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Contra Costa Community College District Selects Mojdeh Mehdizadeh as CCC President

MARTINEZ, California – The Contra Costa Community College District (District) has chosen Mojdeh Mehdizadeh as the 11th President of Contra Costa College (CCC). The District's Governing Board will vote to approve her selection at their Wednesday, March 23, 2016, meeting.



“We are thrilled to select Mojdeh to permanently lead Contra Costa College,” said Governing Board President Vicki Gordon. “She has brought stability to the college during her time as Interim President, and now she can continue her work in reestablishing CCC as our premier college in West County.”

Mojdeh Mehdizadeh has been the Interim President at CCC since January 2015. Her former role was Executive Vice Chancellor of Education and Technology at the District. The District will now begin to take steps in permanently filling her former role.

“Over the past 11 years, I have watched Mojdeh grow as a leader,” says Chancellor Helen Benjamin. “This is a wonderful opportunity and a great fit for her leadership style and personality. Both the college and the community it serves will benefit under her leadership.”

Mehdizadeh has more than 25 years of experience in higher education. She was a student at Diablo Valley College (DVC), and then began her career at DVC in the area of student services and later institutional research. At the District Office, her responsibilities included support of the colleges’ educational programs, student services, workforce and economic development, information technology, international education, research and planning, and grants. She has also served as adjunct faculty in Speech Communications and is actively engaged in state and national associations.

"The entire Contra Costa College faculty enthusiastically welcomes Mojdeh Mehdizadeh as our college president," commented CCC Academic Senate President Beth Goehring. "President Mehdizadeh’s knowledge, experience, and commitment to our college and community is what we need. With her vision, energy, and leadership, she will lead us and our students to a successful future."

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Contra Costa College is one of three colleges in the Contra Costa Community College District and currently serves almost 11,000 students (unduplicated head county) annually. Since 1948, CCC has provided exemplary educational services to hundreds of thousands of residents from the greater West County area, and is proud of its diverse student body and commitment to individual student success. Excellent programs such as the Center for Science Excellence, *The Advocate* newspaper, the green Automotive Services program, Middle College High School, the Nursing program, and the Culinary Arts program are known through the state and the nation. A model of excellence, Contra Costa College prides itself on being one of the finest community colleges in the country.

The Contra Costa Community College District (CCCCD) is one of the largest multi-college community college districts in California. The CCCCCD serves a population of 1,019,640 people, and its boundaries encompass all but 48 of the 734-square-mile land area of Contra Costa County. The District is home to Contra Costa College in San Pablo, Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, as well as educational centers in Brentwood and San Ramon. The District headquarters is located in downtown Martinez.

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