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Contra Costa Community College District Announces Finalist for CCC President

MARTINEZ, California – The Contra Costa Community College District (District) announces the selection of one finalist for the position of President of Contra Costa College. The finalist is: Kimberly Rogers, Ph.D.

An in-person forum has been scheduled for May 8, 2023, on the Contra Costa College campus. Employees, students, and community members are invited to attend the forum, which will last 60 minutes, beginning at 11:00 a.m., and will be recorded. A detailed public forum schedule, recording of the forum, and an online survey to provide feedback on the candidate will be available on the District website at www.4cd.edu.



Dr. Kimberly R. Rogers has over 20 years of administrative and teaching experience in higher education and currently serves as the Acting President of Contra Costa College (CCC) in the Contra Costa Community College District (4CD). Since joining CCC as the Vice President of Instruction in January 2021, Dr. Rogers has worked to promote and expand academic and career pathways for CCC's students. Under Dr. Rogers's leadership, CCC was selected for the inaugural Achieving the Dream Accelerating Equitable Outcomes for Black, Latinx, Indigenous, and People of Color Cohort; was chosen as a NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) campus;

established a Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) program; and became the first 4CD member of the Rising Scholars Network, a program to improve educational and career outcomes for justice-impacted individuals.

Dr. Rogers's background in Instruction and Student Affairs has allowed CCC to halt a several-year-long enrollment slide and begin a recovery despite the ongoing challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Under her leadership, CCC has now experienced several consecutive terms of enrollment increases. Dr. Rogers has overseen the implementation of student-centered scheduling; advocated for new personnel to alleviate understaffing and enhance CCC's ability to serve its community; and demonstrated open-mindedness and creativity in embracing ways to serve students and meet the diverse needs of West County. Dr. Rogers organized a \$500,000 multi-year partnership between CCC and the Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West, brought the Phi Theta Kappa international honors society to CCC, and started the Comets to Careers professional clothing closet.

In recognition of the twin crises of the COVID-19 pandemic and inflation, Dr. Rogers launched several initiatives to support students' basic needs. CCC started a Free Lunch program, expanded mental health counseling, extended a one-time housing grant, expanded food resources in the Comet Market to include supplies for parenting students, and offered free fitness center access to all. This was accompanied by the creation of the first full-time staff position for basic needs at the college.

Prior to joining CCC, Dr. Rogers served as the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at Roxbury Community College (RCC), where her duties included accreditation oversight, curriculum development, assessment of student learning, faculty and staff development, federal and state grant administration, and the integration of academic and student affairs with a focus on equity. She partnered with faculty to launch new programs and credentials in Nursing, Early Childhood Education, Aviation Maintenance Technology, and Smart Building Technology. With her background in music, Dr. Rogers prioritized reviving RCC's arts and humanities curriculum. In December 2018, for the first time in more than a decade, students and faculty held an Arts Showcase to demonstrate their achievements in music, visual, and performing arts.

Born and raised in South Carolina, Dr. Rogers was a first-generation student and remains a lifelong learner. She earned her Ph.D. in Higher Education from the Pennsylvania State University, master's degree in education from Harvard University, and BA degree in French, with a minor in chemistry, from the University of South Carolina Honors College. She has held academic appointments at the State University of New York at Buffalo, the University of Massachusetts Boston, and the Université de Haute Alsace in France. Earlier in her career she was a violin teacher for K-12 students at the University of South Carolina String Project, a nationally recognized program that provides accessible music education for youth and adults.

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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 www.4cd.edu.

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