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## Newly Tenured Faculty and Classified Employee of the Year Reception

Prior to their March 25, 2015, meeting, the Governing Board hosted a reception at the District Office to honor and congratulate the District's newly tenured faculty and recognize the District's 2015 Classified Employee of the Year. Honorees were introduced by their college president, and were joined at the reception by family, friends and co-workers.

Faculty earns tenure status following four years of full-time teaching and receiving satisfactory evaluations by a committee of managers and their peers.

The District's 2015 Classified Employee of the Year is coordinated by the Classified Senate Coordinating Council and the selection is endorsed by the Governing Board. The award recognizes an outstanding classified employee who demonstrates the highest level of commitment to professionalism and community colleges.



Faculty members receiving tenure are: (left to right) **Louie Giambattista** (LMC), **Matthew Stricker** (LMC), **Mohamed Eisa** (DVC), **Mary (Yvonne) Canada** (DVC), and **Mary Mazzocco** (DVC). Not pictured: **Jennifer Ounjian** (CCC), **Kevin Leeper** (DVC), **Kasey Gardner** (LMC), **Christine Park** (LMC)

HSI STEM manager **Mayra Padilla** (right) added her support to the selection of CCC's **Kelly Ramos** (left) as the District's 2015 Classified Employee of the Year. Kelly will now be considered for the statewide honor bestowed by the Board of Governors.



## LMC's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Community Event



LMC President **Bob Kratochvil** (left) was joined by many elected officials at the 40th anniversary celebration including Congressman **Mark DeSaulnier** (center) and Assemblymember **Jim Frazier** (right).

Science labs featuring exploding gummy bears and elephant toothpaste were just two of the many fun activities offered at the Los Medanos College's (LMC) Open House, held on March 21, 2015. Commencing with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, LMC celebrated with the community 40 years of service to East County. Attendees learned more about the college experience as they toured the new Student Services Center which houses departments like Admissions & Records, Financial Aid, Counseling, college leadership and instructional administration offices.

The community enjoyed music, dance and theatrical performances and had the opportunity to participate in college and career success workshops as student club representatives and college staff shared more about campus life. A variety of open labs were available for those interested in computer science, nursing, journalism, photography and emergency medical services – all programs offered by the college.

More information about the college's history and open house can be found at [www.losmedanos.edu/openhouse](http://www.losmedanos.edu/openhouse).

The LMC Jazz Band performed for attendees at the 40th anniversary celebration.



Staff members of Regal Collision Repair were on hand to deliver the renovated van to members of the SF Skate Club.

## CCC Donates Van to Non Profit

Contra Costa College (CCC) never thought their athletic department's decommissioned van would end up helping mentored youth, but that's exactly what happened. The van originally belonged to CCC's athletic department, but by the time it was transferred to the automotive department it was in desperate need of repairs.

"Due to the mileage, condition of the body and interior, and age, we decided to give it to the automotive department to either be used in their class for training purposes, sold at auction, or sold for scrap," said Business Services Supervisor **Nick Dimitri**, who helped facilitate the transaction.

Once the van was deemed unfit for instruction, automotive instructor **Peter Lock** suggested donating the vehicle instead. Lock learned of the San Francisco (SF) Skate Club through automotive advisor Jim Boyle, owner of Regal Collision Repair, and the shop transformed the van into a shiny, new set of wheels.

"I'm absolutely amazed at the outcome of the van after all the work was performed," exclaimed Dimitri. "It's hard to believe that the vehicle in the pictures is the same vehicle we were going to trash."

The SF Skate Club is a nonprofit group established in 2007 that mentors youth through skateboarding, serving about 100 children annually ranging from ages 8 to 15. For more details about the SF Skate Club, visit [www.sfskateclub.com](http://www.sfskateclub.com).



*LMC's Cecil Nasworthy (left) was on hand to celebrate the long teaching career of Jack Williams (center). Also pictured is Spencer Clark (right) who ran the ETEC program in the early 2000s.*

## LMC Instructor Jack Williams Retires

**O**n March 2, 2015, following an impressive 52 years with the Contra Costa Community College District, Los Medanos College (LMC) instructor **Jack Williams** was honored for his long-term commitment to student success. During the celebration, attended by both Chancellor **Helen Benjamin** and LMC President **Bob Kratochvil**, Williams' colleagues and students spoke about his great influence in their lives.

"He is extremely knowledgeable with vast and varied experiences, which he loved to convey to his students," said **Kiran Kamath**, Senior Dean of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness. "He was the expert on electrical code and will be hard (or impossible) to replace given his vast knowledge."

After starting at Diablo Valley College as an electrical apprentice with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Williams joined LMC as an Electrical Technology (ETEC) adjunct faculty member in 1973. Now, at the age of 90, Williams has reached the end of a career in which he shared his breadth of knowledge with students and fellow instructors alike, changing hundreds of life in the process.

ETEC Program Director **Cecil Nasworthy** praised Williams for being part of the original planning stages of the ETEC program, creating theories and techniques still used in teaching students today. "He could teach almost any ETEC subject and I could call on him whenever I needed someone to cover a class," said Nasworthy. "He will be greatly missed and hard to replace."

### ***District Welcomes New Employees***

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

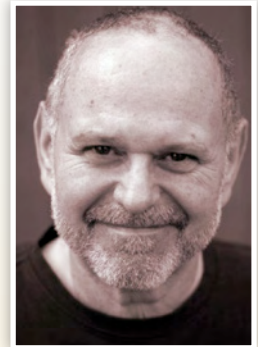
#### **Regular Monthly Classified Employees**

Location	Name	Title
LMC	Robert Delgado	Office Assistant II
CCC	Jerol Hodges	Locker Room Attendant
DVC	Arturo Torres	Custodian II

## CCC's Doug Dildine Wins Statewide Hayward Award

**E**xemplifying excellence in both his teaching and professional environments, Contra Costa College's **Douglas Dildine** was awarded the statewide 2014-15 Gerald C. Hayward Award for Excellence on March 17, 2015.

Dildine, an adjunct professor in Drama at Contra Costa College (CCC) credits his teaching experience at all three colleges as contribution to his award win. "Each college in our district is unique – reflecting their local communities, their students and their faculty and staff," explained Dildine. "I have met so many wonderful students at each college and have been blessed to have so many experienced colleagues who have helped and supported my career at each college."



**Douglas Dildine**

The prestigious award, which is sponsored by the Foundation for California Community Colleges, honors outstanding community college faculty who have demonstrated commitment to their student, profession and college. Recipients are nominated by their college academic senate and selected by representatives of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges to receive a \$1,250 cash award and honorary plaque.

The award is named in honor of Gerald C. Hayward, who served as California Community Colleges chancellor from 1980 to 1985.

Last year, Dildine received another statewide award when the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges recognized him as its Part-Time Faculty Member of the Year.

### Board Report

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[http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board\\_reports/March%2025,%202015.pdf](http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/March%2025,%202015.pdf)

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