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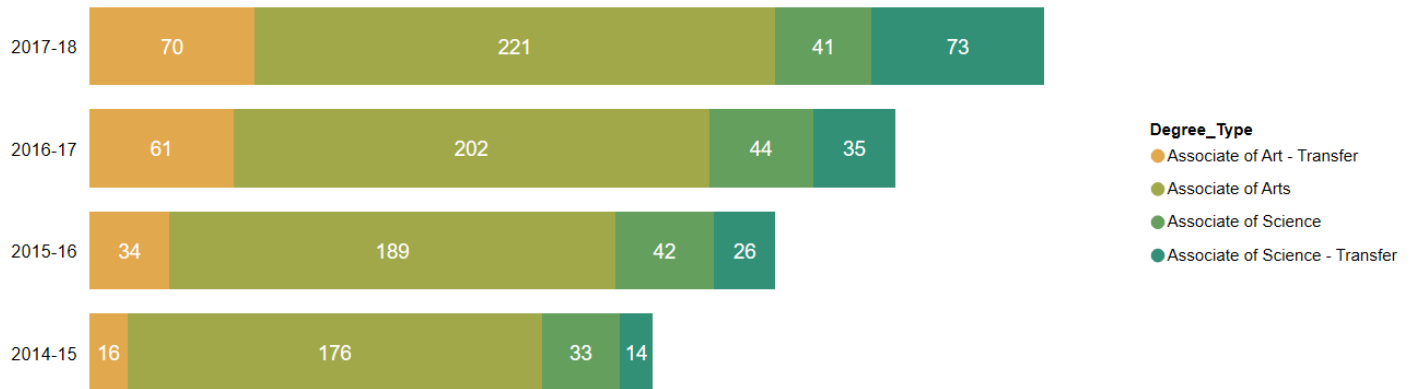
President's Corner:

I am happy to announce that Dean **Ana McClanahan** has been appointed to the West Alameda Business Association (WABA) Board of Director's. WABA supports economic development, marketing, streetscape improvements and other programs benefiting local businesses. They are a strong supporter of and partner with CoA. Dean McClanahan's participation in WABA will help support our mission to serve the needs of our community by strengthening the College's bonds with local employers and business owners. Congratulations Ana!

This semester is flying by and next week is spring break. It's hard to believe that registration for summer and fall 2019 starts very soon, on April 8, 2019, and that it's already time for our students to start planning for Commencement, which will be held on Friday May 24, 2019, at 2 p.m., at the College of Alameda Soccer Field.

Speaking of commencement, I have some excellent news to report regarding our graduation rates. Since 2015, the number of students earning degrees or certificates jumped about 59 percent, from 239 students receiving degrees in 2014/2015 to 405 students receiving degrees last year. This positive trend has been steady, with the biggest increase occurring from 2017 to 2018. We must continue to make improvements in this regard so that even more of our students may realize their dreams and achieve their goals. Key to our students' success is the outstanding quality of our faculty and staff. Thanks to all who are making a difference in the lives of our students each and every day, inside and outside of the classroom.

Awards Year and by Type



Finally, please join me in congratulating our newly tenured faculty: **Olga Fish, Vinh Phan, Jeff Sancari,** and **Charles Washington**. I also want to express my thanks to VPSS **Tina Vasconcellos** for representing the College at the annual PCCD Faculty Tenure Reception.

Sincerely,

Timothy Karas, Ed.D.
President



We Need You! Participate in the Institutional Self Evaluation and Report

President Karas led the ACCJC Institutional Self Evaluation and Report (ISER) Kick Off during the Thursday, March 21, 2019, flex day. Faculty and classified professionals were present at the event. Dr. Karas talked about the ACCJC’s mission and values, provided a detailed overview of the accreditation standards, and outlined what comprises a peer evaluation of an academic institution. He also announced the names of the administrators who have been assigned as co-leads for each Standard Area as follows:

Standard IA-	A. Butler/A. McClanahan
Standard IB-	P. Armstead/ E. Jennings
Standard IC-	S. Bradshaw/W. Bruce
Standard IIA-	D. Miller/E. Jennings
Standard IIB-	L. Celhay/D. Miller
Standard IIC-	A. Lee/P. Armstead

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Standard IIIA-	W. Bruce/A. McClanahan/ District
Standard IIIB-	M. Benvenuti/ District
Standard IIIC-	L. Celhay/ A. Lee/ District
Standard IIID-	M. Benvenuti/ District
Standard IVA-	T. Vasconcellos/D. Miller
Standard IVB-	T. Karas
Standard IVC-	T. Vasconcellos/ T. Karas/ District
Standard IVD-	T. Vasconcellos/ District

The power point presentation from the event is available for download at: <https://alameda.peralta.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/CoA-Accreditation-ISER-Kickoff.pptx>

Please contact Dr. Tina Vasconcellos to volunteer for a Standard by email at: tvasconcellos@peralta.edu . We need all hands-on deck to complete this important task and both classified professionals as well as faculty are invited to participate.

Submitted by Dr. Tina Vasconcellos, VPSS Student Services, tvasconcellos@peralta.edu .



Congratulations to Our Newly Tenured Faculty

Please join me in congratulating four outstanding faculty who recently received tenure: **Olga Fish, Vinh Phan, Jeff Sancari, and Charles Washington**. I had the honor of serving on the President’s behalf during the PCCD tenure reception and was able to personally honor and congratulate all who were present. It was a fabulous celebration of academic rigor and accomplishment. Candidates brought family and friends to join in the celebration.

Submitted by Dr. Tina Vasconcellos, VPSS Student Services, tvasconcellos@peralta.edu .

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The future of our democracy is incumbent upon informed, engaged critical thinking youth in the government process. Therefore, the League of Women Voters of Alameda (LWVA) in partnership with the College of Alameda (CoA) Communication Department are partnering once again to sponsor the 4th Annual Civics Scholarship Program and Speech Tournament.

Five students were selected to compete in a persuasive speech tournament. Coached by CoA Communication Professors **Jennifer Fowler** and **Shirley Brownfox**, participants will tackle the topic: “What would motivate more young people to vote?”

The tournament will be judged by local community leaders and elected officials, with Alameda County Superior Court Judge **Tara M. Flanagan** serving as a special guest judge. The winner of the speech

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tournament will be awarded a \$1000 scholarship. The runner up will receive a \$500 scholarship. All participants will be given one-unit of credit from the Communications Department upon successful completion of the program.

Submitted by Jennifer Fowler, M.A., Communication Instructor, Distance Education Coordinator, Department Co-Chair of English, Communication, Humanities, & Philosophy



CoA Scholars Attended the Umoja Regional Symposium at UC Davis

On March 15, 2019, UMOJA at CoA attended the Umoja Regional Symposium at UC Davis with a contingent of ten scholars.

This year, the Regional Symposium was centered around the powerful words of **Shirley Chisholm**, “If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair.” The symposium launched with two community discussions. One discussion focused on students making meaning of the eighteen Umoja Practices and the other, encouraged scholars to dissect the Shirley Chisholm quote.

The dissection was especially powerful because students engaged in substantive discussions about access, power, voice, privilege, and how to change the narratives by being part of “the conversation.”

While at the symposium, students attended a college fair where admissions representatives from nine University of California campuses discussed opportunities, programs, and campus majors. At the symposium, UC Davis also touted their three-night, four-day transfer students residential experience, “The Aggie Transfer Scholars Weekend.”

While the students toured, Umoja faculty and staff met with the UC Admissions directors about intentional/deliberate strategies to improve the partnership with Umoja and to make the University of California system a more viable option for the students we serve.

Submitted by Jarel McGiffert, Umoja Counselor/Coordinator, jmcgiffert@peralta.edu



The recent drum circle at CoA was very popular with students, faculty, and staff.

College of Alameda Builds Community Through Drumming

On Tuesday March 16, 2019, the Office of Student Activities hosted a community drumming event. Facilitated by **Jeni Swerdlow** from Drummm® Rythmic events. The OneBEAT Community Drumming event was a big hit with faculty, staff and students. More than 40 attendees got a chance to play a variety of drums and percussion instruments. Many attendees remarked at how much fun they had and the activity was a great stress reliever.

Submitted by Aja Butler, Director of Student Activities and Campus Life, abutler@peralta.edu

Please Provide Your Feedback for Distance Education

The Distance Education (DE) Committee at CoA will be discussing faculty preparation for effectively teaching distance education courses. Your feedback, experiences, and recommendations will be essential in our discussion.

In addition, the District Distance Education Committee is soliciting feedback on draft language for recommended instructor preparation for teaching distance education courses. Please, note that these recommendations are meant to guide our discussion, and do not constitute policy recommendation or institutional requirements.

Please, assist us in providing your feedback by answering the two questions listed below:

- 1. In your opinion, what are some ways to effectively teach distance educational courses and to meet the course learning outcomes?*
- 2. In your opinion, what institutional support and professional development opportunities are needed for an ongoing excellence in teaching distance education courses?*

You may provide your feedback by answering the two questions using an online survey tool: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7DN8PXB>, or by sending your reply via an e-mail sent to the DE co-chairs (Jennifer Fowler, jfowler@peralta.edu, or Diana Bajrami, dbajrami@peralta.edu), or by placing your written responses in our mailboxes (Jennifer Fowler and Diana Bajrami). Please, feel free to also provide additional comments if these two questions are not inclusive of your experiences and expectations.

The Committee will meet on March 28, 2019, so the earlier the response the better, however, we will keep the survey open and we will welcome comments via e-mail, or hard copy until April 12, 2019.

All information that you will provide will be kept confidential and a summary report of all responses will be presented at the Academic Senate and disseminated to the entire college community by mid-April.

The DE Committee thanks you in advance for your time and your feedback. We will send multiple reminders in this process for your convenience.

Submitted by Jennifer Fowler and Diana Bajrami



Join Us for the Next Art Encounter

The College of Alameda Art Department welcomes you to enjoy the atmosphere of the art room. Upcoming is the seventh session. Some students are collaborating on a painting about 'home'. The project is evolving. The solitude of an individual work is possible with drawing, painting, or other expression. We have been visited by classes, instructors, librarians, members of the community, staff of the college, and friends at large. We invite writers and thinkers as future endeavors may include literary collaboration.

All are welcome, the idea is to gather freely.

Submitted by Drew Burgess, Art Department, dburgess@peralta.edu

File Your Taxes Yourself for Free

Faculty, Counselors, Classified Professional Staff, and Administrators, please share this information with your students and local community residents.

An IRS-certified volunteer will guide you through the process. No need to sign up, just drop in. If you have a simple return and need a little help or do not have access to a computer, you can visit the COA Entrepreneur Center, Room D230:

March 30, 2019, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

April 8, 2019, Monday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

April 13, 2019, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Submitted by Rochelle Olive, Academic Senate President, Accounting/Tax Instructor, Department Chair Business/Economics/HLTOC



Drawing of CoA Campus by COA English Instructor Jay Rubin

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CSU East Bay Admissions representative Marc Strong

All Are Welcome to Attend the Upcoming Transfer Talk

Admissions representative **Marc Strong** will present information on CSU East Bay's Nursing Program and admission requirements on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Transfer Center. Please invite your students to attend!

Submitted by Vivian Virkkila, Transfer Center Counselor/Instructor, vvirkkila@peralta.edu

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Priority Registration

	Student Group	Registration Date
<p>Log on to Passport to confirm your registration date: passport.peralta.edu</p> <p>[Summer & Fall 2019 Semester] Registration Dates</p> <p><i>Students on academic or progress probation for two consecutive terms or who have earned 100 or more degree-applicable semester units at the district will lose enrollment priority (PCCD AP 5055)</i></p> <p>MISSION STATEMENT: The Mission of College of Alameda is to serve the educational needs of its diverse community by providing comprehensive and flexible programs and resources that empower students to achieve their goals.</p> <p>College of Alameda • alameda.peralta.edu 555 Ralph Appezato Memorial Parkway Alameda, California 94501 • Phone (510) 522-7221</p>	CalWorks CAFES (Next UP) Disabled Students Programs & Services (DSPS) Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS/Care) Veterans	<div style="background-color: #d9e1f2; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid #0056b3;">[Mon, April 8, 2019]</div>
	Athletes Alameda & Oakland Promise Mesa & Umoja New Matriculated Students	<div style="background-color: #0099cc; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid #0056b3;">[Wed, April 10, 2019]</div>
	Continuing Students	<div style="background-color: #d9e1f2; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid #0056b3;">[April 11 – 25, 2019]</div>
	Alameda Sci. Tech. Institution (ASTI)	<div style="background-color: #d9e1f2; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid #0056b3;">[Fri, April 26, 2019]</div>
	New Students	<div style="background-color: #d9e1f2; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid #0056b3;">[Mon, April 29, 2019]</div>
High School Concurrent Enrollment Students	<div style="background-color: #d9e1f2; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid #0056b3;">[Mon, May 6, 2019]</div>	

The Open CCC application is now available for Summer and Fall 2019.

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Guided Pathways Free Lunch Series Spring 2019



**4th Mondays
12noon-1p
L-237**

**JANUARY 28th
FEBRUARY 25th
MARCH 25th
APRIL 22nd
MAY 20th**

JANUARY 28: *Focus Groups 101 Listen to Our Students*

Join us to listen to the voices of our students in a moderated student panel as they discuss their experiences at College of Alameda. We will share tools to hold informal focus groups, and let folks know how you can get involved this semester!

FEBRUARY 25: *Moving the Needle*

What problem is Guided Pathways trying to solve? What does the data tell us, and what questions should we be asking to better understand our students' barriers and successes? Engage in the discussion, and learn about how inquiry will drive our path forward.

MARCH 25: *It's All About Equity*

Equity is our driving principle of why we are engaging in the Guided Pathways work. Let's look at disproportionality at CoA and discuss ways we can better address equity gaps.

APRIL 22: *Connecting Student Services & Instruction*

Students are successful when we collaborate to serve and support them. This session will focus on program mapping efforts at CoA, an initial step to better connect student services and instruction.

MAY 20: *Let's celebrate!*

We will use the time to celebrate the work this semester and gather thoughts about to guide CoA's Guided Pathways moving forward.

For more information, email coaguidedpathways@peralta.edu



The College of Alameda Academic Senate

Cordially Invites You to Attend the

2019 Emeritus Luncheon

Thursday, May 23rd, 11:00am – 2:00pm

at the

Pasta Pelican

Waterfront Restaurant & Lounge

2455 Mariner Square Drive • Alameda, CA 94501

Tickets are \$35.00

(Please make checks only payable to: College of Alameda Senate)

Buffet Lunch includes: Salmone di Aneto, Fettucine con Sugo Caldo,
Fettucine di Tequila, Salad, Bread, and Dessert
~ Cash Bar Available ~

R.S.V.P. by Monday, May 13, 2019 to

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SPRING 2019 WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

All events take place at noon in the F-Building Pit. Feel free to bring your lunch.

Wednesday, April 10th

Intuitive Eating- Rethinking your relationship with food and unlearning diet culture.

Monday, April 15th

Blood Drive- Come visit the Blood Mobile parked on the quad near the A-building and help save a life. Sign up here: <https://www.bloodheroes.com/>



Make Your *Splash!*

Do you know an outstanding student whose story you would like to share?

Did you attend an interesting workshop or conference?

Do you have unique projects planned for your students this semester?

Is there an upcoming event that we should all know about?

Have you or a colleague been honored with an award, or do have you published an article, book, or chapter recently?

Send us your news, so we can share it with the campus community in the *CoA Splash!*

It is easy – just send us a short article and a good photo or two, and we will take care of the rest. Do not forget to include the name of the writer, the photographer, and anyone who is pictured (if possible). Be sure to email your news and information to: coasplash@peralta.edu.

Past issues of the *CoA Splash* are available at: <http://alameda.peralta.edu/office-of-the-president/coa-splash-newsletters/>

The **deadline** to submit your news for the next *Splash* is March 22, 2019, for publication in the March 28 2019, edition. The following is the publication schedule for Spring 2019 Semester.

Deadline	Publication Date
April 9	April 11
April 19	April 25
May 3	May 9
May 17	May 23