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Newly Tenured Faculty and Classified Employee of the Year

On March 27, 2019, the Governing Board hosted a reception in honor of the District's newly tenured faculty and the District's classified employee of the year, **Rashad McAlpin** from Los Medanos College (LMC). The annual Classified Employee of the Year award recognizes an outstanding classified employee who has demonstrated the highest level of commitment



From LMC, District Classified Employee of the Year **Rashad McAlpin** (right) is joined by LMC Dean of Equity and Inclusion **Sabrina Kwist** (left) during the annual reception.

to professionalism and community colleges. The award is coordinated by the Classified Senate Coordinating Council and the selection is endorsed by the Governing Board. The District's honoree will now be considered for the statewide classified employee of the year award selected by the Board of Governors.

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Newly Tenured Faculty and Classified Employee of the Year *(continued)*

During the event that took place in the District Office first floor lobby, newly tenured faculty were introduced by their college president as friends, family and colleagues looked on in support. Faculty earn tenure status following four years of full-time teaching and receiving satisfactory evaluations by a committee of managers and their peers. The newly tenured faculty honored were:



Newly Tenured Contra Costa College Faculty

Joseph Carver, Vanna Gonzales, Charles Gordon, Dickson Lam, Shelley Ruby, Bobby Sturgeon



Newly Tenured Diablo Valley College Faculty

Cory Antonakos, Troy Bennett, Christopher Capozzo, Michael Colson, Lisa Drummond, Heidi Gentry-Kolen, Taylor Harrison, Robert Hawkins, Anne Kingsley, Akihiko Kumakura, Paula Leon-Bravo, Elizabeth Matlock, Matthew Munday, Hideo Nakano-Hiraki, John Polos, Brian Raymond, Teresita Saechao, Somayeh Sohi, Ian Thomas-Bignami, Nicholas Vasallo, Christina Wade, Carolyn Warren, Justin Wembes, Julia Willsie, Seanna Ziehke



Newly Tenured Los Medanos College Faculty

Marie Arcidiacono Kaufman, Joshua Bearden, Dann Gesink, Nina Ghiselli, Scott Hubbard, Haydee Lindgren, Maria Magante, Stacey Miller, Caitlin Mitchell, Scott Warfe, Nicole Westbrook



Panelists are joined by CCC President **Katrina VanderWoude** (second from left) at the International Women's Day event.

Contra Costa College International Women's Day Event

Contra Costa College (CCC) community members, students and employees poured into the General Education Building lecture hall on March 9, 2019, to commemorate International Women's Day. Through the efforts of CCC's Political Science Department, Office of the President, Equity Department and the Community Organizing & Political Action (COPA) Club, the inspiring event offered attendees a chance to hear from a student-moderated panel comprised of distinguished women working within the legal community.

Panelists included Judge Erica Yew of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, Judge Anita Santos of the Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa, Diana Becton, District Attorney, Contra Costa County, Robin Lipetzky, and Contra Costa County Chief Public Defender Judge Tamila Ipema. Ipema, who served as the event's keynote speaker, shared her own story of perseverance and inspired the crowd with her ambitious and tenacious path to judgeship at the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego and her President of the National Association of Women Judges. The panelists, all of whom experienced challenges along their career path, stressed the importance of empowering and recognizing women who succeed in male-dominated fields like criminal justice and law.

"Personally, I believe that these events are important, especially for women of color, because of their uplifting and affirming nature," shared CCC student and COPA President Nikole Slatton, who co-moderated the panel. "In a world where seemingly all odds are against you, sometimes you need to hear someone who looks like you to confirm that your goals are possible and that your concerns are valid."

Vanna Gonzales, co-organizer of the event, was excited to bringing awareness and information about local and national politics to the wider CCC community via the voices of women of color, some of whom were first- or second-generation immigrants. "It is truly a rare opportunity to see professional women at that level come together and be able to talk about a wide range of issues, let alone women who have attained positions as District Court Judges, or in the case of Diana Becton, elected District Attorney for the county," said Gonzales, who is a COPA advisor and Political Science department chair. "This was indeed a very special occasion and one we (myself, the College President, COPA) were honored to host."

Board Report

To review highlights of the Special Governing Board Meeting held on March 26, 2019, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/March%2026,%202019.pdf

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held on March 27, 2019, click on the link below:

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Cabinet Highlights

To review highlights of the Cabinet meetings held in March 2019, click on the link below:

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Diablo Valley College Women's Basketball Championship

After a near-perfect season (32-1), the Diablo Valley College Women's Basketball team fought tooth and nail to clinch the 2018-19 California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA) Championship for the first time in the college's history. The DVC Vikings battled it out with the Moorpark College Raiders to come out on top, winning 68-61 in the close match.

Leading up to the championship game, the Vikings were back to back Big 8 Conference Champions and had four players make the All-State team: Jahnay Anderson, Zahria Hendrix, Daisha Abdelkader and Leilani Moncrease. Anderson also led the country in 3-pointers made this past season and Zahria Hendrix was selected as the Player of the Year for the Big 8 Conference and all of Northern California. Hendrix was ultimately named the CCCCCAA State Championship Tournament MVP.

To learn more about the DVC Women's Basketball team road to victory, please visit <http://dvcvikings.com/sports/wbkb/2018-19/news>.

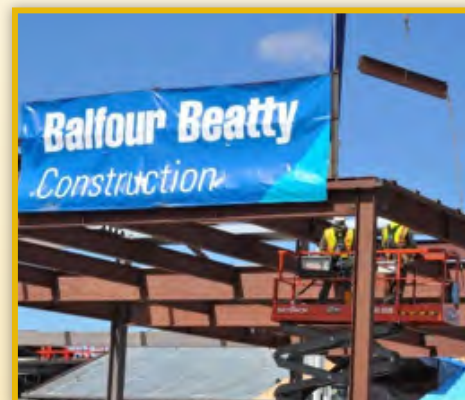


The DVC Women's Basketball Team are joined by DVC President **Susan Lamb** (far left) to celebrate their championship.

Brentwood Center Steel Topping Ceremony

As the steel structure of the new Los Medanos College (LMC) Brentwood Center reached completion, LMC joined the celebration with the ceremonial placement of the final steel beam on Friday, March 8, 2019. LMC President **Bob Kratochvil** was joined by Chancellor **Fred Wood**, several Board members and others to witness the topping of the final steel beam.

The completion of the steel structure marks a key point in the construction process for the Brentwood Center, which broke ground last April and is set for completion in Spring 2020. The new center will span 55,000 square feet and include numerous science labs, classrooms, a library, bookstore and student commons.



The last beam is placed atop the new LMC Brentwood Center.

District Welcomes New Employees

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

Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Seretha Gallaread	Senior Administrative Assistant
CCC	Sonja Thompson	Senior Administrative Assistant
LMC	Irene Sukhu	Administrative Assistant II

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