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Borland House Granted National Historic Certification

Home to the original Contra Costa Community College District office in 1949, the Borland House has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places (National Register). As a result of being placed on the National Register, the property is also listed on the California Register of Historical Resources. Located at 1005 Escobar Street, the Borland House is sited directly across the street from the current District Office location.

Built in 1890 by Dr. John S. Moore, D.D.S. to be used as his dental office, the Victorian cottage originally became home to Robert Borland, whose daughter Emma Moore Borland inherited the property. The Borland House is still owned by the District but has been the home to the Martinez Historical Museum for over 40 years. The Borland House joins several other Martinez landmarks preserved for their historical significance.

Placement on the National Register affords a property the honor of inclusion in the nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation and provides a degree of protection from adverse effects resulting from federally funded or licensed projects.



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Marketing Campaign Begins

In an effort to help increase the District's enrollment, a major year-long marketing campaign has begun featuring commercials on Comcast networks.

Five commercials have been created so far including two districtwide branding commercials; one targeting 15-17 year old students and the other targeting their parents. The districtwide commercials will encourage viewers to visit the college of their choice by attending an info session or take a campus tour. In addition, each college created their own commercial.

To see all five commercials, visit the District's Youtube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdh1FZ7Fiow10hT0wOv7m3Q>

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CCC's Kelly Ramos Raises Blood Cancer Awareness through Son



Joey Camacho is the son of CCC's **Kelly Ramos** and grandson of CCC's **Rick Ramos**.

When most people think about heroes, they think of strong and inspirational figures. When Contra Costa College's (CCC) **Kelly Ramos** thinks about heroes, she thinks about her son, Joey Camacho. After Joey was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in 2013 at the age of three, his family launched a campaign to share his story. After learning about Joey following a visit to CCC, Leukemia Lymphoma Society (LLS) coordinators were so inspired by the community's love and support they chose Joey as San Francisco's Honored Hero for 2015.

"Being an honored hero gives us the unique opportunity to help advocate for increased blood cancer research and patient services to help those like us throughout the San Francisco Bay Area," said Joey's proud mom. "This year will also give Joey the opportunity to be celebrated for his strength and resilience through his battle."

With this recognition, Joey and his family are invited to attend several LLS events and activities leading up to the "Light the Night Walk" at San Francisco's AT&T Ballpark on Thursday, November 12, 2015. Light the Night is a fundraising campaign that honors those affected by blood cancer, and the annual walk aims to shine a light on treatment and the quest for a cure.

We are so grateful for the tremendous love and support of the Contra Costa College community," says Ramos. "We have felt the love and light of our community college family through this difficult time."

For more information on Joey's story, and how you can support the Leukemia Lymphoma Society, visit <http://www.joeycamacho.org/> or visit his Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/joeyminions?fref=ts>.

DVC Student Wins Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Award

For the fourth year in a row, Diablo Valley College (DVC) celebrated a Jack Kent Cooke scholarship recipient. This year's award winner, DVC student Angad Singh Padda, was one of 90 scholars nationwide to receive the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship award. The highly competitive scholarship awards up to \$120,000 per year towards a transfer student's degree completion.

Padda has been accepted to the University of California Berkeley Haas School of Business University, where he plans to pursue a degree in business administration. As an international student from India, Padda would like other underrepresented students to become more aware of scholarships opportunities like the Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Scholarship.

"Being the first Sikh student to have won the scholarship, I also want other students from minority backgrounds to know that their aspirations can come to fruition despite several misconceptions," he said. Padda's ultimate goal is to work in India's non-profit sector to improve the standard of living for rural Indian communities. His scholarship award brings him one step closer to achieving his goals.

"Personally, I feel driven to work even harder and am determined to make a difference in the lives of others," Padda said, "The same way the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation has made a difference in mine."

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, created through the will of prominent businessman, sportsman, and philanthropist Jack Kent Cooke, was established in 2000. It is a private, independent foundation dedicated to advancing the education of exceptionally promising students who have financial need. For more on the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship program, visit <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships>.



Angad Singh Padda

District AGS Students Win Scholarships

Contra Costa College (CCC), Los Medanos College (LMC) and Diablo Valley College (DVC) students all celebrated scholarship wins at the Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) State Convention on April 18, 2015. At the annual convention, scholarships are awarded to students who excel academically and/or dedicated to community service.



Held in Ontario, CA, this year's convention boasted 557 attendees across 43 college AGS chapters. Prior to the state convention, each AGS chapter is allowed to nominate three students to win a scholarship in areas of academic and/or service achievement. By the end of the awards ceremony, 49 AGS students were granted scholarships totaling \$36,700, with eight students from the Contra Costa Community College District taking home a prize. The scholarship recipients by college are as follows:

CCC

Gerald Macadangang – Charles Bell Award for Outstanding Service
Valeria Avila – Virginia Coffey Award for Academic Excellence
Duy Masuno – Kathleen D. Loly Award for Academic Excellence

DVC

Cheuk H. Yuen – Ed Walsh award for Outstanding Service
Lexa H. Gundelach – Kathleen D. Loly Award for Academic Excellence

LMC

Antonio Chavez – Ed Walsh award for Outstanding Service
Karina Aguayo – Kathleen D. Loly Award for Academic Excellence
Irene Orellano – Kathleen D. Loly Award for Academic Excellence

For the second year in a row, the LMC AGS chapter brought home the state trophy for the State Wide Service Project. They won the trophy for registering the most people in the National Bone Marrow Registry in the state, won the award for raising the most funds for the state charity – Lymphoma and Leukemia Society, and having the most AGS and community members participate in the Light the Night Walk.

Phillip Gottlieb, LMC's AGS advisor shared similar sentiments. "This says so much about the quality of our students not only in terms of their academic preparation but also about their willingness to serve the campus and our community," said Gottlieb.

"Our students competed against other high achieving honor students in the state and came out on top," said **Maritza Jackson Sandoval**, advisor for CCC's AGS chapter.

For more information about AGS, the California Community College Scholastic Honor Society, visit www.ags-honor.org.

Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held in April 2015, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/April%2022,%202015.pdf

Cabinet Highlights

To review highlights of the Cabinet meeting held in April 2015, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors_cabinet/April%202015.pdf

District Welcomes New Employees

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

Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Lorena Cortez	Senior Administrative Assistant
CCC	Ashley Patterson	Minority Student Retention Specialist
DST	Evan Peters	Police Services Officer
CCC	Jillian Sison	Special Students Programs and Services Assistant

LMC's Mike Zilber Continues His Musical Journey

Los Medanos College (LMC) Music Department is known for its talented and esteemed faculty. LMC's **Mike Zilber** is one of the staff who contributes to that reputation. Following a successful saxophonist career in New York, Zilber joined LMC's Music Department in 1992 where he continued to compose music. Since then, Zilber and his quartet, which includes guitarist John Stowell, bassist John Shifflet, and drummer Jason Lewis, have released 10 Contemporary Jazz CDs. Their newest CD, "Live Beauty," garnered a four-star review from *Downbeat Magazine*, a widely-read and well-respected jazz magazine.

"To receive a four-star review in *Downbeat* is equivalent to an author getting an excellent review in the *New Yorker* or the *New York Times*, so it is very meaningful to me as a musician," said Zilber.

Zilber credits his LMC colleagues, including Music Dean **Nancy Ybarra**, Music Faculty members **Silvester Henderson** and **Kyle Chuah**, for their continued support of his musical career. In addition to his success in the music industry, Zilber also finds redemption in giving back as a teacher.

"I remember from my days as a student at New England Conservatory how thrilled I was to study with, hear and, in some cases, play with great musician/teachers," shared Zilber. "Seeing former students of mine go on to sustained success as performers, composers and educators, both in New York and here, has been incredibly gratifying." For more information on Zilber's music, visit www.michaelzilber.com.



Mike Zilber

DVC Ribbon Cutting

On a warm day in April, students, faculty, elected officials and community members gathered in the heart of the Diablo Valley College (DVC) campus to celebrate the grand opening of the DVC Commons project. With its lush greenery and outdoor amphitheater, the Commons area served as the perfect backdrop for the ribbon-cutting ceremony that celebrated the completion of the District's most expensive bond construction project to date.

Those who gathered in the Commons area enjoyed music and dance performances by DVC students and food served by DVC's Culinary Department. On hand to celebrate the occasion was Chancellor **Helen Benjamin** and DVC President **Peter Garcia**, who both praised the District's Facilities Department for their diligence. Special guest speakers included Congressman Mark DeSaulnier who congratulated the college on their newly improved facilities.

The DVC Commons project, which began back in 2010, was funded through a facilities bond construction measure passed by county voters in 2006. The project's completion resulted in two new buildings, and a modern, upgraded quad that provides a more direct walking route through the spacious campus.



Joining in on the ceremonial ribbon cutting are from left to right: GB member **Greg Enholm**, Congressman **Mark DeSaulnier**, GB Vice President **Vicki Gordon**, GB President **John T. Nejedly**, Chancellor **Helen Benjamin**, DVC President **Peter Garcia**, and GB member **Tim Farley**.

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.