

# The NEWS

## 4CD EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



December 2021 & January 2022

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## 4CD Colleges Spread Holiday Cheer

Contra Costa College (CCC) hosted a Wall of Giving, where Student Services, administrators and managers, and Foundation members partnered to bring holiday cheer to CCC students and families. Together, they were able to give 141 gifts to over 50 students.



Diablo Valley College's (DVC) Early Childhood Education partnered with alumnus Carissa Swanson, who has been organizing "Santa for a Senior" for the past several years. Working with a team of volunteers, over 180 seniors had their wishes granted. A new request this year was made for artwork to help transform their rooms from dull white to bright colors. **Rebecca Thompson**, DVC site director, enlisted the help of the preschool class to create over 60 pieces of art, cards and notes for the recipients!

On December 11th, Los Medanos College participated in the City of Pittsburg Holiday Parade, located in old Town Pittsburg, with the nursing department participating in the parade, and the career services department hosting a booth.

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## Governing Board Organizational Meeting

At their December 15, 2021, organizational meeting, the Governing Board appointed the following new officers:

President: Dr. Judy E. Walters  
Vice President: Fernando Sandoval  
Secretary: John Márquez

## LMC & UMass Global Partner to Offer Bachelor's Degree in ECE

At the January 12, 2022 Governing Board meeting, Los Medanos College's Vice President of Instruction Natalie Hannum, Early Childhood Education (ECE) Faculty Janis Townsend, and students Lisette Perez, Emmalee Musereli and Bonnie Duncan presented on LMC's partnership with UMass Global (formerly Brandman University). This partnership created a pathway for LMC students majoring in ECE, who were seeking a face-to-face bachelors degree. UMass Global accepted up to 87 transferrable units, which allowed students to complete their degrees in 2 years. The cohort included 17 students who graduated in fall 2021, two in spring 2022 and four more expected next year. The students who shared their experiences highlighted the importance of the flexible environment provided during their time with UMass Global, which gave them the confidence to apply. To hear directly from the students impacted, watch the presentation beginning at the 7:08 mark, [here](#).



## Sally Montemayor-Lenz Selected as Enrollment Recovery Project Manager

Dr. Sally Montemayor Lenz of the Collaborative Educational Leadership, LLC, has been selected as the Project Manager (PM) for the District's Enrollment Recovery campaign. She will be responsible for directing the three-year project for 4CD, while ensuring the project deliverables are on time, on budget, and within scope. A primary goal of the Interact Communications contract is to provide consultation services to the District to reverse the declining enrollment trend and to add 15,000 FTEs across the colleges by the end of the 2024-25 academic year. The Interact Communications contract also includes consulting services by the Strata Information Group (SIG) to assess and recommend business processes to support the student experience across the District. The PM serves as the interface between Interact/SIG, the District and all stakeholders.



Photo: Dr. Sally Montemayor Lenz

Dr. Montemayor-Lenz has extensive community college experience having worked at the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office for nearly 30 years and previously worked within 4CD, serving most recently as the interim Vice President of Instruction at Los Medanos College, and earlier as the associate vice chancellor of Educational Services.



## Colleges Welcome Students to Spring 2022

Contra Costa College (CCC) welcomed students back to campus with daily activities and resources, including a DJ and a petting zoo! Students were given reusable CCC bags with rapid Covid tests, N95 masks and snacks to help keep them safe and fed while on campus.

Diablo Valley College hosted several information booths across campus to help direct students or answer any questions. In response to the surge in COVID-19 cases, the Welcome Day Resource Fair was rescheduled for February 15, 2022, from 1pm to 2pm. This event will take place at both the Pleasant Hill and San Ramon Campuses.

Los Medanos College hosted a week of welcome, including Mustang Day at the Brentwood Center, games and prizes, as well as a Cups of Care giveaway in their new marketplace, which included a mug and hot cocoa.



## District Welcomes New Employees

Please welcome the following new employees who were approved by the Governing Board in December and January.

### Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Monica Lemus	Admissions/Records Assistant I
DVC	Kimberly Novak	Admissions/Records Assistant I
DVC	Jared Orpilla	Library Technician
CCC	Von Segerberg	Administrative Assistant III
CCC	Fernando Iniguez Ruvalcaba	Parking Services Officer
CCC	Erica Delgado	Program Assistant
CCC	Ana Maciel Cervantez	Program Coordinator, Senior
DO	Michael Wallace	Programmer/Analyst, Senior

### Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held December 8, 2021, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2021-2022/December%208,%202021.pdf>

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held December 15, 2021, click on the link below:

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To review highlights of the Special Governing Board Meeting held January 6, 2022, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2021-2022/January%206,%202022.pdf>

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held January 12, 2022, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2021-2022/January%2012,%202022.pdf>

### Cabinet Highlights

To review highlights of the Cabinet meetings held in December 2021, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors-cabinet/2021-2022/December%202021.pdf>

To review highlights of the Cabinet meetings held in January 2022, 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:

<https://www.4cd.edu/about/committees/dgc/>

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