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## Governing Board Welcomes New Student Trustee

New Student Trustee Gary S. Walker-Roberts graduated from Los Medanos College (LMC) and received his associate degree in Behavioral and Social Sciences. He is currently pursuing his Spanish Certificate at LMC and also plans to receive his bachelor's degree in Ethnic Studies: Gender and Sexuality in the Community of Color from California State University, East Bay.

He led the student government on multiple advocacy outreach projects pertaining to underrepresented minority student populations such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, ally (LGBTQIA), disabled student programs and services, veterans and Asian and Pacific Islander communities. As LMCAS President, Gary's peers selected him for the "Outstanding Student Government Leader Award" for his dedication to LMCAS and the student body. Additionally, under his leadership as President, the LMCAS was awarded the "Social Change Award" for its outstanding advocacy efforts and successful outcomes. Gary plans to use his leadership skills to represent students in the District while continuing to master his skills as civic leader in his tenure as Student Trustee.

In addition to academics, Gary belongs to a Hawaiian Halau in Antioch, California and enjoys studying Hawaiian culture and hula dancing. He loves to travel with his husband to the islands of Hawaii to relax and "hang loose." Gary is also the proud parent of their two boxer dogs, Rocky and Rain.



*New Governing Board Student Trustee Gary S. Walker-Roberts previously served as LMC Associated Student President for the 2014-15 academic year.*



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## Chancellor Chats Are Scheduled

Interested in sharing your ideas on increasing student outreach? Have an innovation you'd like to see implemented? Want to stop by and just say hello?

Chancellor **Helen Benjamin** is visiting your campus soon for her annual "Chancellor Chats" which provide employees a platform to discuss important issues and ask questions. This is a great opportunity to speak with her on an informal basis, so save the date and stop on by. To schedule an appointment at any of the locations, contact **Pat Kaya** at extension 1-6821.

Chancellor Chats Schedule			
Location	Date	Time	Room
LMC	9.16.15	3 to 5 pm	SS4-409
Brentwood	9.28.15	12 to 2 pm	Office A-4
DO	9.29.15	10 am to 12 pm	Chancellor's Office
SRC	9.30.15	2 to 4 pm	W-137
DVC	10.5.15	1 to 3 pm	AB-202
CCC	10.7.15	10 am to 12 pm	AA-216

## Middle College High Makes Honor Roll

**M**iddle College High School (MCHS) at Contra Costa College (CCC) has earned another distinguished honor after *U.S. News & World Report* magazine ranked it among the top high school in the nation.

The Campaign for Business & Education Excellence (CBEE) named MCHS one of the CBEE Honor Roll Schools. The CBEE Honor Roll, which focuses on public K-8 and high school improvement, is the only school recognition program in California to use student achievement outcomes as the sole criteria for evaluation.

MCHS was established in 1989 as a collaboration between West Contra Costa Unified School District and CCC.

With a population of nearly 300 students, MCHS smaller classes provide personalized attention from college and high school faculty and staff.

To learn more about Middle College High School, visit: <http://www.wccusd.net/middlecollege>.

*Middle College High School, housed on the Contra Costa College campus, allows students to earn college units while still enrolled in high school.*



**Dr. Andrew C. Jones**

## Interim Executive Vice Chancellor, Education and Technology

**D**r. Andrew C. Jones has been selected to serve the District as Interim Executive Vice Chancellor, Education and Technology. The position is open due to the interim assignment for **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh** as the Interim Contra Costa College president.

Dr. Jones comes to the District with over 30 years of executive administration experience. Most recently he led Coast Community College District, California, as its Chancellor and previously served as Executive Vice Chancellor of Educational Affairs for the Dallas County Community College District, Texas, and President of the Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville, Maryland.

With his focus on leveraging technology and research to enhance student success and institutional effectiveness, Dr. Jones is looking forward to his role at the District. "I am excited about serving in the role of Interim Executive Vice Chancellor at Contra Costa Community College District because it is a renowned district on the cusp of greatness, and I am privileged to have an opportunity to contribute," shared Dr. Jones.

Dr. Jones has also led several national initiatives to address the declining role of males of color in higher education, to promote increased faculty diversity and development, and to promote student success through the use of technology, process improvement and predictive analytics. He led the formation of the Orange County Regional Chancellor's Workforce Committee and established a quarterly regional chancellor's summit. Dr. Jones remains involved with statewide workforce efforts in and developing STEM based entrepreneurial initiatives to enhance the working learner and promote the notion of knowledge acquired through doing.

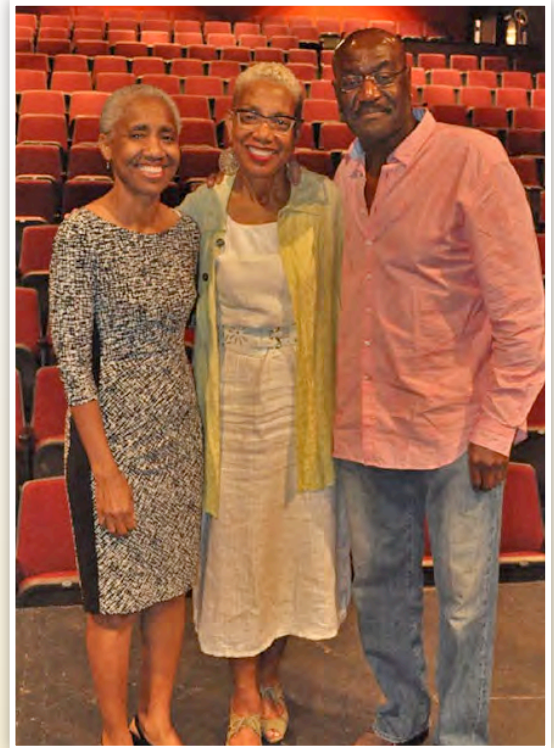


## DVC Artists-In-Residence Program

When the lights faded and the music began, actor Barry Shabaka Henley walked onto the Diablo Valley College (DVC) theater stage to perform his captivating monologue, an exploration of the late jazz composer Charles Mingus. As Henley spoke, DVC drama students took notes, critiquing the actor's performance.

With District and college staff looking on, this particular performance was the final act of this year's DVC's Artists-In-Residence program. The weeklong summer session was designed by drama faculty to create a parallel and collaborative environment for students and artists involved in playwriting. DVC students worked alongside the artists, all of whom are well-known professionals in their fields, to conceptualize and develop their own plays while receiving feedback. In exchange, the students submitted their own critique of the recently revised play, *Mingus Remixed*, which was directed, composed and performed by the three participating artists: Delroy Lindo, Barry Shabaka Henley, and Duane "Muziki" Roberson.

Drama Chair **Beth McBrien** witnessed the transformation of her students as they engaged in the creative collaboration. "For the students to see that there is hope and there are possibilities, and to work with artists who are brilliant, kind, smart, and clearly have integrity about their work, is a great example," said McBrien. "It's been absolutely extraordinary."



Chancellor **Helen Benjamin** and CCC's **Donna Floyd** meet actor **Delroy Lindo** at DVC's Artists-In-Residence Program.



Chancellor **Helen Benjamin**, retiree **Tim Clow**, and **Vincent McCarley** congratulate CCC student **Darnell Jeriko** on winning the Study Abroad Minority Scholarship.

## CCC Student Wins Study Abroad Scholarship

The study abroad program, offered by all three Contra Costa Community College District (District) colleges, provides students a chance to study in another country, all while enjoying and learning a new culture. Unfortunately, not all students are able to take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, which is why the Study Abroad minority scholarship was created. This year's scholarship was funded by Chancellor **Helen Benjamin** and Vincent McCarley, Chief Executive Officer of finance firm Backstrom McCarley Berry (BMcB).

BMcB's work with K-12 and higher education extends beyond financial literacy, but also supports study abroad programs, academic scholarships, and year-round internships. "As a firm and as individual professionals, BMcB is highly committed to giving back to the communities in which we serve," said McCarley. "Central to our core is the area of creating education opportunities and the mentoring of African-American, Latino, and other at risk minority youth."

Scholarship recipient and Contra Costa College (CCC) student **Darnell Jeriko** credits the CCC support staff for their encouragement. "Winning this award has inspired me to believe that anything is possible with good intentions and taking leaps of faith," said Jeriko. "I definitely intend to apply this to every aspect of my life henceforth."



## District Welcomes New Employees

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

### Confidential Employee

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Michael Peterson	Senior Executive Assistant

### First-year Contract Academic Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Joseph Carver	Communication Studies
CCC	Vanna Gonzales	Political Science
CCC	Dickson Lam	English
DVC	Cory Antonakos	Chemistry
DVC	Troy Bennett	Multimedia
DVC	Michael Colson	English
DVC	Taylor Harrison	Counseling
DVC	Jared Howard	Counseling
DVC	Akihiko Kumakura	Foreign Languages: Japanese
DVC	Seanna Martin	Biological Sciences
DVC	Matthew Munday	Counseling
DVC	Hideo Nakano-Hiraki	Counseling
DVC	Teresita Saechao	Nutritional Science/Dietetics
DVC	Cameron Teichgraeber	Physics/Astronomy
DVC	Ian Thomas-Bignami	English
DVC	Nicholas Vasallo	Music
DVC	Christina Wade	Counseling
DVC	Justin Wembes	Counseling
LMC	Scott Warfe	English
LMC	Dean Andrews	Accounting
LMC	Marie Arcidiacono	Communication Studies
LMC	Joshua Bearden	History
LMC	Dann Gesink	Welding
LMC	Nina Ghiselli	Counseling
LMC	Scott Hubbard	Mathematics
LMC	Haydee Lindgren	Counseling
LMC	Maria Magante	Mathematics
LMC	Stacey Miller	English
LMC	Caitlin Mitchell	English
LMC	Bobby Sturgeon	Automotive Technology
LMC	Scott Warfe	English

### Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Andrew Davis	Computer and Network Specialist
CCC	Mikel Jackson	Athletic Trainer
DVC	Julie Barnhart	Admissions/Records Assistant I
DVC	Andrea Bell	Senior Office Assistant
DVC	Rodolfo Herrera	Customer Services Clerk
DVC	Teresa Herrera	Customer Services Clerk
DVC	Akwoung Saechao	Science Laboratory Technician II
LMC	Michele Mikami	Library Assistant II

### Board Report

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

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