academic senate president **Laurie Lema**. "He is well known as a successful basketball coach. We hope this honor will also showcase and recognize his accomplishments as an outstanding teacher."

The Teacher of the Year awards dinner will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2011, 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>.



DVC basketball coach **Steve Coccimiglio** is known for his ability to pave the pathway for his players to be successful for life beyond the basketball court.

Board Report

There were no Governing Board meetings held during August 2011. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2011.