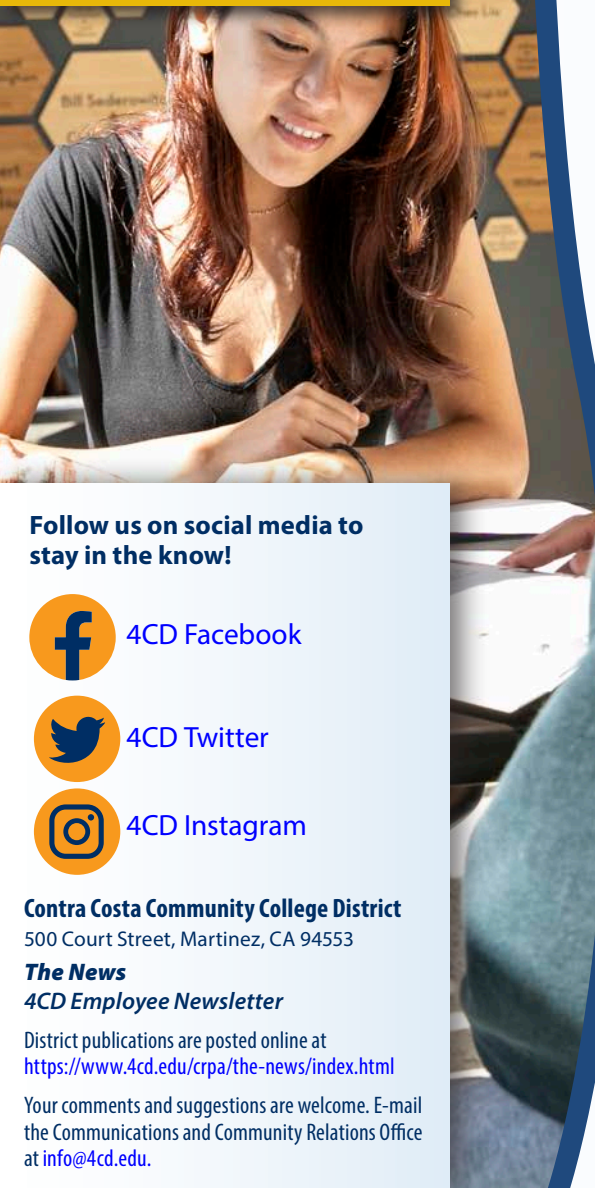


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Undocumented Student Action Week

At their October 12th meeting, the 4CD Governing Board approved a resolution declaring October 17-21, 2022, Undocumented Student Action Week. With the theme of Unidos Podemos (Together, We Can): Collaborative Ecosystems That Support Undocumented Students, 4CD supported the systemwide effort to help encourage its undocumented immigrant students, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

Contra Costa College (CCC), Diablo Valley College (DVC), and Los Medanos College (LMC) collaborated on a series of events to celebrate and support undocumented students and their families across the district. To start the week, audiences filled the Fireside Hall at CCC to hear award-winning author Reyna Grande discuss her celebrated memoir. The following day, DVC held a community kickoff event with food, music, community-building activities, on-site resource sharing, and California Dream Act support. The event was put on by the DVC Dreamers Alliance with many guests including the Immigration Institute of the Bay Area. LMC partnered with the Immigration Institute of the Bay Area and held a powerful interactive webinar that gave an overview of know your rights information and an insightful discussion on immigration options. At the webinar, participants could ask questions anonymously and if interested, schedule a free immigration consultation afterward. On Wednesday CCC hosted the first of two events, a presentation by the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) for students to learn more about immigration policy and how to get involved in the fight for legal permanent residency. The second event was an installment of CCC's HSI Social Justice Speaker Series where author Dr. Oriol Maria Siu spoke about her books and how they smash traditional fairytale tropes into something more inclusive. LMC finished off the week featuring a presentation to guide Dream Act students through the financial aid process.

4CD remains committed to serving all students who can benefit from a postsecondary education. Additionally, the 4CD Governing Board urged Congressional members to uphold California values and create a pathway to citizenship for undocumented students, which will permit them to complete their educational goals and achieve their highest potential. View the full resolution [here](#).

Author Reyna Grande Speaks at Contra Costa College

Award-winning author Reyna Grande visited Contra Costa College on Monday October 17th to speak about her memoirs, *The Distance Between Us and A Dream Called Home*, which recounted her journey from an undocumented child immigrant to becoming a U.S. citizen. She did not originally envision her writing as a tool for social change, but a way for her to transform her trauma. Now she thinks about how her stories can change the world and hopes they'll help create a dialogue about undocumented experiences.



Photo: Author Reyna Grande addresses the Contra Costa College Community

With over 125 in-person attendees and 55 participants on Zoom, Grande answered audience questions including what the American Dream means to her and how she is grateful that her own children's experiences have been so different from hers. She described her trauma around subtractive bilingualism and stated that the attempt to erase her native language is why she has only written in English. Despite the struggles before, during, and after her immigrant journey, she told her audience that the sacrifices she endured have been worth the results. Grande is grateful for the circumstances that led her to the life she has, especially access to public libraries and higher education, and for the opportunity to elevate immigrant voices.

Los Medanos College Hosts Igniting the Dream: Dia de la Familia



On October 22nd, the Contra Costa Community College District, along with Hijas del Campo and United Latino Voices (ULV) presented Igniting the Dream: Dia de la Familia. Hosted by Los Medanos College, the event featured cash for college workshops, immigrant legal services, health services & community resources, in addition to food trucks and opportunity drawings. Incredible talent was on display by Azteca dancers, and Folklorico de Pittsburg High School.

The event was open to high school and college students, parents, educators from all levels, and their allies. This was the final celebration of a full week of collaboration and support for Undocumented Student Action Week.

Journalism Expo at Diablo Valley College

On October 27th, the DVC Journalism and Workforce Development Departments held a journalism expo to celebrate the revitalization of the journalism programs at all three campuses, and the relaunch of the printed edition of DVC's *The Inquirer*. The expo aimed to enlighten, educate, and encourage new and aspiring media professionals.

With over 100 attendees, including 4CD students and students from three local high schools, the expo featured Bay Area personalities from the establishment media to the independent press, including local NBC Bay Area Meteorologist Mike Inoyeye, radio personalities, and sports journalists. There were scholarly discussions of critical media literacy and the challenges of "fake news," and why there is a need for ethical journalists reporting in the public's interest, especially from a local perspective.

The importance of storytelling was central to several discussions, and how newer digital platforms like podcasting and even social media are the new face of "news" to a younger generation, which was a focus of other panels. The day introduced to those in attendance how journalism was changing to be more inclusive and meet the needs of a more diverse population.



Photo: Doug Sovern and Jennifer Seelig (both of KCBS Radio), Anthony Leong (NBC Bay Area Exec. Producer), and Alex Emslie (KQED)

4CD Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

At their September meeting, the 4CD Governing Board unanimously passed Resolution 21A in recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which is celebrated annually from September 15-October 15, 2022. The 2022 National Hispanic Heritage Month theme is "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation." During this month-long period, 4CD honored the significant contributions made and recognized the important presence of Hispanic Americans/Latinx to the United States and celebrated the group's heritage and culture.

During the meeting, former 4CD Governing Board member Maria Viramontes was asked to read the resolution. Viramontes was the first female to serve on the 4CD Governing Board.

National Hispanic Heritage Month was enacted into law in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15th, which represents the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries. It was originally designated Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson but was later expanded by President Ronald Reagan and includes the celebration of centuries-old traditions and customs, live music, dance, and delicacies from different regions.

Hispanic Americans make up 27 percent of Contra Costa County's adult population, 21.5 percent of 4CD's full and part-time employees, including its student employees, and 34.9 percent of 4CD's student population during fall 2021.

NASA Names Contra Costa College an Aerospace Scholars Campus

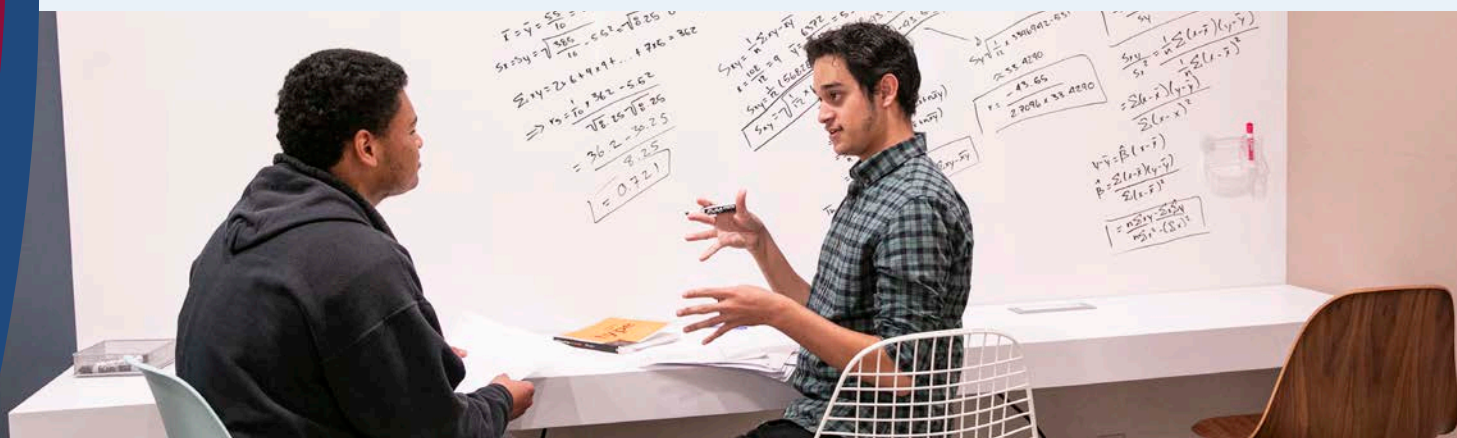
Contra Costa College has been chosen by NASA as the only Northern California campus for its National Community College Aerospace Scholar program.

CCC will recruit a cohort of about 60 CCC students who are seeking degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math and want to participate in an authentic NASA learning experience.

“Contra Costa College students have the opportunity of a lifetime to participate in the NASA National Community College Aerospace Scholar Program,” added Acting President Dr. **Kimberly Rogers**. “With our talented STEM faculty and brand-new science building, the next generation of aerospace engineers, mathematicians... and actual rocket scientists may be in our own community.”

In the program’s first mission, students will get a closer look at NASA’s unique programs and research through a five-week, self-paced learning experience. They will have instructor and program support both on campus and online as they develop their talents, interests, and passion for future STEM careers.

Student scholars who successfully complete the first mission will then move on to the second mission, an engineering challenge and design experience. This mission will intensify its focus on connecting STEM careers to NASA’s mission and work. Upon successful completion of the second mission, a handful of students will be selected for a third and final mission, which involves job shadowing a NASA professional.



District Welcomes New Employees

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

Regular Managers

Location	Name	Title
DVC	David Craib	Director of Auxiliary Services
LMC	Juliet Casey Geary	Director of Marketing and Media Design

Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Jazmin Morales	Program Assistant
DVC	Rachel Nishijima	Program Assistant
DO	Liliana Tufui	Accounting Specialist
LMC	Kathryn Anderson	Science Laboratory Technician
LMC	Ali Haddadi	Equipment Maintenance Worker, Senior
LMC	Julie Hubbard	Science Laboratory Technician
LMC	Denise Uribe	College Human Resources Assistant

Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held October 12, 2022, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2022-2023/October%2012,%202022.pdf>

Cabinet Highlights

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

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

District Governance Committee

To learn more about the District Governance Committee, click on the link below:

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