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College faculty and staff join Chancellor **Fred Wood** (far right), Diablo Valley College President **Susan Lamb** (second from right) and Board members in supporting the LGBTQ+ Pride Month resolution.

On May 22, 2019, during their regularly scheduled meeting, the District's Governing Board (Board) voted unanimously to pass a resolution recognizing June 2019 as LGBTQ+

Pride Month. At the meeting, supporters including Contra Costa College Foundation member and LGBTQ+ activist Cesar Zepeda and members of the LGBTQ+ student club were on hand to celebrate the moment and praise the Board for their decision.

This current resolution is one of several the Board have passed in support of the diverse student communities served by the District. Previously, the Board adopted a Resolution in Support of Out-of-State Travel Funding Restrictions as well as Resolution 1-S, which was entitled, "Reaffirming Support of Contra Costa Community College District Students and Employees in Defense of Diversity and Inclusion in the Contra Costa Community College District."

To review the resolution, please visit: [https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/cccd/Board.nsf/files/BC7QGC693877/\\$file/0519-MI-27A.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/cccd/Board.nsf/files/BC7QGC693877/$file/0519-MI-27A.pdf).

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District Office Service Recognition



District Office employees enjoyed lunch catered by the Diablo Valley College Culinary department during the service recognition reception.

District Office employees were treated to a catered lunch and afternoon of fun activities as part of the service recognition reception held May 9, 2019, in the District Office Lobby. On hand to honor employees with 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 35 years of service were Chancellor **Fred Wood** and Governing Board President Vicki Gordon who both shared their appreciation for the employees' many years of dedication. During the event, the District Office Facilities team kicked off the District Office Seismic Retrofit project and shared updates regarding upcoming improvements to the building.

The following employees were recognized for their years of service:

YEARS OF SERVICE	NAME
5	Jennifer Dymont
5	Pamela Edmonston
5	Juliana Curtis
5	Esther Peña
5	Gregory Stoup
10	Kenneth Blaney
10	Barry Buckman
10	Thomas Holt
10	Thomas Howe
10	Marcie Kapell
10	Timothy Leong
10	Theresa Mitchell
10	Georgette Stewart
10	Michael Todd
15	Ryan Huddleston
15	Mark Kahue
15	Stephanie Kahue
15	Diana Rafii
15	David Sano
20	Joy Hakola-Dardin
20	Jimmy Stanfield
25	Mojdeh Mehdizadeh
35	Diane Bradford

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.

Contra Costa Community College District is committed to equal opportunity in educational programs, employment, and campus life. The District does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender, marital status, national origin, parental status, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status in any access to and treatment in College programs, activities, and application for employment



The 2019 Kennedy King undergraduate scholars are: Asha Alvarez, Shanice Blake, Lesli Bojorquez, Martha Carter, Cindy Lopez Ceja, Candelaria Valencia Chavez, Luis Cortes, Aimee Covarrubias, Ariana Gonzalez, Stacey Grant, Jovan Kitchen, Armond Lee, Yessenia Marquez, Adeola Morren, Celeste Morales, Amy Okusun, Elisha Patterson, Jonathan Oliva Pineda, Alex Diaz Pizarro, Phillip Prewitt, Christian Rodriguez, Christian Sevillano, Adriana Varela and Natalie Verducci.

The 2019 Kennedy King graduate scholars are: Nubia Donikian, Brandon Evans, Walter Orellana, Stephanie Rico, Deminika Spears and Sandra Zuniga.

(Photo courtesy of James Van Wyck)

Kennedy King Scholarship Awards

The 51st Annual Kennedy King Memorial Scholarship Awards dinner commenced on May 17, 2019, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Concord, where 25 undergraduates and six graduates were recognized for their academic achievements. With family and friends surrounding them, proud recipients shared their educational aspirations now made possible through the scholarship awards, which totaled \$280,000 collectively.

Founded in 1968 in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Senator Robert F. Kennedy, the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship has granted nearly \$4,000,000 in scholarships to almost 700 students since its founding. All undergraduate 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. The Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund also offers one-year graduate scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each to pursue a graduate degree.

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



During his CCC town hall, State Chancellor Eloy Oakley responded to attendees' questions related to financial aid disparities, student challenges and community college funding.

State Chancellor Eloy Oakley Visits Contra Costa College

On May 16, 2019, students and employees from across the District had the opportunity to sit down with California Community Colleges State Chancellor Eloy Oakley and members of the California Community College Board of Governors to discuss the future of community colleges.

Upon adding Contra Costa College (CCC) as a stop on his listening tour, Oakley spent a full day interacting with college employees and community members while on the San Pablo campus. Following 45-minute meetings with students, classified employees, faculty and administrators, Oakley ended the day with a public town hall where he answered questions from attendees and presented an update on his Vision for Success.

Oakley, who began his listening tour in the fall of 2018, has visited community colleges throughout Northern, Central and Southern California to discuss his Vision of Success and hear various concerns from community colleges regarding initiatives like the new funding formula and guided pathways.

Diablo Valley College Speech and Debate Team Honored

The Governing Board recognized the Diablo Valley College (DVC) Speech and Debate (also known as Forensics) team at the May 2019 meeting for their exemplary performance at several statewide and national competitions.

Most recently, at the Northern California Forensics Association (NCFCA) National Championship, DVC student Nicole Sims was awarded Overall National Champion and Top Speaker in the country, which was a first for the college. At the NCFCA national tournament, the DVC team collectively placed third following their first place win at the NCFCA state tournament where they were crowned the undisputed champions of Northern California for the third year in a row.

Members of the team defeated students from four-year colleges and universities like University of California, Berkeley and University of the Pacific to secure the first place title. During the competition, the team participated in a variety of events emphasizing communication and critical thinking skills in front of panels of judges often including forensics alumni and faculty.

The DVC Speech and Debate team finished off their 2019 season as one of the most successful in history. In addition to the NCFCA Championships, the team also placed second at the Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensics Association (PSCFA) Tournament and third at the Phi Rho Pi National Forensic Organization Tournament.



Members of the DVC Speech and Debate team, which has been around for more than 50 years, were honored by Chancellor **Fred Wood** and members of the Governing Board for their achievements this past Spring.

District Welcomes New Employees

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

Regular Managers

Location	Name	Title
LMC	Tanisha Maxwell	Vice President of Student Services

Regular Academic Employees

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Maria Dawson	Counseling
DVC	Richard Glaves	Biological Sciences
DVC	Brenda Gonzalez	Counseling
DVC	Youcef Hamida	Physics/Astronomy
DVC	Joseph Lipson	Chemistry
DVC	Stephanie Razo	English

Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Jonathan Cattarin	Disabled Students Programs and Services Assistant
DVC	Amanda Dominguez	Custodian II
DVC	Brian Highsmith	Custodian II
DVC	Rachel Luna	Program Coordinator, Senior
DVC	Son Nguyen	Custodian II
DVC	Shaela Noble	Science Laboratory Technician
DVC	Vurn Saelee	Admissions/Records Assistant I
DVC	Robert Shortridge	Custodian II
DVC	Hira Tehseen	Financial Aid Assistant I

Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held on May 22, 2019, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/May%2022,%202019.pdf

Cabinet Highlights

There were no Cabinet meetings held in May 2019.