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Governing Board trustee Gary Walker-Roberts, who is also an LMC alumnus, welcomes community members to the State of the District meeting at the Brentwood Center.

State of the District Meetings

The annual State of the District community meetings returned for the eighth year in a row, bringing together elected officials, business owners, community partners, county representatives, and educators for a concise program held at each of the five campuses (Diablo Valley College, Contra Costa College, San Ramon Center, Brentwood Center and Los Medanos College).

Led by the Governing Board and college presidents, District leadership also had an opportunity to share an informational presentation with the audience, highlighting several topics such as the kickoff of the Districtwide Strategic Planning process and the November election of two new Governing Board members.

At the Brentwood Center meeting, Los Medanos College President **Bob Kratochvil** provided an update on the progress of the new Brentwood campus, estimated for completion in 2020, and shared the status of the Pittsburg campus Public Safety Center, Physical Education and Student Union Complex, all due for completion spring 2019. At the close of the meeting, attendees engaged in a question-and-answer session with District and college staff on hand to provide additional information.



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District Holds Strategic Planning Charrette

Community members, faculty and staff from throughout the District convened Thursday, October 11, 2018, for the first of two Districtwide strategic planning meetings in hopes of gathering helpful information for the development of the 2020-2025 Districtwide Strategic Plan. Chancellor **Fred Wood** and Executive Vice Chancellor, Education and Technology **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh** were on hand to welcome attendees and stress the importance of their involvement in this important process as District Senior Dean of Research **Greg Stoup** led three exercises meant to collect crucial feedback. Attendees worked in small groups to facilitate discussions around the District's core values, vision for the future and the organizational mission necessary to realize that vision.



As meeting facilitator, **Greg Stoup** led attendees through a series of exercises during the first of two strategic planning public dialogues.

Stoup, who is coordinating the strategic plan process alongside Mehdizadeh, sees his role in collecting data beyond that of a researcher. “The metaphor that comes to mind is that of an orchestrator. Not a composer or designer or even architect, but rather as someone who synthesizes the voices and perspectives of many different individuals into a coherent whole,” explained Stoup. “What’s fascinating about this exercise, is that there is something of an underlying harmony in all the feedback we’ve received. And, if we do a good job, that harmony should express itself in the final plan.”

Stoup will use the feedback captured during the first dialogue as a foundation for the second meeting, where discussions will shift to the development of strategic directions meant to align the District activities with community needs. The second dialogue took place Wednesday, November 7, 2018, at the Winslow Center Assembly Room in Pleasant Hill.

For more information on the Districtwide Strategic Planning process, please visit <http://www.4cd.edu/strategicplan/default.aspx>.

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.

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Los Medanos College Energize Your Destiny Event

In partnership with Shell Oil Company (Shell), Los Medanos College (LMC) hosted the Energize Your Destiny event on October 17, 2018. The event invited women from throughout the county to explore training and education programs and learn about careers in the advanced manufacturing field. Event attendees heard from a keynote speaker and attended a college resource fair. They also had the unique opportunity to hear from a panel that included LMC alumni and Shell employees as they shared their experiences as women working in a male-dominated field.

This is the second year in a row that LMC has partnered with Shell to host this event, which is the first of its kind in California. After holding similar recruitment events with institutions in Louisiana and Texas (where Shell's headquarters are located), Shell joined forces with LMC's workforce development and career education teams in June 2017 to bring the effort to east county.

In addition to the emphasis on career education and training was an opportunity for professional development; attendees had the opportunity to have their resumes reviewed and interact with Shell human resources staff directly. For **Tara Sanders**, LMC's former Workforce Development Program Coordinator, the event opened up the opportunity for women throughout the region to come together to learn about local, high-paying jobs that will allow them to sustain their family and lifestyle while remaining in the community.

"Women are able to become emotionally, mentally and economically empowered and take care of their own destiny because of their ability to get into these training programs," said Sanders, who is now the District's Workforce and Economic Development Manager. "Energize your destiny is such a fitting name because it really is about energizing these women and getting them to wherever their destiny point is."



Over 100 attendees packed LMC's Recital Hall during the Energize Your Destiny event, which attracted local high school students, prospective and current LMC students and job seekers from throughout the region.

District Welcomes New Employees

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

Regular Academic Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Alfredo Cardona	Financial Aid Assistant I
CCC	Vanessa Mercado	Research Analyst
DST	Griselda Cortez	Accounting Specialist
DVC	Yeni Galvez Hernandez	Administrative Assistant II
DVC	Corie Irving	Program Assistant
DVC	Anhoa Pham	Math Laboratory Coordinator, Senior

Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held on October 10, 2018, click on the link below:

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