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## Convocation on Innovation

**A**s announced by the chancellor, the District is planning a Convocation on Innovation (COI) scheduled for Friday, January 9, 2015. Held at the Concord Hilton, the event is designed to inspire and stimulate new ideas and creativity. Open to all permanent District employees, COI will include guest speakers, highlight current innovative college practices, and showcase how individuals and teams have made a difference in the workplace and the world by asking some simple, yet profound, questions that have led to revolutionary ideas.

In the coming months, further details will be shared about event logistics and registration, and college innovation submissions. Monthly articles and videos on relevant topics will also be made available.

Sub-committees have been created in the following areas:

- Logistics
- Program and Services
- Communications
- District Innovation Selections
- Post Evaluation and Benchmark
- Post Convocation

If you are interested in volunteering for a subcommittee or would like more information, please contact **Sally Montemayor Lenz** at 1-6826 or **Andrea Medina** at 1-6852.



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## All College Day Visits



Executive vice chancellor **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh** shares student success information at the CCC All College Day presentation.

**T**he start of fall semester signaled the anticipated return of All College Day which took place Thursday, August 14 2014. Due to the chancellor's unplanned absence, this year's District presentation was given by **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh**, executive vice chancellor, Education and Technology and **Gene Huff**, executive vice chancellor, Administrative Services.

Faculty and staff at all three colleges heard updates from the executive vice chancellors on the District's financial standing and projected growth, student success efforts, and plans for the Convocation on Innovation scheduled for January 9, 2015.

## New Employee Bus Tour

As part of the new employee orientation coordinated by the Human Resources department, new District employees are given the opportunity to tour all five college sites. The day-long bus tour provides new employees a greater understanding of the District and gives them the opportunity to network amongst themselves.

New employees that joined the tour include:

### **CCC**

Shawna Belfield  
Jaqueline Dannuzio

Deborah Dixon  
Maritza Guerrero  
DeEBoni  
Herron-Noureddine  
Megan Kinney  
Trung Nguyen  
Jacqueline Ore  
Gloria Pharn  
MaryKate Rossi  
Julie Skoler

### **LMC**

Jill Buettner-Ouellette  
Melinda Capes  
Rick Estrada  
Sharon Goldfarb  
Michelle Mack  
James Noel  
German Sierra



### **DVC**

John Corbally  
Elizabeth Czaplá  
Todd Farr  
David Faulkner  
Shaeheha Hollis-Sachau  
Irene Lara  
Sheila Lau  
Nicolette Moultrie  
Samghamitra Niyogi  
Richard Robison

Clint Ryan  
Kimberly Salangsang  
Bridgitte Schaffer  
Kathryn Weber  
Cheryl Wilcox

### **DO**

Esther Pena  
Nikhil Bassi  
Erin Davis  
Pamela Edmonston



## Active Shooter Training

August 4 is usually pretty quiet at our colleges since the summer session is already over. Not this year at Diablo Valley College, as District police officers participated in a joint active shooter training hosted by the Pleasant Hill Police Department in the Life and Health Sciences building. The mandatory training took place over the course of three days and marked the first time this exercise has occurred on DVC's campus.

"One of the main learning outcomes was coordinating and working with Pleasant Hill PD," said Contra Costa College police lieutenant and department training officer **Jose Oliveira**. "It also gives the Pleasant Hill PD officers the opportunity to become more familiar with the college campus."

"We conduct this type of proactive training out of an abundance of caution and as a best practice," said Pleasant Hill Police Sergeant Tim Frank, who led the training. "As with all of our training, we strive to keep the curriculum current and training realistic. Training together is mutually beneficial and assures a united coordinated response to an active shooter incident within our respective jurisdictions."

The active shooter exercise is part of the ongoing training District police officers participate in. "Our training is actually regulated by the California Department of Justice, Police Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.). Every officer has to complete a minimum of 24 hours of advance training every two years," explained Lt. Oliveira. Upcoming fall training sessions will include Tactical Communication and Cultural Awareness.

*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.*



## DVC Instructor Awarded Fellowship in London

**D**iablo Valley College (DVC) Accounting Instructor Gary Pieroni was awarded the 2015-16 International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) Academic Fellowship in London.

"This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity allows me to work alongside the best of the best in my field in initiatives taken up by the IASB and I am deeply privileged to have been chosen to work with a select group from academia, market regulators, industry, and public accounting," said Pieroni. "I believe this is truly an honor for DVC to be associated with a prestigious, global institution that influences both public and privately-held companies, and clearly demonstrates that DVC has faculty that can do relevant work."

Pieroni believes this experience will benefit students, programs, and the college by growing DVC's global exposure as an internationally connected campus and increases the magnet effect in attracting international students to the college.

"I could not have been selected without DVC's leadership support to apply for the fellowship," says Pieroni. "I can't wait to begin this amazing experience."

Pieroni will help develop methodologies for teaching accounting. For more information on IASB, click here: <http://www.iasplus.com/en/resources/ifrsf/iasb-ifs-ic/iasb>.



DVC Accounting instructor **Gary Pieroni** was selected for this fellowship after IASB conducted a worldwide search for candidates who were required to submit a proposal and interview for consideration.

### Board Report

No Governing Board meeting was held in August 2014

### Cabinet Highlights

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

[http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors\\_cabinet/August%202014.pdf](http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors_cabinet/August%202014.pdf)

## CCC Foundation Honors Mr. San Pablo



*Joe Gomes earned the nickname "Mr. San Pablo" following a lifetime of community involvement and leadership.*

**A**fter more than 30 years of giving back to the San Pablo community, Joe Gomes will be honored by the Contra Costa College (CCC) Foundation at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Sy & Beverly Zell Swinging for Scholarship Golf Tournament. The event takes place on September 29, 2014, at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club in El Cerrito.

Gomes has served as Mayor of San Pablo an admirable seven times. He has also served on the San Pablo City Council, Planning Commission and Housing Authority. Gomes was key in bringing the San Pablo Lytton Casino to San Pablo which continues to generate the revenue necessary to fund many projects within the city.

His contributions to the District are numerous. In addition to being involved in this fundraiser since its inception, Gomes was so instrumental in securing night lighting for the CCC soccer field, the arena was re-named "Joe Gomes Soccer Field."

Though he is well known for his community service, Gomes' ties to the District are also personal. His granddaughter **Rose Helms** works as an Accounting Specialist for the District Office in Martinez, and she was overjoyed to learn her grandfather was being recognized for his accomplishments.

"I have always looked up to my grandpa. He has instilled in me strong family values and work ethic," says Helms. "He has always inspired me to do my best, help others, and get involved. He is an icon to me."

All proceeds from the Sy & Beverly Zell Swinging for Scholarship Golf Tournament fundraiser support programs of Contra Costa College. To learn more about the Sy & Beverly Zell Swinging for Scholarship Golf Tournament visit [http://www.contracostabooks.com/site\\_golf\\_tournament.asp](http://www.contracostabooks.com/site_golf_tournament.asp).