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4CD Celebrates Women's History Month

At their February 19, 2025, Governing Board meeting, the Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) Board adopted a resolution recognizing March as Women's History Month.

The 2025 National Women's History theme is entitled, "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations," and focuses on past and present women who have influenced and inspired others by dedicating their lives to education, mentorship and leadership.

This Resolution highlights women leaders at 4CD, who bring a wealth of experience and a fresh perspective guiding 4CD's future with expertise, innovation, and a commitment to student success, including Governing Board Vice President Diana Honig, Governing Board member Rebecca Barrett, Chancellor Mojdeh Mehdizadeh and members of Chancellor's Cabinet, including Contra Costa College President **Dr. Kimberly R. Rogers**; Diablo Valley College President **Susan E. Lamb**; Los Medanos College President **Dr. Pamela Ralston**; Executive Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services **Dr. Micaela Ochoa**; Executive Vice Chancellor, Education and Technology **Kelly Schelin**; Vice Chancellor, Facilities Planning and Construction **Ines Zildzic**; and Director, Communications and Community Relations **Jennifer Ortega** – who collectively champion educational excellence, equity, and student-centered leadership.

4CD serves more than 45,000 students annually, of whom 54% are women, and is committed to fostering an environment where all individuals can reach their full potential through access, opportunity, and belonging.

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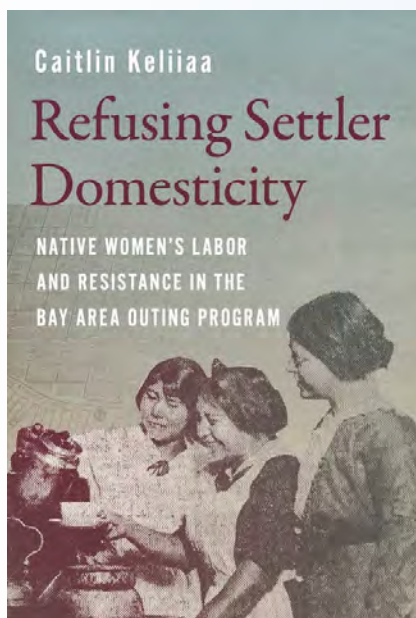
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Los Medanos College President **Dr. Pamela Ralston**, Chancellor **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh**, Contra Costa College President **Dr. Kimberly R. Rogers**; Diablo Valley College President **Susan E. Lamb**.

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Diablo Valley College welcomed Caitlin Keliiaa, a Professor at U.C. Santa Cruz and Indigenous Feminist Historian, who shared how Native women were trained at off-reservation schools and then pressed into domestic work in cities we will all recognize around the Bay Area. The subject, The Bay Area Outing Project, is the topic of her recent book.

Los Medanos College welcomed more than 80 attendees to the Women's History Month event on March 11. The event was organized by Student Life with help from the Music Department. The event included a showcase of talented student pianists, women's history trivia, group discussions and a diverse panel of women leaders from across the community.



*Merl Craft, Executive Director at Open Opportunities and former Pittsburg Councilmember, Nancy Peters, Chemistry Professor, **Dr. Adrianna Simone**, chair of Ethnic Studies and Social Justice Studies at LMC, **Dr. Tanisha Maxwell**, Vice President of Student Services at LMC, student Tenisha Manohoran, and student Shanyda Soe.*



4CD Classified Professional of the Year

At their March 12, 2025, Governing Board meeting, the Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) approved the endorsement of **Lawrence Punsalang** to be considered for the Board of Governors' annual Classified Employee of the Year Award.

Lawrence works at Los Medanos College (LMC) as a Program Coordinator in Outreach & Welcome Services, serves as Caring Campus Co-Chair, served as a member of the Classified Senate Council, and actively participates in the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) community. Known for his positive attitude, resourcefulness, and genuine care for others, Lawrence approaches his work with a deep sense of responsibility and dedication. His enthusiasm and problem-solving skills make him a trusted resource for both students and staff.

LMC President, **Dr. Pamela Ralston** shared "Lawrence has exemplified the best of our amazing classified professional staff at Los Medanos College. His work on the outreach team is stellar, and his leadership there is a source of strength and mentorship. He was an early proponent, supporter, and leader of the college's Caring Campus Campaign, which has ensured that students experience the college as a friendly, welcoming place. Los Medanos College is a better place because of Lawrence."



*4CD Classified Professional of the Year, **Lawrence Punsalang***

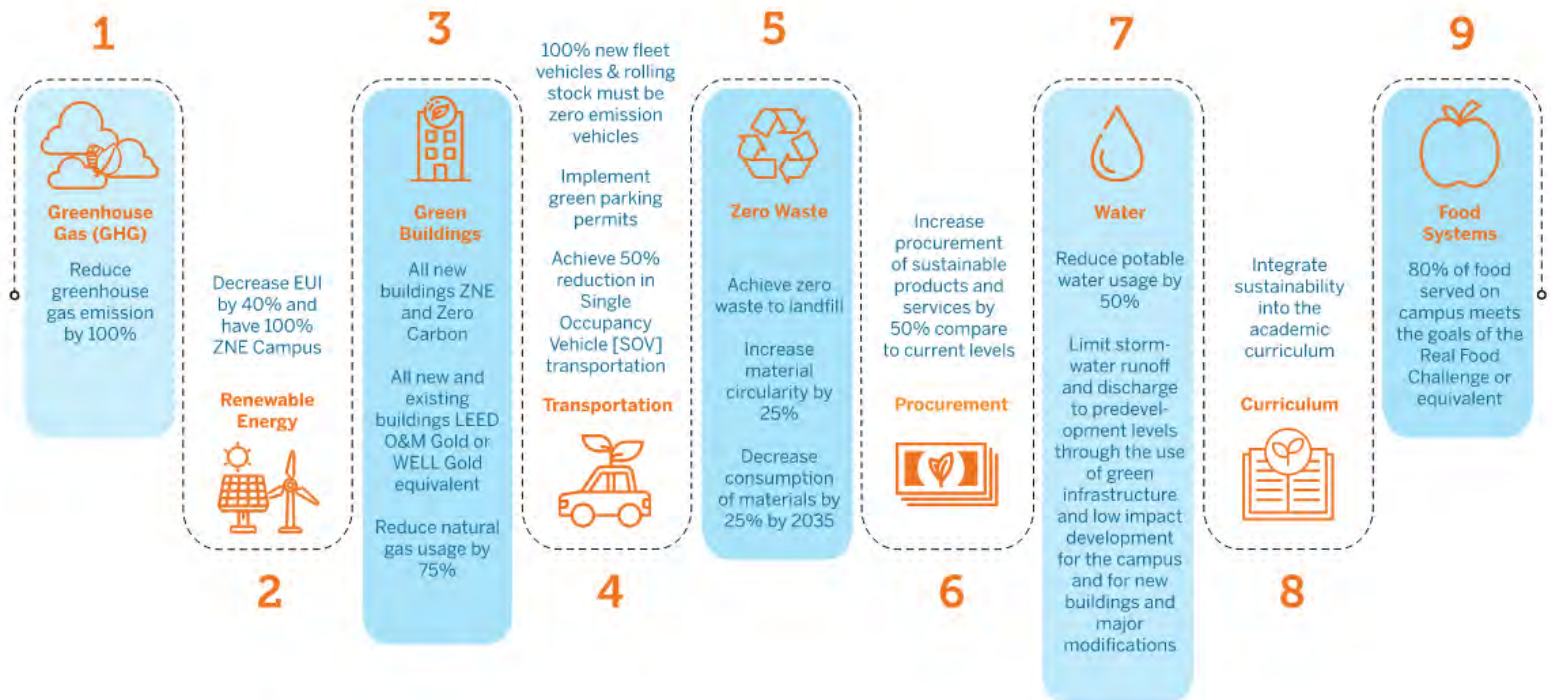
Lawrence was nominated by the 4CD Classified Senate Coordinating Council and will now be considered for the statewide California Community Colleges "Classified Employee of the Year" Award. Statewide award winners are selected by representatives of the Community Colleges' Board of Governors, Chancellor's Office and the Foundation for California Community Colleges. The nominees are evaluated on their commitment to the Vision 2030 and equitable student outcomes; professional ethics and standards; serving the institution's diverse student population through participation in professional and/or community activities; and serving as a leader beyond their location institution.

Recipients will be announced and honored at the May 20, 2025, meeting of the Board of Governors.

4CD Participates in Vision 2030 in (Climate) Action: Engaging Campus and Community Webinar

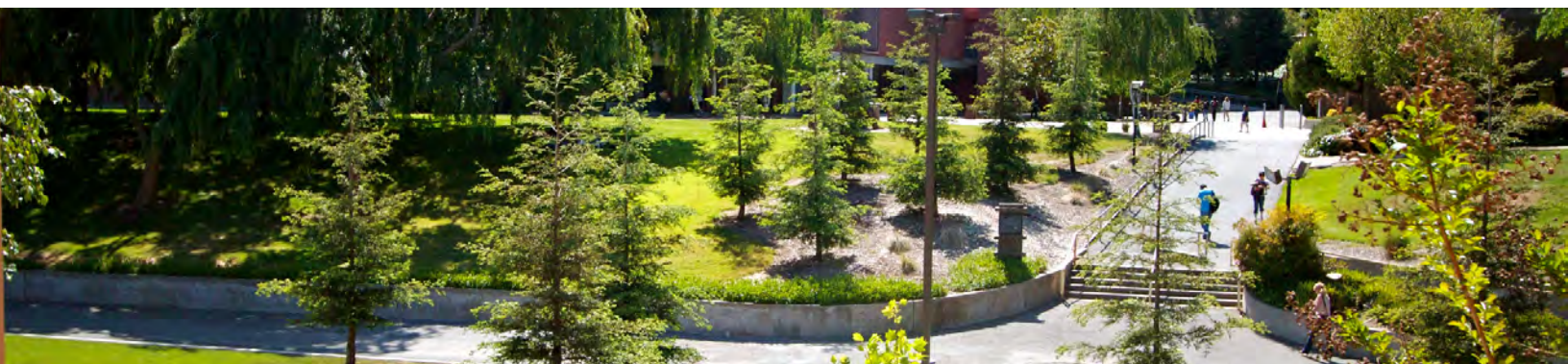
On March 7, 4CD's Energy & Sustainability Manager **Tracy Marcial** was one of several sustainability experts who shared how they have successfully implemented climate initiatives during the "Vision 2030 in (Climate) Action: Engaging Campus and Community with the 2025 Board of Governors Climate Action and Sustainability Goals" webinar.

Tracy's presentation focused on 4CD's nine 2035 Energy & Sustainability Goals, and how 4CD uses those goals as guiding principles in our projects and operations. She also highlighted how 4CD is requiring our new buildings be Zero Net Energy and how that leads to all electric/decarbonization of our new buildings. Tracy also shared how 4CD's bond projects incorporated several of our goals.



Based on BOG 2021 Climate Action & Sustainability Framework
Goals 1-3, 6-7: District led with campus input
Goals 4-5, 8-9: Campus focused

4CD's sustainability goals



4CD Welcomes New Employees

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

Classified Professionals

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Gregg Aquino	Grounds Worker II
CCC	Yngri Romero Romero	Program Coordinator, Senior
DVC	Lesielli Epui	Program Assistant
DVC	Jermaine Holmes	Web Content Specialist

Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held on March 12, 2025, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2024-2025/March%2012,%202025.pdf>

To view the recordings of past Governing Board Meetings, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/gb/videos.html>

Cabinet Highlights

To review highlights of the Cabinet meetings, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/chancellors-cabinet/index.html>

District Governance Committee

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

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

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.

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