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Budget Forums Scheduled

Don't forget to attend one of the upcoming budget forums led by Chancellor **Helen Benjamin** and Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services **John al-Amin**. Although the passage of Proposition 30 has halted the budget reductions for now, the challenging state budget picture and student enrollment changes will still drive ongoing, prudent budget decisions.



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

2013 BUDGET FORUMS			
Date	Time	Location	Room
April 3, 2013	3:00pm – 5:00pm	LMC	Room 10
April 4, 2013	3:00pm – 5:00pm	San Ramon Center	W-212
April 15, 2013	9:00am – 11:00am	DO	Board Room
April 16, 2013	3:00pm – 5:00pm	LMC	L-109
April 17, 2013	12:00pm – 2:00pm	CCC	LA-100
April 18, 2013	2:00pm – 4:00pm	DVC	Trophy Room

New Managers at the District Office

As a result of several recent retirement decisions, two new managers are now on board at the District Office.

Diogenes (Dio) Shipp is the new District Director of Human Resources. He comes to CCCC with over 12 years of human resources experience in local government and higher education. Dio has led negotiations with various bargaining units for the city of Reno and for the city of San Bernardino, and implemented and managed the city's first emergency call center. He led classification study analyses at the city of Reno which will help with the District's current study for Local 1.



Diogenes (Dio) Shipp

At San Bernardino Community College District, Dio served as the Equal Opportunity Employment Officer and was responsible for promoting equity and diversity throughout the college district. He also developed the district's human resources program review and the human resources allocation plan for the accreditation process. In his spare time, Dio enjoys coaching baseball and basketball for his three young sons.



Gregory Stoup

Gregory Stoup is the new District Senior Dean of Research and Planning. He comes to CCCC with over 20 years of experience in higher education research administration at both the university and community college settings. Gregory has led institutional research activities at Foothill College where he helped redesign the college's developmental math sequence, and Cañada College, where his planning efforts led to the development of a new college planning structure and procedure.

Gregory has participated on eight ACCJC accreditation visiting teams which will be very beneficial to the District as it prepares for its 2014 visit. Additionally, he has served on a statewide task force examining California economic and workforce development policy. He currently serves as an advisor to the Public Policy Institute of California, a member of the Board of California's Centers of Excellence, and is the Vice President of the Board of the Research and Planning Group of California (RP Group). Greg's hobbies include single sculling on Lake Merritt; star gazing with fellow astronomers and alpine-style mountain climbing, which included reaching the summit of Mt. Rainier last year.

Please help welcome them to the District!



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DVC Student Services Center Grand Opening

On Wednesday, February 27, 2013, over 100 elected officials, community leaders, staff and students were on hand for the official opening of the DVC Student Services Center that broke ground in June 2011.

After a short program that included comments from Governing Board President Sheila Grilli, Pleasant Hill Mayor Michael Harris, and DVC President **Peter Garcia**, guests were invited to a reception on the first floor of the new building with refreshments provided by students of the college's culinary program, and tours of the building were offered by student ambassadors.



Governing Board President Sheila Grilli and former DVC President Judy Walters performed the ceremonial ribbon cutting to formally open the new Student Services Center.

"We are so pleased we can finally have all of the student services in one building," said DVC Vice President of Student Services **Newin Orante**. "Best of all, students are gravitating to the new building to study, hang out with friends, and relax. It is gratifying to see them embracing the new environment that has been created for them."

Work has already begun on the companion building that will house the college cafeteria and the culinary arts department. The final element of this project will be a new central campus commons area.

Funding for this \$53 million project comes from the Measure A bond passed in 2006, with completion expected by January 2015.

Jeffrey Michels Accepts FACCC Award



United Faculty past president Jeffrey Michels is now serving as the association's executive director.

The Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) awarded its 2013 John McFarland Literary Achievement Award to Contra Costa College's **Jeffrey Michels**. Named for former FACCC President John McFarland, it is presented to an outstanding community college faculty member who increases the knowledge of his or her colleagues through contributions to FACCC publications.

"Jeffrey's literary contributions to our publications are always thought provoking, compelling, and on message," explained FACCC Executive Director Jonathan Lightman. "Jeffrey wrote a brilliant article discussing student success from a faculty point of view. His ideas inspired legislation, which received substantial support in the State Assembly."

"I am proud of this recognition because I've never won a writing prize before, and I've always mainly wanted to be a writer," said Dr. Michels.

"I would add that one of the nicest things about winning the McFarland Award is the recognition bestowed upon me by the chancellor and the District. To receive the accolades and support for my statewide work is both inspiring and rewarding."

FACCC represents over 9,500 members and serves as the professional membership association for California community college faculty across the state's 112 community colleges. For more information about FACCC, visit their website at www.faccc.org.

Chancellor Honored by *Diverse Magazine*

Chancellor Helen Benjamin was one of 25 women in higher education recognized in a special edition honoring Women's History Month by *Diverse – Issues in Higher Education*. Profiles of the honorees showcased women from across the country that stand out for their leadership ability to forge solutions to the challenges facing the nation's higher education community.

"I am humbled to be honored along with the other outstanding women leaders in higher education," said Chancellor **Helen Benjamin**. "There are so many people throughout my career that I relied upon for their guidance and counsel, so I accept this award in recognition of their support."

Diverse – Issues In Higher Education is a national magazine reporting on diversity, access and opportunity in higher education. To learn more about all the honorees, view their press release at http://diverseeducation.com/docs/WOMEN_EDITION_2013_PRESS_RELEASE.pdf.



Chancellor Helen Benjamin

District Welcomes New Employees

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

Location	Name	Title
DO	Eva Jennings	Senior Academic/Student Services Manager
DVC	Meredith King	Office Assistant II
DVC	Vanessa Vandiver	Office Assistant II

Cabinet Highlights

To review the highlights of Cabinet meetings held in February 2013, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors_cabinet/February%202013.pdf

Board Report

To review the highlights of the February 20, 2013, special Governing Board meeting, click on the link below:

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To review the highlights of the February 27, 2013, Governing Board meeting, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/February%2027,%202013.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.