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4CD Focuses on Sustainability Efforts

Recently adopted state law (SB 1383) requires businesses and school districts in Contra Costa County to separate recyclables, compost, and garbage and send them to the appropriate facilities. Thanks to 4CD Senior Parking Officer and sustainability intern **Moises Rocha**, 4CD is ahead of the curve. Because of Moises' efforts, 4CD was awarded a 2021 Eco-Award for setting up our 3-stream systems in the district office and on our campuses, to divert waste into compost and recycling, with very little going to landfill.

Officer Rocha worked closely with the custodial managers on the campuses to help implement and educate our students and employees on the importance of sustainability. "I've always been serious about recycling, but that interest grew after taking an Environmental Justice Class," said Rocha. "When we don't recycle and dispose of organics properly, we are impacting our own communities. Landfills bring hazards such as odor, smoke, noise, bugs, and water supply contamination."

Moises has also worked with 4CD's social media/marketing interns to develop two sustainability videos that are being shown on each campus on Zero Waste and What are Landfills. He collaborated with Student Trustee Austin Green, and set up meetings and made contacts with the various Associated Student groups at each campus and the Student Trustee Advisory Committee (STAC) to keep them updated on our nine districtwide sustainability goals.



Photo:
Moises Rocha with the
4CD 2021 Eco-Award

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Broderick Perkins Inducted into the CCCAA Hall of Fame

Being inducted into the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Hall of Fame is the highest honor in California community college athletics. It recognizes those who have made the most of their experiences as California community college student-athletes, coaches and administrators while maximizing their own potential to better themselves, along with those with whom they come in contact. Pittsburg resident and Diablo Valley College alum Broderick Perkins received this recognition at the CCCAA annual conference held in Ontario in April 2022.

Perkins attended Pittsburg High School, where he only had two at bats his senior year; in which he was hit by a pitch and walked. He enrolled at Diablo Valley College in 1973, where he was determined to continue his baseball career. But like many students, he had to choose between playing the sport he loved, or working. Trying to balance both proved difficult and resulted in many missed practices and reduced playing time.



Perkins was called into action after a teammate was injured during a winter league game. In his first at-bat, he hit a line drive for a base hit; then another, followed by a 400-foot home run. His efforts caught the eye of the St. Mary's College coach, who advocated with Perkins boss to have his shift changed to allow him to play. In 1974, Perkins was DVC's MVP. He transferred to St. Mary's before being drafted by the San Diego Padres in 1976, where he played for five years before his final two seasons with the Cleveland Indians. He recently gave the opening remarks at DVC's Hall of Fame ceremony and with current DVC players before a game.

CCC's Dr. Ellen Coatney Selected as 2022-23 Teacher of the Year

Dr. Ellen Coatney, a Contra Costa College professor in the biology department, has been selected as the 4CD Teacher of the Year and will be recognized along with other K-12 Teacher of the Year honorees throughout the county later this year. Dr. Coatney is an outstanding reflective professional who genuinely cares about and is dedicated to her students' success.



LMC KAC Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On April 6th, Los Medanos College (LMC) held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to recognize the completion of the Kinesiology & Athletics Complex (KAC) and Student Union (SU). The construction project, which included both the KAC and SU, was finished in 2019-20 – however, event plans were put on hold due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

LMC's new Student Union and Kinesiology & Athletics Complex, a \$62.5-million project at the Pittsburg campus, was funded by Measures A and E. The lower level of the 35,400-square-foot SU includes a bookstore, food services area, student lounge, food pantry, and 485-seat community conference center; the second-floor houses meeting spaces and offices for student life and learning communities. The 30,000-square-foot KAC features classrooms, fitness studios, a workout room, fitness center, offices, locker and team sport rooms, and an athletic training room. Both buildings have been certified for LEED Gold. The project also received the Award of Honor in the Growth Category from the Community College Facility Coalition in 2021.

On the day of the ceremony, there were speeches given by several notable figures from the district, including **Bob Kratochvil**, Los Medanos College President; Fernando Sandoval, Vice President of the District Governing Board; **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh**, Interim Chancellor for the Contra Costa Community College District; Luisa Velazques, President and Student Representative of the Associated Students of LMC; **Jameila Stewart**, Umoja Scholars Program Coordinator; and **Colleen Ralston**, Kinesiology Department Chair and KAC Coordinator.

Throughout the day, students were seen enjoying the Student Union and the Kinesiology & Athletics Complex. Two students who were studying in the Student Union remarked that they use the space daily for various reasons such as studying, socializing, and collaborating with classmates. In talking with LMC President Kratochvil and Student Trustee Austin Green, Green emphasized the tremendous benefits the Student Union offers in having a location for students to relax and for on-campus communities to meet. President Kratochvil also praised the Kinesiology & Athletics Complex building's quality which rivals UC athletic complexes.



ASDVC Visits Washington D.C.

The Associated Students of Diablo Valley College (ASDVC) traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the National Student Advocacy Conference and meet with elected officials. At the conference, hosted by the American Student Association of Community Colleges (ASACC), ASDVC members discussed issues impacting students including Pell Grants, DACA and Dream Act legislation, the America's College Promise Program, and the Higher Education Act Reauthorization. Led by DVC Student Life Program Manager **Todd Farr**, and Director of Communications and Community Relations **Tim Leong**, ASDVC's five-day trip to the capital included museum visits and students had the opportunity to meet with staff members of California House representatives Mark DeSaulnier, Eric Swalwell, Mike Thompson, Jerry McNerney, and Senator Alex Padilla.



Classified Professional of the Year

As part of the April 13th Governing Board meeting, **Teresa Ferguson** was honored as the 4CD Classified Professional of the Year. Ferguson, a classified professional at LMC, will now be considered for the Board of Governors' annual statewide Classified Employee of the Year Award!



Newly Tenured Faculty Reception

As part of the April 13th Governing Board meeting, trustees, interim chancellor, and college presidents introduced and recognized the following faculty members on achieving tenure.

Contra Costa College



*Pictured: Jared Romero and Jennifer Griest, with CCC President **Dr. Tia Robinson-Cooper**, Interim Chancellor **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh**, and members of the Governing Board*

*Not pictured: **John Sanford***

Diablo Valley College



*Pictured: Kelly Kadi, Kimberly Galbraith, Lisa Ang, Nicolas Amato, Laura Lo, Alberto Aranda, Azim Khan, Emily Moss, Taylor Oliver with DVC President **Susan Lamb**, Interim Chancellor **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh**, and members of the Governing Board*

*Not pictured: **Rochelle Burnaford, Shuleen Martin, Erin Palmer, Emma Rogers, Achilles Speliotopoulos, Dominic Tardivel, and Evangeline Ward***

Los Medanos College



*Pictured: Cameron Bluford, Diwa Ramos, Marcella Lapriore, Philip Torres, Jeremy Weed, Star Steers, with LMC President **Dr. Bob Kratochvil**, Interim Chancellor **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh**, and members of the Governing Board*

*Not pictured: **Russell Pedersen and Therese Shideler***

District Welcomes New Employees

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

Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Adam Del Castillo	Program Coordinator
DVC	Diana Galvez Vargas	Police Services Assistant/Dispatcher
LMC	Janneth Orozco	Administrative Assistant III
LMC	Alexander Suico	Computer and Network Technician

Board Report

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<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2021-2022/April%2013,%202022.pdf>

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