

District Press Releases - 2003

12/17/03

Castro Valley Resident Appointed Board President

(Pleasanton, CA) - Donald L. "Dobie" Gelles, a longtime Castro Valley resident, has been elected President of the Board of Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District. A 40-year veteran in the education field, Gelles is in his second term on the Board. He currently serves as Director of the Castro Valley Adult School. Gelles has a long record of community service having served on the Eden Township Hospital Board and the Castro Valley Unified School District Board. He has been a member of the Castro Valley Educational Foundation, the Castro Valley Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club International, Kiwanis Club, Toastmasters, and has worked with the Boys & Girls Club, Little League and youth soccer. He holds a bachelors degree in science and mathematics from the University of Pittsburgh and a masters degree in counseling from Cal State Hayward. In addition, he holds lifetime credentials in teaching, counseling and administration. For more information, please contact Jennifer Aries at (925) 485-5215.

11/19/03

Community College District Plans for the Future

(Pleasanton, CA) - The Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District took a step toward securing the future of the District by placing a general obligation bond on the March 2, 2004 ballot. The bond measure will allow for major safety repairs, renovations and modernization of the nearly 45 year-old Chabot College campus in Hayward. The measure will also provide for new, up-to-date classrooms and science and technology centers at the campus. The general obligation bond measure will also provide Las Positas College in Livermore, with funding for repairs and renovations. Most importantly, the measure will ensure that Las Positas can add more classroom and educational buildings throughout the campus to meet the growing demand for higher education by Alameda County students. "Our colleges have two primary goals: to give our students job and career training and prepare them to transfer to a four year university", said Dr. Susan Cota, Chancellor of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District. "This bond measure will ensure that our students have access to the 21st century education that they need to succeed." The general obligation bond measure is the culmination of 18 months of planning by both Chabot and Las Positas Colleges. Professional facility planners, architects, educators,

students, community leaders and local business owners were involved in mapping out the future of each college and the facilities that are needed. The \$498 million bond measure will cost homeowners \$19.88 per every \$100,000 of their homes assessed valuation (not market value). The general obligation bonds are 25-35 years in length. No bond monies can be spent for salaries or administration. By law, an independent Citizens Oversight Committee must be established to oversee the implementation of the bond projects. This committee has the authority to conduct annual audits on the bond proceeds. For more information, please contact Jennifer Aries at (925) 485-5215.

6/4/03

Facilities Bond Survey Results Show Support for Colleges

(Pleasanton, CA) - At its meeting last night the board of trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District received the results of a survey to determine voter support for a facilities bond to remodel and renovate Chabot College in Hayward, and complete the build-out of Las Positas College in Livermore. Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Associates, an opinion research firm, conducted the survey by telephone with 600 registered voters in the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District service area. More than 71 percent of the voters surveyed said they would vote yes on a facilities bond measure to support the two colleges. Survey results also showed voter understanding of the importance of Chabot and Las Positas Colleges during tough economic times. They are aware of the critical roles the colleges fill such as training police, fire and health care professionals in addition to re-training the workforce. "We are very pleased with the results of the survey," said Dr. Susan Cota, district chancellor. "Our colleges have been serving the East Bay for more than 40 years. The results of the survey show us that our community members know who we are and appreciate what we do for them." The Board of Trustees will continue to study a facilities bond to improve the two colleges which serve more than 22,000 students annually. For more information please contact: Jennifer Aries at (925) 485-5215.

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Community College CEOs To Discuss Effects of Budget Cuts

(Pleasanton, CA) – On Friday, January 31 at 11 a.m. at De Anza College in the California History Center, the media is invited to a press briefing on the latest impacts of the Governor's budget cuts to the Bay Area's community colleges. Scott Lay, director of state budget issues for the Community College League of California, will present the latest enrollment loss projections, impending layoffs and cuts to programs that serve thousands of the state's most vulnerable students – the disabled, the working poor, and those who have been laid off. Alternative solutions will be proposed to mitigate the state budget cuts to local community colleges.

Following the overview, community college district chancellors will address the media on the impact of these cuts on the region's community colleges covering these topics: Workforce and the Local Economy—Dr. Lois Callahan, interim chancellor, San Mateo County Community College District; Quality and Accountability—Dr. Stan Arterberry, chancellor, West Valley-Mission Community College District; Equity—Dr. Susan Cota, chancellor, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District; and Classroom Instruction—Dr. Ronald Temple, chancellor, Peralta Community College District.

1/15/03

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Names New Contract Education Account Manager

(Pleasanton, CA) – The Chabot-Las Positas Community College District has appointed Dr. Paul Hermis to the role of Contract Education Sales and Account Manager.

In his new position, Hermis will plan all aspects of the self-sustaining program designed to market, sell and deliver training and consulting services for public and private sector organizations within the District's service area. Training and Development Solutions, the Contract Education unit for the District, is an integral part of the region's economic and workforce development efforts, offering programs for business from soft skills training to ESL to performance improvement consultation.

"Paul brings the perfect mix of experience from the two worlds of business and education," said Dean of Economic Development/Contract Education, Leslie Roe. "He has worked individually in both the corporate and academic sectors, and in other college/workforce interface programs similar to ours," she added.

Dr. Hermis is a former Account Executive for XEROX and currently serves as an Adjunct Faculty Member at Chapman University, and University of Phoenix. He has taught college graduate and undergraduate courses in the areas of Economics, Research Design, Management Theory, Statistics, Organizational Change and Sociology.

He received his Doctorate of Education in Institutional Management from Pepperdine University, and a Masters' in Public Administration, from California State University Stanislaus. In addition to his educational background, Dr. Hermis has also completed the XEROX Sales Training Program and Siebel eSolutions Executive Sales Training Program.

For more information about our programs, please contact Dr. Paul Hermis at (925) 485-5239 or visit the website www.tdsolutions.org