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4CD Governing Board Sets 2025-26 Goals

At their meeting on July 9, the Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) Governing Board approved the 2025-26 Governing Board Goals, which include the following:

- Support the implementation of the 2025-2030 4CD Strategic Plan by continuing to provide policy direction and using the strategic plan as the Governing Board's north star for decision-making. (Districtwide Strategic Goal (SG) 1-4)
- Continue to support the facilities needs of 4CD. Work with the Chancellor to determine whether a facilities bond is appropriate to respond to the evolving facilities needs of current and future learners as demonstrated through the College Facilities Plans. (SG3-4)
- Provide policy and direction that increases enrollment, improves educational outcomes, and results in revenue generation through the Student-Centered Funding Formula. (SG1, SG4)
- Strengthen ties between the colleges and the communities served, including K-12 and university partners. Focus on communicating the successes of 4CD. In doing so, Governing Board members will support the Chancellor as the 4CD spokesperson, with Governing Board members being the community connectors for the Chancellor. (SG2)
- Support the evolution of higher education through innovative practices. (SG2-3)
- Ensure a high level of Governing Board positive relations. Maintain active listening, decorum, mutual respect, civility and trust between and among Governing Board members and the Chancellor. (SG4)

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Relations Office at info@4cd.edu.



4CD Partners with Contra Costa Health

We're proud to partner with Contra Costa Health (CCH) to make student health care more accessible and support our students in staying healthy and successful. Starting in late August, CCH brought mobile health clinics to Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, and Los Medanos College—to offer free and confidential health services to eligible 4CD students.

These weekly clinics provide school and sports physicals, STI testing and treatment, and reproductive health education and services. It's a convenient way for our students to prioritize their well-being without having to leave campus.

"We are proud to partner with CCH to offer our students free, convenient health care services," Chancellor **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh** said. "We encourage our students to prioritize their physical and mental health, and this is just one example of how our colleges empower students to care for their well-being."

Clinics will be held on Mondays at Los Medanos College Pittsburg, and Wednesdays at Contra Costa College and Diablo Valley College Pleasant Hill (excluding the second Wednesday of each month). Appointments can be made by calling 925-608-5350 or submitting an [online request](#).

Students under 21 can access reproductive care regardless of insurance. Those who are under 21 and uninsured or have Medi-Cal or Contra Costa Health Plan (CCHP), can also get physicals. Students 21 and older with Medi-Cal, CCHP or no insurance are also eligible.

Contra Costa College Professor Mark Wong Recognized

Mark Wong, Professor of Physics at Contra Costa College (CCC) has been named Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE) Teacher of the Year through our County Office of Education and was recognized during the annual CCCOE Teacher of the Year celebration on September 4.

In addition, Professor Wong was awarded the Pacific Region's Faculty Member Award through the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). This award will be presented during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress, which will take place in New Orleans in October.

Since joining CCC in 2007, Professor Wong has developed and revitalized STEM programs at CCC. His accomplishments include restructuring engineering degrees to align with industry and transfer standards, leading National Science Foundation (NSF)-funded initiatives, developing bridge and independent study programs, and mentoring students through competitive opportunities and scholarships. These innovations have built sustainable pathways for current and future students in STEM fields.

Professor Wong is widely respected for his student-centered teaching approach and providing extensive mentorship. He supports students through academic and career milestones and has played a pivotal role in launching students' STEM careers, particularly for those from underrepresented backgrounds.

One of his former students, now a senior at UCLA shared "I can confidently say Professor Wong has been the most effective, helpful, and understanding professor I have had. With his rigorous courses, I entered UCLA incredibly prepared to take 5 engineering courses every quarter, completing over 100 units within a year and a half. Reflecting on my time at Contra Costa College, if it were not for Professor Wong, I would not have had the initial springboard into deciding my career trajectory. ...Professor Wong is the epitome of not only a fantastic professor, but an example of a lifelong mentor."





Contra Costa College Welcomes First Cohort of Future Civil Engineers

Contra Costa College (CCC) has launched its new Civil Engineering Degree Apprenticeship Pathway (CEDAP), a groundbreaking new program that offers students a supported, debt-free route into high-demand infrastructure careers. The program officially kicked off on July 7 with an on-campus celebration that welcomed the first 20-student cohort into the new five-year pathway.

CCC is one of 11 California community colleges selected to scale this model. CEDAP is designed to open doors in civil and transportation engineering. Funded by a \$5 million federal grant, this initiative is a partnership among CCC, the Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County (WDBCCC), Growth Sector, Caltrans, and other regional employers and universities.



Los Medanos College Earns Economic Development Award

Los Medanos College (LMC) and the City of Oakley were recognized this summer with the 2025

Award of Merit from the California Association for Economic Development for their partnership in providing free monthly small business workshops.

The city first developed the program with LMC in 2021, which featured entrepreneurial workshops that give participants a deep dive into aspects of starting a business with the guidance of an experienced instructor. LMC presents 90-minute interactive workshops in a virtual format that allows attendees to pose real-time questions and receive immediate, informed answers, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. Participants are at various stages in their entrepreneurial journey. Some are Los Medanos College students embarking on or exploring entrepreneurial aspirations, while others own established businesses, including brick-and-mortar establishments in the Bay Area.

4CD Welcomes New Employees

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

Classified Professionals

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Brandon Cooper	Custodian II
CCC	Elgene Shai	Grounds Worker II
CCC	Patricia Villasenor	Custodian II
DVC	Carlos Avila	Laboratory Coordinator, Senior
DVC	Daniel Hurtado	Maintenance Mechanic
LMC	Julio Flores	Police Services Assistant/Dispatcher

Faculty

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Kaitlin Duffey	Chemistry
DVC	Ghori Hajera	English
DVC	George Hanna	Counseling
DVC	Ryan Ikeda	English
DVC	Rebecca Kim	Chemistry
DVC	Antoinette Lockie	Counseling
DVC	Danielle Odom	Counseling
DVC	Lorenzo Washington	Biological Sciences
DVC	Gabrielle Wolodarski	Art
LMC	Tania Borja-Rodriguez	Nursing
LMC	Taylor Jackson	Ethnic Studies

Managers

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Litzia Martin	Program Manager
DVC	Cassandra Reinsel	Dean
DVC	Amy Zink	Bookstore Supervisor

Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held on July 9, 2025, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2025-2026/July%209,%202025.pdf>

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held August 13, 2025, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2025-2026/August%2013,%202025.pdf>

To view the recordings of past Governing Board Meetings, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/gb/videos.html>

Cabinet Highlights

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<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors-cabinet/index.html>

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.

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.