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Governing Board Member Timothy J. Farley Receives National Honor

Governing Board member Timothy J. Farley received national recognition by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education as part of their 2017 Service Awards. Farley received the 2017 Edwin Crawford Award for Innovation, an honor named after the late Edwin Crawford, who exemplified excellence in state relations and public affairs during more than 40 years in state government relations at Auburn University, the University of Virginia, the Ohio State University and the University of California System. Farley's award is a result of his work as director, government and community relations at Saint Mary's College of California where he has advocated and elevated Saint Mary's College's profile among California legislators and staff.

The awards are given annually to leaders in state relations and institutional advocacy and are the only national awards in higher education state relations, a field that encompasses advocacy and outreach efforts on behalf of colleges and universities to governors, state legislators and other key policymakers. The awards are administered by the American Association of Community Colleges, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. For more information, visit http://www.case.org/About_CASE/Newsroom/Press_Release_Archive/State_Relations_Leaders_in_California_Georgia_Honored_for_their_Work.html.



Timothy J. Farley

Seventh Annual DREAMERS Conference

Diablo Valley College (DVC) DREAMERS Alliance in partnership with the United Latino Voices hosted the seventh annual Dreamers conference on Saturday, October 21, 2017. The free conference attracted incoming and current DREAMER students, their families, community members, and District employees. Attendees had the opportunity to hear from a student panel and attend workshops related to education, empowerment, and action, which was also the theme for the event.

With over 300 people in attendance, this year's conference offered attendees free legal services through Rural Justice Collaborative, a regional collaborative of legal services nonprofits and law firms. Those who participated in the free legal clinic received useful information. One legal clinic client said, "My time here at today's clinic was very helpful. Due to the information given to me today it has filled me with hope to be able to help my husband. Everyone here makes

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The DREAMERs conference planning committee included community volunteers, staff and students who helped organize the empowerment event.

us feel like they honestly want to help us in our situation. I leave today's visit hopeful and ready for the next step. Thank you."

Emily Stone, DVC's Dean of Student Services has been heavily involved in organizing the annual event and is proud of how much the conference has evolved. "In seven years, we have come so far and yet so much has changed – we passed the California DREAM Act in 2013, SB 130 and 131 and SB 160, and the California Values Act (SB54)," said Stone. "We are proud of the state of California for being a leader in supporting higher education for all students."

Los Medanos College Groundbreaking Ceremony

Los Medanos College (LMC) held a groundbreaking ceremony for their new Student Union and Physical Education complex on October 17, 2017. Slated to open fall 2019, many staff, students, business and community partners were on hand to join the celebration.

The two-story Student Union will house an array of student services such as the Bookstore, Food Services and Student Life, as well as space for a Student Lounge and Community Conference Center. The Physical Education Complex will replace LMC's existing locker rooms, showers, storage, and training rooms, as well as the existing portables containing the dance, weight, and cardio rooms. The new complex will also include several classrooms and faculty and staff office space.

The celebratory event kicked off with comments from Chancellor **Fred Wood** and Governing Board President Vicki Gordon. Los Medanos College President **Bob Kratochvil** recognized the District Office Facilities team, Bond Oversight committee members, user group participants and architects for their diligence and dedication in bringing the buildings to life. LMC Associated Students (LMCAS) President Marco McMullen, who spoke on behalf of students, believes the modern learning environment provided by the new facilities will encourage student involvement and grow a sense of community.

"The construction of this new building symbolizes how LMC has grown from its foundation to a state of the art, nationally ranked community college," said McMullen. "We are moving in the right direction and our community, instructors, faculty, and staff have all been pivotal in helping our college step forward."

*District and college leaders join together to break ground at LMC's construction site. Left to right: LMC President **Bob Kratochvil**, Chancellor **Fred Wood**, Board Member Gary Walker-Roberts, Board President Vicki Gordon, Board Members Timothy J. Farley, Greg Enholm, LMCAS President Marco McMullen and Board Student Trustee Jessica Cisneros*



Diablo Valley College Receives Statewide ADT Honor

Diablo Valley College (DVC) has been recognized by The Campaign for College Opportunity as the state's top community college awarding 824 Associate Degrees for Transfer during the 2015-16 academic year, granting 258 more than the previous year. The Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) program, which was created in partnership between the California community colleges and California State Universities (CSU), makes the transfer process between the two public higher education systems as efficient and seamless as possible.

Following a specific 60-unit pathway that identifies almost all the courses a student needs to take, the program accelerates the length of time a student studies at a community college before transferring to a CSU. Completion of the ADT program at a community college earns students an Associate Degree, and guarantees students who meet the CSU's minimum eligibility requirements priority admission to a CSU campus, though not necessarily to a particular campus or major.

"DVC is already the top transfer institution for students going to UC Berkeley, so our faculty and staff embraced the challenge of helping our students transfer to the CSU system," said interim president **Ted Wieden**. "The ADT program helps students take only the courses they need to transfer. Kudos to our counselors and our Transfer Center for their focus and dedication to helping our students achieve their higher education goals at DVC."

Jake Brymner, State and Federal Policy Manager for The Campaign for College Opportunity applauded DVC's ADT success for making a clear transfer pathway for their students a priority. "The numbers confirm they are leading the way in the state," said Brymner. "At a time when California needs a more educated workforce, DVC is stepping up to ensure their students can reach their educational goals. Congratulations DVC!"

The Campaign for College Opportunity (The Campaign) is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring student access and success to higher education in California. Founded in 2003 by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), the California Business Roundtable, and the Community College League of California. The Campaign's mission is focused on substantially increasing the number of students attending two- and four-year colleges in the state and who complete their college education.

For more about The Campaign, visit <http://collegecampaign.org>.

Board Report

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Cabinet Highlights

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

District Welcomes New Employees

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

Regular Managers

Location	Name	Title
DST	Andrew Douglass	Senior Dean
DST	Robert Pacheco	Senior Dean (Interim)

Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
DST	Paul Barbosa	Police Services Officer
DST	Erik Calderon	Police Services Officer
DST	Drake Gammill	Police Services Officer
DST	Thomas Lopez	District Payroll Specialist
DVC	Kristina Gomez	Administrative Assistant III
DVC	Mychael Heuer	Program Coordinator, Senior

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