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## All College Days

On Thursday, August 19, 2022, Interim Chancellor **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh** gave in-person remarks at the three All College Day events, focusing less on the traditional strategic direction speech, and instead encouraging everyone to think about kindness, caring, and compassion. She reflected on the faculty and classified who impacted her own educational journey, while thanking current employees for making impactful differences in our students lives.

Contra Costa College (CCC) Acting President **Kimberly Rogers** gave a warm welcome and emphasized cultivating collaboration, along with **Kenyetta Tribble**, who returns to CCC as acting Vice President of Student Services from her permanent position as the Senior Dean at the DVC – San Ramon Campus. CCC will embark on a campus read of “The Distance Between Us” by Reyna Grande, who will be visiting campus during UndocuAction Week in October.

Diablo Valley College President **Susan Lamb** encouraged engaging, listening, and supporting each other as students return to campus. Vice President of Equity and Instruction **Joe Gorga** highlighted the new Student Centers, which provide wrap-around services to students based upon chosen majors within the guided pathways interest areas. There are seven new Student Centers across campus which are staffed by classified, faculty and peers, are intended to help students feel more connected to the campus.

Los Medanos College (LMC) President **Bob Kratochvil** kicked off the day with a song and a thank you, before recognizing student success highlights LMC achieved in 2021-2022. The college focused on being a community of respect and featured a guest presenter, Dr. Leah Hollis, who spoke about Leading from the Middle as Civility Champions.

District Office staff celebrated Opening Day on August 30th, with updates around student enrollment efforts, budget, cybersecurity changes, as well as facility projects across the district, followed by legislative updates.



## 4CD Colleges Welcome Students Back



**A**ngela Loera, who oversees the Student Life office at Contra Costa College (CCC), coordinated Welcome Week, which began by providing breakfast and lunch for students, as well as CCC swag, including shirts, notebooks, hats, and glasses. Students were able to participate in interactive activities, learn about student government, clubs, and wellness Wednesday events which includes a produce stand, and learn about the college's services and programs.

**D**iablo Valley College (DVC) had Welcome Day events at both their Pleasant Hill and San Ramon Campus locations over two weekends. **Chris Long, Mercy Pono, and Ada Ocampo** led planning efforts, which included workshops on Transfer Basics, Financial Aid and Financial Resources, Technology Certificate and Apprenticeship Programs, Career & Major Exploration, Study Tips for English and Math Success, Queer DVC Resources, and more.



**L**os Medanos College hosted a Week of Welcome at their Pittsburg and Brentwood locations. Coordinated by **Teresea Archaga** and LMCAS, the week included games in the newly renovated student lounge, school supplies and snacks, a Resource Fair including campus and community resources, student services, and ways to get more involved with LMCAS.

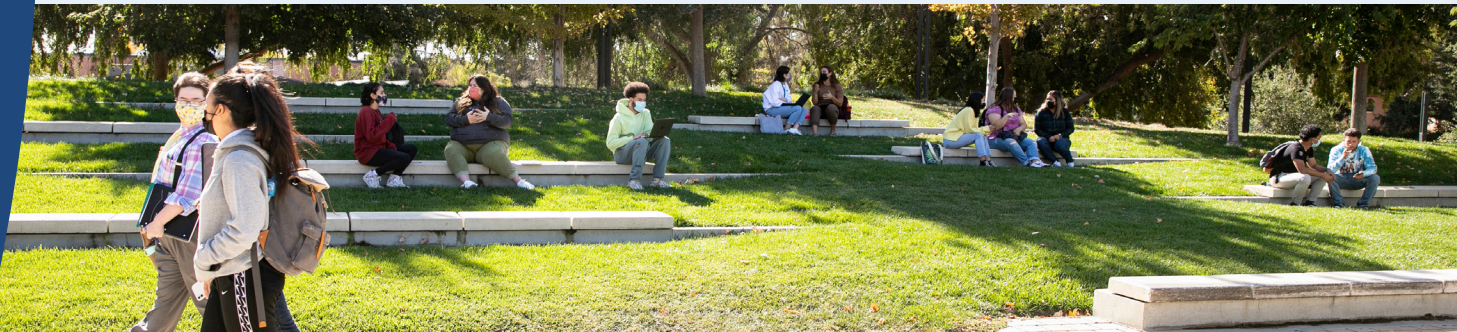
## 4CD Honored by East Bay Leadership Council

At their 2022 Installation Awards dinner, the East Bay Leadership Council awarded 4CD The East Bay Leadership Medal for extraordinary support of meaningful and equitable work-based learning through expanded investments in Earn & Learn, while continuing to provide award-winning educational opportunity to thousands of students across Los Medanos, Diablo Valley, and Contra Costa Colleges. Interim Chancellor **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh** accepted the award on behalf of the district, thanking the Governing Board, Chancellor's Cabinet, and the volunteers who run the Diablo Valley Tech Initiative.

4CD is the convener of the Diablo Valley Tech Initiative (DVTI) which promotes ideas that enable the Diablo Valley to cultivate and benefit from a thriving tech sector. DVTI is currently housed within the Diablo Valley College Workforce Development and Business Administration Departments, with leadership from Senior Dean, Career and Community Partnership **Beth Arman**, **Jim Blair**, Director of College Advancement, and DVC adjunct professor, **Ryan Buckley**.



Photo: Executive Vice Chancellor **Micaela Ochoa**, Interim Chancellor **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh**, Governing Board Secretary **John E. Márquez**, Governing Board Members **Rebecca Barrett** and **Andy Li**, Interim Vice Chancellor of Educational Services **Kelly Schelin**, Governing Board President **Judy Walters**, Governing Board Vice President **Fernando Sandoval**, and Director of Communications and Community Relations **Timothy Leong**.



## District Welcomes New Employees

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

### Regular Managers

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Monique Hernandez	Program Manager
DVC	Matthew Rojo	Academic/Student Services Manager

### Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Angelina LaBarre	Program Coordinator
CCC	Kiansu Ramirez	Financial Aid Assistant I
CCC	Moncerrath Salazar-Tovar	Financial Aid Assistant I
DVC	Rebecca Gluck	Financial Aid Assistant I
DVC	Aubriel Grispo San Martin	Administrative Assistant III
DVC	Rudy Rayas Jr.	Building Maintenance Worker
DVC	Esther Whiteman	College Human Resources Assistant

### Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held August 10, 2022, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2021-2022/August%2010,%202022.pdf>

### Cabinet Highlights

To review highlights of the Cabinet meetings held in August 2022, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors-cabinet/2021-2022/August%202022.pdf>

### District Governance Committee

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

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