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District Receives AHA Fit Friendly Award



This workplace has been recognized by the American Heart Association for meeting criteria for employee wellness.

The District Office received congratulations from the American Heart Association (AHA) on becoming a 2013 Gold Fit-Friendly Worksite for the seventh consecutive year. The Gold achievement award signifies that the District annually participates in and provides heart healthy activities in an effort to raise awareness about heart disease and stroke.

In addition to the Gold achievement award, the District annually participates in the “Go Red” campaign on Valentine’s Day. Nationally, AHA celebrates “Go Red” to raise awareness about heart health for women. In 2013, \$350 was collected by District Office staff, and donated to the local Oakland AHA chapter. Nearly \$3,000 has been donated

to the local chapter since the District began participating in the “Go Red” campaign in 2006. To find out more about heart healthy activities and programs, please visit <http://www.americanheart.org>.

2014 Budget Forums Scheduled

The 2014 Budget Forums schedule has been established. Led by Chancellor **Helen Benjamin**, Executive Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services’ **Gene Huff**, Associate Vice Chancellor/Chief Financial Officer **Jonah Nicholas**, and Director of District Finance Services **Arzu Smith**, these sessions offer employees the opportunity to understand the District’s financial picture for the current academic year, and what may be in store for 2014-15.



The passage of Proposition 30 has stabilized the budget picture for now, but the challenge of increasing student enrollment to maximize state apportionment growth funding still remains.

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

2014 Budget Forums			
Location	Date	Time	Room
LMC	Wednesday, April 2, 2014	3:00pm – 5:00pm	L-109
CCC	Wednesday, April 9, 2014	1:00pm – 3:00pm	LA 100
DVC	Thursday, April 10, 2014	2:00pm – 4:00pm	Trophy Room
DO	Monday, April 21, 2014	9:00am – 11:00am	Board Room
Brentwood Center	Monday, April 21, 2014	3:00pm – 5:00pm	Room 8
San Ramon Campus	Monday, April 28, 2014	2:30pm – 4:30pm	W204

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.



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LMC Faculty Member Named Finalist for National Recognition

Los Medanos College (LMC) is among a select group of colleges named as finalist in a prestigious program designed to recognize innovation and promising practices among two-year colleges nationwide. The Awards of Excellence are sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), which established the awards in 2013.

LMC was the only California college selected as a finalist, and has been recognized in the Faculty Innovation category, a new category for the awards. Mathematics Professor **Myra Snell** created an innovative solution called Path2Stats to streamline learning and improve success rates for community college students in their studies of mathematics. At LMC, student completion of transferable math has been three times higher in Path2Stats than in the traditional curriculum.

LMC President **Bob Kratochvil** commented, "We are very proud Professor Myra Snell's talents and efforts have been acknowledged by the AACC. Professor Snell epitomizes innovation, focus on access and student success, emphasis on completion, use of data and efforts to eliminate achievement gaps – all keystones of this prestigious award."

"I am honored to be a finalist for the AACC Faculty Innovation Award," explained Professor Snell, "but the greatest reward is being part of a state initiative called the California Acceleration Project that is making a substantial impact on student success in math. Math does not have to be the burial ground for students' dreams of a college degree and the opportunities that come with it. I feel so lucky to be part of a community at LMC that has made this possible for our students."

Winners in each of six categories will be named April 7 in Washington, D.C., during the 94th Annual AACC Convention, an event that attracts close to 2,000 educators, policymakers, corporate and foundation representatives each year. For a full list of finalists see www.aacc.nche.edu.



Professor Myra Snell

2013 Bond Annual Report Now Available

The 2013 *Bond Measure Annual Report to the Community* is now available on the District website at www.4cd.edu. The annual report is a mandated communication that thanks the community for their support, summarizes the spending of the bond funds, and includes a statement from the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee who reviews and substantiates that District spending is consistent with the original bond intent.

The report also details the final \$140.5 million of the 2006 bond program have been sold, and that there is still much work to be done at all five sites.

The report, produced and available in both English and Spanish, was also sent to all public libraries and historical societies in the county.



The 2013 Measure A Bond Report highlights major construction occurring on all three college campuses.

Board Report

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

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/January%2022,%202014.pdf

Cabinet Highlights

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

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

District Welcomes New Employees

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

New Classified		
Location	Name	Title
DVC	Phoebe Balangan	Financial Aid Assistant II
DVC	Connie Konsavage	Admissions/Records Assistant II
LMC	Juliana Salas	Parking Services Officer
New Contract Administrator		
DO	Sally Montemayor Lenz	Associate Vice Chancellor, Educational Services