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A Message to the Community:

On behalf of the Contra Costa Community College District (District), we thank voters for your support of Measure E, a \$450 million facilities bond measure passed on June 3rd. We thank the businesses, organizations, volunteers, endorsers, employees, and students who made important contributions in passing this much-needed bond measure. Our colleges – Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College and the San Ramon Campus, and Los Medanos College and the Brentwood Center – can now continue their effort in providing the supportive learning environment for our students to be successful.

Over the years, we have overcome many challenges and achieved many goals. However, the most noticeable change we have seen has been the improvements our District has made because of the passage of previous bond facilities measures in 2002 and 2006. As a result of the passage of these measures, we have made seismic retrofits and ADA compliance improvements at Contra Costa College, constructed the new Student Services Center at Diablo Valley College, and built the permanent San Ramon Campus, and constructed new science and math buildings at Los Medanos College, among many other improvements to our facilities.

These are not nice-to-have improvements, but priority projects that help us serve all of our students in preparing them for 21st century jobs. With the passage of Measure E, we can continue renovating buildings constructed in the 1950s and '60s or building new facilities, make the campuses fully accessible to all students, upgrade our aging infrastructure, complete more seismic safety improvements, and build a permanent facility in Brentwood.

We assure you that we take the stewardship of public funds seriously and will continue to conduct annual performance and financial audits as required by law and work collaboratively with the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (Committee) members as mandated for Proposition 39 school bonds.

It was December 27, 1948, when the Board of Supervisors approved the formation of the Contra Costa Junior College District, now known as the Contra Costa Community College District. For the past 65 years, we have been helping our students transfer to four-year colleges or get the training needed to obtain good paying jobs. We are proud of our legacy and look forward to serving the community for many years to come.

On behalf of our Governing Board, our 3,100 employees, and over 55,000 students annually who count on us as a critical safety net for affordable, quality local higher education, thank you for your support of Measure E.

John E. Márquez, *Governing Board President*

Helen Benjamin, *Chancellor*



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Governing Board Welcomes New Student Trustee

Elijah Ziskin is currently a student at Diablo Valley College, majoring in cognitive science, with interest in the studies of international relations, philosophy, and linguistics. The majority of his hours are spent reading textbooks, researching, playing violin, writing, participating in student organizations, and sitting in class lectures. Formerly a resident of Washington State, Elijah has been calling the East Bay his home for the past two years.

Chancellor Presides Over Juneteenth Event

The local community got a chance to see Chancellor Helen Benjamin in a festive role as she presided as the Grand Marshall of the 11th annual Juneteenth Family Day Parade and Festival in Richmond. The annual event is sponsored by the Neighborhood Block Association, Chevron and the City of Richmond, and took place at Nicholl Park.

The Richmond Juneteenth festival is one of the largest in California. Event organizers estimated that more than 20,000 people attended this year's festival, which is a long cry from the 100 that showed up to the first celebration 11 years ago.

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when slaves in Galveston, Texas, were informed by Union soldiers that the Civil War had ended more than a month earlier and they were free.

For more information on Juneteenth, visit <http://www.juneteenth.com/history.htm>.



Chancellor **Helen Benjamin** presides over the Juneteenth Parade in the Wells Fargo stagecoach.

DVC Students Win National FBLA Awards

Diablo Valley College (DVC) students received national recognition as future business leaders at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, on June 27, 2014. Students across the United States gathered to participate in over 55 business and business-related competitive events, visit exhibit halls, network, and listen to motivational keynote speakers.

This is the second year DVC has had students qualify for this prestigious event, and six students received national recognition.

“We are so incredibly proud of these students and thank them for representing DVC at the national level in such an outstanding way,” said **Carolyn Seefer**, DVC PBL Faculty Advisor.

“Competing against the best in the country and networking with hundreds of immensely capable and charismatic future business professionals served as an eye-opener,” said Angad Singh, one of the NLC attendees and award winners.

Phi Beta Lambda is the largest and oldest college-level student business organization. For more details about them, visit www.fbld-pbl.org.



DVC students taking home national honors (left to right): Alex Butorin, Angad Singh, Vivian Natalia, Virginia Yan, Belinda Yan, Daniel Humphrey.

Board Report

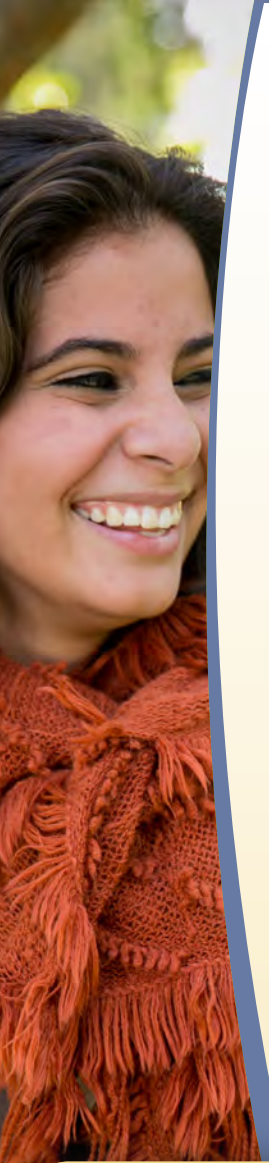
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The Contra Costa Community College District, founded in 1948 and governed by a publicly elected five-member board, is one of the largest multi-college community college districts in California. The mission of the District is to attract and transform students and communities by providing accessible, innovative and outstanding higher education learning opportunities and support services.



Chancellor Chats Are Scheduled

Want to share your ideas on building student enrollment? Do you have an idea for increasing student success? Are you interested in stopping by to say hello?

Chancellor **Helen Benjamin** will be coming to your campus/center this fall for her annual “Chancellor Chats.” These chats provide a platform for all employees to ask



Location	Date	Time	Room
Brentwood	10.1.14	2 to 4	C-2
CCC	9.24.14	1 to 3	LA-26
DO	10.21.14	9 to 10	Chancellor's office
DVC	9.30.14	2 to 4	Student Services Center, Room 126
LMC	9.18.14	1 to 3	L-105
SRC	9.29.14	2 to 4	W-137

questions, discuss important issues, and speak with the Chancellor directly.

Contact Pat Kaya at 1-6821 and schedule an appointment at any of the locations listed at left.

DVC Swimmer Wins CCCAA Female Athlete of the Year Honor

After a stellar, record-breaking season, Diablo Valley College (DVC) swimmer Allison Gargalikis has been named the



California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Female Athlete of the Year. As a graduate of Carondelet High School in Concord, Gargalikis began her college career at UCLA before attending DVC. Her superior performance with the DVC women's swim team garnered nine All-American titles.

Gargalikis led the Vikings to a state championship after breaking records in the 200 and 400 medley relays, the 100-yard breaststroke, the 50 breaststroke and 50 butterfly competitions. She leads community colleges nationwide with an individual time of 1:00.71 in the 100-yard breaststroke, which set a new pool record for East Los Angeles College's Swim Stadium Pool.

In addition to Gargalikis setting the pace with multiple records in the pool; she paced her classmates by boasting a 4.0 GPA for the Spring 2014 semester, raising her cumulative GPA to 3.8.

District Welcomes New Employees

Please welcome the following new employees who were approved by the Governing Board in June and July.

Classified

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Kyle Alvarado	Senior Office Assistant
DO	Nikhil Bassi	Fiscal Operations Specialist
CCC	De Eboni Noureddine	Counselor Assistant
DVC	Kimberly Salangsang	Customer Services Clerk
DO	Dave Vigo	Fiscal Operations Specialist

First Year Contract Academic Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Benjamin Jahn	English
CCC	Sarah Boland Drain	Counseling
CCC	Carlos-Manuel Chavarria	Drama
CCC	Megan Kinney	Library Science
CCC	Julie Skoler	Counseling
DVC	John Corbally	History
DVC	Shaeheea Hollis-Sachau	Counseling
DVC	Sheila Lau	Counseling
DVC	Kelvyn Moran	ESL
DVC	Nicolette Moultrie	Dental Technology
DVC	Sanghamitra Niyogi	Sociology
DVC	Clint Ryan	Mathematics
DVC	Bridgitte Schaffer	History
LMC	Jill Buettner-Ouellette	English
LMC	Melinda Capes	Chemistry
LMC	Rick Estrada	Mathematics
LMC	Sharon Goldfarb	Nursing
LMC	Briana McCarthy	Biological Sciences
LMC	James Noel	English
LMC	Maria Perrone	Mathematics
LMC	German Sierra	Fire Technology
LMC	Barbara Snyder	Nursing

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