Building for Student Success

Top: Los Medanos College students spend time on the campus Quad. Center: Diablo Valley College students enjoy the inviting spaces of the Commons’ Student Services Center Counseling area. Bottom: Rendering of Contra Costa College Student Activities building dining area.

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The past year was a very exciting year for the Contra Costa Community College District (District), as we witnessed the completion of more construction projects approved under the Measure A (2002) and Measure A (2006) bond programs. The 2002 bond of $120 million has now been spent, with only a small amount of interest earned on the funds available to complete some minor projects at both Contra Costa College (CCC) and Los Medanos College (LMC). All 2002 projects at Diablo Valley College (DVC) have been completed.

The 2006 bond of $286.5 million continues to fund major construction at all three campuses, including the two largest bond-funded projects in the District’s history—the DVC Commons Project and the CCC College Center. Work continues on the new DVC Student Services Center, Culinary Arts and Commons Area; a major renovation of all LMC Student Services areas; and the major demolition in connection with the new construction of the CCC College Center.

In 2000, California voters approved Proposition 39, which lowered the required voter approval for school construction bonds from a two-thirds majority to 55 percent. The legislation requires that districts passing a Prop 39 school bond form a Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee. The Oversight Committee is composed of volunteers from a cross section of community groups, including finance, business, academia, taxpayers, and seniors.

The Oversight Committee meets quarterly to verify that
- all bond funds have been spent in a manner consistent with the language of the Measure A (2002) and Measure A (2006) bonds;
- an annual independent audit has been performed; and
- no bond money has been spent for any purpose other than facility improvements and upgrades, new buildings to accommodate student growth, the purchase of needed classroom equipment, and administration of bond projects.

The Oversight Committee reports that these requirements have been met and money spent administering the bond expenditures are well within industry standards and consistent with best practices of other bond oversight committees throughout the state. Independent performance and financial audits have been performed as required. In the auditors’ opinion, “the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the capital outlay for 2002 and 2006 bond funds at June 30, 2012.” In addition, the results of the District facilities bond program’s operations for the year conform with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

The District continues to adhere not only to the intent, but also to the spirit, of Measure A (2002) and (2006), exercising diligent stewardship of the funds. The Oversight Committee also appreciates the support and commitment of the community to help provide quality higher education for our students.
Message from the Chancellor

This year, the Contra Costa Community College District (District) celebrated 65 years of a very rich history. Like many community college districts in the nation, ours was formed in the post-war era, with the realization that education beyond high school was indispensable to earning a living wage.

We have come a long way since 1948. In addition to the three colleges, we have expanded and built two education centers in San Ramon and Brentwood to meet the growing higher-education needs of the county. Today, we serve over 55,000 students annually and engage 3,100 full- and part-time employees. While we have grown in size, we remain true to our purpose of helping students meet their educational goals and supporting workforce and economic development in our communities.

Our facilities are critical to our success. We made decisions about our 2006 bond projects eight years ago, and sold the remaining 2006 bonds in 2012 to cover the cost of current projects. Our largest projects in the District’s history, the Diablo Valley College (DVC) Commons project and the Contra Costa College (CCC) Center, are moving full speed ahead. We are also continuing the modernization of the Los Medanos College (LMC) College Complex, among other activities. It is gratifying to see these plans and dreams take shape on our campuses.

We need to continue to reinvest in these facilities; there are buildings on our campuses that have not been upgraded since they were built 40 years ago. We know from studies that when students develop a strong connection to their school and their life on campus, they are more likely to complete their education and become successful in their careers. Creating beautiful, modern, and engaging learning environments enables us to support our students and our communities.

I thank the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee members for their tremendous contribution in ensuring that the District exercises exemplary stewardship with the public funds entrusted to us, and that it complies with the intent and spirit of the approved bond measures. These caring community leaders deserve our appreciation for their volunteerism and leadership.

Thank you, residents of Contra Costa County, for your continued support.

Financials for Fiscal Year 2013

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With some $145 million in bond-project construction across the District’s three main campuses, 2013 was the busiest of any year in the past decade. Work taking place at the very heart of the campuses is redefining and connecting disconnected spaces, modernizing buildings, improving accessibility and energy efficiency, and upgrading classroom technology.

The $73-million Contra Costa College Center project is the District’s largest construction project to date. Scheduled for completion in fall 2016, the College Center includes a new Student Activities building, a new Classroom building, and a new Quad area. At Diablo Valley College, four of the six phases of the $53-million Commons project are projected for completion in May 2014. At Los Medanos College, project work continues on the Student Services area renovation of the College Complex.

### Top: Groundbreaking of the CCC College Center project, which will include a new Classroom building. Right: Culinary Arts on the upper floor and the Food Services Dining Room on the lower floor of DVC Commons’ north wing. Bottom: LMC College Complex project. Project renderings by Steinberg Architects and tBP/Architecture.

### Bond Measure Projects List (2013)

#### Contra Costa College


**Diablo Valley College**


**MEASURE A (2006):** Athletic facilities (field/track) renovation (2008), parking lot B extension (2010), Nursing and Emergency Medical Training classrooms and labs (2012), Student Services Area renovation*, and new Physical Education building***

**Los Medanos College**


**MEASURE A (2006):** Athletic facilities (field/track) renovation (2008), parking lot B extension (2010), Nursing and Emergency Medical Training classrooms and labs (2012), Student Services Area renovation*, and new Physical Education building***

**Regional Education Centers**

**MEASURE A (2006):** purchase 17.5 acres for new Brentwood Center (2011), new Brentwood Center building****

**Districtwide Initiatives**

**MEASURE A (2006):** Solar power and energy-efficiency initiatives (2008), Information Technology infrastructure*.

*UNDER CONSTRUCTION | **UNDER DESIGN | ***FUTURE
Since 1949, Contra Costa College (CCC) has provided exemplary educational services to hundreds of thousands of residents from the greater West County area. The college has superior faculty and staff members and a learning environment that maximizes the potential of students. Technology is available throughout the institution and connects students to the world to ensure a relevant exchange of ideas. The college is proud of its diverse student body and commitment to individual student success. Excellent programs such as the Center for Science Excellence, The Advocate newspaper, the green Automotive Services program, the Nursing program, and the Culinary Arts program are known throughout the state and the nation. A model of excellence, CCC prides itself on being one of the finest community colleges in the country.

Bond Projects Are Building a Brighter Future

CCC students on campus (top); completed projects in 2013 included a new ADA-compliant space in the parking lot of the Knox Performing Arts Center (above), and the interior spaces and installation of equipment in the renovated Music building (above, right). The campus also broke ground on a new Student Activities building in the College Center (right).
Diablo Valley College

YEAR EST. 1949
PRESIDENT Peter Garcia
ENROLLMENT 28,287 students annually
LOCATION 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
TELEPHONE 925.685.1230
WEBSITE www.dvc.edu

Diablo Valley College (DVC) has distinguished itself as one of the nation’s most successful community colleges by offering incomparable transfer opportunities and exceptional career-technical programs and degrees, while responding to an evolving need for more robust adult basic skills and ESL programs. At both the Pleasant Hill and San Ramon locations, local and international students experience high-quality instruction and support services designed for student success. DVC’s many career-technical programs are continuously improving to keep pace with emerging technologies and the new skills our students need to be successful in any job market. The college’s transfer achievements are unparalleled, making DVC the number one transfer pathway to UC Berkeley.

Commons Project Offers Better Access Across Campus

DVC students on campus (top); construction on a handrail and walkway that are part of a more gradual, inviting north entry (above, left, and at right), designed to welcome students and visitors to the new Commons area and other parts of campus. A covered, connecting walkway (above, right) joins the Commons’ north and south wings. For updates, visit the project webcam at dvc.edu/org/facilities/projects/.
Los Medanos College

YEARS EST. 1974

PRESIDENT Bob Kratochvil

ENROLLMENT 12,371 students annually

LOCATION 2700 East Leland Road, Pittsburg, CA 94565

TELEPHONE 925.439.2181

WEBSITE www.losmedanos.edu

Los Medanos College (LMC) provides excellent transfer and innovative career-technical opportunities in East Contra Costa County. A focus on student learning and success helps students build their abilities and competencies as lifelong learners, and provides critical educational preparation to help them to succeed in their career endeavors. Special opportunities include the only honors program certified as part of the UCLA Transfer Alliance, and learning communities supported by faculty and staff. With programs like Engineering, Nursing, Communication Studies, Child Development, Instrumentation Technology, Mathematics, and Process Technology, students receive the resources they need to excel in today’s competitive workforce and at four-year colleges. LMC’s main campus is located in Pittsburg, with a center in Brentwood.
The Contra Costa Junior College District (later named Community College District) was founded in 1948 by public vote and first opened its doors to students in 1949. Thanks to voter support of bond measures in 2002 and 2006, early campus buildings are on track to be updated and modernized, and new facilities constructed, to better prepare students for 21st century jobs and careers.