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4CD Honors Veterans

At their November 13, 2024, meeting the 4CD Governing Board passed a Resolution honoring all veterans, including those persons that are currently serving in our Armed Forces around the world, our employee veterans for their contribution to student success, and our student veterans enrolled in our colleges for their commitment and perseverance in completing their higher education goals. For fall 2024, 462 veteran students are currently enrolled. Governing Board members Márquez and Sandoval were recognized as veterans and honored for their service.

On November 7, 2024, Contra Costa College (CCC) hosted a Veterans Day Celebration in partnership with the CCC Veterans Resource Center, where resources for veterans were offered, along with workout stations to get students active and engaged.

On November 13, 2024, Diablo Valley College (DVC) hosted a celebration in collaboration with their Student Veterans Resource Center, providing Veteran families with information on the support they provide to the Veteran students. The DVC Band started this event with a



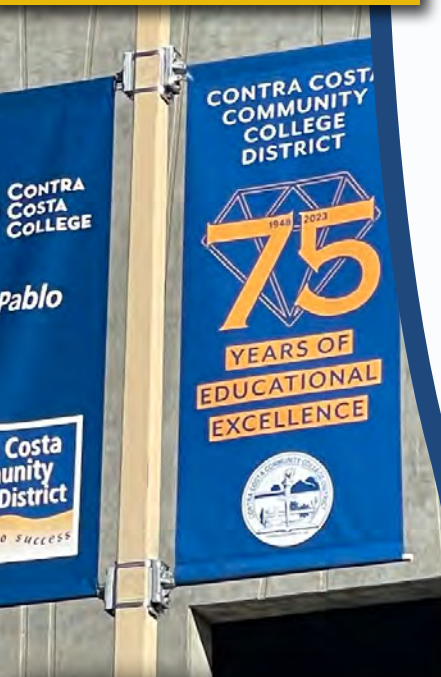
performance, followed by a tour and meet-and-greet with Veteran Services faculty.

Los Medanos College (LMC) joined in on the celebrations, hosting a week of events, from November 4 to 8, 2024. These celebrations allowed military-connected students and LMC employees to engage in various workshops, with topics on mental health support, military-to-citizen career pathways, Veteran benefits, and more.

4CD Kicks off 2025-2030 Strategic Plan

4CD recently launched the development of its 2025-2030 Districtwide Strategic Plan. Four forums were held Districtwide, where participants engaged in facilitated discussions and activities designed to gather feedback on 4CD's values, priorities, and opportunities. Participants collaborated in small groups where they discussed such topics as student success, equity, workforce readiness, and innovation.

Over the next seven months, students, employees, and community members will be invited to continue to contribute to the plan through forums, surveys, and the participatory governance process.



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Season of Giving

Holiday spirit was in the air throughout 4CD, with all colleges and the District Office participating in the festivities by giving back to local communities, families, and students directly in need this holiday season.

The District Office (DO) partnered with the Family Justice Center (FJC), a local partner serving families affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, and human trafficking, to provide gifts to individuals aged 10-months to 16 years served by FJC. In 2023, FJC's three Centers in Richmond, Concord and Antioch served approximately 5,000 families with 3,000 children. DO employees provided gifts for over 60 children.

CCC hosted its 3rd annual Holiday Toy Drive, during which Student Services, Associated Student volunteers, and Student Life managers collaborated to bring holiday joy to over 150 CCC student families and over 250 children.

DVC's Associated Students partnered with The Concord Adult Homelessness Center to host a holiday drive, supporting students in the area impacted by housing insecurity. Donations were collected from November 18 to December 11, 2024, serving up to 100 individuals in need of essential resources, in their daily lives.

LMC capped off the season of giving by hosting its 34th annual Holiday Gift Drive, providing gifts to children of student families in programs such as EOPS, CalWORKS, and CARE.



Contra Costa College Toy Drive



District Office employees wrap gifts

CCC Athletics Hall of Fame

On Friday, November 8, 2024, CCC celebrated the newly established CCC Athletics Hall of Fame with the induction of the first class of 100 athletes, coaches, and community members. This event celebrated the legacy of CCC's athletic program and honors those who have made significant contributions to the college's sports history.

CCC's Athletic Director **Kyle Alvarado**, shared the college is thrilled to induct such an incredible group of individuals into its Athletics Hall of Fame. "This is a momentous occasion for our college, as we honor the legacy of those who have not only excelled in athletics, but also contributed to the spirit and community of CCC."



Balloons rain down on the inaugural Hall of Fame class

The inaugural Hall of Fame class includes former Dallas Cowboys cornerback and Super Bowl champion Benny Barnes who served as the athletic equipment manager at CCC for many years. Additionally, Olympic gold medalist and track and field star Eddie Hart, and the first African American player for the Boston Red Sox, Pumpsie Green, are part of this class of first inductees.

LMC Hosts Impact Conference

On November 8, 2024, LMC hosted its 17th annual Impact Student Leadership Conference, featuring workshops, networking opportunities, and guest speakers from within 4CD and LMC. Students also had the opportunity to participate in a team-building activity before engaging in the various workshops held throughout the day. These activities required groups of students to use their ingenuity and innovative skills to create structures using various resources, such as marshmallows and spaghetti noodles.

One of the workshops during the first of three breakout sessions throughout the conference, featured 4CD Chancellor **Mojdeh Mehdizadeh**, and Executive Vice Chancellor, Education and Technology **Kelly Schelin**, who discussed the importance of students using their voices for college and District-related matters. Throughout the day, various workshops were held, with students receiving valuable information and engaging in open discussions that will ultimately be beneficial to developing their leadership skills.

To conclude the conference, LMC's Interim Director of Student Life **Robert Delgado** encouraged students to continue making lasting impacts within their communities by getting involved in student groups and clubs on campus and being active in local government and nonprofit volunteering initiatives. LMC President **Dr. Pamela Ralston** also commended students for taking the time to join the conference and build their skills as leaders.

4CD Welcomes New Employees

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

Managers

Location	Name	Title
DO	Z Reisz	Senior Dean

Classified Professionals

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Lucas Barberio	Grounds Worker II
CCC	Matthew Baumbach	Grounds Worker, Lead
CCC	Jailene Dominguez	Alternative Media Specialist
CCC	Jenee LaBonte	Admissions/Records Assistant I
CCC	Mylani Demas	Administrative Assistant III
CCC	Myshalee Du'Bois	Administrative Assistant, Senior
CCC	Mariela Garcia	Administrative Assistant I
CCC	Patricia Halterman	Instructional Assistant
DO	Kyana Gilani	District International Admissions Coordinator
DVC	Nicole Carmelo	College Human Resources Assistant
DVC	Marika Casteel	College Human Resources Assistant
DVC	Aian Mendoza	Program Coordinator, Senior
DVC	Justin Keesler	Electrician
DVC	Alexis Pharn	Program Assistant
DVC	Gabriel Skelton II	Plumber
LMC	Joseph Velazquez	Custodian II

Board Report

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

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2024-2025/November%2013,%202024.pdf>

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held on December 16, 2024, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2024-2025/December%2016,%202024.pdf>

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Cabinet Highlights

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

District Governance Committee

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

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