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College Student Newspapers Bring Home Awards

The Contra Costa College (CCC), Diablo Valley College (DVC) and Los Medanos College (LMC) student newspapers brought home countless awards following the Journalism Association of Community Colleges conference which took place November 16, 2019, at San Jose State University.

At the annual conference, the DVC *Inquirer* acquired eight awards, with several awards being given to news coverage pertaining to the racist graffiti found on the Pleasant Hill campus.

The LMC *Experience* grabbed a General Excellence award in the Publications Contest for its 2018-19 print edition. The weekly paper also garnered 11 other awards in a variety of writing, photography and design contests including a first place award in the Feature Photo category.

The Advocate excelled in several categories, taking home a total of 20 awards including seven first place awards in news and features, editorial cartoon, advertisement, photo story/essay, editorial and photo illustration. *The Advocate* has been on a winning streak as of late, winning two Associated Collegiate Press National Pacemaker Awards (print and online) as well as the College Media Association's Two-Year Pinnacle Newspaper first place award and Best News Outlet Pinnacle award for their website.



DVC *The Inquirer*



LMC *Experience*



CCC *The Advocate*



Contra Costa College Science Center Groundbreaking

A lively crowd made of Contra Costa College (CCC) administrators, faculty, students, staff and community members assembled near the General Education building to celebrate the groundbreaking of CCC's new 50,000-square-foot Science Center.

Former acting CCC president and Executive Vice Chancellor, Education and Technology **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh** facilitated the event program, which included key speakers like Board Secretary John E. Márquez, Board student trustee and Middle College High School student Shreejal Luitel, as well as other CCC faculty, community members and students. Speakers recognized CCC's Metas and STEM faculty for their patience and dedication while thanking the District Office facilities team for their focus on the project. Following the groundbreaking ceremony, attendees were treated to refreshments provided at CCC's onsite restaurant AquaTerra, which is operated by the Culinary department.



Governing Board trustees join the new interim CCC president and chancellor at the site of the new Science Center. Left to right: Board trustee Greg Enholm, Board secretary John E. Márquez, Board president Vicki Gordon, Board student trustee Shreejal Luitel, Interim CCC President **Damon Bell** and Chancellor **Fred Wood**.

The \$68.9 million Science Center construction project is due for completion fall 2021 and will encompass a planetarium and house various engineering and science departments. Students will have access to three floors of laboratories, classes and study spaces all in one state-of-the-art facility. The project is funded under the Measure E Bond Program, a \$450 million facilities bond approved by voters in 2014.

Board Report

To review highlights of the Special Governing Board meeting held on November 4, 2019, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/November%204,%202019.pdf

To review highlights of the Governing Board meeting held on November 13, 2019, click on the link below:

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To review highlights of the Special Governing Board meeting held on November 19, 2019, click on the link below:

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Cabinet Highlights

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http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors_cabinet/November%202019.pdf



Los Medanos College Veteran Resource Center Open House

In honor of Veteran's Day (November 11, 2019), the Los Medanos College (LMC) Veteran's Resource Center welcomed student veterans and their families to a celebratory event held November 12, 2019. Event attendees included both current and potential student veterans who toured the facilities and learned more about support services available for veterans.

Christopher Long, LMC's Veteran Program Coordinator saw the event as the perfect opportunity to share with the community all of the work and effort that has gone into the center as it approaches its fourth anniversary. "Our open house was a way for us to open our doors to the community and invite the public in to see our facilities and learn about our services," he said.

With spring 2020 class registration looming near, veteran counselors and center staff provided assistance with enrollment and guided students through the development of their educational plans. Attendees enjoyed refreshments and interacted with special guests who included United Veterans Council of Pittsburg members, Rep. Jerry McNerney representatives and LMC President **Bob Kratochvil**.

The LMC Veterans Resource Center, which opened in April 2016, currently serves student veterans and their dependents at both the Pittsburg and Brentwood campuses. For questions about how to enroll or to find out about other services and benefits for military-connected students, please call 925-473-7511 or email veterans@losmedanos.edu.



Diablo Valley College Is a 2019 Champion of Higher Education

The Campaign for College Opportunity (Campaign) has named Diablo Valley College the 2019 Champion of Higher Education for the college's exemplary work in implementing the Associate Degree for Transfer. Diablo Valley College joined California State Secretary, Alex Padilla, Governor Gavin Newsom, Students Making A Change, and California State University (CSU) Trustee Silas Abrego as honorees for their respective courageousness in leading student-centered equity work.



The college was formally recognized at the Campaign's 15th Anniversary Celebration dinner on November 14, 2019, in Los Angeles, CA. In addition to recognizing honorees, the milestone event also served as a celebration for the Campaign's accomplishments over the past fifteen years. At the event, over 150 attendees representing California's higher education leadership, elected officials, corporate sponsors, and civic and business leaders congregated to note the milestone and congratulate the honorees.

The Campaign for College Opportunity is a non-profit organization devoted to ensuring that the next generation of college-age students in California has the chance to go to college and succeed. The Campaign was founded by the California Business Roundtable, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and the Community College League of California in 2003.

District Welcomes New Employees

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

Regular Managers

Location	Name	Title
LMC	William Bankhead	Program Manager

Regular Academic Employees

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Thao Pham	Counseling

Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Petra Daal	College Payroll Technician
CCC	Mercedes Nuno	Custodian II
DST	Amninder Deol	Police Services Officer
DVC	Marina Arevalo	Program Coordinator
DVC	Kisha Lee	Administrative Assistant III
DVC	Huong Nguyen	College Payroll Technician
DVC	Susan Simms	Administrative Assistant II
LMC	Kenny Purizaga	Electronics Technician

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