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4CD Celebrates Graduates

The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) celebrated graduation on May 23.



Contra Costa College (CCC) awarded 1,621 certificates and degrees to 869 graduates during their graduation ceremony held on their new football field, which was a fitting end to the 2024-25 academic year. CCC also celebrated their Middle College High School graduates, of which more than 95% were awarded a Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) certificate.



Diablo Valley College (DVC) awarded 134 associate of arts degrees, 877 associate of science degrees, and 1,000 associate degrees for transfer this academic year. Additionally, DVC awarded 1,423 certificates, for a total of 3,434 degrees and certificates awarded to 2,442 individuals.



Los Medanos College (LMC) recognized 1,358 graduates who earned 2,266 awards, including 662 associate of arts degrees, 176 associates of science degrees, 228 associates of arts degrees for transfer, 302 associate of science degrees for transfer and 698 certificates of achievement.

4CD Foundations Make an Impact

The Foundations of 4CD continue to have a significant impact on students' success, especially through their scholarship programs. To support students during the 2025-2026 school year, the Foundations awarded a total of \$723,600 to 510 students, for an average scholarship of \$1,418. These scholarships help students continue their educational journey with 4CD or at a transfer institution.

Thanks to the many individual donors who support our Foundations' scholarship programs with their generosity, 4CD students – including first-time college students, parents returning to school, immigrants, veterans, the formerly incarcerated, student athletes, international students, and many others – not only have financial barriers lifted, but also know that someone believes in them.

For more information about the Foundations or to become a donor, visit www.4cd.edu/foundation or contact **Sara Marcellino**, Executive Foundation Director, at smarcellino@4cd.edu.



Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Celebration

The 57th annual Kennedy King Scholarship Awards dinner, held on May 16 at the Concord Hilton Hotel, honored 27 undergraduates and eight graduate students for their academic achievements. With family and friends surrounding them, proud recipients shared their educational aspirations now made possible through their scholarship awards.

Founded in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Senator Robert F. Kennedy, the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship has granted nearly \$7.25 million in scholarships to more than 1,200 students since its founding in 1968. All scholars have completed at least two years of study at Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, or Los Medanos College, and have been accepted at a four-year university to complete their undergraduate studies. Scholarships for graduate students are for students who previously received a Kennedy-King undergraduate scholarship. For more information about the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund, visit www.kennedyking.org.



4CD Selects Dr. Monica Chahal as Diablo Valley College President

4CD has selected **Dr. Monica Chahal** as the 9th permanent president of Diablo Valley College. The 4CD Governing Board will vote on ratification of her contract at their June 11 meeting. The announcement was made following a search that began in February 2025.

“Dr. Chahal brings a remarkable breadth of experience to this role,” said Chancellor **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh**. “Having served in a variety of positions, she has developed deep institutional knowledge and understanding of students’ needs. Her extensive instructional expertise and student-centered approach make her well-suited to lead DVC.”

Over the course of her career in public higher education, which includes more than 30 years in the California Community College system, Dr. Chahal has served as the Interim President at Clovis Community College and has served as a classified professional, adjunct and full-time faculty member, and administrator at Yuba College, Woodland Community College, and Clovis Community College. In her new role as DVC’s President, Dr. Chahal will be the first Sikh American president to serve within the California Community College system.

Dr. Chahal will begin on July 2, following the retirement of current DVC President **Susan Lamb**.

4CD Recognized by Contra Costa County Office of Education

At the Contra Costa County Office of Education’s May board meeting, Chancellor **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh** accepted the Education Champion Award on behalf of 4CD. The award honors community leaders and organizations that go above and beyond in their support of public education in Contra Costa County.

This recognition celebrates 4CD’s deep and ongoing partnership with local schools as they support thousands of students through dual enrollment and prepare them for college and careers. During fall 2024, more than 2,400 high school students enrolled in college classes at our campuses and nearly 2,800 attended our colleges this spring.

“The Contra Costa Community College District is one of our most valued partners,” Superintendent Mackey said. “Thanks to Chancellor Mehdizadeh’s leadership, the District continues to expand access and opportunity for learners of all ages through programs that prepare them for college, careers, and lifelong success. Because of her collaboration with the Contra Costa County Office of Education, we can offer college courses to incarcerated youth—making our agency one of the first in the state to do so. We even have a current student who, after completing our program, will be attending a University of California campus—which is truly incredible.”



CCCOE Superintendent Lynn Mackey, 4CD Chancellor **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh**, 4CD Governing Board Vice President Diana Honig, and CCCOE Board President Annette Lewis.

4CD Welcomes New Employees

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

Manager

Location	Name	Title
DST	Robin Stephano Long	Executive Assistant, Senior

Faculty

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Max Portillo	Counseling
LMC	Anthony Bencomo	Political Science
LMC	Russell Weber	History

Classified Professionals

Location	Name	Title
DVC	Aidan La Honta	Vocational Equipment Technician

Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held on May 14, 2025, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2024-2025/May%2014,%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

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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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