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Governing Board Recognizes Matthew Rinn

The Governing Board presented member Matthew Rinn with a certificate of appreciation for his service. Rinn was appointed to the board representing Ward III in October 2013 following the passing of long-time member Sheila Grilli.

“Serving on the Governing Board was truly an amazing experience for me,” says Rinn. “I will cherish my time serving the District and its students.”



Outgoing member Matthew Rinn (center) takes one last official picture with the rest of the Governing board.

Feasibility Study on Relocating Brentwood Center



The Governing Board voted to continue plans to build the permanent Brentwood Center at Pioneer Square.

The Governing Board (Board) reviewed a feasibility study that looked into the potential relocation of the future Los Medanos College Brentwood Center. After deliberating on the issue, the Board voted 4-1 to continue plans on building the permanent center at the Pioneer Square land owned by the District.

The Board was asked at its September 10, 2014, meeting, by Bay Area Rapid Transit Board President Joel Keller to consider relocating the planned campus to another site nearby that may become a future eBART transit center in the city of Brentwood. The Board decided to create

an ad-hoc committee to consider the concept, and made the recommendation to conduct a feasibility study at a taxpayer cost of \$19,000.

Residents from the neighboring Summerset development expressed concerns about increased traffic in the area, and after making the decision the Governing Board directed staff to work with the community to mitigate this and other community concerns along with the City of Brentwood.

The feasibility study is included in the Board's November 12, 2014, meeting agenda, item 33B. http://www.4cd.edu/gb/agendas_minutes/agendas/2014-11-12.pdf



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Convocation on Innovation #4

In her fourth Convocation for Innovation (COI) message, Chancellor **Helen Benjamin** encouraged employees to register for the event scheduled for January 9, 2015. Registration can be completed by accessing the COI portal page from the [CCCCD homepage](#), and select the Convocation on Innovation item under *What's New in the District*. Deadline to register is December 31, 2014.

The COI keynote speaker will be Van Phillips who will share his story about asking a series of questions that resulted in an innovation that revolutionized the prosthetic limb industry. In addition, presentations will be made by 8 District innovative ideas/projects submitted.

Here is the entire schedule for the day.

7:00 a.m.	Bus Transportation Begins
8:00 a.m.	Check-In and Visits to Sponsors
9:00 a.m.	Welcome Remarks – Program Commences
9:15 a.m.	Campus Innovations
10:15 a.m.	An Hour with Mr. Van Phillips
11:15 a.m.	Reflection and Sponsor Networking
11:45 a.m.	From Idea to Innovation
12:30 p.m.	Chancellor's Closing Remarks
12:45 p.m.	Visits to Sponsors, Music, Return Transportation Begins

Parking at the Concord Hilton is limited, so free parking will be available at Waterworld USA, 1950 Waterworld Parkway, Concord, which is right next door to the hotel. Bus shuttles will take you to and from the hotel.

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Convocation on INNOVATION



January 9, 2015

CCC Alumni Awards



(left to right): Willie H. Reed, Sandi Genser-Maack, Robert Jones, Taalia Hasan and Marin Trujillo.

It was a red carpet affair as Contra Costa College (CCC) hosted their 65th Anniversary Hall of Fame ceremony on November 1, 2014. The celebratory event took place at Maple Hall in San Pablo, where CCC staff, faculty and supporters gathered to recognize outstanding alumni.

Organized by the CCC Foundation, guests enjoyed live music and witnessed the inducting of five alumni into the Hall of Fame: Sandi Genser-Maack, Taalia Hasan, Robert Jones, Willie Reed, and Marin Trujillo. Each Hall-of-Famer maintains strong ties to the CCC community and continues to display their dedication and support to the college.

“It was a surprise and a pleasure to be inducted. I was one of the first groups of students to go to Contra Costa College in 1951, when it was in the shipyards. I enjoyed my stay at Contra Costa College, meeting new people and playing basketball and baseball,” said Willie Reed. “I was honored to be recognized along with this highly intelligent group. To be honored among my friends and family, it felt really good.”

To learn more about the CCC Foundation, click here: <http://coast.contracosta.edu/aboutccc/CCCFOUND/Shared%20Documents/default.aspx>

College Newspapers Win Journalism Awards

Los Medanos College (LMC), Contra Costa College (CCC), and Diablo Valley College (DVC) all celebrated wins as their newspapers coveted a variety of awards at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges convention on November 8, 2014, at California State University, Sacramento.

This semester marked the first time all three college newspapers received the Print Newspaper General Excellence award. In order to receive the award, colleges must submit three consecutive newspaper issues to be judged in several categories. Papers who receive enough points are granted a General Excellence Award.

“Our print and online redesign, spearheaded and maintained by our Art Director George Morin, has allowed *The Advocate* to have a larger impact on CCC’s student body and faculty,” said Editor-in-Chief, Lorenzo Morotti. “I was thrilled that our staff won a General Excellence Award at the NorCal convention and so was my staff.”

LMC *Experience* advisers **Cindy McGrath** and **Curtis Corlew** praised the work of the LMC student journalists who won awards at the convention. “We have had an exceptional staff for the last few semesters, and it is a delight to see their hard work recognized by professionals in the industry,” said Corlew.

DVC *Inquirer* advisor **Mary Mazzocco** was also very happy with her students’ achievements. “The spring staff worked very well together, so I’m pleased their effort was rewarded,” expressed Mazzocco. “The *Inquirer* has been reinventing itself to appeal to the current generation of students, and I hope this means we are on the right track.”



Staff at the DVC *Inquirer* celebrate their awards: (front row, left to right) Wesley Ihezue, Tyler Elmore, Kendall Brescia, Taylor Págan, Shane Louis and Amrita Kaur. (Back row, left to right) Daniel Maraccini, Ryan Chan and Zachary Dalton

District Welcomes New Employees

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

Regular Managers

Location	Name	Title
DO	Wilbert Lleses	District Financial Aid Director
DO	Preston Roach	Facilities Project Manager

Regular Monthly Classified Employees

CCC	Lori Rohleder	Senior Administrative Secretary
LMC	Tamara Carreon	Financial Aid Assistant I
LMC	Allison Roeder	Math Laboratory Coordinator



New Districtwide Financial Aid Director Selected

The District welcomes **Wilbert Lleses** as the new District Financial Aid Director. In joining the Contra Costa Community College District (District), He intends to provide leadership by working collaboratively and collectively with the financial aid offices throughout the District.

Prior to joining the District, Wilbert served as Director of Financial Aid for Notre Dame De Namur University and was a member of their Enrollment Management Team. He has over 14 years of experience working in higher education, beginning with his position as Business Office Coordinator at National Hispanic University (NHU) from 2000-2002. He assumed the NHU Bursar position in 2002, and accepted the Director of Financial Aid position in 2008. In 2010, he joined Notre Dame de Namur University as its Director of Financial Aid.

Wilbert holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from Notre Dame de Namur University (2012), a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from National Hispanic University (2007), and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Davao Doctor's College (1996). He is currently working on his Doctor of Business Administration degree at Grand Canyon University.

Wilbert strongly agrees that education is a key to a brighter future, and looks forward to helping students achieve their college goals.



Wilbert Lleses looks forward to helping district students find clear and successful pathways in financing their education.

Board Report

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

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/November%2012,%202014.pdf

Cabinet Highlights

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http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors_cabinet/November%202014.pdf

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.