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Faculty members receiving tenure are: (left to right) **Lynden Krause** (DVC), **Cecil Nasworthy** (LMC), **Danielle Liubicich** (LMC), **Joseph Meyer** (LMC), **Lucile Beatty** (CCC), **Luis Morales** (LMC), **Rosa Armendariz** (LMC), and **William Cruz** (LMC). Not pictured: **Paula Gunder** (LMC), and **Anthony Hailey** (LMC)

Prior to their March 26, 2014, 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 2014 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.



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President **Peter Garcia** had the honor of formally recognizing DVC's **Ann Langelier-Patton** as the District's 2014 Classified Employee of the Year. Ann will now be considered for the statewide honor bestowed by the Board of Governors.



Districtwide Classified Staff Meeting



Chancellor **Helen Benjamin** shared responses to a variety of questions submitted by classified staff.

Over 40 classified employees attended the annual Districtwide Classified Chancellor's Chat on March 28, 2014, at the Contra Costa County Schools Insurance Group meeting room in Pleasant Hill. Chancellor Helen Benjamin and Police Chief Charles Gibson attended the meeting to respond to a variety of questions posed by classified staff districtwide. In addition to receiving dedicated attention from the chancellor on issues important to classified staff, it was also a great opportunity to see classified colleagues from around the district.

"I always find the Chancellor's Chats worthwhile because even though I work at the District Office, I seldom get the scoop of what is going on in the District from Helen herself. The Chancellor's Chat allows me to engage with personnel from other sites and learn what is important to other classified staff. Helen's open style of communicating is refreshing even if the news isn't rosy; she tells it like it is. I always feel I understand the decision making processes of the District better after a Chancellor's Chat. Kudos to Helen for offering classified staff such a personalized forum. We are lucky to have such an open and honest chancellor who makes herself available to classified staff." **Joy Hakola-Dardin** (District Office)

"It's smart on the Chancellor's part to take time to speak directly with classified staff; she has her own way of keeping the pulse of the people. Dr. Benjamin uses real life situations to make administrative decisions. The Chancellor's Chat is one of the most useful activities in the district." **Michele Jackson** (CCC)

District Welcomes New Employees

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

New Classified Supervisor

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Monica Rodriguez	Financial Aid Supervisor

LMC Art Department Contributes to Food Bank Fundraiser



LMC instructional aide **Rosalinda Grejsen** was part of the LMC team that helped create the handmade bowls for the fundraising event.

The Los Medanos College (LMC) Art Department recently lent a helping hand by donating 75 handmade bowls to “Empty Bowls 2014”, a fundraising event organized by the Food Bank of Contra Costa County and Solano. The Food Bank reached out to LMC’s ceramic community to see if they could donate handmade bowls to be used for soup at the event and then taken home with each guest as a memento. Guests enjoyed a simple meal served in a handcrafted bowl at the organization’s warehouse in Concord, learn about how the Food Bank and partner agencies are working to end hunger in our community, and received information on how the public could get involved.

A group of students, instructional aides, and faculty in the LMC Art Department came to school over a weekend to make

bowls using the pottery wheels and reclaimed materials in the ceramics lab.

“This was a wonderful event for us to support,” commented **Lucy Snow**, who teaches sculpture, ceramics, and general education art classes at the college. “It was not only an opportunity for us to learn and improve our ceramics skills, but also, the results of our efforts could go out into the community and help the Food Bank raise awareness about hunger.”

Thanks to many community supporters including the LMC Art Department, “Empty Bowls 2014” raised over \$19,000 to help feed the hungry in our community.

For more details about the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, visit www.foodbankccs.org.

Board Report

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The meeting was adjourned in the memory of Jon Morrow, retired CCC Social Science Professor, and DVC student Diego Garcia.

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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.