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## Advocacy Visits in Washington, D.C.

In Washington, D.C., Board President Tim Farley and Board Student Trustee Jessica Cisneros joined District leaders at the nation's capital to advocate on behalf of community colleges. The team included Accreditation Commission for Junior and Community Colleges' president Richard Wynn, and they met with Congressman Mark DeSaulnier, Congressman Mike Thompson, Congressman Eric Swalwell and Congressman Jerry McNeerney.

Each year, the American Association of Community Colleges partners with the Association of Community College Trustees to organize this effort to promote the top national legislative priorities facing community colleges. Some of the **top issues this year** included Reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, support for Dreamers, and increasing federal financial aid such as the Pell Grant.



During their annual advocacy visits, Governing Board members and District leaders met with elected officials to discuss community college issues. Pictured (left to right): Director of Communications & Community Relations **Tim Leong**, Chancellor **Fred Wood**, Congressman **Jerry McNeerney**, Board Student Trustee **Jessica Cisneros**, Board President **Tim Farley** and ACCJC president **Richard Wynn**.

## Budget Forums Scheduled

The 2018 Budget Forums have been scheduled for the month of April. Don't forget to attend one of the upcoming sessions led by Chancellor **Fred Wood**, Executive Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services' **Gene Huff**, and Associate Vice Chancellor/Chief Financial Officer **Jonah Nicholas**. These informative sessions provide employees an opportunity to learn more about the District's financial picture for the current academic year, and what may be in store for 2018-19. The sessions are open to all employees, so pick the date and time that works best for you!

### 2018 Budget Forums

Location	Date	Time	Room
LMC	4/10/18	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	L-109
CCC	4/11/18	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	GE-312
BWC	4/16/18	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Room 14
DO	4/17/18	9:00 am – 10:00 am	6th Floor
DVC	4/26/18	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Diablo Room
SRC	5/1/18	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	W-204



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## Mojdeh Mehdizadeh Resumes Executive Vice Chancellor Role

After three years as Contra Costa College president, **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh** will return to the District Office as Executive Vice Chancellor of Education and Technology effective March 15, 2018.

“I asked Mojdeh to consider returning to the District Office because we need her skills and experience to help all three colleges”, says chancellor Fred Wood. “Her unique and extraordinary skill set is needed to guide the District and the three colleges in contributing to the many statewide initiatives like Guided Pathways, the academic and student services innovations needed to respond to state requests and mandates, and the integration of technology with the academic mission all of which will enable us to better track and increase student success. While I know how important she has been to Contra Costa College and how much she cares about CCC, both of us know that this decision is in the best interest of the entire District.”

“This was a very difficult decision for me”, said CCC president Mehdizadeh. “Contra Costa College is a special place with talented and caring faculty and staff who are deeply committed to the mission of higher education in support of the incredible students. During my three years at Contra Costa College, we have made great progress in growing our enrollment, completing the bond-funded College Center project, and fully staffing the college with new energetic leaders that are the foundation of the college’s future. I have a deeper appreciation for the excellent work being done at the college, and will always be grateful for the wonderful opportunity to serve West County.”

The chancellor has selected retired Santa Monica College president/superintendent Dr. Chui L. Tsang as interim president of Contra Costa College. Dr. Tsang, a highly successful community college leader, retired in July 2015 after a 10-year career as president/superintendent of Santa Monica College. He also held other higher education leadership roles including president of City College of San Jose, dean of the School of Applied Science and Technology at City College of San Francisco, and taught at Stanford University and in the School of Education at San Francisco State University.

“I am excited and grateful for this opportunity to serve this college and the West County community”, says Dr. Tsang. “I got my higher education start at CCC so I am a “Comet”, and thanks to that experience it gave me the foundation for my career. I understand the challenges and circumstances of our students because I was just like them when I went here. I look forward to working with the Contra Costa College team in making a difference in the lives of our students, and becoming the higher education choice for our community.” A national recruitment will begin spring 2018 for a permanent college president.



**Mojdeh Mehdizadeh**

### Board Reports

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held on February 28, 2018, click on the link below:

[http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board\\_reports/February%2028,%202018.pdf](http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/February%2028,%202018.pdf)

### Cabinet Highlights

To review highlights of the Cabinet meetings held in February 2018, click on the link below:

[http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors\\_cabinet/February%202018.pdf](http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors_cabinet/February%202018.pdf)



## Los Medanos College Hosts Coffee With The Cops

On Thursday, February 8, 2018, Los Medanos College Police Services hosted “Pizza with the Cops,” where LMC students and police officers had a chance to meet in small groups and discuss campus safety.

The event kicked off with a presentation by Police Services and a chance for students to learn safety tips, initiatives and ways to get involved. Following the presentation, lunch was served and students broke out into small discussion groups led by Police Services.



LMC's Police Services staff sit down with students to discuss ways to collaborate and promote campus safety.

Lieutenant **Chad Wehrmeister**, who has worked in District Police Services for over 20 years, was on hand to facilitate the dialogue and garner student feedback. Having participated in similar events at LMC for several years, Lt. Wehrmeister remains dedicated to serving students and providing them with real and timely resources. He considers his department an integral part of student services and encourages creative ways for his team to connect with students and the greater community.

“We see our students every day and they see us, but there’s a natural barrier between people in uniform so we like to break those barriers down, sit down, have lunch and discussions,” shared Wehrmeister. “So far it’s been pretty successful.”

## District Welcomes New Employees

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

### Regular Managers

Location	Name	Title
DST	Timothy Bonnel	District Financial Aid Director

### Regular Academic Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Jesse Chou	Computer Science
CCC	Troy Hess	Emergency Medical Technologies

### Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Maria Gonzalez Alvarez	Disabled Students Programs and Services Assistant
CCC	Courtney Johnson	Theater Staging Specialist

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