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President John E. Márquez presented a Governing Board resolution to Congressman George Miller honoring him for his 40 years of outstanding service. Congressman Miller decided not to seek a 21st term, and of more than 10,000 members, is among the 50th consecutive longest serving members of Congress in history.

“There is no one that can fill the shoes of Congressman Miller,” says Márquez. “His tremendous support began when he attended Diablo Valley College, and has been the voice for community colleges nationally. What a tremendous loss not only for our District, but for the nation’s community colleges.”

Congressman Miller also supported the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund which provides scholarships for District students to attend four-year universities. He also helped the District in obtain numerous federal grants including the \$14.9 million Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College Career Training Initiative grant.

For the full text of the resolution, visit http://www.4cd.edu/gb/agendas_minutes/agendas/2014-04-23.pdf.



President John E. Márquez (right) presented Congressman Miller with a Governing Board resolution at the member’s annual birthday event in Pleasant Hill.

AFL-CIO Executive Vice President Tefere Gebre Visits CCC Students

Gebre paid a visit to the John & Jean Knox Center for the Performing Arts at Contra Costa College, where he spoke about the importance of community involvement. Students, faculty, and community members listened as Gebre shared the story of his life along with his views on immigration, education, and the economy.

Gebre, who at 14 escaped the horrors of war that plagued his homeland of Ethiopia, attended Cal Poly and USC through athletic scholarships, student loans and working part-time. While in college, Gebre worked his first union job as a night shift loader at UPS and joined the Teamsters Local 396. After graduating, he worked for the AFL-CIO, the Laborers International Union, and the California Labor Federation, before becoming the Executive Director at the Orange County Labor Federation.

The audience had the chance to engage in a Q&A session with Gebre and other event speakers including Governing Board President John Márquez, Local 1 General Manager Peter Nguyen, and Young Workers member Andrea Nicholls.



AFL-CIO's Tefere Gebre (left) is joined by (left to right) Governing Board President John Márquez, Local 1 General Manager Peter Nguyen, Young Workers' Andrea Nicholls, and Contra Costa County Central Labor Council Executive Director Margaret Hanlon-Gradie to respond to audience questions.



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20 Years of Service:



Districtwide Service Recognition Awards

The annual Districtwide service awards recognition ceremony was held on April 29, 2014, in DVC's Trophy Room. Presenting the awards to employees who have dedicated 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years of service to the District were Governing Board members John E. Márquez, Vicki Gordon, Matthew Rinn and Greg Enholm. Board President Márquez noted that this year's honorees contributed a total of 1,030 years of service to the District.

Left to right: Daniel Ramirez (LMC), Michell Naidoo (CCC), Shalini Lugani (LMC), Mary Long (DVC), Nicole Gomes (DVC), Annie Mohr (DVC), Catherine McRoberts (DVC), Katherine Jinter (DVC), Mojdeh Mehdizadeh (DO). Not pictured: David Oleski (LMC)

25 Years of Service:



Left to right: Mariles Magalong (CCC); Kerry Surman (DVC); Jeanie Dewhurst (DVC), Steve Padover (DVC), Laura Lema (DVC), Jeffrey Jewell (DVC), Rachel Westlake (DVC), Laurie Huffman (LMC), Cindy McGrath (LMC), Wartney Buchanan (CCC). Not pictured: Matthew Anderson (DO), Daniel Bach (DVC), Andrew Barlow (DVC), Tom Chan (DVC), Isabella DiBari (DVC), Donna Ericson (CCC), Ellen Geringer (CCC), Brantley Holt (DVC), Steven Johnson (DVC), Gail Newman (LMC), Jeanette Peavler (DVC), Teddy Terstegge (LMC), Joseph Valdez (DVC), Fritz Wilhelm (DVC)

30 Years of Service:



Suzette Handy (DVC)



Mark Jones (DVC)



Julie Betsekas (DVC)

Not pictured: Diane Bradford (DO), Stanley Porter (CCC).

40 Years of Service Not pictured: Estelle Davi LMC), Michael Yuschenkoff (DVC)

4th Annual Dreamers Conference



The annual Dreamers Conference, held this year at DVC, is a joint effort of all three District colleges to provide information and support to undocumented students to achieve their higher education goals.

Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, and Los Medanos College, in collaboration with United Latino Voices of Contra Costa County, hosted the 4th Annual AB 540 “More than a Dream: Get the Facts” Conference on April 5th, 2014. Over 200 high school and college students, parents, and supporters throughout Contra Costa County attended the free conference which provided information and resources for undocumented students.

Cruz, co-founder of Homies Empowerment and Harvard University’s Graduate School of Education student, shared his experiences fighting for justice and empowering youth. Attendees participated in breakout sessions that discussed financial aid, legal services, personal motivation, student and parent resources.

Keynote speaker Cesar

“Each year the host campus takes the lead in planning, but it is a district-wide effort. Each year the program gets stronger and builds on the previous year,” said DVC’s Dean of Student Support Services, **Emily Stone**. “We offered the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) clinic in partnership with One Justice and the Justice Bus project. 33 students were able to complete their DACA applications, which will allow them to work. It was a hugely successful conference.”

Assembly Bill (AB) 540, which was passed in 2001, allows undocumented students who meet certain requirements to pay in-state tuition versus out-of-state tuition at California’s public colleges and universities. These requirements include attending high school in California for a minimum three years and earning a high school diploma or equivalent.

“Today’s event has changed my life. It has given me a lot of emotional support to know that I am not alone. Because of this event I will [continue on] and not stop for any reason,” expressed one conference attendee. “I will make my dreams come true - for [myself] and to prove to all the good people at this event that it is not a waste of time. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

For more information on AB 540, the “DREAM” act, visit: <http://www.dvc.edu/org/departments/financial-aid/dreamact.htm>.

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.

College Newspapers Win Journalism Honors

Students from all three college newspapers received honors at the 2014 Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC) statewide awards convention held in Los Angeles last month. The convention was attended by 545 students and advisors from 43 community college journalism programs.

The listing of awards by college follows.

CCC's *The Advocate*



Front row (l-r) George Morin, Cody Casares, Lorenzo Morotti, Qing Huang

Back row (l-r) Mike Thomas, Christian Urrutia, Cody McFarland, Brian Boyle, Ryan Margason, Veronica Santos

Publications Awards:

- Newspaper General Excellence
- First Place, Informational Graphic, George Morin, Christian Urrutia, Lorenzo Morotti
- Third Place, Opinion Story, Brian Boyle
- Third Place, Editorial Cartoon, Lorenzo Morotti
- Third Place, Photo Story/Essay, Qing Huang
- Third Place, Inside Page Layout/Broadsheet, George Morin
- Fourth Place, Editorial, Jared Amdahl, George Morin
- Meritorious Award, Enterprise News Story, Brian Boyle
- Honorable Mention, Column Writing, Heather Wallin

Bring-In Awards:

- Second Place, Advertisement, George Morin, Christian Urrutia
- Third Place, Advertisement, George Morin, Christian Urrutia
- Fourth Place, Photo, Christian Urrutia

On-the-Spot Awards:

- Pacesetter Award
- Second Place, News Judgment/Layout, George Morin
- Honorable Mention, Feature Photo, Qing Huang, Lorenzo Morotti, George Morin
- Honorable Mention, News Story, Brian Boyle
- Honorable Mention, News Photo, Qing Huang
- Honorable Mention, Editorial Cartoon, Lorenzo Morotti

DVC's *The Inquirer*



DVC's *The Inquirer* staff attending the conference. From left to right: Benjamin Davidson, Amrita Kaur, Rachel Reyes, and Gustavo Vasquez

On-the-Spot Award:

- Meritorious Award, Twitter/Storify, Amrita Kaur

LMC's *The Experience*



From left: Adviser **Cindy McGrath**, Photo Editor Irvin Trigueros, Perspectives Editor Aishling Doherty, Adviser **Curtis Corlew**, Campus Editor Joey Delano, Staff Writer Steven Luke, Sports Editor Dakotah Zabroski, Sports Editor Luke Johnson, Editor in Chief Brendan Cross, Perspectives Editor Jazmine Gordon, Features Editor Rattana Kim, Copyeditor Kimberly Stelly; kneeling in front, Special Projects Editor Kellie McCown.

- General Excellence, online news site at lmcexperience.com
- Meritorious Award, Instagram, Brendan Cross
- Kellie McCown, Publications Contest Enterprise News Story/Series
- First Place, Photo Illustration, Peter Costanza and Jesus Chico
- Second Place, Inside Page Layout, Jesus Chico and Peter Costanza
- First Place, Profile Feature Story, Christine Menchaca
- Third Place, On-the-Spot Editorial, Joseph Delano
- Fourth Place, Online Photo Story/Essay, Cathie Lawrence

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

LMC Staff Member Wins Health and Safety Recognition Award

Annica Soto of Los Medanos College (LMC) is the recipient of the Health and Safety Recognition Award for the 2013-14 academic year. The award, which is sponsored by the Contra Costa County Schools Insurance Group (CCCSIG), acknowledges Contra Costa County school district employees who demonstrate a commitment to employee health and safety.

Soto, who works as an Interim Counseling Assistant, was nominated by her coworkers for her dedication to employee safety and for her leadership role as chair of the LMC Health and Wellness Committee.

“Annica continues to motivate and inspire employees to engage in sound health and wellness practices and activities in her role as LMC’s Health and Wellness Subcommittee Chair. Her professional, captivating and witty e-mails and newsletters make you take notice of valuable health and wellness information, programs and services available to us,” commented co-worker **Kathy Griffin**. “She has gone the extra mile, no pun intended, to gather and disseminate information from our health care providers as well as other sources to improve health, wellness and safety knowledge on behalf of all LMC employees and students.”

“Employee health and safety is key to me because adopting healthier behaviors will positively improve your overall well-being, both mentally and physically,” said Annica. “It feels GREAT to have won the Employee Health & Safety Recognition Award, but this wouldn’t have happened if it wasn’t for my wonderful LMC colleagues nominating me.”

As the solo award recipient, Soto received a CCCSIG certificate of recognition presented by LMC President **Bob Kratochvil**, and a \$25 gift card to a health foods store.



LMC President **Bob Kratochvil** had the honor to present **Annica Soto** with the CCCSIG award.

Cabinet Highlights

To review highlights of the Cabinet meeting held in April 2014, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors_cabinet/April%202014.pdf

Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board meetings held in April 2014, click on the link below:

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District Welcomes New Employees

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

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Location	Name	Title
DO	Erin Davis	Marketing and Communications Coordinator
CCC	Jacqueline Ore	Senior Account Clerk

Manager

DVC	Todd Farr	Program Manager
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