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East Bay Leadership Council Capitol Series

The East Bay Leadership Council kicked off their Capitol Series at the 4CD District Office, with introductory remarks by Interim Chancellor **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh**, followed by comments from other elected officials, before keynote speaker, Assemblymember Tim Grayson took the podium.

Assemblymember Grayson currently represents District 15 and serves as Chair of the Banking and Finance Committee. He also serves on the Business and Professions Revenue and Taxation, and Insurance. Before being elected to the Assembly in 2016, Grayson served the community as a Concord City Council Member and is well known being an advocate for higher education and continues to advocate for greater opportunities for California students to attend our CSU and UC systems.

EBLC's Capitol Series is held throughout the East Bay, bringing elected officials from Washington D.C. and Sacramento to talk about their priorities and focus on the issues that matter to East Bay employers. 4CD has been a proud member of EBLC for many years, and last summer were honored by EBLC with the "East Bay Leadership Medal" for 4CD's support of meaningful and equitable work-based learning through expanded investments in Earn & Learn, all while continuing to provide award-winning educational opportunity to thousands of students across our colleges.



Assemblymember Tim Grayson

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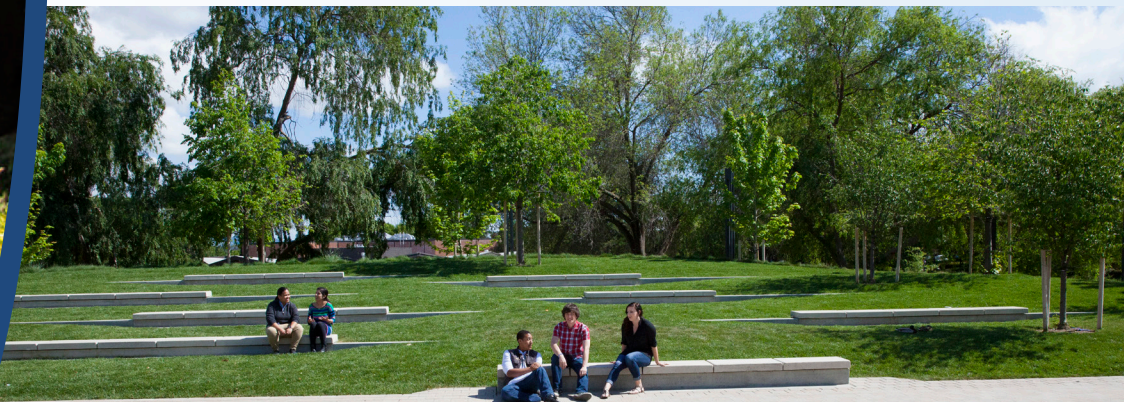
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4CD Welcomes New Student Trustee

On June 14th, 2023, the 4CD Governing Board administered the oath of office to new Student Trustee Ivan Hernandez. Ivan is a Diablo Valley College (DVC) student studying Computer Science and previously served as President of ASDVC as well as Student Senate of the California Community Colleges Region III Vice Chair. Before enrolling at DVC, Ivan attended Ygnacio Valley High School in Concord, which offers a CCAP STEM Academy program that allows high school students to enroll in DVC STEM courses. Through this program, Ivan was able to learn about DVC and made the decision to attend after graduation.

Ivan is passionate about representing students districtwide and advocating for the three colleges. He shared: “When I started to get involved in student government, that’s when I...knew I had a place at DVC. I knew I could make an impact.” As ASDVC President, Ivan had the opportunity to go to Washington D.C. to advocate for his fellow DVC students. Ivan and other ASDVC members discussed issues surrounding DACA and financial aid expansion at the National Student Advocacy Conference. As Student Trustee, Ivan wants to enhance the bridge between students and faculty, Ivan believes “together we can make a difference”.

4CD social media student interns Aditee Piya (Contra Costa College) and Ella Laigo (Los Medanos College) interviewed Ivan about his time at DVC and his journey to becoming a student trustee. To see the full interview, click here: <https://youtu.be/7hIP0M4HFdQ>

4CD Takes on Spartan

On June 9th, after months of training, led by DVC President **Susan Lamb**, 4CD employees from across the district traveled to Monterey to participate in the Spartan Race. The Spartan Race offers a series of obstacle courses consisting of challenges, such as wall climbing, mud crawling, and rope pulls. If a participant decides to skip an obstacle, they are hit with a penalty of burpees.



Pride Month Celebrations

Each June, 4CD celebrates Pride Month, which honors the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York City, that served as a catalyst for the LGBTQ+ rights movement. The month-long celebration recognizes the influence that LGBTQ+ individuals have had on history, culture, and society, and acknowledges the ongoing struggles for equal rights and acceptance.

Contra Costa College (CCC) and Los Medanos College (LMC) hosted multiple events throughout June to celebrate pride month, with both beginning the monthlong festivities with Pride flag-raising ceremonies and chalk drawing to celebrate and support the LGBTQIA+ community.

Governing Board Secretary Rebecca Barrett stopped by the Diablo Valley College (DVC) table at the Concord Pride event to support DVC counselor **Christie Harrington-Tsai** who was promoting DVC's Pride learning community, one of the first in California Community Colleges.

LMC events, coordinated by Student Life Program Coordinator **Lindsey Litowitz**, included a Pride party with karaoke and ice cream social, where LMC Admissions & Records Lead **Michael Simpson** led the room in singing a moving rendition of "Happy Birthday".



CCC staff and community members celebrating Pride Month



GB Secretary Rebecca Barrett with DVC's Christie Harrington-Tsai



East Bay EDA Event at DVC San Ramon

On June 20, 2023, the DVC San Ramon Campus was the venue for East Bay Economic Development Alliance's second "Meet the Innovators" event. The event included an impressive array of attendees from various organizations across the Bay Area, including Contra Costa County Supervisor Candace Andersen and other local elected officials from 4CD's service area, as well as representatives from Chevron, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and a number of startups.



East Bay EDA Meet the Innovators panel.

This event featured organizations who shared the latest cutting-edge technology and advances in their industries. Panelists included Tim Haile, Executive Director, Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA), Brian Turner, CEO, Buildings IOT, Jake Winters, Head of Impact, Monarch Tractor, and Alysson Do, Vice President, Operations & Admin, Neural Propulsion Systems, Inc.

Winters spoke about Monarch Tractors innovative approach to sustainable and profitable farming. Their self-driving Electric Tractor has the potential to revolutionize food production by providing farmers with connected data for optimizing crop maintenance, and how it could impact third world countries.

San Ramon has emerged as a leader in entrepreneurialism; with the education and opportunities these partnerships create, 4CD students will be at the forefront of these exciting advances.

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.

Contra Costa Community College District is committed to equal opportunity in educational programs, employment, and campus life. The District does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender, marital status, national origin, parental status, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status in any access to and treatment in College programs, activities, and application for employment.

District Welcomes New Employees

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

Regular Managers/Confidentials

Location	Name	Title
DST	Julie Planchon	Executive Assistant
DST	Yasmin Zand	Applications Project Manager

Regular Academic Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Dalileh Alaei	Chemistry
CCC	Sonya Dugas	African American Studies
CCC	Siavash Karimzadegan	Biological Sciences
CCC	Ina Kelleher	Humanities
CCC	Devon O'Rourke	Mathematics
CCC	Annie Sciacca	Journalism
DVC	Christine Chang	Culinary Arts/Food Technology
DVC	Sarah Guth	Biological Sciences
DVC	Shawn Kammerer	Construction Management
DVC	Christopher Longenecker	Political Science
DVC	Noelle Lopez	Psychology
DVC	Sean Williams	Music
LMC	Katie Berryhill	Physics/Astronomy
LMC	Tanya Earls	Nursing
LMC	Shane Nourizadeh	Biological Sciences
LMC	John Trujillo	Ethnic Studies
LMC	Melissa Wheeler	Biological Sciences

Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Vanessa Crisostomo Garcia	Program Assistant
CCC	Khurshida Jovmirzaeva	Early Childhood Education Specialist
DVC	Sirrick Brown-Smith	Program Coordinator
DVC	Danielle Dixon	Police Services Officer Trainee
DST	Shawn Klemens	District Payroll Specialist
LMC	Geneva Toliver	Alternative Media Specialist
LMC	Owen Casebeer	Computer and Network Technician
LMC	David Lehman	Bookstore Service Clerk
LMC	Sarah Ryan	Admissions and Records Assistant I

Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held June 14, 2023, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2022-2023/June%2014,%202023.pdf>

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held July 12, 2023, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2022-2023/July%2012,%202023.pdf>

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held July 22, 2023, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2022-2023/July%2022,%202023.pdf>

Cabinet Highlights

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District Governance Committee

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