

June 13, 2019

Dear VCCCDRA Retiree,

This email is being sent to the 371 VCCCDRA retirees that have email addresses.

Thanks to the 102 retirees who have thus far pledged \$5,995, I am pleased to inform you that at the June 12th Exec Board meeting, it was decided to move forward with the collection of actual contributions, and not just pledges, for the establishment the VCCCDRA sponsored Don B. Medley Scholarship.

The Exec Board also decided to establish the scholarship at the Ventura County Community Foundation (VCCF). Please note that we yet to inform the VCCF of our decision. We will inform the VCCF once we are ready to write them a check to fully fund the scholarship. We need to keep track of all contributions to know when we have reached full funding, so if you send a check to the VCCF, we won't know about it, and they will not know what to do with it, and it will only cause them unneeded administrative grief. We chose the VCCF mainly because

- This will enable the VCCCDRA to offer the scholarship to any Ventura County student planning to attend any of the three local community colleges
- And of all the foundations consulted, the VCCF offered the lowest endowment requirement of \$10,000 plus \$500 for the first scholarship. Subsequent annual \$500 scholarships will be funded entirely by investment earnings from the endowed fund through the VCCF.

For those of you who have already made a pledge, you can print out the form at the end of this letter and fill it out, or just send us that information on a piece of paper along with your check made out to VCCCDRA, and mail it back to us to the address indicated.

For those who have not had an opportunity to make a pledge, you can now make an actual contribution. You can print out the form at the end of this letter and fill it out, or just send us that information on a piece of paper along with your check made out to VCCCDRA, and mail it back to us to the address indicated.

Since the 371 retirees that were emailed represent about one half of the total number of VCCCDRA retirees (approx. 700), our plan now is to contact the remaining VCCCDRA retirees who do not have email addresses by postal mail, and also to contact those retirees that have email addresses but have not responded, by postal mail. We want to make sure that the latter group gets our message, and that their computers have not relegated our email to the junk mail folder, as one of our Exec Board member reported to us had happened to her.

We believe that the time has come for the VCCCDRA to establish itself as an organization of retirees that wish to continue supporting our local students in a substantive manner, and what better way to do this than through a VCCCDRA sponsored scholarship that honors and is named after its founder, Don Medley.

We hope that this truly becomes a “VCCCDRA sponsored” scholarship in the fullest sense by having most of its members supporting it as founders of the scholarship.

Sincerely,

Rene G. Rodriguez,
President, VCCCD Retirees' Association

CONTRIBUTION FOR THE DON B. MEDLEY SCHOLARSHIP

Please Fill Out and Mail Right Away with Your Contribution. Thank You!

CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT: _____

Please make checks payable to VCCCDRA

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please print and fill out this form (or write out this information on a sheet of paper) and mail with your contribution to:

VCCCDRA / Rene G. Rodriguez
4674 Via Del Rancho
Newbury Park, CA 91320

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION!

Please note that all checks will be held and not deposited until the scholarship is fully funded. If you have any questions, please send an email to vcccdra@gmail.com, or call 805-499-6162, or write to the above address.