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Congressman DeSaulnier 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 10th District for the Congressional Art Competition. Recently, four employees from across the district had the opportunity to judge art from students in this year's Competition. **Dana Davis**, Fine & Media Arts faculty at Contra Costa College, **Christopher Marker**, Photography faculty from Diablo Valley College, along with **Eric Sanchez** and **John Schall**, Art faculty from Los Medanos College, provided their expertise and selected the winning piece created by Jazlyn Xiao of Campolindo High School, with her colored pencil submission entitled "Future Is In My Hands."

Her work is now headed for display in Washington DC. 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.



The "Future Is In My Hands," is the winning artwork by Jazlyn Xiao of Campolindo High School. (Photo courtesy Office of U.S. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier)



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Kennedy-King Scholarship Ceremony

The 55th annual Kennedy King Scholarship Awards dinner, held on May 12, 2023, at the Concord Hilton Hotel, honored 27 undergraduates and eight graduates for their academic achievements. With family and friends surrounding them, proud recipients share their educational aspirations now made possible through their scholarship awards.

Founded in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Senator Robert F. Kennedy, the Kennedy King Memorial Scholarship has granted nearly \$6,144,000 in scholarships to almost 1,000 students since its founding. All scholars have completed at least two years of study at Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, or Los Medanos College, and have been accepted at a four-year university to complete their undergraduate studies. Scholarships for graduate students are for students who previously received a Kennedy King undergraduate scholarship. For more information about the Kennedy King Memorial Scholarship Fund, visit www.kennedyking.org.



2023 Kennedy-King Scholarship Recipients



DVC Hosts Art Building Ribbon Cutting

On May 4th, Diablo Valley College celebrated their new Art Complex. The 37,000-square-foot building brings all DVC art programs back under one roof. The building features art studios and classrooms, an art gallery, printmaking shop, wet photography lab, ceramics workshops, media labs, outdoor display spaces, and faculty offices.

The Art Complex was recognized by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors and awarded the Best Innovative Project Award for Excellence in Energy and Sustainability. This cutting-edge, two-story building boasts an “H” shape configuration, with an open courtyard space and sustainable design features promoting healthy learning environments. The Art Complex is set to achieve LEED Gold V4 certification, exceeding 4CD’s LEED Silver target.



Tesla Ribbon Cutting

On May 9th, after five years of planning, DVC and Tesla celebrated the opening of Tesla's new robotics training center housed within DVC's Engineering and Technology Building with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Tesla START is an intensive training program that provides individuals with the skills necessary for a

successful career at Tesla. During the program, individuals develop technical expertise and earn certifications through in-class theory, hands-on labs, and self-paced learning.

Tesla partners with colleges across the country to integrate Tesla START into curriculum as a 14-to-16-week capstone course. Tesla has partnered with only 3 colleges in California with DVC being the newest.



President **Susan Lamb**, Pleasant Hill Mayor **Tim Flaherty**, Senior Dean **Beth Arman**, and Professor **Jeffrey Smith**, along with Tesla employees.

CCC JAZZ-ology Wins

led by **Stephanie Austin**, Contra Costa College JAZZ-ology has been named the 2023 Community College Division, Small Vocal Jazz Group, Outstanding Performance. This is the highest honor in this field and comparable to a Grammy. Students record during 2022, and recordings were submitted in December 2022, with the winners being announced in May. This is the tenth DownBeat Award for the CCC Jazz Vocal Program since 2013.



Jazz Faculty: Dr. Stephanie Austin, Clinton Day, Roger Letson, Fred Randolph

District Welcomes New Employees

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

Regular Managers

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Victoria Menzies	Vice President, Business and Administrative Services
DVC	Steven Nguyen	Academic/Student Services Manager
DVC	Sara Parker	Vice President, Business and Administrative Services

Regular Academic Employees

Location	Name	Title
LMC	Leila Kamkar	Nursing
LMC	Marie Mauricio	Nursing

Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Hajra Bibi	Financial Aid Assistant I
CCC	Robert Ellis	Athletic Facilities Assistant
DVC	JoAn Abenoja-Fisher	Program Assistant
DVC	Theresa Hade	Program Coordinator, Senior
DVC	Tierra Lynch	Program Assistant
LMC	Christina Cecillio	College Human Resource Assistant
LMC	Ivan Urruita	Financial Aid Assistant I

Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held May 10, 2023, click on the link below:
<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2022-2023/April%202023.pdf>

Cabinet Highlights

To review highlights of the Cabinet meetings held in May 2023, click on the link below:
<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors-cabinet/2022-2023/April%202023.pdf>

District Governance Committee

To learn more about the District Governance Committee, click on the link below:
<https://www.4cd.edu/about/committees/dgc/>

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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