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Executive Vice Chancellor, Education and Technology Selected for Wheelhouse ALI

Kelly Schelin, 4CD's Executive Vice Chancellor, Education and Technology, has been accepted into the UC Davis Wheelhouse ALI. The Center for Community College Leadership and Research supports current and future leaders in California's community colleges by providing resources related to leadership development and actionable research to enhance the effectiveness of administrators and educators.

The Wheelhouse ALI provides networking, growth, and support for diverse leaders across 25 colleges and districts in California. It aims to develop adaptive leaders who are data-driven, innovative, and representative of the student populations they serve. Participants, ranging from student services to administration, learn to navigate social justice and racial equity discussions and apply strategy and data in their decision-making.



*Executive Vice Chancellor, Education and Technology, **Kelly Schelin***

Sara Marcellino Named Executive Foundation Director

At their August 14, 2024, meeting, 4CD's Governing Board approved a reorganization of the college foundation structure and reclassification of the Director of College Advancement.

Sara Marcellino was reclassified into the title of Executive Foundation Director, where she will work in partnership with the Chancellor, college presidents, executive management and college advancement teams to develop and execute a comprehensive strategy to expand philanthropic support, including advancement of the culture of philanthropy at all three colleges.



*4CD Executive Foundation Director, **Sara Marcellino***

Marcellino has been serving in the role of the Director of College Advancement at Contra Costa College (CCC) since 2016. During her eight-year tenure, she has grown the CCC Foundation from just over \$3M to \$10M, a 233% increase.

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DVC Professor Kimberly Taugher Nominated for Pollution Prevention Partner Award

Kimberly Taugher, DVC Professor of Biology and Environmental Science has been nominated for the Pollution Prevention Partner award through Contra Costa County's Central Sanitary District (Central San). These annual awards are designed to recognize community partners who go above and beyond to help Central San meet its mission of protecting public health and the environment.

Central San is grateful to the hundreds of Environmental Science students that have been introduced to the work of wastewater treatment and pollution prevention. DVC has helped students make these connections to career paths and other opportunities.

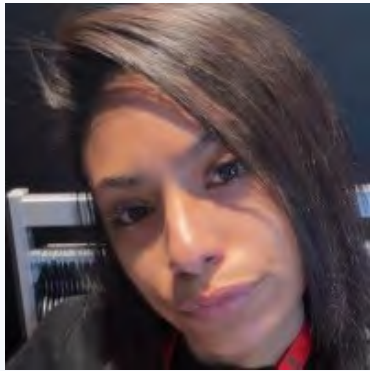


The Contra Costa Community College District, founded in 1948 and governed by a publicly elected five-member board, is one of the largest multi-college community college districts in California. The mission of the District is to attract and transform students and communities by providing accessible, innovative and outstanding higher education learning opportunities and support services.

Contra Costa Community College District is committed to equal opportunity in educational programs, employment, and campus life. The District does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender, marital status, national origin, parental status, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status in any access to and treatment in College programs, activities, and application for employment.

2024-25 4CD Associated Student Body Presidents

After finding herself at Contra Costa College (CCC) based on her mother's recommendation, Yasmine Al-Omari learned about an internship opportunity with the United Faculty Association. From there, her involvement with the Black Student Union further fueled her commitment to leadership, with the support of mentors like club advisor **Dalaneo' D. Revels** being instrumental in her development, Yasmine has taken on the role of ASU President of CCC for 2024-25.



Yasmine Al-Omari, Contra Costa College (photo courtesy of CCC website)

With aspirations of leaving a legacy of meaningful change for the student body, Al-Omari is passionate about emphasizing the importance of empathy and representation through her term. Placing importance on seizing opportunities and immersing oneself into campus life and community, she wants to advise others, especially future leaders, to embrace change and new opportunities with excitement through an open heart and an open mind.

As a first-generation college student, Guadalupe Lopez Villegas never envisioned herself being the student body president of DVC. Yet, she committed to pushing herself outside her comfort zone,

which allowed her to achieve more than what she expected of herself going into college. Her campus involvement with clubs and learning communities such as MESA, along with the support of other campus leaders, such as former Student Trustee Ivan Hernandez, were critical to her overall growth and leadership development.

Lopez Villegas carries this motto into her term as ASDVC President, "by the students, for the students," committing to making changes that are voiced by the student population. Many of her goals revolve around this mentality, as she plans on advocating for feminine product needs, improved transportation across campuses, student EBT access, and halal food options. She hopes to be a catalyst for change on DVC's campus and encourages students to take advantage of all the resources and opportunities offered by the school.



Guadalupe Lopez Villegas, Diablo Valley College (photo courtesy of DVC website)



Armon Gonzalez, Los Medanos College (Photo courtesy of LMC website)

Being in a leadership position for student government was not something Armon Gonzalez put a lot of thought into, yet he somehow found himself as the Los Medanos College Associated Students President. Armon was initially introduced to student government with intentions of becoming further involved with student life and other departments. This quickly led him to being presented with the opportunity of being in job/leadership positions on campus, working directly with student life and becoming a police aide. Armon has mentors like **Lyssa Shabusheva** to thank for keeping him stay committed to his academics and campus involvement.

Gonzalez plans on increasing student engagement during campus events as well as encouraging the establishment of student communities and participation in clubs and other organizations.

4CD Welcomes New Employees

Please welcome the following new employees who were approved by the Governing Board in July and August.

Regular Managers

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Amy Lehman-Sexton	Senior Dean

Regular Academic Employees

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Akeem Ajani	Counseling
DVC	Ricardo Kayanan	Art
DVC	Eva Shapiro	Economics
LMC	Joseph Bahlman	Biological Sciences
LMC	Tiffany Baiocchi	Biological Sciences
LMC	Alexa Moore	Child Development/Early Childhood Education
LMC	Nicholas Nabas	Art History
LMC	Nico Peck	English

Regular Monthly Classified Employees

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Irene Escamilla	Early Childhood Education Associate Teacher
CCC	Sabrina Flores	Early Childhood Education Associate Teacher
CCC	Berenice Morales	Early Childhood Education Associate Teacher
CCC	Sara Moy	Early Childhood Education Associate Teacher
DST	Yohannes Amenu	Computer and Network Specialist, Senior
DVC	Kumar Krishan	Program Coordinator, Senior
DVC	Soc Lam	Grounds Worker II
DVC	Kelsey Mayeda	Program Coordinator, Senior
DVC	Rachelle Rivers	Program Coordinator, Senior
DVC	Joseph Sapienza-Martinez	Science Laboratory Technician
DVC	Yanfei Fu	College International Education Coordinator
DVC	Hue Luong	Cook
DVC	Tanya Shatara	Program Coordinator

Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held on July 10, 2024, click on the link below:
<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2023-2024/July%2010,%202024.pdf>

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held August 14, 2024, click on the link below:
<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2024-2025/August%2014,%202024.pdf>

Cabinet Highlights

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District Governance Committee

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