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President's Corner: Building Our Future with Civility and Respect

At College of Alameda, we have an ongoing obligation to our Vision, “that we are a diverse, supportive, empowering learning community for seekers of knowledge...” and to our Mission, “to serve the educational needs of our diverse community...” As a place of higher learning, CoA is dedicated to diversity and inclusion through its institutional values and commitment to social justice and educational equity.

The safety, success, and well-being of our campus community is our first priority. While societal norms may have come to minimize and accept acts of unethical behavior, incivility, and blatant disrespect for others, please be reminded that the District deems such conduct unacceptable and the antithesis of the New Peralta Way; and it also is not the College of Alameda Way.

All families have disagreements and individual perspectives. However, in the interest of our common well-being and advancement of the college's important mission, it is incumbent upon us to work together to resolve differences. I encourage all in our campus community to continue to work collaboratively, have patience, and show respect for each other as we build a brighter future for our students. There is no place, space, or time for incivility and disrespect here.

“If we lose love and self-respect for each other, this is how we finally die”-- Maya Angelou

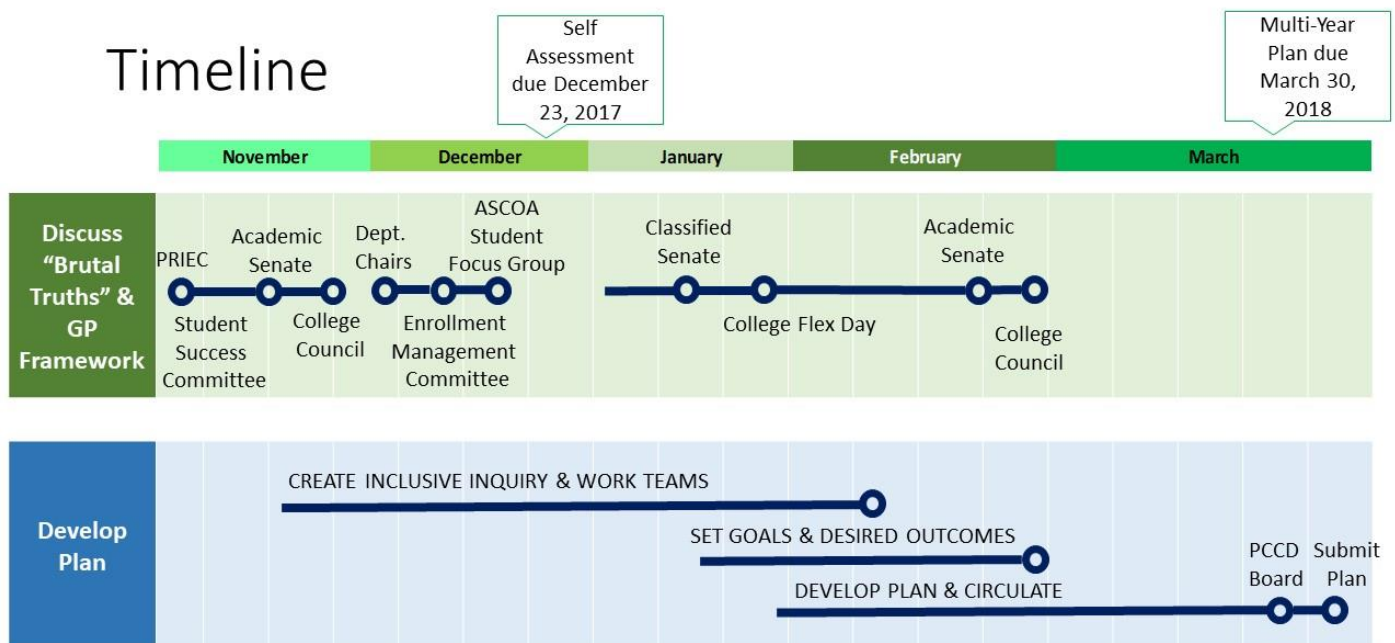
CoA Begins Implementing Phase Three of the California Guided Pathways

The State of California's \$150 million one-time investment in the Guided Pathways Award Program will give each of our 114 colleges the opportunity to begin implementation of the Guided Pathways framework. This investment will support an intensive five-year planning and implementation process at each participating college, including CoA. Using the Guided Pathways framework, colleges will rethink and redesign programs and services into cohesive, campus-wide strategies to achieve the outcomes expected by the state, our system, and our students.



We are about to embark on the third phase of guided pathway work. CoA has attended the mandatory training, submitted a self-assessment, and it now time to develop our guided pathways plan. The State should be releasing the plan template shortly. The State has given a deadline of March 31, 2018, for plan submittal.

Timeline



Proposed timeline for developing CoA's first multi-year plan for implementing a Guided Pathways framework, as of November, 2017

Our steering group will form to develop the draft *CoA Guided Pathways Plan* by March 2018. The group will meet over approximately six weeks to complete the project. Weekly multi-hour meetings will be held to complete the project. There should be minimal work outside the scheduled meeting times for participating faculty.

- 2 Faculty Leads (instruction)
- 2 Faculty Leads (student services)
- Administrative Lead (instruction)
- Administrative Lead (student services)
- 2 Staff Leads
- Facilitator (researcher)

More information about our Guided Pathways planning process is available online: <http://alameda.peralta.edu/office-of-research-planning-and-institutional-effectiveness/guided-pathways/>

MESA (Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement) Are Invited to Apply for Special Grant

Through the generous support of the Philanthropic Ventures Foundation (Facebook Local Community Fund) our MESA students have the opportunity to apply for a grant to assist with college expenses.



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Grants of up to \$500 will be awarded to MESA students to help with costs for critical necessities that do not fall under other student financial aid programs.

Examples of these expenditures include: eye glasses, computer software, textbooks, supplies needed for coursework, transportation expenses, and limited dental care.



CoA is the only Peralta College offering the MESA program. MESA programs at colleges like ours are changing the face of science, technology, engineering, and math by creating and developing a new generation of STEM leaders. Each year thousands of underserved students nationally benefit from

MESA's award winning model. Most MESA students are the first in their families to go to college. CoA's MESA program fulfills a critical need by providing resources and support for a diverse cohort of students who are cultivating their essential academic skills, developing leadership qualities, and achieving success in school, career, life, and STEM-related fields.

Further information about the Philanthropic Ventures Foundation grant program can be found at:

<http://www.venturesfoundation.org/programs/community-initiatives/somerton-educational-grants/>

Thank you, as always, for your dedication to our students.

Sincerely,

Timothy Karas, Ed.D.

President

Welcome New College Members!

Our new Vice President of Instruction **Don Miller**, Ph.D., comes to CoA from Las Positas Community College in Livermore, where he recently served as interim vice-president of academic services. He brings to CoA a wealth of knowledge and a wide-range of experience as an administrator and educator at both four- and two-year institutions. He previously served as Department Chair for Classical and Modern Languages and Associate Professor of Spanish at the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota. Before entering administration, he was a faculty member in Spanish and department chair of foreign language and literatures at California State University, Chico. Dr. Miller holds a bachelor's degree in Spanish with a minor in International Relations, and master's degree and doctorate in Spanish from Brigham Young University and the University of Virginia, respectively. He has directed student plays, published articles, and written a book, *A Society on Stage: Essays on Spanish Golden Age Drama*.





CoA Has a New Director of Student Activities and Campus Life!

College of Alameda also is pleased to welcome **Aja Butler** as our new Director of Student Activities and Campus Life. Ms. Butler brings a great deal of experience to her position. She previously served as the former Director of Student Life at Delta Community College. She is student centered and has an excellent history of creating a dynamic student life environment for her students. Ms. Butler earned her baccalaureate in sports science at the University of San Francisco and a Master of Arts in Organization and Leadership at the University of San Francisco.

Congratulations to Our New Associate Dean of Educational Success, Paula Armstead!

Ms. Armstead has been appointed to a permanent position after serving for over a year as Interim Associate Dean of Educational Success. She has provided excellent leadership in working to expand and solidify Adult Transitions as well as relationships and curricular offerings with community based organizations, local high schools, and adult schools. Ms. Armstead earned a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership and Administration from San Jose State University.



Welcome to Interim Director of Workforce Systems, Trudie Giordano

Ms. Giordano has several years of experience in workforce systems as well as recent professional experience working with the Adult Education Block Grant in Contra Costa County. She brings with her the unique experiences of working in the private sector as well as within the community college educational system; and so is able to bridge both worlds. Ms. Giordano has a Bachelor of Arts in Russian Studies and Speech Communications from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

ASCOA & OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES PRESENTS...

BLACK HISTORY 2018

COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA

African American Faculty, Staff and Student Meet and Greet

Wednesday February 7, 2018

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Library Room 237

Black Lives Matter: EnGendering Black Freedom, Organizing Chaos, Drafting Colin Kaepernick

*Dr. James L. Taylor, Professor of Politics,
University of San Francisco*

Wednesday February 14, 2018

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

F-Building (Pit)

SoulFest 2018

Live Performance by Soul Mechanix

Thursday February 22, 2018

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Quad

*Direct Questions to Office of
Student Activities 510-748-2327*



Flu Season is Here!



Protect yourself and your community from the **aggressive 2017-2018 H3N2 flu strain:**

- Get the [FLU SHOT](#) in the Wellness Center at any Peralta campus - it's FREE for students!
- Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds frequently, including before eating or touching your eyes, after the restroom, and after touching communal surfaces
- Use a paper towel to turn off faucets and touch bathroom door handles after washing hands.
- Cover your cough/sneeze with a tissue or your upper sleeve (not your hands!)
- If you have flu symptoms or a 100°f fever, stay home until it has been gone for 24 hours

Student Activities

Spring Workshop Series 2018

February Workshops

All workshops are located in Student Center (F) Pit

Drop-in Dance Fitness

Every Tuesday
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Dance Studio (G-111)

What is Therapy?

Thursday, February 1st
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Student Center (F) Pit

Healthy Eating

Tuesday, February 6th
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Student Center (F) Pit

Understanding Depression and Sadness

Thursday, February 15th
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Student Center (F) Pit

Understanding LGBTQQI+ Communities

Wednesday, February 21st
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Student Center (F) Pit

International Student Transfer 101 Workshop

Wednesday, February 27th
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Student Center (F) Pit

Find Your Way to Job Satisfaction and Higher Wages

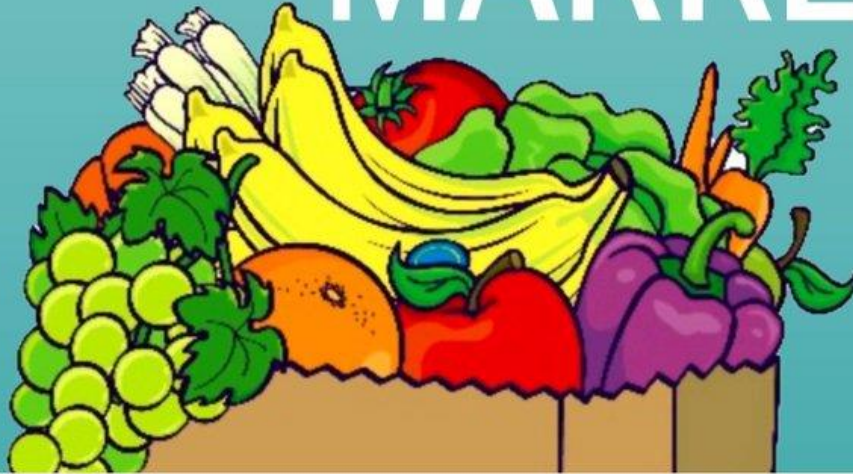
Wednesday, February 28th
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Student Center (F) Pit



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FREE PRODUCE MARKET



Free fruits, veggies and bread

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday

(When classes are in session)

12:30pm-2:30pm

F-Building

Please bring your own reusable bag



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Discover UC Davis

TRANSFER AND DISCOVER YOUR POTENTIAL



Friday, February 23
9 AM–3 PM
UC Davis ARC Pavilion

Learn how you can earn your bachelor's degree at this free transfer preparation event:

- Explore majors that match your career goals.
- Plan your strategy for transferring to a four-year university.
- Learn about financial aid, undergraduate research and preparing for a graduate or professional degree.
- Discover how UC Davis transfer students have successfully transitioned from community college to one of the top-10 public universities in the nation.

This free program includes round-trip transportation from your community college, continental breakfast and lunch.

Learn more at:
ucdavis.edu/discover-event

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Transfer Opportunity Program

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Make Your Splash!

- Do you know an outstanding student whose story you'd 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 been published recently?



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

It's easy – just send us a short article and a good photo or two, and we'll take care of the rest. Don't forget to include the name of the writer, the photographer, and anyone who's pictured (if possible). Be sure to email your news and information to: coasplash@peralta.edu. See past issues at: alameda.peralta.edu/office-of-the-president/coa-splash-newsletters/

Please note spring publication dates and deadline times. Mark your calendars and make your Splash!

Deadline/Publication Date

Feb 9 / Feb 15

March 2/ March 8

March 16 / March 22

March 30 / April 12

April 19 / April 26

May 4 / May 11

May 18/ May 24

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