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Governing Board President Receives Statewide Trustee Award

Since 2005, the Community College League of California (League) has been recognizing trustees for their years of service. Given in 10-year intervals, the League believes it is important to acknowledge the servant-leadership of long standing trustees that continue to give of their time, energy and wisdom for the educational benefit of their communities.

At its May 3, 2015, California Community College Trustees conference in Monterey, a number of trustees were recognized with a statewide award including the District's John T. Nejedly for his 20 years of service.

"It is humbling to be recognized for my Governing Board service to the Contra Costa Community College District," says Nejedly. "I want to recognize my fellow trustees who have served with me over the past 20 years, providing leadership for the District and made decisions that were in the best interest of the students we serve."



Governing Board President John T. Nejedly receives his award from California Community College Trustees' president-elect Janet Chaniot. Trustee Chaniot is from the Mendocino-Lake Community College District.

DVC Hosts Expanding Your Horizons Conference



Middle School girls from Bay Area schools attend Diablo Valley College's Expand Your Horizons conference. Attendees listen as Ghirardelli Chocolate Company's Jenna Fu, who works as an Innovation Chocolate Technologist, speaks to the crowd.

Making chocolate doesn't seem like a scientific process, but as Innovation Chocolate Technologist Jenna Fu explained, there is more to the process than meets the taste buds. Fu's position at Ghirardelli Chocolate Company was just one of the many Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers explored at Diablo Valley College's (DVC) Expanding Your Horizons Conference.

The inspirational event attracted 160 middle school girls from 38 schools around the Bay Area, all whom gathered to learn more about STEM career opportunities for women. As the students enjoyed interactive workshops led by STEM faculty and local STEM professionals, their parents attended college preparatory sessions where they

were provided information on financial aid, college and career planning, and supporting their daughter's interests in STEM.

Tina Dodson, DVC's Workforce Development Manager, helped organize the conference and credits Chevron and DVC staff for the event's success.

"Chevron sponsored this event and we could not have done it without their generous contribution," said Dodson. "We have gotten very positive feedback from the students, parents, volunteers and presenters, that the event was a great success!"



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Districtwide Service Recognition Awards

The annual District service awards recognition event was held on May 2, 2015, at DVC's Diablo Room. Presenting the awards for serving 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years, were Governing Board members John T. Nejedly, Vicki Gordon, and Greg Enholm to honor these employees for their years of service and dedication to the District.



20 Years of Service:

20 years of service (From left to right): DVC's **Emmanuel Akanyirige**, DVC's **Beatrice Osborne**, CCC's **Jose Oliveira**, LMC's **Silvester Henderson**, LMC's **Letta Greene**, CCC's **Intisar Shareef**, DVC's **Martha Dixon**, DVC's **Marva DeLoach**, DVC's **Milagros Ojermark**, DVC's **Marcia Goodman**, and DVC's **Frank Ichigaya**.

25 Years of Service:

25-years of service (Front row; left to right): LMC's **Janine Ornelas**, CCC's **Susan Lee**, CCC's **Sandra Everhart**, DVC's **Ray Kendall**, DVC's **Isabel Izquierdo**, LMC's **Kwadwo Poku**, and LMC's **Robin Harrison**. (Back row; left to right): DVC's **Catherine Walton-Woodson**, DO's **Denise Killings**, DVC's **Cheryll Le May**, DVC's **Despina Prapavessi**, DVC's **Carol Okay**, CCC's **Mark Williams**, DVC's **Steve Ward**, DVC's **John Christensen**, CCC's **Joseph DeTorres**, and LMC's **Gustavo Gonzalez**.



CAMPUS	YEARS	NAME
DVC	20	Emmanuel Akanyirige
LMC	20	Barbara Austin
DVC	20	Marian Blackwell-Stratton
DVC	20	Angela Brooks
DVC	20	Karen Castle
LMC	20	Milton Clarke
DVC	20	Michael Connor
DVC	20	Marva DeLoach
DVC	20	Martha Dixon
DVC	20	Josephine (Theresa) Flores-Lowry
DVC	20	Marcia Goodman
LMC	20	Letta Greene
LMC	20	Silvester Henderson
DVC	20	Dean Holman
DVC	20	Frank Ichigaya
DVC	20	Patrick Leong
DO	20	Teresa Nicolas
DVC	20	Milagros Ojermark
CCC	20	Jose Oliveira
DVC	20	Beatrice Osborne
DVC	20	Mercy Pono
LMC	20	Jennifer Saito
CCC	20	Intisar Shareef
DVC	20	Joan Symonds
DVC	20	Cynthia Warren

CAMPUS	YEARS	NAME
CCC	25	Joseph DeTorres
DVC	25	John Dunivan
CCC	25	Sandra Everhart
LMC	25	Gustavo Gonzalez
DVC	25	Kris Hammar
LMC	25	Robin Harrison
DVC	25	Martha Hetherington
DVC	25	Isabel Izquierdo
DVC	25	Raymond Kendall
DO	25	Denise Killings
DVC	25	Holly Kresch
CCC	25	Jeryl Landers
DVC	25	Cheryll Le May
CCC	25	Susan Lee
DVC	25	Nancy Malone
CCC	25	Irma Yolanda Mendoza
CCC	25	Letanja Mitchell
DVC	25	Theodore Nirgiotis
DVC	25	Carol Okay
DVC	25	Janine Ornelas
LMC	25	Elizabeth Pearman
LMC	25	Kwadwo Poku
DVC	25	Despina Prapavessi
LMC	25	Spring Tiscareno
DVC	25	Catherine Walton-Woodson
DVC	25	Steven Ward
DST	25	Michael West
CCC	25	Mark Williams

Districtwide Service Recognition Awards, (continued)

30 Years of Service:



30 years caption: 30-years of service (left to right): LMC's **Antonio Macias**, and LMC's **Eva Monteverde**.

35, 40, 45 Years of Service:



35, 40 and 45-years of service (left to right): CCC's **Peter Lock**, DVC's **Tina Levy**, and CCC's **Al Zuniga**.

CAMPUS	YEARS	NAME
LMC	30	Camme Benzler
CCC	30	Robert Chan
CCC	30	Joseph Ledbetter
LMC	30	Antonio Macias
LMC	30	Eva Monteverde
LMC	30	James Spagnol
DVC	30	Lori Vickers

CAMPUS	YEARS	NAME
LMC	35	Kenneth Alexander
CCC	35	Peter Lock
DVC	35	Teresa Towers
DVC	40	Tina Levy
LMC	40	Alexander Sample
CCC	45	Alfred Zuniga

Kennedy-King Scholars

On May 15, 2015, proud parents, friends and family gathered to celebrate student achievement at the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Dinner. Held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Concord, a record 29 undergraduates and three graduates were recognized for their exceptional academic achievement. During the annual reception, recipients shared their inspiring stories of determination with attendees and educational goals now made possible with their scholarship awards.

“Our purpose, since our founding in 1968, has been to improve Contra Costa County by increasing educational opportunities for minority students who will use their education to serve the community for years to come,” explained John McPeak, who serves as Kennedy-King’s Board President. “We play a unique and meaningful role in improving the overall community.”



2015 Kennedy King Scholars. L to R. Row 1: Le’Ron Hill, Gabriel Torres, Anita Metuge, Miguel Cortez Valdez, Yanet Pinzon, Brenda Vega, Stephanie Rico, Nubia Azuara Escamilla, Denis Sanpedro, Jeannette Martinez, Jose Alfredo Jimenez, Chanel Barton, Paola Ramirez. Row 2: Alexis Mercado, Christian Talavera, Gonzolo Reyes, Deminika Spears, Maria Janet Delgado. Row 3: Hugo Torres, Luis Yataco, Brandon Cipriano, Carlissa Pritchett, LaToya Sykes, Dieudonne Brou, Anita Metuge, Brenda Ruiz, Susan Aziz, Natalie Ramirez.

Founded in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Senator Robert F. Kennedy, the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship provides \$8000 two-year scholarships to underrepresented, minority students who have achieved academic success. Additionally, \$4,000 one-year scholarships are granted to former recipients pursuing graduate degrees.

For more information about the Kennedy King Memorial Scholarship Fund, visit www.kennedyking.org.

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.



Purchasing's Ben Cayabyab Wins Statewide Award

Professional excellence, leadership, and collaboration are essential elements of a California community college purchasing department, which is why the Foundation for California Community Colleges honors individuals who embody these qualities. In recognition of his outstanding service, **Ben Cayabyab** was one of two awardees of the Purchasing Professionals of the Year Award at the 2015 California Community Colleges Purchasing Conference in San Diego.

"Ben continues to share and learn about purchasing and his morals and ethics are just part of what makes him so well deserving of the award," said **Dave Wetmore**, Contra Costa Community College District (District) Director of Purchasing.



Ben Cayabyab, Senior Buyer at the District Office, celebrates statewide award.

As a Senior Buyer at the District Office, Cayabyab has over 15 years of experience in the procurement profession and serves on several professional committees. Through his roles as chairman of the Northern California Community College Purchaser's Group and vice chair of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the California Association of Public Procurement Officials (CAPPO), Cayabyab's leadership and commitment are exemplified.

Purchasing professionals are key in managing the CollegeBuys purchasing program, which is operated by the Foundation for California Community Colleges. The program is designed to help colleges save money on education-related purchases and has facilitated nearly \$9 million in savings for colleges for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

"Collaboration is the key to this profession," said Cayabyab. "If all the community colleges stick together, we can continue to get better pricing and better deals for everyone."

Board Report

To review highlights of the special Governing Board Meeting held on May 11, 2015, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/May%2011,%202015.pdf

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held on May 27, 2015, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/the_news/May%202015.pdf

Cabinet Highlights

To review highlights of the Cabinet meetings held in May 2015, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors_cabinet/May%202015.pdf

District Welcomes New Employees

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

First-year Contract Academic Employees

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Christopher Capozzo	Psychology
DVC	Elizabeth Czapla	Mathematics
DVC	Lisa Drummond	Drama/Theater Arts
DVC	Robert Hawkins	Communication Studies
DVC	Anne Kingsley	English
DVC	Paula Leon-Bravo	Mathematics
DVC	John Polos	Biological Sciences
DVC	Brian Raymond	Mathematics
DVC	Somayah Sohi	Mathematics
DVC	Carolyn Warren	Counseling: Disabled Student Services and Programs
DVC	Julia Wilsie	Biological Sciences

Regular Monthly Classified Employees

DST	Vanessa Avalos	Police Services Officer
DST	John Cook	Buyer