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National Hispanic Heritage Month Resolution

In commemoration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, the Governing Board passed Resolution 20B to recognize the roles and contributions of Hispanic Americans/Latinx to the local and national economies, culture, and identity. The Board unanimously passed the resolution at their regularly-scheduled meeting on October 14, 2020, where members publicly recognized the 2020 theme “*Hispanics: Be Proud of Your Past and Embrace the Future.*” During this month-long period, which occurred September 15 – October 15, the District encouraged attendance and participation in the many activities and events presented by the three colleges and in the community.

National Hispanic Heritage Month was enacted into law in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15th, which represents the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries. It was originally designated Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson, but was later expanded by President Ronald Reagan and includes the celebration of centuries-old traditions and customs, live music, dance, and delicacies from different regions.

To read the full resolution, please click [here](#).



Undocumented Student Week of Action

October 19-23, 2020



Photo courtesy of Los Medanos College Marketing Department

Undocumented Student Action Week

In its continued commitment and support for undocumented student rights, California Community College’s Chancellor’s Office partnered with the Community College League of California to host the fourth annual Undocumented Student Action Week (USAW) from October 19-23, 2020. With the California Community Colleges serving the largest number of undocumented students in the state, USAW is a system-wide campaign focused on encouraging California’s community colleges to engage in advocacy and support efforts in solidarity with undocumented students.

This year, the state Chancellor’s Office led the charge by hosting a variety of webinars customized for college administrators, faculty, students and community members all week long. Across the District, Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College and Los Medanos College planned weeklong virtual activities aimed at providing undocumented students with updated information and key resources, like legal and financial services.

Diablo Valley College Forensics Earn Top Spot



The DVC Forensics team has been around for over 50 years and is currently led by DVC Faculty **Blake Longfellow** (far left).

Like their college peers, the Diablo Valley College (DVC) Speech and Debate team (also known as Forensics) had to quickly transition to remote instruction last Spring and navigate the challenging world of virtual competition. However, the high-performing team didn't miss a beat, persevering to earn the National Parliamentary Debate Association's top ranking in the nation and edging out the UC Berkeley team currently in second place.

The DVC Forensics team kicked off their successful season at the first Northern California Forensics Association tournament on September 19, 2020, where they competed against ten four-year and eight two-year schools, ultimately snagging 12 awards across both speech and

debate events. The team looks to continue their success at the Crossman Invitational competition hosted by El Camino College, the team that has held the number one spot in the nation for the past five years. Learn more about the DVC Forensics Team by visiting www.dvcforensics.org.

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	Tretha Harris	Director of Admissions and Records

Regular Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
DST	Blake Revai	Computer and Network Specialist, Senior
DVC	Wynona Jordan-Thomas	Administrative Assistant II
DVC	Tynisia Randell	Admissions/Records Assistant II

Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held on October 14, 2020, click on the link below:

http://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board_reports/October%2014,%202020.pdf

Cabinet Highlights

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

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District Governance Committee

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

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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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