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## LMC Partners With LG Electronics

Los Medanos College's (LMC) Appliance Service Technology program has formed an exciting new partnership with LG Electronics. To celebrate the alliance, LMC President **Bob Kratochvil** and President of LG Electronics Alabama Inc., Kyumoon Yu participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony and certificate presentation last month. LG representatives, LMC appliance faculty, and current appliance service technology students also attended the celebration.

"We are honored that LG Electronics is committed to working with Los Medanos College on this venture," said LMC President Bob Kratochvil. "This new alliance will prepare our students for careers in the region and beyond."

As a result of the partnership, LG will provide their latest appliances, curriculum materials, training aids, specialty tools and repair parts for LMC students. LMC instructors and students will also have the opportunity to participate in training sessions led by LG technicians at the college.

"One of LMC's goals is developing strong industry partners as the college prepares a strong workforce for today and tomorrow," stated **Natalie Hannum**, Dean of Career Technical Education & Social Sciences.

**Len Price**, Chair and Faculty of the Appliance Service Technology program explained, "LG is one of the most supportive companies for service technicians in the field. Being able to work with this industry leader is an honor and a privilege for our college."

For more information about LMC's Appliance Service Technology program, visit [www.losmedanos.edu/appliance](http://www.losmedanos.edu/appliance).



Left to right: **Len Price**, LMC Appliance Service Technology Chair and Faculty; Kyumoon Yu, LGEAI President; **Bob Kratochvil**, LMC President; **Michael Kozlowski**, LG Director, Field Service & Strategy; **Jae Park**, LG Senior Manager, Human Resources; and **James Chalut**, LG Senior Manager, Technical Information Services.

## DVC Wins Water Conservation Award

Central Contra Costa  
Sanitary District



Since water conservation is a topic of utmost importance here in our drought-stricken state, Diablo Valley College (DVC) took a number of steps that greatly reduced their water usage and was recognized for their efforts. Granted by the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD), the water saving award was presented to DVC during the Sustainable Contra Costa Annual Awards Gala as an act of appreciation for all of DVC's work in conserving their water supply.

DVC's Building and Grounds department has made irrigation issues a priority and instituted several new conservation efforts, including the use of recycled water in DVC's lavatories and Horticulture department. "During DVC's last annual water inspection, we did very well during the water audit and inspection," shared **Troy Ricard**, Lead Grounds Worker and Gardener for DVC. "I think these efforts and DVC's proactive communication with CCCSD has contributed to DVC earning this award."

DVC was one of three "Business Champions" to receive the award, which was presented by CCCSD General Manager, Rodger Bailey. To learn more about the Sustainable Contra Costa Annual Awards visit <http://www.sustainablecontracosta.org/>.

## Current and Formerly Incarcerated Youth and Adult Task Force

As California continues to have one of the highest recidivism rates in the United States, lawmakers are shifting their focus to provide better resources for current and former youth and adult offenders. This includes improving the educational opportunities made available to those in need. Following the recommendations of then executive vice chancellor, education and technology, **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh**, and now chaired by interim vice chancellor, **Dr. Andrew Jones** and his team, the Governing Board has approved the creation of a task force charged with exploring current legislation and existing countywide programs.

The task force will also work to revise or create new internal programs directed at supporting current and formerly incarcerated youth and adults within the District.

"The taskforce is consistent with the District's community involvement and outreach objectives," explained Jones, "and supports the mission of empowering and transforming communities through education and outreach."

The task force is comprised of 16 members including District employees and Governing Board appointees, advocates and practitioners, county administrators, lawmakers and judges, in addition to representatives from the University of California and California State University system.

*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.*



## LMC's Shondra West Elected to Statewide Classified Senate

For Los Medanos College's (LMC) Shondra West, participating in community college governance is an experience she knows well. In fact, her many years of representing classified employees at the college and district level has now allowed West an opportunity to serve on a statewide level as a California Community College Classified Senate (4CS) representative. As the newly elected 4CS North Vice President, West continues to encourage others to pursue their professional goals through participation and understanding of educational processes. West's own experiences in the Contra Costa Community College District Leadership Institute (4CDLI) and Classified Senate have empowered her to become more involved on a greater level.

"My participation in the 4CDLI program helped me to achieve a better understanding of the day-to-day operations of our District," explained West, a Senior Administrative Assistant at LMC. "Understanding the design of various committee structures and how constituent groups partake in the decision making process boosted my confidence to become an advocate of all Classified Professionals within the District and State structures aimed at making a constructive difference."



As the new California Community College Classified Senate North Vice President, LMC's **Shondra West** advocates for community college classified personnel statewide.

## District Welcomes New Employees

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

### Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Brandy Lumpkin	Financial Aid Assistant I
LMC	Peggy Peters	Admissions/Records Assistant I
CCC	Lawrence Punsalang	Special Students Programs and Services Assistant

### Board Report

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[http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board\\_reports/October%207,%202015.pdf](http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/October%207,%202015.pdf)

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