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October 2024

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Undocumented Student Action Week

At their October 9, 2024, meeting, the 4CD Governing Board approved a Resolution recognizing October 14-18, 2024, as Undocumented Student Action Week.

The theme for 2024 is, "Creating Belonging for Undocumented Students." It demonstrates support for a systemwide effort by the California Community Colleges for its undocumented immigrant students, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients. 4CD colleges have created Dreamer Resource Centers for Undocumented Student Programs. These centers provide a safe space for undocumented students to access resources, legal assistance, and academic support.

4CD has shown strong support for Assembly Bill 540 (and amendments) and the California Dream Act, which allow eligible undocumented students to pay in-state tuition and apply for state financial aid. This Resolution emphasizes the importance of making higher education accessible to all students, regardless of their immigration status. 4CD has also created and promoted scholarships specifically for undocumented students. These financial aids are crucial in helping students cover tuition and other educational expenses.

Districtwide, our campuses hosted several activities, including a resource fair, family movie night, a vision board making event, and a field trip to Woodland Community College, the host of the 2024 Undocumented Student Action Week conference.

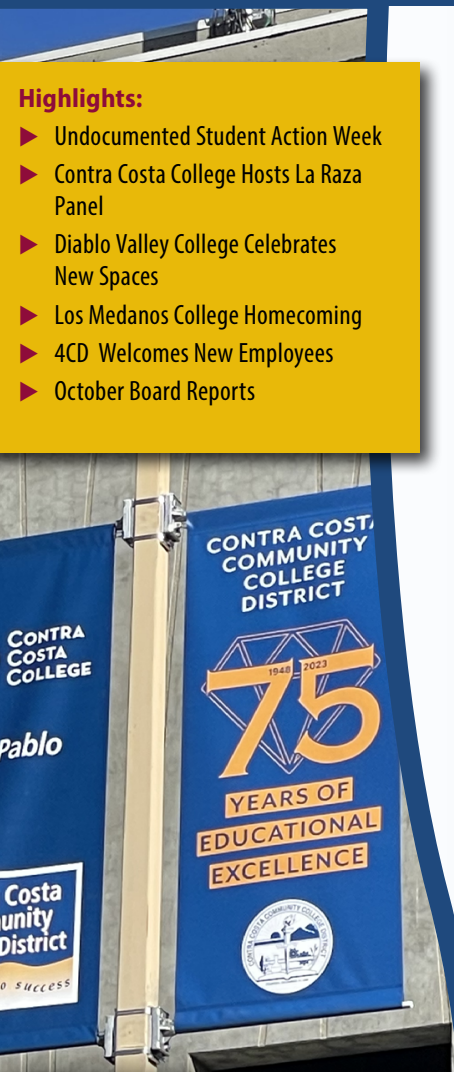
Contra Costa College Hosts La Raza Panel

On October 7, 2024, Contra Costa College (CCC) hosted a celebration entitled, "Honoring the Legacy: The Generational Impact of La Raza Studies at CCC," a panel discussion on the foundation of La Raza Studies. The panel featured three founders: Governing Board member John E. Márquez, María Theresa Viramontes, and Alfred Zuñiga. The panelists shared their stories of the origins, impact, and continued relevance of La Raza Studies.

This well attended 75th anniversary celebration was facilitated by CCC La Raza Program Coordinator **Agustin Palacios**, current and former students, and supported by CCC President **Dr. Kimberly R. Rogers**, Litzia Martin, and was sponsored by the CCC Foundation.



Governing Board member John E. Márquez speaks to attendees



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Diablo Valley College Celebrates New Spaces



ASDVC President Guadalupe Lopez Villegas, Kaya Roberts, and Abraham Allison alongside **Todd Farr** and DVC President **Susan Lamb**

On Wednesday, October 16, 2024, Diablo Valley College (DVC) celebrated the grand opening of the new Inclusivity and Wellness Center. The event celebrated the efforts of more than three generations of student leaders, highlighting the importance of creating inclusive and equitable spaces for students both at DVC and across 4CD. The center is a result of collaborative planning between the college, ASDVC, and student leaders. It centralizes essential resources for students, including Basic Needs, Dreamers Alliance, Health Services, LGBTQ+, and SparkPoint.

The celebration began with speeches from DVC President **Susan E. Lamb**, Student Life Program Coordinator **Todd Farr**, and Vice President of Equity and Student Services **Vicki Ferguson**. Student leaders also joined in addressing attendees, including Kaya Roberts, who graduated from DVC last spring, and currently attends the University of California, Berkeley. Roberts was the creative mind behind the mural currently on display in the center. She said, “I was really motivated by the vision of the inclusivity and wellness center, and I really wanted to leave a mark on DVC, just like how it left its mark on me.” The efforts of faculty and students over the years stand as a testament to what this space will bring to students, marking the beginning of a more inclusive future on campus.

On Saturday, October 26, 2024, DVC celebrated the new Health Sciences and Athletics Complex, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The Complex, which was completed in 2023 with Measure E funds, houses the Health Science, Kinesiology, and athletics teams, as well as the new Hall of Fame walkway.



A DVC student takes a picture of the mural created by DVC alumna Kaya Roberts.



DVC student-athletes Michael Wood (men's basketball) and Kiya Cintron (track) cut the ribbon in front of the new DVC Fieldhouse.

Los Medanos College Homecoming

On October 5, 2024, in recognition of their 50th anniversary, Los Medanos College celebrated its golden anniversary with a community-wide party, featuring FM Radio 102 Jams DJ Chuy Gomez, before their Homecoming Game.

The game, which was livestreamed, featured a half-time show with a special 50th

Anniversary Tribute with historic images, musical score by the LMC Jazz Band, introduction by Contra Costa County Supervisor Ken Carlson, and commentary by former LMC President Peter Garcia, LMC President Dr. **Pamela Ralston**, author and art history professor **Nick Nabas**, and more.

LMC also hosted a “Bridgerton” themed homecoming dance, organized by students, with support from LMCAS as well as Student Life Program Coordinator **Lindsay Litowitz** and Interim Director of Student Life and International Students Program **Robert Delgado**.



Students dance at the LMC Homecoming Dance, held Oct. 4. Photo courtesy of Angella Dorado, LMC Experience



4CD Welcomes New Employees

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

Manager

Location	Name	Title
LMC	Matthew Muterspaugh	Dean

Classified Professionals

Location	Name	Title
CCC	Somkhith Xayalath	Admissions/Records Assistant I
DVC	Marlene Gomez	Program Coordinator
DVC	Lizbeth Perez	Academic Scheduling Specialist
LMC	Aaron Clay	Equipment Maintenance Worker

Board Report

To review highlights of the Governing Board Meeting held on October 9, 2024, click on the link below:

<https://www.4cd.edu/crpa/board-reports/2024-2025/October%209,%202024.pdf>

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

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

Cabinet Highlights

October cabinet highlights will be included next month.

District Governance Committee

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

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