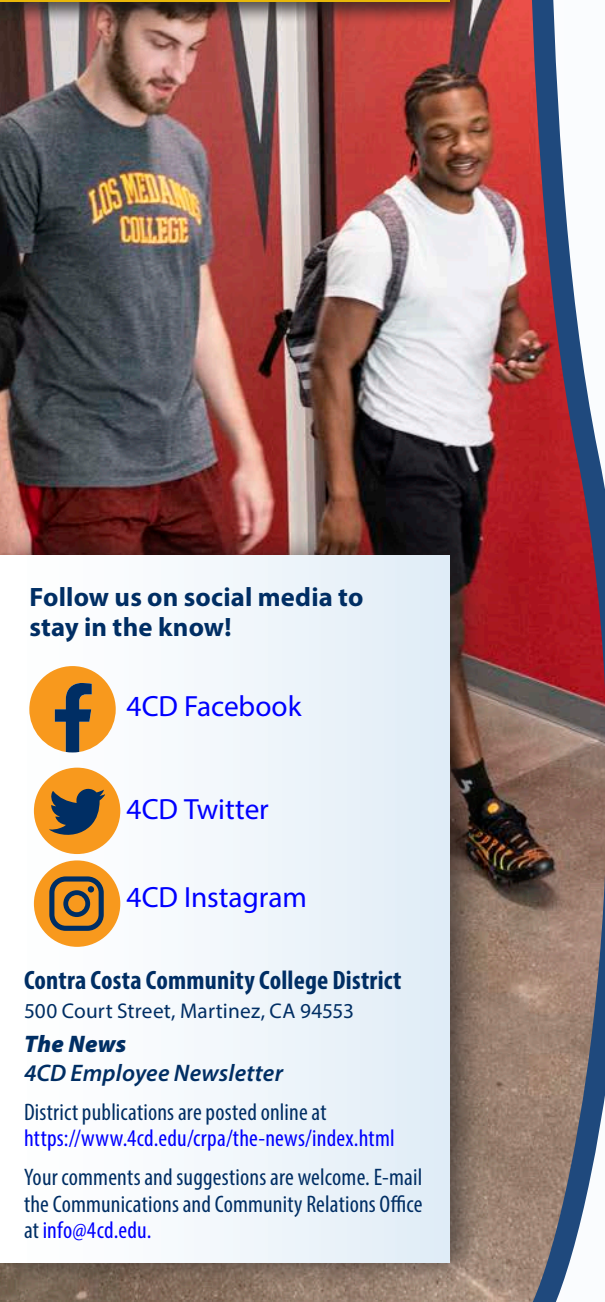


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Poet Kim Shuck Reads at Contra Costa College

Kim Shuck visited the Contra Costa College library on November 9th, in celebration of Native American Heritage Month, where she shared stories, poems, and jokes as she meandered through her writings. She is the 7th Poet Laureate of San Francisco Emerita, with nine solo books in publication, one co-authored book, and another nine that she either edited, co-edited, or participated in editing. Lately she's been wedging poems into places that poems usually aren't found and causing good trouble wherever possible. Shuck's latest book is a collection of essays called Noodle, Rant, Tangent from Andover Street Archives press.



Author Kim Shuck shared stories at Contra Costa College.

Los Medanos College Instructor Featured

Los Medanos College Adjunct Professor of ceramics **Ian Bassett's** work is on the cover of Ceramics Monthly this month! He is featured in two articles inside the magazine.

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Recognition for 4CD College Newspapers

Contra Costa College’s newspaper *The Advocate* was recently recognized as the most-awarded two-year media outlet in Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) history. At its National College Media Convention, ACP announced the top ten most-awarded student media outlets. Contra Costa College was the only two-year media outlet among nine four-year universities.

“Few people on campus now know how hard student-journalists worked for more than 60 years to document events on our campus,” said retired journalism Paul DeBolt, who advised the paper for 40 years before his recent retirement. “It’s important for students to have a voice on their campus and report the truth. This incredible recognition speaks to the strength of our college-community connection, the dedication to excellence that exists throughout our student body, and the talent, teamwork, resolve and love for CCC that has existed in the hearts of *The Advocate* since the early ’60s.”

The Los Medanos College *LMC Experience* came home with 12 awards announced at the annual Northern Regional Conference of the Journalism Association of Community Colleges. The *LMC Experience* staff also won in General Excellence for the print edition of the paper. Michael Benedian, current editor-in-chief of the paper, won first-place in photo-story essay for highlighting the ceramic works of art students. He also won second place in inside page layout, and fourth place in news photo for an image from an Earth Day event. *Perspectives* Editor Kai Arellano placed fourth place for his editorial cartoon about the pandemic. Sarina Grossi won three individual awards, including second place in critical review, second place in front page layout, and honorable mention in column writing. The staff at Diablo Valley College *DVC Inquirer* won three awards, with Editor-in-Chief Andrea Madison’s months-long series of articles chronicling district events that led to Chancellor Reece’s resignation being awarded the Meritorious Award for Best Enterprise News Story/Series. JT Espiritu won an Honorable Mention for best news story for his piece about hate graffiti spurring action by the Racial Justice Task Force at DVC, and Takeshi Kawata won Honorable Mention for best news story for his piece about students reporting not getting paid after receiving Covid vaccines.



Michael Benedian, current editor-in-chief of *LMC's Experience*, won first-place at the Northern Regional Conference of the Journalism Association of Community Colleges. Photo courtesy of Michael Benedian, *LMC Experience*.



DVC Art Building Wins Excellence in Energy and Sustainability Award

Diablo Valley College Art Complex project has been selected by the Board of Governors for the Best Innovative Project – Large District. The 2022 Excellence in Energy and Sustainability Award recognizes excellence in energy and sustainability through careful project planning and implementation, resulting in energy and cost savings.

The Diablo Valley College New Art Complex is 33,100 square foot, two-story building, located east of the existing Performing Arts Center, along the northern edge of the campus. The Art Complex project includes an all-electric, high efficiency new heating and cooling water plant designed and built concurrently and shared with the new Physical Education/Kinesiology (PE/K) Complex. Simultaneously with the new PE/K project, the new Art Complex shares a recognition in being the district's first building designed to be Zero Net Energy (ZNE).

Tracy Marcial, 4CD Energy & Sustainability Manager shared that it was a team effort and took some forward thinking early on. "When we hired the architects, we said the building had to be zero net energy ready. That set the stage for the building to have many energy and sustainability features, including being one of the first all-electric buildings at DVC". Contra Costa Colleges Science Center was the first all-electric building districtwide, followed by the DVC PE/K project.



Tracy Marcial (left) accepts the Energy and Sustainability Award on behalf of 4CD.

DVC's Art Building



District Welcomes New Employees

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

Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Henry Rivas	Financial Aid Assistant I
DVC	Janet Tran	Admissions/Records Assistant I
DO	Dayna Broussard	District Payroll Specialist
DO	Humberto Cruz-Rodriguez	Police Services Officer
DO	Randal Deutmeyer	Computer & Network Specialist, Senior
DO	Adrian Lopez	Facilities Project Coordinator
LMC	Megela Ohare	Program Coordinator

Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held November 9, 2022, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2022-2023/November%209,%202022.pdf>

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held November 30, 2022, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2022-2023/November%2030,%202022.pdf>

Cabinet Highlights

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

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors-cabinet/2022-2023/November%202022.pdf>

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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