

Transforming Our Communities

Contra Costa Community College District
2023 Bond Report to the Community



Contra Costa College— San Pablo Campus



Contra Costa College Science Center

Diablo Valley College— Pleasant Hill and San Ramon Campuses



Diablo Valley College PE/Kinesiology Complex

Los Medanos College— Pittsburg Campus and Brentwood Center



Entrance to Los Medanos College - Brentwood Center

Bond Oversight Committee Members Represent Stakeholders Across Contra Costa County



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Citizens' Organization
Representative



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LMC Business Organization
Representative



Marc Joffe
District Taxpayers'
Organization
Representative



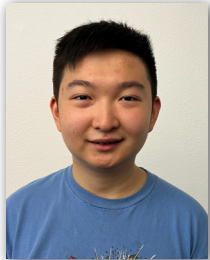
Rob Schroder
DVC Support Organization
Representative



Elaine Schroth
DVC Business Organization
Representative



Dr. William van Dyk
CCC Support Organization
Representative



Edward Wong
DVC Student Representative

Vacant Positions:
LMC Support Organization
Representative, LMC Student
Representative, CCC Student
Representative, CCC Business
Organization Representative

2023 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Monitors Bond Program Expenditures

Letter from the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee | Elaine Schroth, Chair

When the Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) passes a school bond measure, the 4CD is required to create a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (Committee). The Committee is composed of residents of the 4CD who represent a cross-section of community groups including finance, business, academia, taxpayers, and senior citizens. The role of Committee members is to monitor 4CD's bond expenditures of the 2014 Bond and ensure that all money spent is consistent with the language specified in the original bond measures.

The Committee meets on a quarterly basis to review reports submitted by the 4CD that confirm:

- all bond funds have been spent in a manner consistent with the language in the bonds;
- an annual independent audit has been performed; and
- no bond funds have been spent for any purpose other than on facility improvements and upgrades, new buildings to accommodate student growth, the purchase of classroom equipment, and the administration of bond supported projects.

The Committee takes these tasks seriously and is pleased to report to the residents of Contra Costa County that all bond funds have been spent in the manner consistent with appropriate language.

Both performance and financial audits were independently conducted as required by 4CD's external auditors. In the auditors' opinion, "the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the capital outlay for the 2014 bond fund as of June 30, 2022. In addition, the results of the District Facilities bond program's operations for the year conform to the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States."

Despite the challenges of working around the impact of the COVID pandemic, 4CD was able to maintain its construction schedules to bring outstanding projects to its sites. This year's completed projects included the Contra Costa College Science Center and Physical Education/Kinesiology complex, the Diablo Valley College (DVC)-San Ramon Campus Library and Learning Resource Center, and the new Art Complex at the DVC-Pleasant Hill campus. Additional progress has been made on the Athletics Complex at the DVC-Pleasant Hill campus and the new solar panel/resiliency project at the LMC-Brentwood Center. We urge you to visit these many new facilities and see the wonderful environments 4CD offers to its students.

Please note the quarterly meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is open to the public. As members of the Committee, we encourage others to learn how to become a future committee member. Current and former members have found the experience of learning about 4CD's bond programs and monitoring expenditures to be both personally rewarding and a satisfying way to contribute to our community.

We appreciate your interest in the 4CD's bond program and always welcome your questions.



Message from the Chancellor

Chancellor Mojdeh Mehdizadeh



This year marks 4CD's 75th year of delivering exceptional educational programs and services to Contra Costa County residents.

As we've begun planning for our anniversary celebrations across the District, I have

enjoyed the opportunity to look through photos of the campuses since our inception in 1948, including my days as a student at Diablo Valley College. I am truly amazed by the transformations we have experienced over the last 75 years and in particular, over my 36 years with 4CD.

The vibrancy of the buildings and campus life reflects our community values and the affordable and quality higher education we provide. Our new, highly functional, and well-designed college facilities rival those found at 4-year institutions of higher education. We hope you take great pride in what we have done so far to better serve our students and communities.

Although the look and feel of our campuses have evolved, our commitment to providing spaces for students to learn, grow, and develop personally and professionally remains unchanged. We strive to create a sense of belonging for each student, employee, and community member on our campuses.

These investments would not be possible without the passage of our bond measures by Contra Costa County voters. On behalf of our Governing Board, our 31,000 students annually, and our approximately 3,600 full- and part-time employees, thank you for your support. We could not complete this vital work without you.

I want to acknowledge and honor the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee for its tremendous contribution in ensuring that 4CD exercises exceptional stewardship with these public funds and complies with the intent and spirit of the approved bond measures. These dedicated community members deserve our thanks.

"I am truly amazed by the transformations we have experienced over the last 75 years..."

MEASURE E BOND PROGRAM: DISTRICT OFFICE AND DISTRICTWIDE PROJECTS

DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDINGS

Public Safety Center at CCC (2019); Public Safety Center at LMC (2019); District Office seismic repairs (2020)

DISTRICTWIDE INITIATIVES

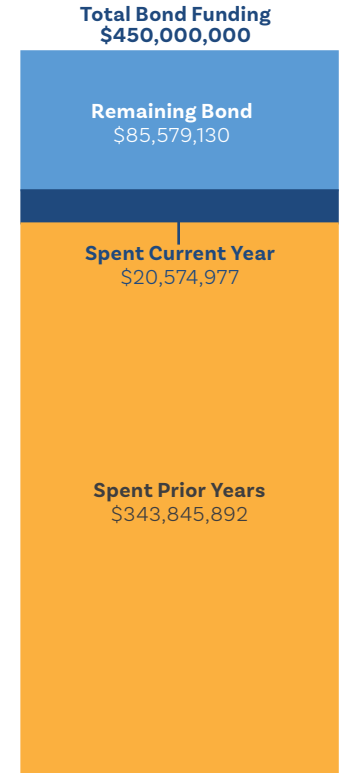
Upgrade security and access control systems (2022); building systems and Districtwide energy conservation projects (2022)

All projects are completed and include the year they were finalized. Please see additional bond program projects on p. 8 (Contra Costa College), p. 9 (Diablo Valley College) and p. 10 (Los Medanos College).

DISTRICTWIDE MEASURE E (2014) FINANCIALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

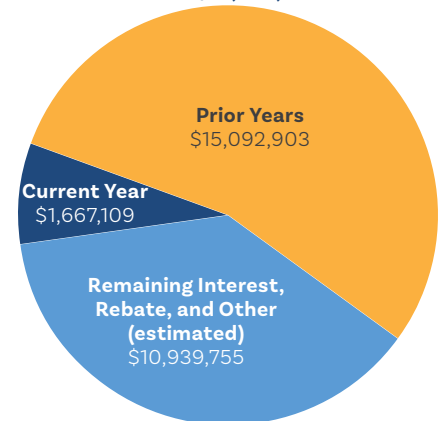
As of June 30, 2023

Capital Improvement Program



Interest, Rebate, and Other Funding

Total: \$27,699,767



Reflecting on the 75th Anniversary

The Contra Costa Junior College District (later named Contra Costa Community College District and abbreviated as 4CD) was founded in 1948 by public vote and first opened its doors to students in 1949. Throughout our history, we have worked to prepare students for the future amid a fast-changing economic, technological, and social landscape.

As our campuses have evolved over the years, including the recent rise of remote learning, our college campuses have been vital to the experience we offer to students. They are filled with spaces for hands-on learning, whether that's in science labs, electric and hybrid car repair facilities, art and television studios, athletic facilities, simulated hospital patient rooms, planetariums, or auditoriums. They host the student clubs, affinity organizations, sports teams, and learning and tutoring centers that build resiliency and connections among students and provide leadership opportunities. The various indoor and outdoor spaces on our campuses spark interaction among students, faculty, and the public. They create not only strong relationships but also stronger communities across the County.

As we commemorate the District's anniversary, we invited Peter Garcia to reflect on the changes he has seen during his long association with the District. Over his 30-year career within 4CD, he served as President of both Diablo Valley and Los Medanos Colleges, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, Dean of Economic Development, Dean of Humanistic Studies, faculty researcher, philosophy instructor, and offensive line coach for the Los Medanos College football team. We've shared excerpts from our conversation on these pages.



Peter Garcia

4CD Retiree/Lifelong Pittsburg Resident/
Contra Costa County taxpayer



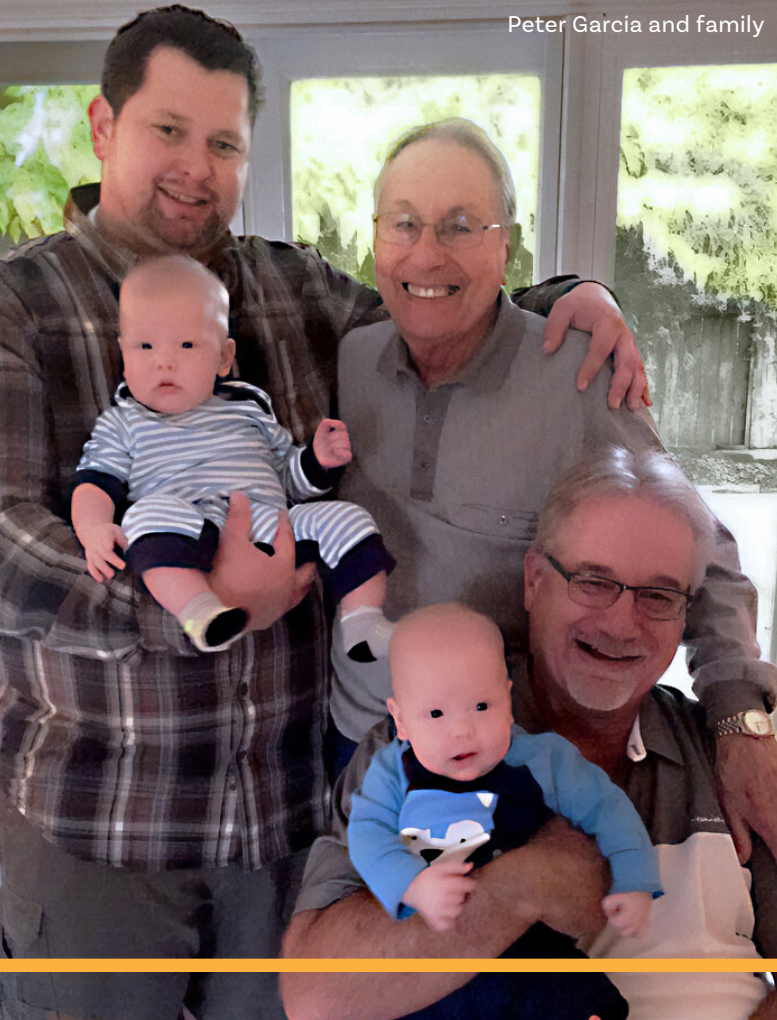
This year 4CD is celebrating 75 years, and that means we've educated at least three generations of community college graduates. Before taxpayers passed the bond measures, many of our buildings had not been repaired or renovated in decades. Our newer campuses operated in rented elementary school classrooms and a strip mall. In many cases, the constraints on facilities meant that our colleges couldn't grow, even with stopgap measures like portable classrooms.

Besides having the privilege of serving the District, I'm also a lifelong Pittsburg resident. My dad was also a homeowner in Pittsburg, and he always felt that education was a great investment of our tax dollars. As a citizen and taxpayer myself, I agree with him, and I believe I've received good value for the bonds County voters passed.

But what's most important is that we are creating more access to education and brighter futures for our students. The financial challenges of college aren't just about tuition and materials - they're about transportation and the opportunity cost of studying rather than working. If it's too difficult to attend college, we lose good minds and potential.



Peter Garcia and family

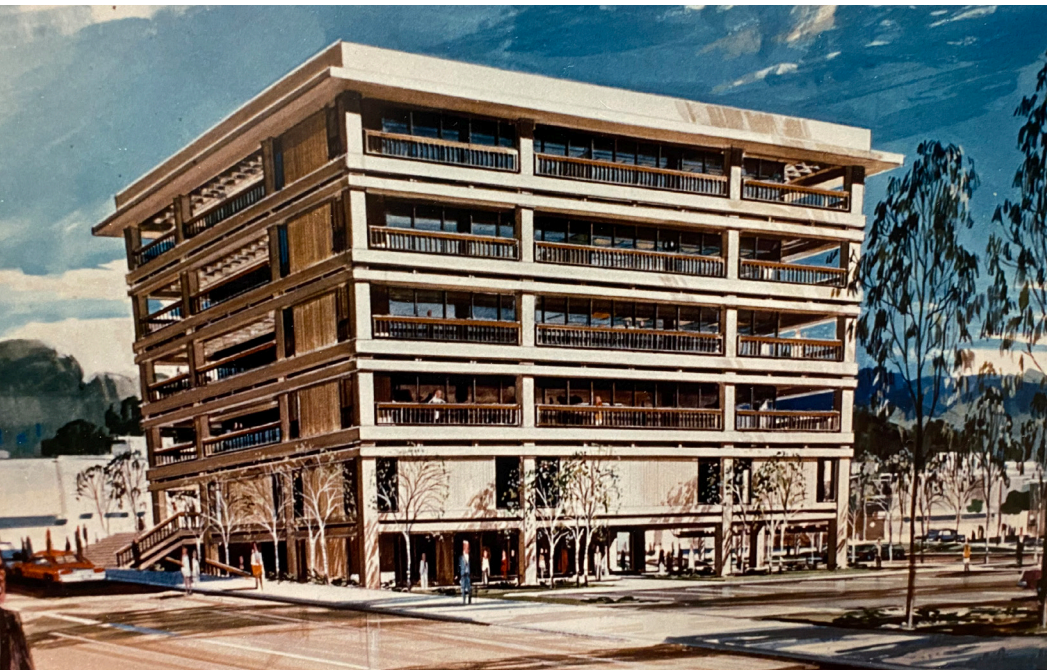
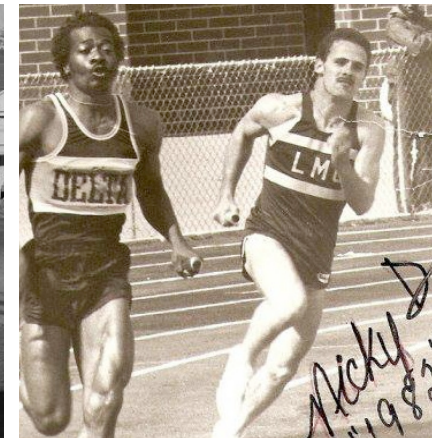


Through our campuses across Contra Costa County, we can now serve many students we previously couldn't reach, including many from historically excluded groups. When prospective students see our new and updated facilities, they can envision themselves learning and thriving on our campuses. Whether students are preparing for a career or planning to transfer, we can offer them more opportunities. I can't think of a better investment in our future.

Today, we are witnessing an incredible transformation. Our oldest three campuses have all seen renovations and expansions, and the San Ramon Campus and Brentwood Center are a reality. The improvements in our facilities are bringing greater pride in our campuses and communities.

4CD's journey began humbly, with its first classes held at a shipyard, U.S. Army base, and a local elementary school. As Contra Costa County has grown from approximately 300,000 residents in 1950 to 1.165 million in 2020, the District has expanded alongside it. Today, the district is home to three thriving colleges with a combined five campuses across the County, along with the administration building in Martinez.

None of this growth would be possible without the generous support of the community. That includes County voters' approval of bond measures in 2002, 2006 and 2014, which has allowed us to modernize early campus buildings and build new facilities. **As 4CD celebrates its 75th anniversary, we're pleased to share these images as a thank-you to our community.**



1949:

Board of Trustees holds first meeting and adopts Contra Costa Junior College District as the official name

1949:

Classes held at Camp Stoneman, Pittsburg

1950:

Classes held at Kaiser Shipyard, Richmond and a Martinez elementary school

1950:

Board purchases property adjoining Contra Costa Golf Club for East Campus

1952:

Pleasant Hill permanent campus holds first classes

1953:

District acquires San Pablo acreage for West Campus

1956:

San Pablo permanent campus holds first classes

1958:

West Campus renamed Contra Costa College (CCC) and East Campus renamed Diablo Valley College (DVC)

1962:

District accepts quit claim deed for Camp Stoneman, site for East College

1968:

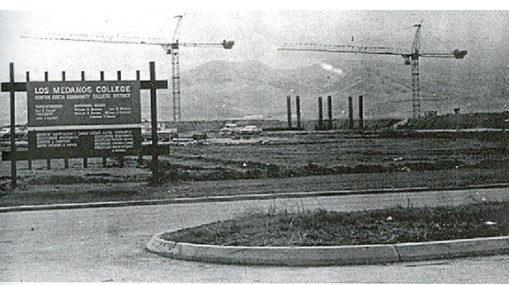
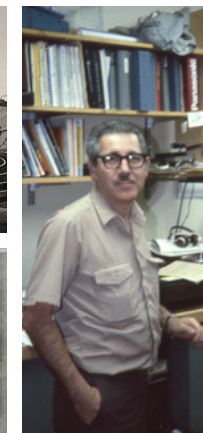
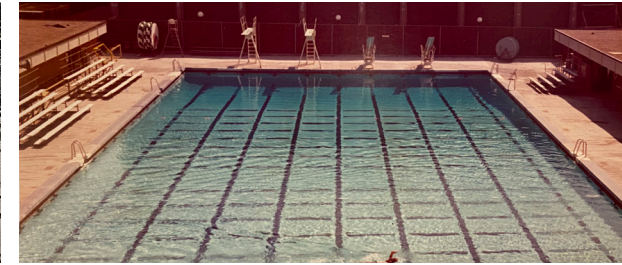
Plan for East College is approved

1971:

East College is named Los Medanos College (LMC) and District is renamed Contra Costa Community College District

1975:

LMC opens in a permanent facility



1985:

DVC opens the Center for Higher Education, its outreach in San Ramon

2001:

Brentwood Center moves to new, larger location

2006:

Contra Costa County citizens pass a \$286 million facilities bond; DVC's new, permanent San Ramon campus opens

2014:

Contra Costa County citizens pass a \$450 million facilities bond

1998:

LMC's Brentwood Center opens

2002:

Contra Costa County citizens pass \$120 million facilities bond

2020:

New Brentwood Center opens



Contra Costa College



President
Kimberly R. Rogers, Ph.D.

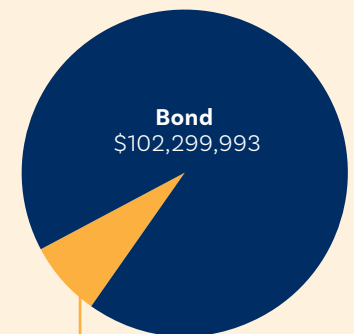
Founded in 1949
Enrollment:
6,480 students annually

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**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
COLLEGE ALLOCATION
(MEASURE E 2014)**

As of June 30, 2023

TOTAL:
\$110,431,906



**Interest, Rebate,
and Other Funding**
\$8,131,913

**MEASURE E BOND
PROGRAM:**

AA Building renovation (2019); Physical Education/ Kinesiology Complex renovation and expansion (2022); new Science Center Phase I and II (2022); new Science Center Phase III demolition and final site work (2023); campus site work***; modernize or construct Campus Operations building***

***FUTURE
(Completed projects include the year of finalization.)

Contra Costa College (CCC) is located in the socioeconomically diverse, resilient and culturally vibrant East Bay community and serves predominantly Latinx, African American, and Asian American students. The college is located on 83 acres of a beautiful, naturally landscaped site accentuated by Wildcat Creek running through the rolling hills of San Pablo and Richmond. In recent years, the campus has added a number of new, state-of-the-art facilities, including an entirely new college center.

CCC has been repeatedly recognized for many of its academic and career education programs locally, statewide, and nationally. It was recently chosen by NASA to be the only Northern California campus for its National Community College Aerospace Scholar program. Its student newspaper, The Advocate, is the most-awarded two-year college media outlet in Associated Collegiate Press history.

Over the past two years alone, the new Science Center and renovated Physical Education/ Kinesiology Complex have opened to the public, bringing a renewed feeling of vibrancy to the campus. The Science Center's labs, study areas, and planetarium have become hubs of activity, driving interest in CCC's STEM programs and increased interaction among students and with faculty, while attracting new faculty members who are excited to teach in a state-of-the-art facility. It is also the first Zero Net Energy (ZNE)-ready building, featuring an all-electric hot water system, heating and air conditioning system.

With the modernization project complete, the Physical Education/Kinesiology Complex has been a strong draw for both student athletes and general members of the CCC community. The updated exercise facilities and a new circuit training lab, along with new PE/wellness instructional spaces, encourage all students to make health and wellness a priority. The Complex is currently in its final closeout phase.





President
Susan E. Lamb

Founded in 1949

Enrollment:
16,472 students annually

Pleasant Hill Campus
321 Golf Club Road
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
(925) 685-1230

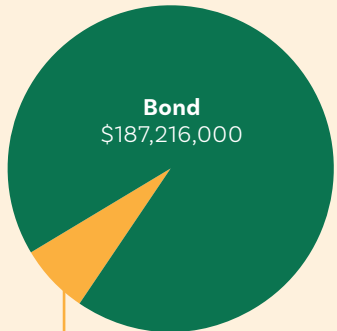
www.dvc.edu

San Ramon Campus
1690 Watermill Road
San Ramon, CA 94582
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www.dvc.edu/san-ramon/

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
COLLEGE ALLOCATION
(MEASURE E 2014)**

As of June 30, 2023

TOTAL:
\$201,052,690



**Interest, Rebate,
and Other Funding**
\$13,836,690



Diablo Valley College (DVC) has distinguished itself as one of the nation’s most successful community colleges. DVC offers unequalled transfer programs and exceptional career education programs and degrees to an increasingly diverse student body. The larger of DVC’s two campuses is located off Interstate 680 in Pleasant Hill, and the newer San Ramon Campus serves the south county in Dougherty Valley.

With a focus on student equity, DVC prepares our students of today to be the leaders of tomorrow. This requires facilities designed with student learning and success in mind, and DVC was excited to open two new bond-funded buildings in 2023.

The new Art Complex is built in an “H” shape configuration with an open courtyard space. With its wide range of studios and spaces, it is drawing students to classes from painting and ceramics

to digital art, and it is also home to a community gallery showcasing the work of students and faculty members. The Art Complex also supports campus and District sustainability goals, with an all-electric, high-efficiency utility plant that provides heating and cooling water to not only the Art Complex but also the Physical Education/ Kinesiology Complex. Completed in 2022, this project is in the final close-out phases.

The eagerly-anticipated Aquatics Center opened to students and the public in August 2023. It has already become a favorite spot on campus, not only for DVC student athletes, but also community members of all ages who enroll in aquatics classes. Over the next several years, DVC will break ground on the Engineering Technology building renovation, which will provide for much-needed improvements to classrooms and labs.



MEASURE E BOND PROGRAM:

Infrastructure improvements— main water valves replacement (2016); building system upgrades—HVAC systems evaluation (2016); Library boiler/chiller and HVAC renovation (2016); roof replacements, Phase I (2016); central plant feasibility (2017); Faculty Office Building condition assessment (2017); groundwater study (2017); main electrical switchgear replacement (2019); main loop gas valves replacement (2019); HVAC and controls upgrades (2020); western utility corridor (2021); new Art Complex (2022); Kinesiology/ Athletics Complex renovation Phase I (2021) and Phase II (2022); Kinesiology/Athletics Complex Phase III (2023); ADA barrier removal (ongoing projects)***; Classroom Upgrades (LA Building) Phase I (2023) and Phase II**; new Academic Complex***; Engineering Technology building renovation**; Learning Center repurpose***; future building site development***

REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTERS

San Ramon Campus expansion (2021)

UNDER DESIGN | *FUTURE (Completed projects include the year of finalization.)



Los Medanos College

LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE



President
Pamela Ralston, Ph.D.

Founded in 1974

Enrollment:

8,428 students annually

Pittsburg Campus

2700 East Leland Road
Pittsburg, CA 94565
(925) 439-2181

www.losmedanos.edu

Brentwood Center

1351 Pioneer Square
Brentwood, CA 94513
(925) 513-1625

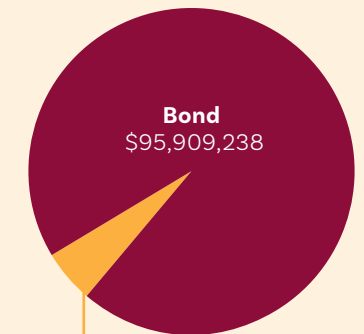
www.losmedanos.edu/brentwood/

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COLLEGE ALLOCATION (MEASURE E 2014)

As of June 30, 2023

TOTAL:

\$100,972,423



Interest, Rebate, and Other Funding
\$5,063,185

MEASURE E BOND PROGRAM:

Tennis courts resurfacing (2016); College Complex renovations (2019); mechanical system upgrades (2020); Kinesiology & Athletics Complex and Student Union (2020)

REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTERS

New LMC Brentwood Center building (2020); Brentwood Center Solar Panels and Battery Storage**

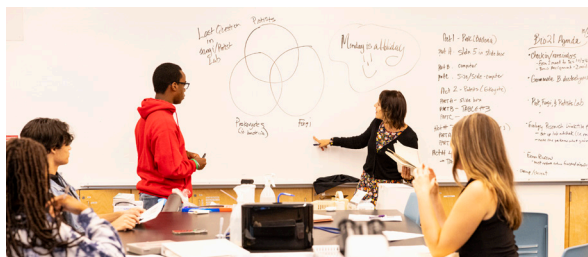
**UNDER DESIGN
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Los Medanos College (LMC) serves the East Contra Costa County community. Established in 1974, LMC has earned federal designations as a Minority-Serving and Hispanic-Serving institution. It offers award-winning transfer and career-technical programs, support services, and diverse academic opportunities in an inclusive learning environment. With exceptional educators, innovative curriculum, growing degree and certificate offerings, and state-of-the-art facilities, the college prepares students to succeed in their educational pursuits, in the workforce, and beyond. LMC's Pittsburg Campus is located on 120 acres bordering Antioch, with an additional campus in Brentwood.

We are grateful to county residents for supporting our District bond measures, enabling the college to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment in state-of-the-art facilities at the Pittsburg and Brentwood campuses. That community investment allows LMC to continue positioning our students for success at four-year institutions, in the workforce, and beyond.

The Student Union and Kinesiology & Athletics Complex opened in 2020, just as students shifted to remote learning during the pandemic. Today these buildings are reaching their full potential, bringing students back to campus and providing opportunities to learn, interact, and build community. The Student Union is thriving with an array of student organizations, clubs and campus events, along with meeting rooms, study space, and the reopened campus cafeteria. The Kinesiology & Athletics Complex is a magnet for both student athletes and the entire LMC community, enhancing campus health and wellness.

The new Brentwood Center has also drawn more students back to its classrooms and facilities, reflecting its location in one of the fastest-growing areas in Contra Costa County. It is also preparing for the final phase of the bond project, when photovoltaic (PV) panels will be installed on shade structures over the parking. This project also includes a small battery backup system to provide backup resiliency to critical campus IT systems and increase overall campus resilience in the event of power interruptions.





Greener Buildings Support a Sustainable Future

In 2022, the 4CD Governing Board approved Board Resolution 20B, adopting nine Districtwide sustainability goals that align with statewide initiatives led by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

The third goal, Green Buildings, aims for all new 4CD campus buildings to become LEED or WELL Gold certified. The LEED Gold certification process evaluates the performance of buildings, looking at sustainable site development, water and energy efficiency, materials selection, indoor environmental quality, and innovation in design.

4CD has several buildings that have achieved or are on the path for LEED Gold certification, including:

- CCC's new Science Building
- DVC's Art and Physical Education-Kinesiology Complexes
- LMC's Student Union and Kinesiology Athletics Center and the new Brentwood Center

The most recent buildings at CCC and DVC also have an all-electric design, which eliminates emissions from fossil fuels and puts them on target to achieve LEED Zero Net Energy certification. To learn more about how 4CD is helping create a greener future, please visit our 2022 Sustainability Report at <http://bit.ly/4CD-sustainability>.

Learn How We're Putting Bond Dollars to Work for Our Colleges and Communities

Visit the 4CD website at <https://bit.ly/4CDbondinfo> to view this report, past reports, and the current meeting schedule for the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. Meetings are open to the public and the location rotates across CCC, DVC, LMC and our administrative offices in Martinez. All attendees are also welcome to join the campus tours that follow most Committee meetings.





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