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Governing Board Welcomes New Student Trustee

Last month, outgoing Governing Board President John E. Márquez administered the oath of office to newly elected student trustee JoNai Davis-Hendricks who attends Diablo Valley College. The student trustee position became vacant after Elijah Ziskin resigned.

Ms. Davis-Hendricks will complete the current term which ends in May 2015.

For more information about the new student trustee visit <http://www.4cd.edu/gb/default.aspx>.



Governing Board Organizational Meeting



DVC faculty emeritus Bill Harlan administered the oath of office to re-elected Board members John E. Márquez and John T. Nejedly, and newly-elected member Tim Farley. The Governing Board then held its annual organizational meeting and, with a majority vote, approved the following slate of officers.

President: John T. Nejedly

Vice President: Vicki Gordon

Secretary: John E. Márquez



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LMC Alpha Gamma Sigma chapter



LMC AGS Chapter Hosts Online Blood Drive

The Los Medanos College (LMC) chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) State Honors Society is uniting student government, clubs and programs campuswide to help save the lives of those living with blood cancers.

The students are collaborating to raise awareness and increase matches for an ethnically diverse population. LMC's Student Life Office offers bone marrow and blood drives year-round in collaboration with Blood Centers of the Pacific, which encourages people of color to donate.

"Last year the AGS club coordinated their bone marrow efforts with one of our regularly scheduled blood drives in an effort to increase the awareness of blood cancers, said **Demetria Lawrence**, Student Life Coordinator. "This year they wanted to continue their efforts and have gotten sponsorship from the Inter-Club Council (ICC) and Associated Students as well as Student Life."

AGS member Debora van Eckhardt believes encouraging people from all backgrounds to donate helps support an increasingly diverse population. "It's extremely important for our community to be aware of this need. Personally, I had someone close to me who recently received a bone marrow transplant," shared van Eckhardt. "If we had more people donate, more lives could be saved."

LMC's main blood drive will be held the week of February 9, 2015, however, the online blood drive will be accepting donors continuously. To participate in the blood drive, visit: <http://join.marow.org/agslosmedanos> and use promo code agslosmedanos.

DVC's Linda Barnes Powers to Excellence



Linda Barnes is senior administrative secretary for DVC's physical sciences and engineering division.

Diablo Valley College's **Linda Barnes** is well respected for managing a very busy department with poise and confidence. Don't let that calm reputation fool you, as her focus and tenacity powered her to another accomplishment as a world powerlifting champion.

This past November, Barnes surpassed her expectations by representing the U.S.A. and clenched first place at the World Powerlifting Championship, Bench and Deadlift Competition in Las Vegas, Nevada. Lifters from all over the world came to compete, and Barnes secured three number one spots: 1st Place Bench, 1st Place Dead Lift and Best Woman Dead Lifter.

Barnes powerlifting career was as unexpected as her recent win. After meeting a young lady who was a power lifter, Barnes, who was 40 at the time, decided to give it a try. Since then, she's been lifting her way to the top.

"Going to the World Championships has been my goal," shared Barnes. "It's really hard to put into words how I felt at that moment, but I did jump and give a big yell!"

District Welcomes New Employees

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

Regular Managers

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Kelly Schelin	Senior Academic/Student Services Manager

Regular Monthly Classified Employees

LMC	Erwin Cadena	Shop Equipment Assistant
DVC	Kevin Powell	Instructional Laboratory Coordinator
CCC	John Vehikite	Financial Aid Specialist

First-year Faculty

LMC	Nicole Westbrook	Counseling
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Board Report

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

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/December%2010,%202014.pdf

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