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## Governing Board Passes Black History Month Resolution

At their regularly scheduled meeting on February 26, 2020, the District's Governing Board (Board) voted unanimously to adopt a resolution encouraging the celebration of February 2020 as Black History Month. The resolution emphasizes the support and value events and activities that recognize the contributions Black men and Black women are making to local and national economies, culture, and identity. Interim Contra Costa College (CCC) President **Dr. Damon A. Bell** introduced CCC Associated Student Union Body President Preston Akubuo-Onwuemeka, who was on hand to accept the resolution.

Recognized annually by every U.S. President since 1976, Black History Month is celebrated in February to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. This year's theme "African Americans and the Vote," honors the centennial anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment (1920) granting women's suffrage and the sesquicentennial of the Fifteenth Amendment (1870) giving Black men the right to vote.

To review the resolution, please visit [https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/cccd/Board.nsf/files/BM7N4Y5E2D87/\\$file/0220-20A-MI-Black%20History%20Month.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/cccd/Board.nsf/files/BM7N4Y5E2D87/$file/0220-20A-MI-Black%20History%20Month.pdf).



CCC ASU Body President Preston Akubuo-Onwuemeka had a chance to read aloud the newly-passed Black History Month resolution. Left to right: Board trustees Greg Enholm and John E. Márquez, Board secretary Vicki Gordon, Board president Rebecca Barrett, CCC student Preston Akubuo-Onwuemeka, Board Vice President Andy Li, Board student trustee Shreejal Luitel and Interim Chancellor **Eugene Huff**.

## Ninth Annual Dreamers Conference

**C**ontra Costa College (CCC) DREAMERS Alliance hosted the ninth annual Dreamers conference on Saturday, February 22, 2020. This year's conference, which was titled "Empowering the Dream: Heal, Rise, Lead," was attended by 175 people and attracted undocumented high school and college students, parents/guardians, educators, and allies from throughout the Contra Costa County community. Attendees had the opportunity to hear from Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas and nationally acclaimed poet and speaker Yosimar Reyes. In addition, attendees enjoyed a performance by BoomShake Music, an intercultural community and storytelling group aimed at changing the world one drum beat and song breathe at a time.



*From left to right: Interim Dean of Enrollment Services **Rodolfo Santos**, poet Yosimar Reyes, Immigration Attorney Ali Saidi and Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Equity **Dr. Mayra Padilla** attended the important event.*

This year's conference offered a variety of workshops, including sessions related to financial aid opportunities, immigration rules and policy, stress management and legal solutions for undocumented students. Attendees also had the opportunity to get one-on-one help and access to key services during the event's resource fair.

CCC's interim Dean of Enrollment Services **Rodolfo Santos**, strongly believes in showing the community that our colleges are safe places where undocumented community members can thrive and learn. "It was amazing to see our colleges and District community come together to show support for our families and students," said Santos. "We all have a right to education and success."

Now that the annual conference is over, the colleges will continue supporting undocumented students in a variety of ways, including offering free English Standard Language non-credit courses for community members beginning in the fall.

### Board Report

To review highlights of the Special Governing Board Meeting held on February 8, 2020, click on the link below:

[http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board\\_reports/February%208,%202020.pdf](http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/February%208,%202020.pdf)

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held on February 26, 2020, click on the link below:

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### Cabinet Highlights

To review highlights of the Cabinet meetings held in February 2020, click on the link below:

[http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors\\_cabinet/February%202020.pdf](http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors_cabinet/February%202020.pdf)

### District Governance Committee

To learn more about the District Governance Committee, click on the link below:

<http://www.4cd.edu/about/committees/dgc/default.aspx>



## Contra Costa College Meets Local Community Leaders

Latino community leaders from throughout West Contra Costa County gathered at Contra Costa College (CCC) on February 18, 2020, for an opportunity to meet and hear from interim CCC president **Dr. Damon Bell**. A similar meeting was held in January 2020 with West County African American community leaders. Attendees representing community-based organizations, elected officials offices and educational institutions were welcomed by Governing Board Trustee John E. Márquez and listened as Interim President Damon Bell provided updates on the college's goals, challenges and opportunities. Attendees also had a chance to share their feedback and provide recommendations on ways the college can increase its connection to the community and improve outreach efforts towards high school students.



Governing Board trustee John E. Marquez facilitated these meetings along with interim chancellor **Eugene Huff**.

## District Welcomes New Employees

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

### Regular Managers

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Squire Davidson	Program Manager

### Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Laurie Lopez	Administrative Assistant III
LMC	Erika Messenger	Administrative Assistant III
LMC	Cesar Reyes	Laboratory Coordinator, Senior

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