ASHTON KAUWE
Office Administrator

My name is Ashton Kauwe, and I am running to be a Coast Community College District Trustee because as a graduate of Golden West College, I believe that our community colleges can be more than just a stepping stone to other institutions. I want to expand the District's technical and trade offerings so that our community colleges can be the hub to train and certify the next generation of welders, electricians, and other trade workers that will be needed as our world continues to change and reshoring is prioritized. There are currently hundreds of thousands of job openings for the trades that can result in six-figure salaries with a little time and work, but there are not enough people to fill them.

I believe that the District can be at the forefront of training the next generation of high-paying trade workers. We need to expand our offerings and work with our high schools to show students the opportunities before them. I still believe it is important for the District to be able to help advance students who are looking to move on to higher education, but I also believe we have the opportunity to become so much more.