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President's Corner: Health & Safety First

The health and safety of members of the Peralta community continues to be our top priority. The situation is being monitored closely and you can keep abreast of the latest news by bookmarking and referring to the Peralta Health Services COVID-19 page for current information: <https://web.peralta.edu/health-services/coronavirus/>.

At an Emergency Meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, the Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees voted to approve the following changes to the academic calendar:

Spring Break (originally scheduled as the week of April 13-18, has been moved to the week of March 16-21, 2020.

Flex Day (a faculty training day originally scheduled March 19, 2020) will now be held on Monday, March 30, 2020.

The District also announced late Tuesday, March 10, 2020, that face-to-face classes at Berkeley City College, College of Alameda, Laney College and Merritt College have been cancelled for Wednesday, March 11, Thursday, March 12, Friday, March 13, and Saturday, March 14, 2020. Cancelling classes on these dates will allow instructional faculty to attend trainings and evaluate optional resources for potentially transitioning their classes to remote forms of instruction as needed. College administration will communicate times and locations for trainings and other pertinent information to keep you abreast of this developing situation.

Guidance for all students and staff:

- ⇒ Practice frequent hand washing (20 seconds with soap).
- ⇒ Avoid touching your face, especially mouth, nose, and eyes.
- ⇒ Sneeze and cough into your sleeved elbow or into a tissue that is discarded into a closed, hands-free trash receptacle (then wash hands again!)
- ⇒ If you have symptoms of a cold, stay home to recuperate! Seek medical attention as needed for worsening or severe symptoms like difficulty breathing.

Additional Health and Safety Resources:

Local Agency—Alameda County Public Health Department <http://www.acphd.org>

California Department of Public Health: [Higher Education Guidance on Novel Coronavirus or COVID-19](#)

CDC Guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html/>



Cross Alameda Trail Ribbon Cutting

On Saturday, February 29, 2020, CoA was a partner in the ribbon cutting grand opening for the Cross Alameda Trail section running along the Ralph Appezzato Memorial Pkwy. [Bike/Walk Alameda](#) held a family bicycle workshop on campus and CoA had a table providing literature about the college and free promotional items. I want to thank **Don Miller**, **Ana McClanahan**, and **Chungwai Chum** for assisting with the day's festivities and representing CoA. Below is a map of the Cross Alameda Trail.



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CoA's Outstanding Black History Month Activities Culminate with Sunday Dinner

A big thank you to **Brenda Lewis** and team for organizing an outstanding month of activities in celebration of Black History Month. On Wednesday, February 28, 2020, Professor **Carolyn Johnson** led a campus conversation related to the 1619 Project. The 1619 Project inaugurated with a special issue of *The New York Times Magazine*, and challenges us to re-frame U.S. history by marking the year when the first enslaved Africans arrived on Virginia soil as our nation's foundational date. In partnership with the Pulitzer Center, there is a series of complimentary reading guides, activities, and other resources. The capstone event held on Thursday, February 29, 2020, was a Sunday Dinner. Sunday Dinner is a tradition passed down through generations in the African-American community. It's a time of fellowship and community.

AUSD Forms a Standing Sub-committee to Deepen Connection with CoA

Alameda Unified School District Board of Education (AUSD) formed a standing sub-committee to deepen connection between CoA and AUSD. The four-member sub-committee is comprised of AUSD Superintendent **Pasquale Scuderi**, AUSD Board member **Gary Lym**, AUSD Board member **Gray Harris**, PCCD Trustee **Bill Withrow**, PCCD Trustee **Meredith Brown**, and myself. We had an informative meeting on February 26, 2020. CoA has had several strategic conversations with AUSD related to dual enrollment pathways, expansion of ASTI, enactment of AUSD makerspaces, and robotics.



CoA FabLab Hosts A Special Tour for City Officials

On February 26, 2020, the [CoA Fab Lab](#) hosted a tour of City of Alameda officials, including **Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft** and **City Manager Eric Levitt**. I am enthusiastic about strengthening our collaboration with the City of Alameda and providing a vital learning hub that will spark the next generation of makers, innovators, and entrepreneurs. One significant development on the horizon is that the [Alameda Mini-Maker Faire](#) will move to the CoA campus in August 2020. Last year over 3,000 people attended the faire. Hosting this popular community event on campus will provide exciting opportunities to showcase all of our wonderful academic programs and services to a diverse group of prospective students and community members.

The CoA Fab Lab is integral to teaching and learning in the 21st century. A learning-by-doing approach fosters higher-order problem-solving and critical thinking. Creative thinking and invention create flexible learners with the ability to be resilient. I have seen students become empowered independent thinkers through the spirit of making. The Fab Lab is a catalyst of interdisciplinary learning at College of Alameda.

A Fab Lab is a space where you can come to take advantage of tools, resources, and technology, using traditional and advanced manufacturing equipment to make almost anything. Fab Labs offer the opportunity to dream, design, and refine ideas. One can come in and experiment for fun, or work towards developing a fully-fledged product. At the CoA Fab Lab, our goal is to offer a communal space for people to make, to share, and to benefit from their work. A special thanks to **Danny Beesley, Miguel Vega, and Vince Stevenson** for their daily dedication to the success of the FabLab and to **Dean Ana McClanahan** for the administrative oversight to keep the program flourishing.



CoA CNA Program Approved by the California Department of Public Health

I am happy to report that the CoA Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program has been approved by the California Department of Public Health! CoA has been working on a non-credit Certified Nursing Assistant pathway for several years. Special thanks to our **CNA Director/Instructor Genevieve Dace** and **Dean Eva Jennings**. We should be up and running our first cohort in fall semester 2020.

Sincerely,

Timothy Karas, Ed.D.
President



Athletics News

Coming off a nine-game win streak, No. 14 College of Alameda was outscored by No. 3 Columbia College 64-76 in Sonora, CA. In the first half, the Cougars had no growl and no offensive rebounding scoring only two points (by Malbrough) in the first 11 minutes of the game and held to 16 points in the first half. The Cougars were down by as much as 34 points in the second half and clawed back to outscore the Claim Jumpers 48-38. However, the late rally wasn't enough as Claim Jumpers will move on to the next round of the 2020 Regional Championships.

Cougars men's basketball had one player in double figures led by Texas stand-out sophomore point guard **Kameron Malbrough** with 28 points and Louisiana freshman guard **Corey Brooks Jr.** added nine points.

Alameda ended the season 18-12 overall and 10-6 in the Bay Valley Conference.

Thanks to all COA-FAS for your continued support of our student-athletes!

NEXT UP: Cougar women's volleyball (2020 spring non-traditional season)

Game 1 - at Solano College - Friday, March 13

Game 2 - at COA - Friday, March 27

Game 3 - at Folsom Lake College - Friday, April 3

Submitted by Linda Thompson, M.A., Athletic Director/Head Volleyball Coach, Department Chair: Kinesiology, Health, & Athletics Committee: Curriculum



Place Your Regalia Order before March 31st

If you are participating in this year's graduation ceremony and require regalia, place your order before March 31, 2020. Please send an email to cvandiggelen@follett.com with the following information:

Personal Information

- First name:
- Last name:
- Phone Number:
- Height:
- Cap size (S-XL):
- Degree achieved:
- Field of Study:
- Institution city:
- Institution state:
- Institution name:

If you have ordered regalia in the past and have no changes, feel free to reply with "Same as before." Please note that the due date for orders is March 31, 2020.

Submitted by Christopher Van Diggelen, Team Lead College of Alameda Bookstore, cvandiggelen@follett.com



**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS
ABOUT YOUR IMMIGRATION
OPTIONS? NEED HELP
RENEWING YOUR DACA?**

FREE IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES FOR COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA STUDENTS

Schedule an appointment with an immigration attorney or legal advocate to discuss your immigration status and options. In partnership with College of Alameda, East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC) is offering **FREE** immigration legal services to College of Alameda students.

Appointments are available:

**2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 10 AM-2 PM
4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 10 AM-2 PM**

Location:

Room F109, Building F

Schedule an appointment online:

www.ebclcimmigrationlegalclinic.as.me/alameda



For questions, email AlamedaLegal@EBCLC.org.
To learn more about EBCLC, visit www.ebclc.org.














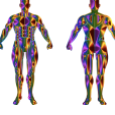
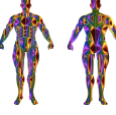
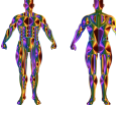





Here's one that will soon be nostalgia when faculty move into the new building, by artist Jay Rubin, COA English Contract Faculty,



MESA Spring 2020 Tutor Schedule

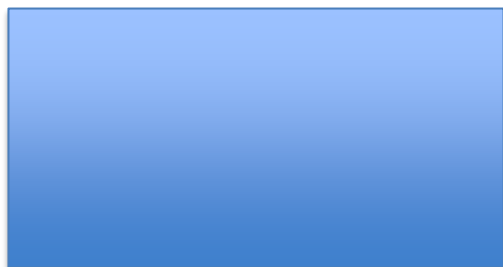
The MESA program provides free tutoring for all students enrolled in a STEM course at College of Alameda. Tutors are available throughout the week in the MESA Center to help students with chemistry, physics, biology, and mathematics. Please come visit the center and utilize all its resources as a place to study, getting help from our STEM tutors, and counseling. We are located in the Science Annex Building in Room 125 (860 Atlantic Ave). Please also visit our website to enroll in [MESA](#) and schedule your appointment to meet with our MESA Counselor Nila.

TUTOR	SUBJECT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Jacob Ahmed	CHEM 1A	2-6pm		2-6pm		
Jennifer Nguyen	CHEM 30A & CHEM 1A		10-12pm		10-12pm	
Esther McCarthy	All math up to 3B (no stats), CHEM 1A CHEM 1B BIOL 10		10-12pm & 3-5pm		10-12pm & 3-5pm	
Thien Huynh	Chem 30A					10-2pm
Nicky Harris	BIO 10		1-3pm		1-3pm	
Thomas Greathouse	CHEM 30A, 1A, 1B, 12A BIOL 1A ALL MATH (NO STATS) PHYS 4A, 4B, 4C		10-12pm		10-12pm	

Submitted by Nila Adina, M.A., General Counselor, MESA Counselor & Coordinator

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Financial Aid Hands-on



March

Wednesday	3/4/2020	12:00-1:30PM
Tuesday	3/10/2020	10:00-11:30AM
Friday	3/20/2020	10:00-11:30AM
Monday	3/23/2020	12:00-1:30PM

April

Monday	4/6/2020	4:00-5:30PM
Wednesday	4/15/2020	12:00-1:30PM
Friday	4/24/2020	10:00-11:30AM
Wednesday	4/29/2020	12:00-1:30PM

May

Monday	5/4/2020	12:00-1:30PM
Tuesday	5/12/2020	10:00-11:30AM
Wednesday	5/20/2020	12:00-1:30PM
Tuesday	5/26/2020	10:00-11:30AM

FAFSA: fafsa.ed.gov
Dream Act: dream.csac.ca.gov

College of Alameda's School Code: **006720**

Financial Aid Department
Welcome Center, Building A
(510) 748-2391
coafinancialaid@peralta.edu
<http://alameda.peralta.edu/financial-aid/>

Workshops are located in A232 - A-Building Second Floor

Note: You will not be admitted if you're 15 minutes or more late.



Make Your *Splash!*

- Is there a colleague that you'd like to recognize or a new staff member in your department that you'd like to welcome?
- Do you know an outstanding student whose story you would like to share?
- Is there an upcoming event that we should all know about?
- Did you attend an interesting workshop or conference?
- Do you have special projects or field trips planned this semester?
- Have you or a colleague been honored with an award, or have you published an article, book, or chapter recently?

Send us your news, so that we may share it with the campus and the community in the next edition of *Splash!* It's 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 and be sure to include the word “Splash” in the subject line. Past issues of the *CoA Splash* are available at <https://alameda.peralta.edu/newsletter/coa-splash/>

The deadline for the next edition of *Splash* is Monday, March 23, 2020.