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## All College Day 2019

On Friday, August 23, 2019, Contra Costa College (CCC), Diablo Valley College (DVC) and Los Medanos College (LMC) faculty and staff were welcomed to the fall 2019 semester for All College Day. The college-wide event occurs at the beginning of the semester as a way to kick off the new academic year and set the tone for the upcoming months.

Contra Costa College's All College Day was led by Acting President, **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh**, who discussed the state of the college and what faculty and staff should expect in the coming months. An open forum ensued as faculty and staff shared their perspectives on the future of the college and opportunities for improvement. The college ended their event with a delicious lunch catered by the Culinary department.

Faculty and staff at DVC participated in a series of workshops related to race and equality after hearing a powerful message from keynote speaker Dr. Shaun R. Harper. Harper, a scholar and racial equity expert, will be partnering with DVC in the future to set up equity institutes providing faculty professional development training around the topics discussed.

Los Medanos College's All College Day was spent delving into the four pillars of guided pathways as faculty and staff involved in the process received useful information and tools for implementation. Lastly, the District Office had their own event the following week at which Chancellor **Fred Wood** discussed leadership changes and the District Office Seismic Retrofit, which is expected for completion Spring 2020.



*Dr. Shaun Harper speaks to DVC faculty and staff about the importance of equity on a college campus.*



## Vice Chancellor, Facilities Planning and Construction

Earlier this year, the District announced the selection of **Ines Zildzic** as the new Vice Chancellor, Facilities Planning and Construction. Zildzic joined the District in 2015 as the Associate Chief Facilities Planner and recently took on her new role after serving as the Interim Chief Facilities Planner in the summer of 2018.

Zildzic began her work in facilities planning following college at California State University-Sacramento, a year studying at the Denmark International Study/University of Copenhagen, and earning an MBA at the University of San Francisco's Masagung Graduate School of Management. She brings to the role over 15 years of higher education bond program and construction management experience, including both in the private and public sector. This includes serving as the Northern California Regional Operations Director for a company that provided Educational Planning, Architecture, Program Management and Construction Management services, and serving as the Program Manager for Solano Community College District and West-Valley Mission Community College District where she was responsible for all aspects of a multi-funding bond programs.

As Vice Chancellor, Zildzic will continue providing leadership in the areas of strategy development, management processes and procedures, bond program controls, user groups, and overall implementation of the capital improvement programs at Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, Diablo Valley College – San Ramon, Los Medanos College and the Brentwood Center.



*As new Vice Chancellor, Zildzic is a strong believer in understanding the academic need that drives and informs the Facilities Master Planning process.*

### Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held on August 28, 2019, click on the link below:

[http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board\\_reports/August%2028,%202019.pdf](http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/August%2028,%202019.pdf)

### Cabinet Highlights

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

[http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors\\_cabinet/August%202019.pdf](http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors_cabinet/August%202019.pdf)

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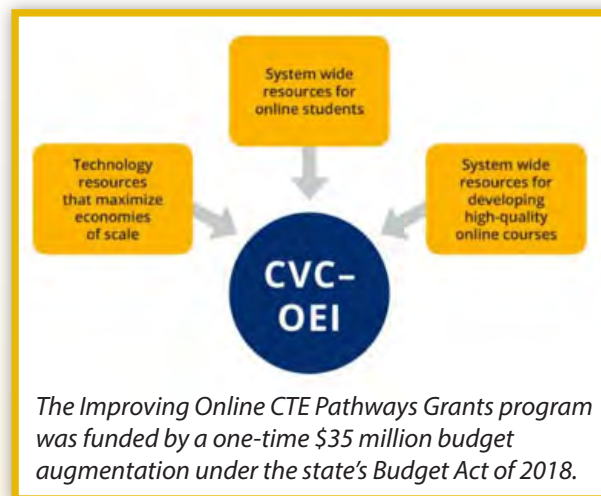
## District Receives Nearly \$1.5 Million in Grants for Online Career Education

As the importance of online education continues to increase throughout California's Community Colleges, the need for improved online courses has prompted action systemwide. The California Virtual Campus – Online Education Initiative (CVC-OEI) was established to address that need and has responded most recently with a grant program aimed at expanding online career education offerings.

As a result, the District applied and received nearly \$1.5 million in competitive grants for distance education at Contra Costa College (CCC), Diablo Valley College (DVC) and Los Medanos College (LMC). The three grants, two for the maximum of \$500,000 and one for \$461,000, were awarded by the Improving Online CTE Pathways Grants program, which is administered by the CVC-OEI.

“Without access to online classes, many of our students who are working, parenting, disabled, or without transportation would be unable to complete their educational goals,” said **Joanna Miller**, the District's Dean of Distance Education. “These grants support our District's efforts to increase online course offerings and ensure that our courses are equitable and accessible to all of our students.”

Districtwide, the grants will be used to increase support for faculty who are developing new or current online career education classes, certificates or programs. The colleges' existing career education courses will also receive an increase in online general education selections, which aims to help the District's more than 14,000 online students earn certificates and degrees faster. Among the degree and certificate programs being expanded to fully online are CCC's Associate Degree for Transfer in Business Administration, DVC's new certificate in Digital Marketing and LMC's Associate Degree for Transfer in Spanish.



## District Welcomes New Employees

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

### Regular Managers

Location	Name	Title
CCC	William Tandongfor	Custodial Manager
CCC	Ameer Thompson	Dean (Interim)
DST	Jerry Johnson	Director of Risk Management
DVC	Jeanette Calixto	Registrar
DVC	Laura Weaver	Director of Admissions and Records

### Regular Academic Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Perry Aliado	Mathematics
CCC	Brianne Ayala	Child Development/Early Childhood Education
CCC	Jason Lau	Chemistry
CCC	Stephen Robertson	Communication Studies
DVC	Heather Blackmore	Film Studies
DVC	Adhitya Mohan	Mathematics
DVC	Laurie Sample	English as a Second Language (ESL)
DVC	Tonette Steeb	Dental Technology

### Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Emma Espinosa	Account Clerk
CCC	Riley Johnson	Program Assistant
DVC	Nicholas Diaz-Galarza	Financial Aid Assistant I
DVC	Jose Gutierrez	Financial Aid Assistant I
DVC	Kylie Nersesian	Program Assistant
DVC	Darlene Specht	Administrative Assistant II