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Dr. Nathaniel Jones III

President's Corner: Spring Ahead

Spring Semester kicked off with a lively virtual CoA Flex Day on Friday, January 22, 2021. I'd like to extend my thanks to our Professional Development Co-chairs **Dr. Diana Bajrami** and Professor **Maurice Jones**, and committee members for organizing the presentations and workshops.

For me, Flex Day was my first opportunity to address the entire campus community since arriving at the College in early December 2020. My presentation touched upon important themes that our campus community will be focusing on in the months ahead, including, Academic Excellence, Student Access & Success, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Fiscal Stewardship & Accountability, Community Engagement & Strategic Partnering, and Institutional Effectiveness. I also acknowledged our hard-working faculty and staff for going above and beyond in serving and supporting our students in recent months, by effectively embracing online instruction and providing a full range of virtual student services.

The first two weeks of the semester have also featured a number of virtual events for students, including online orientation sessions, a special two-day Enrollment Extravaganza, and a special virtual series celebrating **Black History Month**. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend our Black History Month events. I will be presenting as part of the online series on Thursday, February 25, 2021, at noon, and I hope to see you then!

Warmest regards,

Dr. Nathaniel Jones III
President

Psychology



Psychology Department

In studying psychology at College of Alameda, students will uncover the connection between mind, body and emotions to enhance their self-awareness and empower them to create the lives they desire and be agents of social change. Students apply theories to their own lives so that the information is useful and illuminating.

Stop acting so small. You are the universe in ecstatic motion. -Rumi

College of Alameda Ranks Among the Top Associate in Psychology Degree Programs in the U.S.

According to the independent web-based research site, [Intelligent.com](https://www.intelligent.com), College of Alameda has been ranked in the top 50 nationally for the Best Associate in Psychology Degree Programs. Their comprehensive research guide is based on an assessment of 2,277 accredited colleges and universities. Programs are evaluated based on curriculum quality, graduation rate, reputation, and post-graduate employment. The College's Psychology for Transfer AA-T Degree also was ranked as the best in the area of mindfulness training.

CoA's psychology courses are taught by Professors **Robert Brem, Elham Chishty, Sarah Peterson-Guada, and Bishop Scott.**

The 2021 rankings are calculated through a unique scoring system which includes student engagement, potential return on investment, and leading third-party evaluations. [Intelligent.com](https://www.intelligent.com) analyzed 194 schools, on a scale of 0 to 100, with only 50 making it to the final list. The methodology also uses an algorithm which collects and analyzes multiple rankings into one score to easily compare each college/university. To access the complete ranking, please visit: <https://www.intelligent.com/best-associate-in-psychology-degree-programs/>.

KUDOS

CoA Music Professor and Music Department Co-Chair **Silvester Henderson** has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Global Listening Centre. The [Global Listening Centre \(GLC\)](#) is a dedicated premier international non-profit organization, which promotes the cause of listening worldwide and encourages individuals, organizations and institutions to work together to meet the urgent challenges of society. The Global Listening Board is comprised of experienced and passionate advocates who are leaders and experts in their respective fields. **Congratulations Professor Henderson for your international achievements!**

The mission of the College of Alameda is to serve the educational needs of its community by providing comprehensive and flexible programs and resources to empower students to achieve their goals.



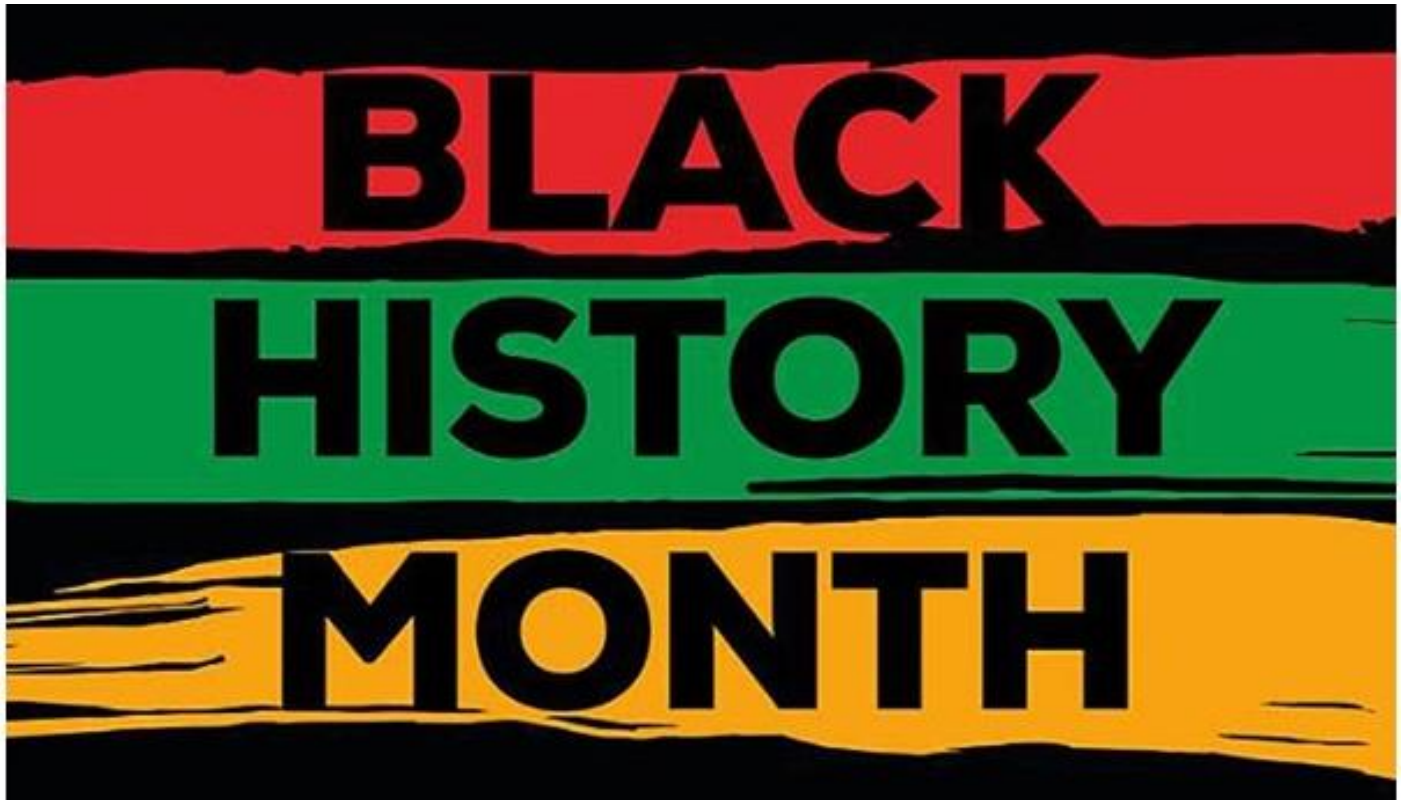
Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) Program to Apply for FAA Grant

In partnership with the Oakland Aviation Museum, local high schools, and industry partners, the College of Alameda (CoA) Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) program intends to apply for a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant.

Dean of Career and Workforce Education **Eva Jennings** explains that the Aviation Maintenance Technical Workers Workforce Development Grant is designed to develop and inspire a more inclusive pool of aviation maintenance technicians to join the next generation of aviation professionals.

The FAA is accepting applications through March 22, 2021. Grant awards will range from \$25,000 to \$500,000. Due to established partnerships with area high schools and industry, the College looks forward to submitting a competitive proposal.

Submitted by Dean of Career & Workforce Education, Customized Training and Community Education Eva Denise Jennings



Invitation to Celebrate Black History Month at CoA

Students, faculty, professional staff and administrators are invited to celebrate the many achievements, contributions and rich culture of Black Americans by participating in these events.

African American Leadership in our Communities (Male/Female)

Monday, February 8, 2021

12 pm – 1 pm

Speaker: **Dr. Edward C. Bush**, President of Cosumnes River College

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/97447200309?pwd=K0s0eWVGUXk1TWVwMFdSYkVBatjQT09#success>

“Against All Odds”: Black Mental Health Resilience in Times of Adversity & Change

Thursday, February 11, 2021

12 pm – 1 pm

Presenters: **Dr. Jacinda Marshall**, DSPS Counselor and **Jennifer Sanoh**, C2C Program Coordinator

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93881967583?pwd=eDdHU3dXMHpOVUVRd2ROSnJiZ2paQT09#success>

Celebrating the Achievements of African American Women

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

12 pm – 1 pm

Speaker: **Dr. Siri Brown**, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

<https://zoom.us/j/95553899664?pwd=VGxhNWV4R3UwTUUpBTmRBaUt5T2RyZz09#success>

Remarks from College of Alameda President

Thursday, February 25, 2021

12 pm – 1 pm

Speaker: **Dr. Nathaniel Jones III**, College of Alameda President

<https://zoom.us/j/96365005976?pwd=TIE4MTITdHQvc0Q2K2NRMzIFUGNsZz09#success>



FREE NONCREDIT SELF-ADVOCACY COURSE

COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA
COURSE: LRNRE 564A - Self-Advocacy
CLASS CODE: 24210

DAYS: Mondays and Wednesdays
TIME: 10:00 AM (PST) -10:50 AM (PST)
DATES: January 25, 2021 - May 28, 2021
LOCATION: Alameda-Online



For information about this course and the College to Career (C2C) program
Contact: Jennifer Sanoh, College to Career Coordinator
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College to Career (C2C) Program Premiers New Non-Credit Course for Students with Intellectual Disabilities

For Spring 2021 semester, the College to Career (C2C) program has introduced a new non-credit course for students with Intellectual Disabilities (ID) and/or Autism. The new course is entitled, Independent Living Skills - Self Advocacy (LRNRE 564A). It offers students tools, resources, and techniques to become an effective self-advocate and educator of those around them.

"The C2C program faculty believes that offering this course for students with ID and/or Autism, will have a great impact on the community. It will help students improve their learning and understanding of

themselves. Improved understanding will enable students with ID and Autism to make more effective decisions about their educational, life, and career goals" says C2C Coordinator **Jennifer Sanoh**.

C2C would like to thank Associate Dean of Educational Success **Paula Armstead** and members of the CoA Curriculum Committee for their assistance with the program's course development.

For more information about the C2C Program, please visit its website: <https://alameda.peralta.edu/college-to-career/>

Submitted by Jennifer Sanoh, J.D., MSW, College to Career Coordinator

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LATINX STUDENTS!

WE'VE CREATED A PLACE JUST FOR YOU!
FIND YOUR FAMILIA AT COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA

Join **ACCESO** today to get access to a ton of special resources and one-on-one guidance dedicated to helping Latinx students, like you, flourish in college and your career.

SIGN UP ONLINE! alameda.peralta.edu/acceso

Have Questions? Contact marevalo@peralta.edu for more info.

 **ACCESO**  *We are committed to helping you thrive.
Because we know you can!*

The ACCESO Program Is Building Momentum this Spring

This spring, 121 students have submitted **ACCESO** program interest forms. Of these submissions, 38 students currently are active participants, having already completed the onboarding process and are enjoying the many benefits of the program. Those benefits include: integrated academic, financial, and student support services, counseling and transfer planning with a dedicated ACCESO counselor, career coaching, job opportunities, peer tutoring and mentoring, participation in the ACCESO Workshop Series, textbook vouchers, use of a laptop, invitations to campus-wide cultural events, and most important of all you have a *familia* at CoA!

ACCESO student Martha Tellez is currently serving as an ACCESO peer mentor. She says that the program has been a great support and helps her stay focused on her academic goals.

"I am accomplishing my goals for this semester, and I am glad ACCESO came to CoA. This program has given me opportunities to support students as a peer mentor, and to continue working towards my goals. I enjoy the cultural activities and workshops because they give me an opportunity to socialize, enrich, and share with students and staff," said Tellez.

The program's goal this semester is to work towards converting all students who submitted interest forms to active participant status. To this end, **ACCESO** has been hosting virtual orientations on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For the past few weeks, peer mentors have been working on an outreach campaign, calling currently enrolled Latinx students and informing them about the many benefits of joining the **ACCESO** program. The goal of the campaign is to connect with 2,500 students this semester.

Peer mentors also have been supporting the Financial Aid Department by calling a list of about 760 currently enrolled CoA students who have not yet completed the 20-21 FAFSA.

ACCESO/Puente book-vouchers have been distributed to 51 students this semester. More vouchers will be disseminated as additional ACCESO students complete the enrollment process.

Congratulations to ACCESO Coordinator **Mr. Horacio Corona**, Puente/ACCESO Counselor **Danna Chavez Baquero**, Student Services Specialist **Ms. Mayra Arevalo** for their outstanding efforts in making ACCESO accessible to our students this spring!

Upcoming ACCESO Events

ACCESO Spring Bienvenida - February 11, 2021

Submitted by VPSS Dr. Tina Vasconcellos



Make Your *Splash!*

- Student success stories.
- Grant updates, applications, special projects, or programs of interest.
- Program, committee, department news, and updates.
- Faculty and staff awards, appointments, achievements, or kudos.
- Special hours and information for online or other services and classes.
- Upcoming deadlines that students or colleagues should know about.
- Event information.
- Other news.

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).

Please 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/>