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4CD Receives Sustainability Champion Award

On March 24, the California Community Colleges Board of Governors honored leading innovators and standout programs with the 2025 Energy and Sustainability Awards for their ongoing efforts to achieve environmental sustainability while advancing the goals of the system's strategic plan, Vision 2030. 4CD's Energy and Sustainability Manager, **Tracy Marcial**, was selected for the "Sustainability Champion" award.

Since joining 4CD in 2016, Tracy has led a districtwide effort to turn sustainability into measurable action. Her leadership helped guide 4CD's Governing Board's adoption of the district's first sustainability goals in 2022, aligned with the Board of Governors' Climate Action Sustainability Framework, and ensured bond-funded projects met evolving building and electrification standards.



Tracy Marcial (fourth from right)

Tracy operationalized sustainability in various ways, including enrolling the District in the Higher Education Efficiency Performance program (HEEP) and leading inclusive, hands-on implementation across all three campuses focusing on education and training that has produced behavioral changes necessary to gain energy savings. In just two years, these efforts resulted in \$200,000 and nearly \$40,000 in incentives—driven by practical, data-informed improvements. Tracy spearheaded the effort to secure nearly \$800,000 in grants culminating in the installation of 86 EV charging stations across our campuses.



Annie Sciacca with a student. Image provided by CCC

CCC Advocate Extends Record

Contra Costa College’s student newspaper, *The Advocate*, has extended its record as the most-awarded two-year student media outlet in Associated Collegiate Press history.

The *The Advocate* is the only two-year college program to rank among the organization’s top ten most-awarded outlets nationally.

“I am incredibly proud of *The Advocate* staff,” said **Annie Sciacca**, journalism department chair and advisor. “While we do not do journalism solely for the awards, I am so glad the staff has been recognized for their

diligence in reporting and their commitment to providing our college community with a modern, impactful news outlet.”

Student journalists at Contra Costa College also took home two awards from the Journalism Association of Community College. The new honors recognize *The Advocate*’s news website and email newsletter, with a third award going to former managing editor Arianna Caramagno for enterprise reporting.

LMC Hosts Multicultural Event

On March 18, Los Medanos College hosted a Multicultural Festival, with 679 attendees, dynamic performances, and delicious food from a variety of local restaurants. In addition, student organizations set up booths to sell treats or items representative of their culture and raise money for their clubs.

One of the many performers of the night included a group of high school dancers who specialize in Bollywood-style dancing, captivating the crowd with their synchronized dance routines and bright traditional clothing. Pittsburg High School’s Ballet Folklórico club displayed a true commitment to the development of their program through their culturally rich and proud performance. The LMC Band took to the stage to perform salsa music, which quickly transformed into a full salsa dance lesson led by Bioscience faculty member **Joe Bahlman**.



Student Leaders Advocate in D.C.

Fifteen students from Diablo Valley College and Los Medanos College participated in the National Student Advocacy Conference held in Washington, D.C. in March. The team conducted legislative visits with members of Congress and their staff, where they discussed important issues on each campus. Topics included mental health, technological barriers and access for non-traditional students, funding for STEM resources and research opportunities, as well as immigration reform and protections for undocumented students. They also visited Capitol Hill, Georgetown University, the Lincoln Memorial and several other landmarks.

In addition to the congressional advocacy visits, students participated in the annual American Student Association of Community Colleges (ASACC) federal advocacy conference to hear about other federal priorities from across the nation, and they connected with fellow delegates. This experience expanded their view of issues important to community college students around the nation and helped them understand the differences between advocating at the federal level and advocating for changes in California state law.

“I am fortunate to have traveled on this trip last year and know how life-changing of an experience this is for my fellow students”, said ASDVC President Luismario Fernandez Hernandez. “We are fortunate to have the continuing support of the college and district to learn about civic responsibility while enhancing our leadership skills on this trip.”



Todd Farr (bottom left) and **Robert Delgado** (top left) with students from DVC and LMC

4CD Welcomes New Employees

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

Los Medanos College

Classified Professionals

Malia Valencia, Financial Aid Assistant I

Pierce Young, Financial Aid Assistant I



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