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Undocumented Student Action Week

California's community colleges continue to advocate for undocumented students in a variety of ways that go beyond the realms of education. However, the most recent form of support was the recognition and celebration of Undocumented Student Action Week, which occurred October 14 – 18, 2019. Supported by the California Community College's Chancellor's Office and the Community College League of California, the statewide campaign was established to promote ongoing support of undocumented students statewide.

Throughout the week, California's community colleges were encouraged to engage in advocacy efforts and to stand in solidarity with undocumented students on their campuses. Locally, Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College and Los Medanos College planned weeklong activities aimed at providing the District's undocumented students with relevant information and accessible resources.



Pittsburg High School's Ballet Folklórico Group performs at DACA Night, an event held at DVC to celebrate and support undocumented students.

Contra Costa College Jazzology Students Recognized

Contra Costa College Jazzology students and faculty were recognized at the October 2, 2019, Governing Board meeting for their spring performance. Jazzology was formed by CCC music director **Dr. Stephanie Austin** in 2011 as an innovative ensemble collaboration between vocalists and instrumentalists. The musicians are versatile in various styles and are strong soloists as well as ensemble members. Jazzology performs extensively, singing challenging jazz vocal literature both published and commissioned. Members that attended the meeting included Jesse Chao, Laura Karst, NinoAngelo Lastimosa, Joseph Saetern and Natasha Singer.



Members of the CCC Jazzology group are recognized by Chancellor Fred Wood and the Governing Board trustees.



Colleges Celebrate National Manufacturing Day

On October 4, 2019, Contra Costa College (CCC), Diablo Valley College (DVC) and Los Medanos College (LMC) celebrated National Manufacturing Day with a host of activities offered to local high school students throughout the day. In collaboration with Earn and Learn East Bay, the event organizer, the three colleges hosted over 300 students from 11 high schools. Students had a chance to collectively tour nine different manufacturing companies where they learned about promising careers and related educational programs offered at each of the colleges. Participating employers included Benchmark, Bishop Wisecarver, C&H Sugar, Corteva, Fresenius, Lennar, Quickmount PV and Parker Hanifan. Following the manufacturing tours, students headed back to their respective colleges where they enjoyed lunch provided by the colleges' culinary departments, engaged in campus tours and interacted with college manufacturing program staff and students.

For **Drew Douglass**, the District's Senior Dean of Workforce Development, the successful day demonstrated the importance of K-12 alignment, as well as District support of regional growth sector businesses and collaboration with close partners, including Earn and Learn East Bay. "It is a story of equity, where staff and partners went above and beyond to make sure that students from underserved districts could attend; creating impact for those who need sector exposure the most," shared Douglass. "It was a true grassroots effort, and without everyone pitching in, District, colleges, and select partners, this event would have not been possible."

Earn and Learn East Bay is an organization that focuses on providing meaningful, work-based learning experiences for employers and youth by connecting students and young adults with activities at school and in the workplace. Earn and Learn East Bay has co-sponsored National Manufacturing Day events in Contra Costa County for the past three years as a way to encourage local manufacturers to open their doors to educate students, teachers, parents, and others about the significant modernization in production and careers that are available in their own region.



Local high school students participating in National Manufacturing Day events end their day at CCC where they met with faculty and staff who spoke about manufacturing careers.

Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held on October 9, 2019, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/October%209,%202019.pdf

Cabinet Highlights

To review highlights of the Cabinet meeting held in October 2019, click on the link below:

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

Los Medanos College Hosts Congressman DeSaulnier Town Hall

Congressman Mark DeSaulnier continued his effort to keep his constituents informed at a town hall meeting held October 8, 2019, in the Los Medanos College (LMC) Recital Hall. The public event attracted over 100 attendees, many of whom included LMC students and community members.

At the event, Congressman DeSaulnier provided an update on the work the House has been doing on behalf of the American people, oversight of the Trump Administration, and other news of the day from Washington, D.C. He discussed a variety of pressing topics including college debt, the high cost of housing, the changing economy, climate change and the current impeachment inquiry. Following his 40-minute presentation, DeSaulnier opened up the floor for questions, addressing several topics raised by attendees spanning education, Bay Area housing, traffic and more.

The LMC town hall is the 94th community meetings hosted by the congressman, whose goal is to hold 100 meetings before the end of the 2019. DeSaulnier has been representing California's 11th Congressional District (which includes the majority of Contra Costa County) since he was elected to Congress in 2014.



Congressman Mark DeSaulnier speaks to a crowd of students, faculty, staff and community members at LMC.

District Welcomes New Employees

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

Regular Managers

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Rodolfo Santos	Dean (Interim)
DVC	Charles Ramos	Sports Medicine Program Manager

Regular Academic Employees

Location	Name	Title
LMC	Maryanne Hicks	Nursing

Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Najah Alboushi	Instructional Assistant
DVC	Parish Burks	Custodian II
DVC	Vanessa Darling	Program Assistant
DVC	Kathleen Kim	Office Assistant I
DVC	Sara Proctor	College International Education Coordinator
DVC	Miho Ridgway	Program Assistant

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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