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Newly Tenured Reception

The Governing Board held a reception to congratulate the 4CD faculty who achieved tenure. In addition, they recognized Diablo Valley College's (DVC) **Arthur King** who was selected as the 2023 4CD Classified Professional of the Year. The following faculty were recognized:



Contra Costa College

Perry Aliado, Brianne Ayala, Gurtej Bansal, Jason Lau, Jessica Lopez, Brandon Marshall, Michele Redlo, Romus Reece, Stephen Robertson, Erica Watson



Diablo Valley College

Sahra Bhimji, Maria Dawson, Martina Ebesugawa, Marcos Garcia, Richard Graves, Brenda Gonzalez, Youcef Hamida, Juan Huerta Villicana, Diane Lawrence, Lynda Letona, Joseph Lipson, Adhitya Mohan, Christian Morgan, Thao Pham, Stephanie Razo, Brandon Reyes, Laurie Sample, Lindsey Shively, Tonette Steeb, Kyle Whitmore



Los Medanos College

Sepideh Daroogheha, Nidia Gonzalinajec, Julio Guerrero-Gonzalez, James Madden, Robert Moore, George Olgin, Eva Padilla, Eric Sanchez, Adrianna Simone, Girlie Sison

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CCCAOE Conference

4 CD had strong representation at the California Community College Association for Occupational Education (CCCAOE) spring conference in Sacramento, held April 19-21, 2023.

Mariah Bruce, Senior Manager, Workforce & Economic Development at Contra Costa College presenting “Opportunities That Pay: A Glimpse Inside Bay Area Community Colleges’ Rollout of the Learning Aligned Employment Program”.

Tara Sanders, from the District Office presented “Perkins Round Table: Sharing and Learning from Each Other”. DVC’s Senior Dean of Career and Community Partnership, **Beth Arman**, along with faculty members **Anne Kingsley** and **Joann Denning**, co-presented a workshop entitled “How Can Our Program Become More Student-Ready?”.



CCC's Annual Food & Wine Festival

On Sunday, April 23, Contra Costa College’s Culinary Arts program hosted its 14th annual Food and Wine event. The tasting event featured more than 40 food and beverage businesses, plus live music, raffles, and silent and live auctions.

The event raises money for travel abroad scholarships, training tools, uniforms and more. As part of the hands-on training to prepare students for restaurant and hospitality careers, the college’s program, led by chef **Nader Sharkes**, sends students to Italy, which for many students, is their first time leaving the state.



CCC Culinary students look on as Acting President **Kimberly Rogers** and Chef **Nader Sharkes** announce the 2023 scholarship recipients.

LMC Celebrates César Chávez

On Friday, April 21st, Los Medanos College celebrated the life and legacy of labor leader and human rights activist, César Chávez, at their annual awards event. This community celebration also recognized East Contra Costa County community members who embody Chávez's great tradition of voluntary service, civic activism, and non-violent social change. 4CD Governing Board president Fernando Sandoval was honored as the recipient of the César Chávez Award for Exemplary Community Service Recipient for work as president of Latino Voices of East Contra Costa County Chapter.



4CD Governing Board President Fernando Sandoval was honored at LMC's Cesar Chavez event.

DVC Marketing Wins at CCPRO



At the Community Colleges Public Relations Organization (CCPRO) conference held April 12th-14th, the DVC marketing team took first prize for their Magazine and Radio PSA/Ad submissions.

DVC's Career Focus magazine, which is produced twice a year, spotlights career education programs and features commentary from students, faculty, and area employers. Led by the guidance of Director of Marketing **Brandy Howard**, the magazine was redesigned and re-oriented so that content would be from a student point of view. With help from the Workforce Development office on which articles to include, the redesigned magazine included contributions from photographer **Sharrie Bettencourt**, headline creation by **Lori Golden**, and Jen Finetti, who conducted interviews and wrote the articles.

To see the full magazine, visit https://issuu.com/dvcmarketing/docs/diablovalleyc_wsp2023_finalenglish

DVC Professor Named Finalist for MDUSD Award

Diablo Valley College (DVC) Engineering Technology adjunct professor **Joseph Alvarico**, who also teaches for Ygnacio Valley High School, was selected as one of two Mount Diablo Unified School District's Teacher of the Year winners and is now a finalist for the Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year competition.

Alvarico was surprised while leading a field trip for his high school students at DVC on April 17th by Lynn Mackey, Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools. The 2023-2024 Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year Celebration will take place on September 21, 2023, at the Leshner Center in Walnut Creek.



Joseph Alvarico (center) stands with (l-r) a 32nd PTA representative, MDUSD Board Member Linda Mayo, YVHS Principal Jonathan Pike, County Superintendent Lynn Mackey, MDUSD Board Member Cherise Khaund and MDUSD Chief of Educational Services Jennifer Sachs. (Photo courtesy of MDUSD)



District Welcomes New Employees

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

Regular Managers

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Nicole Kelly	Academic/Student Services Manager

Regular Monthly Classified Employee

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Hope Dixon	Program Coordinator
CCC	Max Rivera	Program Coordinator
DST	Ivon Cervantes	Parking Services Officer, Senior
DVC	Michael Barron	Building Maintenance Worker
DVC	Alper Yeksek	Computer and Network Specialist
LMC	Christian Diaz-Galarz	Program Assistant
LMC	Lindsay Litowitz	Program Coordinator
LMC	Sheri Woltz	Administrative Assistant II

Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held April 12, 2023, click on the link below:
<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2022-2023/April%2012,%202023.pdf>

Cabinet Highlights

To review highlights of the Cabinet meetings held in April 2023, click on the link below:
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District Governance Committee

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