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State Chancellor Visits LMC

Approximately 40 people from throughout northern California came to Los Medanos College last month to hear State Chancellor Brice Harris discuss issues relevant to California's community colleges. The event is called the Chancellor's Circle and is coordinated by the Foundation for California Community Colleges and held several times a year. It provides businesses, philanthropists, and community college leadership the opportunity to network and advance the goals of the California community colleges.

"We were honored the State Chancellor agreed to have his Chancellor's Circle event here at LMC," says LMC President **Bob Kratochvil**. "The event provided an opportunity for many of our local business partners and LMC Foundation members to meet and hear from our state leader. It also gave us a chance to showcase the wonderful improvements we have made to our campus thanks to the Measure A bond program."

To learn more about the Chancellor's Circle, visit the Foundation for California Community Colleges website at <http://www.foundationccc.org>.



Caption: President **Bob Kratochvil** presents a LMC t-shirt to State Chancellor Brice Harris as a thank you gift for visiting the college.

Tenured Faculty and Classified Employee of the Year Reception

Prior to their March 27, 2013, meeting, the Governing Board hosted a reception at the District Office to honor and congratulate the District's newly tenured faculty and recognize the District's Classified Employee of the Year. 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.

President **Bob Kratochvil** had the honor of formally recognizing LMC's **Carol Love** as the District's Classified Employee of the Year. Carol will now be considered for the statewide honor bestowed by the Board of Governors.



First Row:

Sophia Ramirez (LMC), Liana Padilla-Wilson (LMC), Sharon Wellbrook (LMC), Sara Toruno-Conley (LMC), Sae Na Hong (DVC)

Second Row:

Shelly Pierson (DVC), Mauricio Najarro (DVC), Claudia Eckelmann (DVC), Agustin Palacios (CCC), Jamylle Carter (DVC), Kimberly Wentworth (LMC), Read Vanderbilt (DVC)

Third Row:

Carrie Million (DVC), Adam Bessie (DVC), Shannon Padilla (DVC), Paul Pinter (DVC)

Not pictured:

Jane Fisher (DVC), Kristy Flanagan (DVC), Nicholas Garcia (LMC), Alexander Grillo (LMC), Ryan Pederson (LMC), Toru Sugita (DVC), John Vanderbilt (DVC)



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DVC Students Attend A2MEND Conference

Employees throughout the District are aware of the national challenge African American students face in achieving success in college. Resources are available to the District like the African American Male Education Network & Development (A2MEND), an organization comprised of African American administrators who use their scholarly and professional expertise to foster institutional change with the community college system. They organize an annual conference to share best practices, discuss ideas to achieve institutional change, and network with other African American administrators and students.

The theme of this year's conference was entitled "Unfinished Business: A Commitment to Institutional Change and African American Male Success." Three students from DVC's Pan African Union joined Academic Student Services Manager **Stacey Shears** to attend the conference in southern California, and they came back impressed with the experience.

"I was delighted to be around professionals and educators who are committed to helping African American male students achieve their goals in life," said Dieudonne Brou, President of the DVC Pan African Union. "I have already taken what I learned from the conference and helped steer our club to do volunteer work next month at the Breast Cancer & African Americans Conference in South San Francisco."

"The conference was very uplifting, informational, and helpful," said DVC student Tomy Gates. "I was in awe the whole time because I had never been a part of something so big. I realized that I had the ability to help change a lot of lives."

"I have attended this conference for the past six years and continue to be energized by the discussion and involvement of the attendees on finding ways to increase African American male student success," says CCC Dean of the Natural, Social and Applied Sciences' **Terence Elliott**. "I particularly enjoy the participation of the students, who bring fresh ideas and optimism to address this issue."

For more information about A2MEND, visit their website at www.a2mend.org.



The District was well represented at the A2MEND Conference including Chancellor **Helen Benjamin**, DVC student **Dieudonne Brou**, DVC Academic Student Services Manager **Stacey Shears**, DVC Student **Tomy Gates** and his brother DVC student **Tommy Gates**.

District Office Celebrates National Walking Day

As part of its continuing efforts to maintain a heart healthy workplace, District staff participated in National Walking Day on April 3, 2013, by strolling down to the Martinez waterfront.

National Walking Day is another event sponsored by the American Heart Association (AHA) to help raise awareness of the importance of physical activity and to give coworkers a friendly push toward a healthier life. The District Office raised \$401 earlier this year in support of the AHA Go Red Campaign, and for the past six years has been the recipient of the AHA Gold award for being a fit-friendly workplace.

For more information about the American Heart Association visit www.heart.org.



Pictured below from left on up: **Nai Saelee**, **Ben Cayabyab**, **Christina Chellew** Pictured in the middle is: **Marcie Kapell** Pictured below from right up: **Arzu Smith**, **Ellen Forsman**, **Rose Helms**, **Greg Evilsizer**, **John Brooks**

Police Services' Chad Wehrmeister Honored with Kirk Johnston Supervisory Award

Police Services' Lieutenant **Chad Wehrmeister** has been selected by the California Colleges and Universities Police Chiefs Association as the 2013 recipient of the Kirk Johnston Memorial Supervisor Award. The honoree is chosen for their exemplary service as a supervisor to the campus.

Recipients of this award can be any member of a campus police or security department above the rank of patrol officer or below the rank of chief, who through continuous exemplary service, action, or activity or by one exemplary effort demonstrated exemplary supervisor ability that resulted in a positive effect on the students, staff, and guests of the campus.

"Chad is the second in command in Police Services," says District Police Chief **Charles Gibson**. "He has championed the cause of emergency preparedness, works well with administrators, students and staff, and has become a respected manager in the District."

"Police Services has the opportunity to provide leadership throughout the college communities and we work hard to demonstrate that commitment," said Wehrmeister. "I am humbled by the award, and thank the Chief for his inspiration and mentorship and for Chancellor **Helen Benjamin** for her incredible support of our department."

To learn more about the organization and the award, visit www.ccupca.com.



*Police caption: Lt. **Chad Wehrmeister** started his law enforcement career in the District eighteen years ago as a police aide.*

District Welcomes New Employees

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

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Catherine Fites	Director of Admissions and Records
CCC	Charles Gordon	Instructional Assistant
CCC	Regina Verreos	Senior Account Clerk

Cabinet Highlights

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

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

Board Report

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

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/March%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.