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4CD Honors Veterans

At their November 8, 2023, meeting the 4CD Governing Board passed a resolution honoring Veterans, all persons currently serving in the armed forces of the United States of America, our employee Veterans and the 342 student Veterans currently enrolled at 4CD.

The Contra Costa College (CCC) Veterans Resource Center hosted a Veterans Day Celebration Event on Wednesday, November 8, 2023. The celebration featured tabling resources from both CCC and county offices. In addition, recruitment offices from the Marines, Navy, and Army attended and even brought their own workout stations.



Veterans and Governing Board President Fernando Sandoval and Vice-President John E. Márquez accepted the resolution on behalf of Veterans.



Diablo Valley College students and employees at the Veterans Day Ceremony.

On Thursday, November 9, 2023, Diablo Valley College (DVC) hosted a Veterans Day Ceremony at their Pleasant Hill Campus. DVC's student keynote speaker was Andres Garcia, US Marine Veteran, and SVRC work-study student. 4CD Governing Board President and US Navy Veteran, Fernando Sandoval was the Honorary Speaker. DVC also hosted an open house event in the afternoon where they welcomed all staff, faculty, and administration to stop by to honor our Veteran students.

Los Medanos College hosted a week of speakers focused on transitioning from military service and support services offered throughout the county. Community partners included the County Veterans Services Office, VA Clinic, EDD Jobs for Vets, with topics such as transitioning, reintegration & navigating the VA health care system, and accessing care & resources to developing personalized health & wellness goals.

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4CD Employee Newsletter

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Native American History Month

At their November 8, 2023, meeting, the Governing Board unanimously approved a resolution in support of Native American Heritage Month. Commonly recognized as American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month, it takes place in November and is a time to acknowledge and celebrate the rich and diverse cultures and traditions of Native Americans, as well as to value their identities, roles, and contributions to the local and national economies.

Contra Costa College (CCC) hosted Dr. Adrienne J. Keene (Cherokee Nation), a renowned writer, blogger, podcast host, activist, and professor at Brown University. Dr. Keene shared insights on how to provide effective support to Native and Indigenous students in higher education. Native Poet Kim Shuck, an Academy of American Poets Laureate Fellow and poet laureate of San Francisco, visited CCC to read in the fireside room. La Raza Studies hosted an event in honor of Native American History Month: Indigenous Women Voices: Settler Colonialism from Turtle Island to Palestine and Beyond.



Kim Shuck, a San Francisco native and member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, served as the poet laureate of San Francisco from 2017-2021.

CCC Compass Center Wins Award

Contra Costa Colleges (CCC) Compass Center received the outstanding new project/program award from the Contra Costa Council on Homelessness (Council). The “Outstanding New Project/Program” category is to recognize new projects or programs that enrich the lives of people facing homelessness in Contra Costa County.

The Compass Center at CCC stands as a place of hope for those facing homelessness and struggling with their basic needs while attending college. The program is tailored to offer comprehensive

support and vital referrals and is dedicated to assisting individuals in their pursuit of education and a brighter future. Recognizing that basic needs are foundational to success, the Compass Center serves not just as a support system, but as a catalyst for change.

Hope Dixon, CCC’s Basic Needs Coordinator, was selected from a pool of 18 candidates to sit on the Council as the community representative.

To learn more about The Compass Center, visit <https://www.contracosta.edu/student-services/basic-needs/>



District Welcomes New Employees

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

Regular Managers

Location	Name	Title
DST	Kara Levine	Executive Assistant
LMC	Zine Sandy	Custodial Manager
LMC	Marty Storti	Athletic Director

Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Rosareli Perez	Financial Aid Assistant I
DVC	Midori Gonzales Quintal	College Human Resources Assistant
DVC	Jaslyn Mendoza-Alfaro	Financial Aid Assistant I
DVC	Carol Trost	Administrative Assistant II
DST	Gail Pisenti	District Payroll Clerk
LMC	Elizabeth Esparza	Disabled Students Programs & Services Assistant
LMC	Sourosch Faridehrani	Vocational Equipment Assistant

Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held November 8, 2023, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2023-2024/November%208,%202023.pdf>

Cabinet Highlights

To review highlights of the Cabinet meetings held in November 2023, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors-cabinet/2023-2024/October%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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