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State of the District Meetings

The return of fall also brings the 4th annual State of the District meetings where community, political and business leaders are invited to learn about the challenges and opportunities the colleges and the District are facing. Hosted by the Governing Board, meetings are held at each of the five locations in the District.

Topics included the accreditation visits, District Strategic Plan 2014-19, financial updates, plans on increasing student success, and of course thanking the community for the passage of Measure E.

These meetings are also an opportunity to hear from community members on how the colleges and District are doing and ways we can improve our visibility and contribution to the community. Attendance each year continues to increase and the meetings are being recognized by attendees as a positive way to stay connected with the District.



LMC President **Bob Kratochvil** talks to attendees at the State of the District meeting held at the Brentwood Center.



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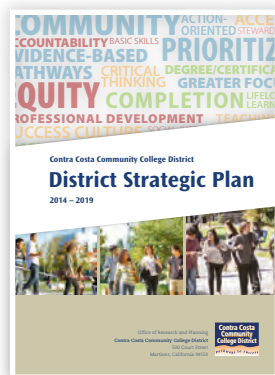
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District Strategic Plan 2014-19

The Contra Costa Community College District (District) Strategic Plan 2014-2019 has been completed and is now available on the District's website. The development of the five-year plan was spearheaded by district senior dean of research and planning, **Gregory Stoup**, along with a districtwide collective that included staff, faculty, students, administrators, governing bodies and community leaders.



The strategic plan promotes a shared understanding of the District's vision to be a beacon of excellence in learning and equitable student success and outlines four main goals:

- 1: Enhance student learning and success.
- 2: Strengthen current and create new partnerships.
- 3: Create a culture of continuous improvement and tangible success.
- 4: Be good stewards of the District's resources.

The plan serves as a roadmap for reaching these goals not only at the district level, but at the three colleges as well. Los Medanos College, Contra Costa College and Diablo Valley College strategic plans will now ensure their college plans are in alignment with the districtwide plan.

The District Strategic Plan 2014-2019 can be found by clicking on the following link: <http://www.4cd.edu/research/Strategic%20Planning/District%20Strategic%20Plan%202014-2019.pdf>.

Convocation on Innovation #2

Planning for the Convocation on Innovation (COI) event is underway as the districtwide planning team prepares for a day of inspiration, taking place Friday, January 9, 2015 at the Concord Hilton. In her second communication, the chancellor explained COI's second key concept, growth mindset, and shared the COI Mission Statement:

Promote an educational community that supports a growth mindset, fosters creative confidence and innovation, and recognizes the interdependence of our collective contributions and commitment to student success.

During the COI event, college and district innovations will be highlighted. The COI committee has asked all district personnel to nominate college or district innovations that have occurred within the last 10 years, whether they are new or implemented ideas. No innovation is too small to be considered. Innovation Nomination Submission Forms, which are due October 31, 2014, can be found on the CCCC home page by selecting the Convocation on Innovation item under *What's New in the District* link. This site includes the following information:

- Convocation on Innovation Event Enrollment
- Innovation Nomination Submission Form
- Chancellor's Communications (Under Documents)
- COI Committee and Subcommittees (Under Documents)
- COI Steering Committee Meeting Minutes and Agendas (Under Documents)

If you are interested in volunteering for a subcommittee or would like more information, please contact **Sally Montemayor Lenz** at 1-6826 or **Andrea Medina** at 1-6852.

New CCC Ambulance

Contra Costa College's (CCC) Emergency Medical Sciences program trains students how to save lives under stressful circumstances. Now, with the college's acquisition of an emergency ambulance vehicle, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) students have a chance to put their education and training to the test in a more realistic learning environment.

The ambulance was purchased with a Career Ladders Project grant which CCC applied for in 2012. The grant supported the development of career pathways linked to high school learning academies such as the Allied Health, Law and Justice programs at Richmond, Pinole and DeAnza high schools. The rolling classroom provides instructors the flexibility to teach an introductory Emergency Medical Instruction course to 40 students at multiple high school locations beginning spring 2015.

"The ambulance acquisition was the brainchild of CCC adjunct professor **Scott Weatherby**, who felt the ambulance could provide a more realistic environment to practice EMT skills," said CCC chair of the Department of Public Safety Education **Richard Ramos**. "It is certainly different conducting blood pressure and heart rate checks in the confines of a rolling ambulance than in a static environment."

CCC has one of the oldest EMT programs in the country, holding the distinction of having the highest overall pass rates of the National Registry Exam when compared to other instructional providers in the area. For more information on the EMT program, visit <http://www.contracosta.edu/home/programs-departments/emergency-medical-sciences/>.



The new CCC ambulance was showcased during the El Sobrante Stroll parade to promote the emergency medical training program to prospective students. EMT student Crystal Kozlowski was there to help answer questions about the ambulance and the program.



District Welcomes New Employees

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

Manager

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Richard Robison	Dean

First Year Contract Academic Employees

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Kelvyn Moran	English
LMC	Michelle Mack	Counseling
LMC	David Reyes	Counseling

Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Evren Gurson	Computer and Network Technician
CCC	Raheema Islam	Financial Aid Assistant II
CCC	Tseng-Fouw Pharn	Admissions/Records Assistant I
CCC	Mary Rossi	Office Assistant II
DVC	Candice Custodio-Tan	Student Activities Assistant
LMC	Courtney Diputado	Technology Training and Development Coordinator
LMC	Julio Guerrero-Gonzalez	Math Laboratory Coordinator
LMC	Margaret Kenrick	Science Laboratory Coordinator
LMC	Mary Pluth	Admissions/Records Assistant I

Board Report

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

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/October%208,%202014.pdf

Cabinet Highlights

To review highlights of the Cabinet meeting held in September 2014, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors_cabinet/September%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.