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Contra Costa Community College District Selects Dr. Tia Robinson-Cooper as Next Permanent Contra Costa College President



MARTINEZ, CA – The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) has selected Dr. Tia Robinson-Cooper as the 14th permanent president of Contra Costa College (CCC). 4CD's Governing Board will vote on ratification of her contract at their May 26, 2021, meeting. The announcement was made following a search that began in December 2020.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Tia Robinson-Cooper to 4CD as the next president of CCC" said Chancellor Bryan Reece. "She has a proven commitment to increasing student success outcomes and fostering an environment of equity and inclusion. We look forward to her leadership."

Dr. Robinson-Cooper brings with her a lengthy, distinguished career in higher education, most recently serving as the provost and vice-president of academic affairs/chief academic officer at Inver Hills Community College, a campus of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. Dr. Robinson-Cooper earned her A.S. degree in Business from Kishwaukee College, a B.S. degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Northern Illinois University, a M.B.A. degree and a M.S. degree in Managerial Leadership and Organizational Development both from National Louis University, and an Ed.D in Counseling and Adult Higher Education from Northern Illinois University.

4CD thanks Dr. Damon A. Bell, who held the CCC interim president position for the past 18 months. During this time, Dr. Bell successfully led the college during the pandemic as it transitioned to remote instruction and services, contributed to the college's recent accreditation reaffirmation, and rebuilt the college's leadership team.

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The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) is one of the largest multi-college community college districts in California. The 4CD 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. 4CD 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. For more information visit <u>www.4cd.edu</u>.

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