

Districtwide Service Recognition Awards

The Districtwide service recognition awards reception was held May 11, 2017, at Diablo Valley College's Diablo Room. Presenting the awards for serving 20, 25, 30, and 35 years, were Governing Board President Vicki Gordon and Member Greg Enholm, who honored employees for their many years of dedicated service to the District.

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CAMPUS	YEARS	NAME
CCC	20	Terrill Mead
CCC	20	Wayne Organ
CCC	20	Richard Ramos
DO	20	Linda Cerruti
DO	20	Krista Ducharme
DO	20	Katherine Ogden
DVC	20	Laura Burns
DVC	20	Bruce Cook
DVC	20	Nancy Deason
DVC	20	Eric Freidenreich
DVC	20	Raymond Goralka
DVC	20	Andrew Kival
DVC	20	Joseph Krivicich
DVC	20	Allen Lacayo
DVC	20	Mark Messenger
DVC	20	Judith Myers
DVC	20	Phuong Nguyen
DVC	20	Ratha Ramoo
DVC	20	Carolyn Sefer
DVC	20	Charles Shackett
DVC	20	Donald Sutherland
DVC	20	Ann Uwathya
DVC	20	Ted Walker
LMC	20	JoAnn Hobbs
LMC	20	Karen Stanton



20 Years of Service:

(left to right): DO's Krista Ducharme & Katherine Ogden, DVC's Ann Uwathya & Carolyn Sefer.

CAMPUS	YEARS	NAME
CCC	25	Carol Stanton
DO	25	Patricia Kaya
DVC	25	Michael Almaguer
DVC	25	Julie Catalano
DVC	25	Peter Churchill
DVC	25	Steven Coccimiglio
DVC	25	Bill Foster
DVC	25	Lenore Gallin
DVC	25	Barbara Hewitt
DVC	25	Kevin Hopkins
DVC	25	Martha Laham
DVC	25	James Magee
DVC	25	Lucilla Mangante
DVC	25	Marianne Martinez
DVC	25	Daniel Mikolavich
DVC	25	Charles Sam Needham
DVC	25	Mohammad Panahandeh
DVC	25	Jennifer Tejada
DVC	25	Dorothy Torre
LMC	25	Jill DeStefano
LMC	25	Michael Norris
LMC	25	Denise Speer
LMC	25	Michael Yeong
LMC	25	Yongmin Zhu



25 Years of Service:

(left to right): DO's Pat Kaya, DVC's Martha Laham, Julie Catalano & Jennifer Tejada.



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30 Years of Service:

(left to right): DVC's **Bruce Koller** & LMC's **Frank Dorritie**

CAMPUS	YEARS	NAME
CCC	30	Greg Ericson
CCC	30	Ricky Figuera
CCC	30	Michael Mayo
CCC	30	Eric Smith
DVC	30	Terry Armstrong
DVC	30	Robert Eustes
DVC	30	Bruce Koller
DVC	30	Scott Terry
DVC	30	Kenneth White
LMC	30	Frank Dorritie
LMC	30	Linda Kohler
LMC	30	Eileen Valenzuela
DVC	35	Joyce Riley

Classified Employee of the Year

On May 15, 2017, Contra Costa College's (CCC) **Zolayma Martin** was honored as one of five California Community Colleges Classified Employee of the Year. Martin, a Liberal Arts Division secretary, has served the District for 15 years and is known to be committed to extremely high professional standards. She provides training to not only other administrative secretaries, but also to full-time and adjunct faculty. Having obtained an accounting degree, one of her many strengths is a clear understanding of load calculations, budget items and expense claims. In addition to her obligations at work, she volunteers her time at her children's elementary, middle and high schools, committing countless hours as the apparent leader across several campuses. Martin is the third District classified professional in the past five years to receive this distinguished statewide award.

"It is an honor to recognize and celebrate these outstanding partners whose work is shaping the educational experience for our students and helping to build a climate that fosters success," said California Community Colleges Board of Governors President **Cecilia V. Estolano**. "They work extraordinarily hard each day to support our students, and on behalf of the system we thank them for their outstanding contributions."

Established in 2008, and first handed out in 2009, the award is presented annually to community college classified employees who demonstrate the highest level of commitment to professionalism and the community colleges. Recipients are nominated by members of their college or district community and endorsed by their local board of trustees. Representatives of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the Foundation for California Community Colleges select the award recipients. The winners must have a record of outstanding performance on the job, as well as a record of active participation on campus and in their respective communities.

The Classified Employee of the Year Award is supported through a grant from the Foundation for California Community Colleges. Each recipient will receive a \$500 cash award and a commemorative plaque.



Left to right: State Chancellor Eloy Oakley, Foundation for CA Community College CEO Keetha Mills, Board of Governors Danny Hawkins, CCC's **Zolayma Martin**, Board of Governors President Cecilia Estolano, and Board of Governors Tom Epstein.

Kennedy King Scholarship Awards

The annual Kennedy King Scholarship Awards dinner commenced on May 19, 2017, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Concord, where 28 undergraduates and four graduates were recognized for their academic achievements. With family and friends surrounding them, proud recipients shared their educational aspirations now made possible through their scholarship awards.

Founded in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Senator Robert F. Kennedy, the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship has granted nearly \$3,000,000 in scholarships to almost 600 students since its founding. All scholars have completed at least two years of study at Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, or Los Medanos College, and have been accepted at a four-year university to complete their undergraduate studies.

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



1st Row (L-R) – Celena Lozano, Lucero Nieves, Jennifer Ochoa, Maria Pantoja-Pineda, Maricela Hernandez, Sandra Zuniga, Nafiza Khan, Al-Ameen Ishola, Brittany Ayala. 2nd Row (L-R) – Tahte'ana Nelson, Jocelyn Crowell, Jules Means, Diane Rodriguez, Sequoia Stanley, Paola Montiel, Christian Diaz-Galarza, Dulce Gutierrez. 3rd Row (L-R) – Maria Rodriguez, Cameron Schmidt, Michael Burks, Marcelo Clark, Samuel Martinez-Aristondo, Jimmie Smith, Alea Gomis, Shia Stennis, Blake Turner, Sasha Graham, Hennry Garcia, Jesus Brisena.
Not pictured – Luis Molina, Robin Lopez, Demenika Spears

Contra Costa College Hosts Council for a Strong America Event

Public safety officers, students and community members gathered at Contra Costa College (CCC) to learn more about a new report released by Council for a Strong America spotlighting safety concerns. As California Director of the Council for a Strong America, former Assemblymember Susan Bonilla opened the event by praising CCC for its contribution to training California police officers and emergency medical services staff to help address a pending “skills gap” faced by employers statewide. Bonilla provided an overview of the new report, titled Public Safety, Public Savings, which spotlights the role of community colleges in preparing students for jobs requiring some college credits, an associate degree, or a postsecondary vocational certificate.



Former Assemblymember Susan Bonilla addresses the audience at the CCC press release event.

Former CCC student and Richmond Police Officer Carmen Santana spoke to the crowd about her community college experience and path to law enforcement, noting her time at CCC as a pivotal point in her life. Richmond Police Chief Allwyn Brown, who serves on the Advisory Board of the Department of Public Safety at Contra Costa College, was also on hand to share his comments regarding the need for recruits with a variety of skills and knowledge. “We only want the best and brightest at Richmond Police Department, and we compete against the private sector for top talent just like any other employer,” said Brown. “The importance of home-grown talent cannot be overstated. Our involvement with Contra Costa College gives us a seat at the table and allows us to shape curriculum and tailor training to our particular needs in law enforcement.”

The event closed with live demonstrations performed by CCC students currently enrolled in the Emergency Services and Criminal Justice programs.



District Welcomes New Employees

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

Regular Academic Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Kristin Lassonde	Mathematics
DVC	Megan Hansen	English
DVC	Catherine Stitt	Mathematics
DVC	James Wilson	English

Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
DST	Dee Edwards	Payroll Technician
DST	Jinpa Tharchin	Fiscal Operations Specialist
DST	Judy Yu	Fiscal Operations Specialist
LMC	Melissa Keane	Administrative Secretary

Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held on May 24, 2017, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/May%2024,%202017.pdf

Cabinet Highlights

To review highlights of the Cabinet meeting held on May 9, 2017, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors_cabinet/May%202017.pdf

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