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## 4CD Welcomes New Student Trustee

On Wednesday, June 12, 2024, the 4CD Governing Board administered the oath of office to incoming Student Trustee, Halena Neyazi. Halena is a Los Medanos College (LMC) student, majoring in Early Childhood Development with a minor in Psychology. She is a proud Muslim Afghan American woman who wishes to bring representation to her community. Halena serves as the President of the Muslim Student Association Club at LMC, where she also works as a Student Ambassador for LMC Extended Opportunities Program and Services.



Los Medanos College student Halena Neyazi

Halena's goal is to transfer to a University of California or a California State University campus as a Human Development major with a minor in Psychology. She is truly passionate about equality, inclusion, human rights, equity, diversity and belonging.



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## 4CD Celebrates Pride Month

Each June, 4CD celebrates Pride Month, which honors the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York City, that served as a catalyst for the LGBTQIA+ rights movement. The month-long celebration recognizes the influence that LGBTQIA+ individuals have had on history, culture, and society, and acknowledges the ongoing struggles for equal rights and acceptance.

All 4CD colleges began their Pride Month festivities by hosting flag raising ceremonies at each campus. These events allowed community members to connect, celebrate, and honor Pride Month's rich history and diversity. LMC President **Pamela Ralston** and Diablo Valley College (DVC) President **Susan Lamb** delivered speeches to commemorate the celebration of the Pride flag raising ceremonies, and students along with 4CD community members joined in on the occasion to deliver speeches of their own.



DVC President **Susan Lamb**



LMC President **Pamela Ralston**

In addition to the flag raising ceremonies, DVC celebrated the first year of its Community of Pride cohort, where students took courses themed around issues of importance in the LGBTQIA+ community. LMC hosted a fun Pride Month karaoke party, while Contra Costa College (CCC) celebrated by continuing its chalk drawing tradition from last year.

The 4CD Governing Board passed a resolution recognizing June 2024 as Pride Month, which stated, in part, "4CD is proud to recognize June 2024 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month and will continue to promote an atmosphere of respect for all students and employees and denounce and address hate speech directed at students and/or employees, including immigrants, people of color, practitioners of faith, individuals with disabilities, LGBTQIA+ individuals, persons identifying with minority genders and sexualities, and members of other protected groups." To read the full resolution click here: [Full Resolution](#)





## Juneteenth Celebrations

On June 17, 2021, Juneteenth became a federal holiday, commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Although recently recognized, Juneteenth is the oldest national celebration of the end of slavery, observed since the late 1800s. Celebrating freedom and serving as a reminder of the ongoing fight against racism, June 19th marks Juneteenth, the day in 1865 when Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger announced the end of slavery in Galveston, Texas. Traditionally, Juneteenth includes activities focused on education, self-improvement, and community, as well as guest speakers, elder stories, and prayer services.

Joining in the community engagement, CCC joined in the City of Richmond's Juneteenth celebrations at Nichols Park. LMC tabled at the City of Oakley's Juneteenth Celebration at Civic Plaza on June 15th. Both colleges highlighted the college's resources and programs.



LMC Director of Student Life **Teresea Archaga**, student worker **Ruth**, Director of Outreach & Welcome Services **Nicole Almassey**, and student worker **Jack**.



Drummers at DVC

DVC commemorated Juneteenth on Monday, June 17th, with their inaugural celebration featuring live music, food, games, community resources, and vendors. The event was a wonderful opportunity to honor the history and significance of Juneteenth, while enjoying a festive atmosphere with the DVC community. On Tuesday, June 18th, LMC hosted a celebratory BBQ, which included music, food, and games in the Student Union courtyard.



## 4CD Welcomes New Employees

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

### Regular Managers

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Alicia Fausto	Academic/Student Services Manager

### Regular Academic Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Abigail Bolter	Psychology
CCC	Amy Catania	Library Science
CCC	Tanya Puente	Nursing
DVC	James Collins	Kinesiology
DVC	Matthew Fein	Biological Sciences
DVC	Leticia Naranjo	Counseling
DVC	Monica Olmedo	English
LMC	Matthew Escajeda	Mathematics
LMC	Yollotl Lopez	English

### Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Ben Pegram	Laboratory Coordinator
DVC	Janet Reyes	Program Assistant
DVC	Brianna Sadighian	Admissions/Records Assistant I
DVC	Oksana Starzhevskaya-Stowell	Library Technician
DVC	Ariael Young	Admissions/Records Assistant I

## Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held on June 12, 2024, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2023-2024/May%208,%202024.pdf>

To review highlights of the Governing Board Retreat held June 13, 2024, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2023-2024/June%2013,%202024.pdf>

## Cabinet Highlights

To review highlights of the Cabinet meetings held in June 2024, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors-cabinet/2023-2024/May%202024.pdf>

## District Governance Committee

To learn more about the District Governance Committee, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/about/committees/dgc/>

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