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Congressional Art Competition

Since his election in 2015, 4CD has had the honor of partnering with Congressman Mark DeSaulnier in judging submissions from students in California's 11th District for the Congressional Art Competition. Recently, three employees from across the district had the opportunity to judge art from students in this year's program. **Eric Sanchez**, art faculty from Los Medanos College, **Marisa Greenberg**, Marketing and Communications Coordinator at the District Office, and **Anthony Gordon**, Fine and Media Arts Department Chair from Contra Costa College, provided their expertise and selected the winning piece created by Menglin Cai of Monte Vista High School, with her submission entitled "Growing Up.", an oil painting of a young girl in bright, festive, traditional garb of Northwest China. Cai shared "The girl is going to a festival and she's wearing a beautiful traditional outfit, and everyone is happy, and because they live in the northwest of China, and they have extremely bad weather, even though something bad is happening, they're enjoying the moment."

Cai said that while the piece was rooted in a particular culture and region, she hoped it would send a universal message from the U.S. Capitol, where it's set to be displayed. The Congressional Art Competition is a nationwide program established by the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize and encourage artistic talent around the country.



Photo: Monte Vista High School sophomore Menglin Cai's "Growing Up" was selected for first place in Mark DeSaulnier's Congressional Art Competition. (Image courtesy SRVUSD)



JobLinks *All In Flavor*

Los Medanos College Hosts JobLinks

On June 2, 2022, Classified Professionals from across the district gathered in the new Student Union Conference Center at Los Medanos College for the annual JobLinks professional development event. The event, organized by LMC’s Classified Senate, led by **BethAnn Stone**, featured two keynote speakers; Interim Chancellor **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh** and Nancy Sans, acclaimed writer and director who won 14 Emmy’s for her work on Sesame Street.

The event featured breakout sessions focused on personal and professional development, with workshops such as Channeling Your Inner Artist, Identifying your Personality, First Aid & CPR, Your Role in Participatory Governance, and Transitioning to the Workplace Post-Covid. Other highlights included a photo booth, vendor tabling, and a College/District spirit competition, and ice cream sundae station. BethAnn Stone shared that she wanted to “extend her deepest gratitude to the LMC JobLinks 2022 Planning Group, the Classified Senate Coordinating Council, Local One/AFSCME, **Andrea Medina**, **Pat Kaya**, LMC IT, LMC Buildings & Grounds, the many community donors, and all the amazing volunteers that helped to make this event a success.” The keynote speakers, as well as several workshops were offered both virtually and in-person.

2022 Joblinks Committee

Los Medanos College

BethAnn Stone (Chairperson)
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T’Sendenia Gage
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4CD Welcomes Executive Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services



Dr. Micaela Ochoa began her new role as Executive Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services July 6th. Dr. Ochoa comes to 4CD from College of San Mateo, where she served as the Vice President of Administration (VPA). During her time at CSM, she served in dual roles as VPA and Vice President of Student Services. She is an experienced leader in higher education and K-12 public school districts with equity, diversity, and inclusion at the forefront of her decision making. Her expertise includes almost twenty years of senior cabinet level experience responsible for business and administrative services and operations, financial management, policy review and analysis, student services, strategic planning, and business process re-engineering.

Governing Board Welcomes New Student Trustee

At their June 8, 2022, meeting, the 4CD Governing Board swore in the new 2022-23 Student Trustee, Surpreet Kaur. She is currently enrolled at Contra Costa College as a Middle College High School student and is majoring in Computer Science. Surpreet is a first-generation student and daughter of an immigrant. She spends her personal time indulging in adventurous activities such as rock-climbing, hiking, bungee jumping, and more.

Surpreet believes that students are the cornerstone of the educational system. She is committed to ensuring that no student is ever excluded because of their appearance, race, gender, sexuality, or any other factor. She values equitable learning spaces for all, and embraces ethnic, linguistic and gender representation across the colleges. Surpreet's compassion and conviction allow her to ensure all student voices are heard and uplifted. Lastly, her eagerness in daily life extends to the colleges and their mission, and it is her hope that this eagerness will make positive and lasting impressions both personally and academically.



District Welcomes New Employees

Please welcome the following new employees who were approved by the Governing Board in June and July.

Regular Managers

Location	Name	Title
DST	Micaela Ochoa	Executive Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services
DST	Don Primrose	Director of Payroll Services

Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Kriscia Orellena	Account Clerk
DST	Sandy Lomeli Rodriguez	Police Services Officer Trainee
LMC	Danny Gong	Computer and Network Specialist
LMC	Nadiya Korkuna	Admissions/Records Assistant I

Regular Academic Employees

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Kathleen Bennett	Counseling
DVC	Kaitlin Bove	Music
DVC	Daniel Cornejo-Warner	Ethnic Studies
DVC	Marisabel Etter	Biological Sciences
DVC	Mona Khabiri	English as a Second Language (ESL)
DVC	Roxanne Moran	Physics
DVC	Shola Ogunlana	Administration of Justice
DVC	Emmanuel Perez	Counseling
DVC	Amber Shields	Film Studies
DVC	Todd Steffan	Counseling
DVC	Frederick Vincent	Mathematics

Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held June 8, July 13, and July 23, 2022, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2021-2022/June%208,%202022.pdf>
<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2021-2022/July%2013,%202022.pdf>
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Cabinet Highlights

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

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

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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