

NEWS Brief

A WEEKLY COMMUNICATION TO THE
COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

January 24, 2020



FROM THE OFFICE OF
John Weispfenning, Ph.D.

This Week at the District

GOVERNOR NEWSOM ISSUES FIRST PROPOSAL OF THE 2020-21 STATE BUDGET CYCLE

California's second budget cycle led by Governor Gavin Newsom officially began when [his office released proposed funding levels for 2020-21](#). Within the proposal are some items that point to relatively stable funding with modest increases for the California Community Colleges.

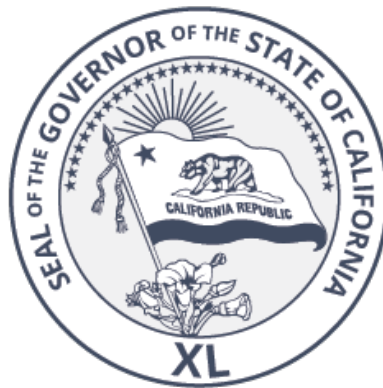
The proposal would provide for a 2.29 percent cost-of-living adjustment in the coming year. That would enable the Coast District to fund faculty and staff COLA increases—and help address some additional inflation-driven costs.

"This proposal includes several essential items and begins the discussion in a number of pressing areas," said Dr. Andy Dunn, Coast District Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administrative Services. "Every year, we look to the proposals to see where our priorities at Coast match up with state leaders and where we need to provide information and advocate."

If adopted, Governor Newsom's proposal would make investments in facilities, apprenticeships, dual enrollment, faculty diversification, and support for vulnerable student populations. The division of these funds will be worked out over time, but the Coast District has historically done well in securing construction and programmatic funding.

Additionally, Governor Newsom intends no major changes to the Student-Centered Funding Formula, which gives some clarity in determining what the Coast District is likely to receive from the state. The proposal also envisions streamlining and consolidating some existing funding sources, which should help provide flexibility and better coordination of statewide initiatives.

The budget proposal now goes to the Assembly and Senate for hearings and development of budget legislation. Governor Newsom is expected to release a revision in May, with a final signed budget some time in June. Advocacy efforts by the Coast District begin next week in Sacramento, continuing through the spring and early summer.



CHANCELLOR'S SCHEDULE

WEEK OF January 24, 2020

*Out Monday (Legislative Visits)
Acting Chancellor
Dr. Andy Dunn*

*In the District
Tuesday—Friday*

BOARD MEETING DATES

February 5, 2020

Regular Board Meeting

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

To view the Coastline President's Bulletin, please visit the following link:

<https://blog.coastline.edu/>

To view the Golden West College News Room, please visit the following link:

www.gwcnews.com

To view Orange Coast College news, please visit the following link:

www.orangecoastcollege.edu/news

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COAST DISTRICT WELLNESS COMMITTEE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT HEALTHY DECISIONS

In response to an employee survey, the Coast District Wellness Committee is offering all benefit-eligible employees a chance to win one of 220 reimbursements for healthy, wellness-promoting decisions. [Those wishing to participate in the program should enroll at the linked page by January 31.](#)

Awards are up to \$25 a month for up to three months (for a maximum of \$75 in reimbursements). Reimbursements can support gym memberships, fitness classes, sports memberships, Weight Watchers, mindfulness sessions, and other activities that provide employees mental or physical health benefits.

Questions should be emailed to Liz Parker, eparker@occ.cccd.edu, before the deadline for the application.

CCCD WELLNESS COMMITTEE
**SPRING 2020
REIMBURSEMENT
PROGRAM** ⚡

- **Jan 24th** - check the info link in the *Chancellor's News Brief* email
- **Jan 29th** - check your campus email for the link to the application
- **Jan 31st** - application deadline

220 SPOTS DISTRICT-WIDE! RANDOM DRAWING!

GWC's Wellness Committee Rep:
Lindsay McNutt
lmcnutt@gwc.cccd.edu

The graphic is a red, angular shape with a white and blue polka-dot pattern on the right side. It contains the title "Spring 2020 Reimbursement Program" in large white letters, a lightning bolt icon, a bulleted list of dates and actions, and logos for Coast Colleges and Golden West College (GWC). Contact information for the GWC Wellness Committee representative is provided at the bottom.

Coastline College Recognized in National Ranking for Two Top Degree Programs

Intelligent.com, a trusted resource for online degree rankings and higher education planning, has awarded Coastline College top ranking status for multiple degree programs, including Best Certificate Degree Programs and Best Associate in Psychology Degree Programs for 2020.

The student-focused comprehensive research guide is based on an assessment of 1,604 accredited colleges and universities across the nation. Each program is evaluated based on curriculum quality, graduation rate, reputation, and post-graduate employment. The 2020 rankings are calculated through a unique scoring system which includes student engagement, a potential return on investment and leading third-party evaluations. The methodology also uses an algorithm which collects and analyzes multiple rankings into one score to easily compare each college and university.

Coastline College has been a leader in online education and offers not only associate's degrees but also professional training and certification programs that facilitate students to become career-ready for jobs in today's workforce. Coastline also offers a wealth of transfer programs for students providing the opportunity to move on to a four-year college or university. Coastline College's low tuition makes it one of the most affordable options in California and is one of the least-expensive schools for local students as well as being one of the nation's top-performing community colleges.



GOLDEN WEST COLLEGE OFFERS FREE TUITION TO BRIDGE EDUCATION GAP

The Golden Promise Program waives a year's worth of tuition and all student fees for first time college students, whether they have recently graduated from high school or took a long break.

"It's a partnership with the state's chancellor office and they awarded us with over \$800,000 this year," said Dr. Claudia Lee, Vice President of Student Services at Golden West College. "So in total we have over a million dollars to offer our students"

Spectrum News 1 Reporter Vicky Nguyen featured GWC and its Golden Promise Program during a recent segment for the Southern California morning news show. Watch [here](#).

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT GOLDEN WEST COLLEGE

Golden West College will be celebrating Black History Month with the following activities:



GOLDEN WEST COLLEGE

Celebrate!
BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2020

FEB 5 THE ART OF BLACK VOICES: COMEDY NIGHT & POETRY SLAM
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
WITH COMEDIAN BOOGIE B. AND A DJ KID FRESH
LOCATION: STAGE WEST, COMM, ROOM 108

FEB 12 FILM SCREENING: "LOOK MOM, I CAN FLY" A FILM BY TRAVIS SCOTT
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
(A FACILITATED DISCUSSION FOLLOWING THE FILM)
LOCATION: FORUM II, ROOM 101

FEB 19 BOOK READING/SIGNING: "ALL IN" BY AUTHOR D'MARIO CARTER
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
SPONSORED BY THE BLACK STUDENT UNION
LOCATION: GEN ED, ROOM 123

FEB 27 JAZZ CONCERT: OMOGHENÉ BAND
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
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Hosted by the GWC Black History Month Steering Committee, Black Student Union, GWC Equity, Intercultural Programs. Contact all 43 events will be held on Golden West College Campus, 11144 Seabreeze Dr. Huntington Beach, CA 92647. For Questions, Contact bsuwg@gmail.com

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BEING PART OF PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE

Today, Dr. Dunn and I met with the District Consultation Council Budget Subcommittee. This followed several active weeks, as we reached agreements with our employee bargaining units this January on a hiring freeze and incentive-retirement program, with trustee review and approval. Concurrently, in Sacramento, Governor Newsom put out his budget proposal.

The rippling effect of the things that began this month will create waves for a long while. I fully expect the unexpected, as nearly every action has some unintended consequence. At the same time, I am confident that effects from the hiring freeze and retirements will be manageable—so long as we continue to work together and support each other.

The harder part of the budget equation to manage is state funding and allocation. On Sunday, I leave with a delegation—including trustees—to advocate for the Coast District in Sacramento. The message we will carry is urgent. We are advocating for additional funding for our core academics, operations, and facilities. We are also looking for continued support for existing initiatives. The work we are doing in career education and comprehensive student support are yielding provable results. We want to keep up that momentum.

With our state leaders we are also seeking clarity. To plan for the future, we must have confidence that the Student-Centered Funding Formula will yield the funds we expect based on our performance measures. Coast is a high-performing District. Your work should be recognized and rewarded.

I continue [to welcome your suggestions](#) and participation. My appreciation goes out to all those who participate in the DCC Budget Subcommittee. Thank you to everyone who has joined in the various forms of participatory governance. There will be many more opportunities to join these conversations in the new semester.

Have a great weekend,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Weispfenning".

John Weispfenning, Ph. D.
Chancellor