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President's Corner: The Bay Area's Booming Economy

I was invited by Bank of Marin's Alameda branch to attend their annual "Outlook 2018" program the morning of February 13. One of the speakers was economist Dr. Micah Weinberg, President of the Bay Area Council Economic Institute, a think tank focused on the most critical economic and policy issues facing the nine-county Silicon Valley/San Francisco region, also known as the Bay Area. Out of the data that he presented, one factoid in particular stood out for me: the region is the 19th largest economy in the world. This ranks our greater Bay Area higher in terms of GDP than many countries, including Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, and Taiwan to name a few.

Of course, this region's phenomenal economic growth in recent years also comes with challenges. Housing, land use, jobs, homelessness, and workforce training are a few such examples, and there are more. In light of the great prospects and significant challenges that co-exist in this dynamic environment, we have our own opportunities everyday to make a difference in the lives of our students. We can help them overcome challenges and become productive participants in this thriving network of positive possibilities called the Bay Area.

Sincerely,

Timothy Karas, Ed.D.
President

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CoA's Annual Community Partner Breakfast: Building Bridges, Not Walls!



Community Partners show off their raffle prizes at the Annual Community Partner Breakfast.

On Tuesday, February 6, 2018, the Outreach Department hosted the annual Community Partner Breakfast, previously known as the High School Counselor Breakfast. The theme was, “Building Bridges, Not Walls!” This year CoA welcomed 51 participants, representing more than 25 schools and community-based organizations. The program included a warm welcome from **President Karas**, followed by an overview of the college, a student panel with a rotation of expert panelists, and an optional campus tour.

Guests had the opportunity to learn about updates and improvements in our Math and Assessment Departments from SSSP Counselor and Coordinator **Julie Saechao** and Mathematics Department Chair **Vanson Nguyen**. They also had the chance to learn about the College of Alameda as an UndocAlly, and the importance of bringing Mobile CoA (mobile enrollment services) to their campuses and organizations.

The student panel was composed of MESA Student **Merissa Bridgeman**, EOPS Student **Rebecca Galicia**, and Peer Outreach Advisors **Erik Zavala** and **Ilse Gonzalez**. Next, our community partners had the opportunity to hear directly from a team of experts regarding Counseling, Health Services, DSPS, MESA, EOPS/Calworks, and NextUp/CAFYES. **Julie Saechao**, **Evan Schloss**, **Rachel Goodwin**, **Nila Adina**, **Charles Washington**, and **Lydell Willis** spoke about these programs and answered questions during the rotation of panelists. Other Student Services experts in attendance and fielding questions included Student Personnel Support Specialist **Minerva Perez**, Financial Aid Supervisor **Jackie Vo**, and Admissions and Records Specialist **Marcean Bryant**. Several Campus Administrators attended the breakfast too, including Dean **Toni Cook**, Dean **Eva Jennings**, Dean **Paula Armstead**, and Vice President of Instruction **Don Miller**.

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We have received nothing but positive feedback from the community partners who joined us. According to our anonymous survey, the rotation of expert panelists was one of the most helpful parts of the event. One respondent added, “Thank you for the invitation, COA is definitely a college we want to partner up with!” **A heartfelt Thank-You to all who made this event a success!**

Participating Community Partners

Alameda Science & Technology Institute, Charter School	Lao Family Community Development Inc. LPS Oakland, Charter School
Alameda Unified School District (AUSD)	Montera Middle School, OUSD
Alternatives in Action, Charter School	Oakland Adult & Career Education
Beyond Emancipation	Oakland High School, OUSD
Castlemont High School, OUSD	Oakland International High School, OUSD
Consulate General of Mexico in San Francisco	Oakland Technical High School, OUSD
Destination College Advising Corps (DCAC)	Oakland Unified School District (OUSD)
Dewey Academy, OUSD	Ralph J. Bunche, OUSD
East Bay College Fund	Rudsdale High School, OUSD
Encinal High School, AUSD	Skyline High School, OUSD
Fashion, Art & Design Academy at Oakland Technical High School, OUSD	Sojourner Truth Independent Study, OUSD
Fremont High School, OUSD	The Unity Council
Island High School, AUSD	UC Berkeley Upward Bound

Past Events:

February 3, 2018	Education Summit at CSU East Bay
February 6, 2018	Community Partner Breakfast
February 7, 2018	Campus Tour with Alameda Adult School
February 7, 2018	College Fair at Roosevelt Middle School
February 8, 2018	Campus Tour with Berkeley Adult School
February 9, 2018	Presentation at Nea Community Learning Center

Upcoming Events:

February 15, 2018	Presentation at Alameda Community Learning Center
February 17, 2018	Black College Expo
February 21, 2018	Summer Options Fair at Oakland High School
March 7, 2018	Community College Fair at San Leandro High School
March 8, 2018	Presentation at Castlemont High School

Submitted by Outreach Specialist Natalie Rodriguez. Photos by Erik Zavala & Emily Li.

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North Cities One-Stop Career Center Staff Host a Job Fair

North Cities Alameda One-Stop Career Center hosted a job fair in the Student Activities and Campus Life Building at College of Alameda on February 8, 2018. It was a successful event at which over 25 employers connected with over 150 job seekers, including current students, during a two-hour midday session.

Employers enthusiastically described the event as “very well organized, with an impressive group of recruiters.” They also reported meeting “a ton of qualified individuals” and receiving many potential candidates. They liked the way the event was set up and were so pleased with the results that, they added, they “will definitely participate again” in a future event.



A special thanks to the supporting staff and volunteers, who pulled together to arrange signage, technology, and supplies, and who showed such flexibility and teamwork. Everyone did a fabulous job. We are excited to follow up with the results and plan our next event.

Submitted by Vice President of Students Services Tina Vasconcellos, Ph.D. and Interim Director of Workforce Systems Trudie Giordano



COA Faculty Canvas Training



Spring 2018 Workshop Schedule

Date	Time	Title	Room
Tuesday 6 February	1:00 PM	Introduction to Canvas	A-228
Thursday 8 February	1:00 PM	Introduction to Canvas	A-228
Tuesday 20 February	1:00 PM	Introduction to Canvas	A-228
Wednesday 21 February	3:00 PM	Introduction to Canvas	A-228
Wednesday 7 March	3:00 PM	Assignments & Grading	A-228
Thursday 8 March	1:00 PM	Assignments & Grading	A-228
Tuesday 20 March	1:00 PM	Assignments & Grading	A-228
Tuesday 10 April	1:00 PM	Assignments & Grading	A-228
Wednesday 11 April	3:00 PM	Professors' Pick: Topic TBA	A-228
Thursday 26 April	1:00 PM	Professors' Pick: Topic TBA	A-228
Wednesday 9 May	3:00 PM	Professors' Pick: Topic TBA	A-228

Canvas help weekly drop-in office hours in A-228:
 Tuesday 1:00PM-3:00PM, Wednesday 3:00PM-5:00PM,
 Thursday 1:00PM-3:00PM

Questions? Contact a lead Canvas trainer.
 Jennifer Fowler: jfowler@peralta.edu
 Vinh Phan: vinhphan@peralta.edu
 Jeff Sanceri: jsanceri@peralta.edu

Countdown to Canvas Migration

Peralta is a mere six months away from its full migration to Canvas in the Fall 2018 semester. Summer 2018 is the *final* semester classes will be available on Moodle.

Therefore, this Spring is the ideal time to complete training. Your CoA Canvas trainers are **Jennifer Fowler**, **Vinh Phan**, and **Jeff Sanceri**. Contact them for more information.

Students Are Invited to Participate in the Inspire Oakland 2018 Design Challenge

Oakland Digital is searching for an iconic design that answers, "What about Oakland inspires you?" Design themes should represent the spirit of creativity, diversity, and community. Now in its ninth year, the goal of the competition is to inspire civic pride through graphic design, while jump-starting careers.

Thanks to the good work of CoA

Design Professor **Gabriel Navar**, CoA students will have the opportunity to participate in this exciting challenge. Oakland Digital Representatives are scheduled to give a 30-minute presentation to Professor Navar's 2-D Design students on Thursday, March 1, 2018, at 6pm, Room D-316. If you have an aspiring creative student who might be interested, invite them to attend!

Submitted by Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics Ana McClanahan

College of Alameda will perform at "The New Year, New Tricks: A GAPA Lunar Celebration!"

As an innovative and inclusive dance professor at CoA, Danny Nguyen provides his students with many opportunities to perform in different cultural contexts and communities, including Chinese, Vietnamese, Latino, African-American, and LGBTQ.

In celebration of the Chinese New Year, Professor Nguyen has been invited to perform at the [New Year, New Tricks - A GAPA Lunar Celebration](#), this Friday, February 16, 2018, at 10 p.m., at the Oasis Nightclub & Cabaret Theater, 298 Eleventh Street at Folsom (enter under the Big O on 11th street), in San Francisco. Admission is free, but be sure to reserve your tickets online: <https://nightout.com/events/hound-a-year-to-bite-back/tickets>

Submitted by Dance Professor Danny Nguyen, dnguyen@peralta.com.

Something to Smile About: Free Radiographic Surveys for Students and Staff

Dental Radiology Students are ready to serve adult patients at the College of Alameda. College of Alameda students, faculty, and staff are eligible to receive free Full Mouth Surveys. This represents a savings of \$125.00 or more over the cost of this service at a dentist's office. There are 19 openings available. Call for your appointment and we will email the paperwork to you. Appointments will be made after receiving completed and signed paperwork. This offer ends when all the available appointments are filled, or in March 1 2018. For more information, contact Dental Radiology Instructor Juanita Tyree at (707) 980-4352.

Submitted by Dental Radiology Instructor Juanita Tyree



The
Waffle
Roost


Chicken and Waffles for All

Next Thursday, February 22, 2018, the **Waffle Roost** food truck will be in the quad from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. serving up their [delicious menu](#) of chicken and waffles. Cash and credit cards happily accepted

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

Save the Date for the Cougars Non-traditional Tournament

You are invited to cheer and support CoA's 2018 Spring Volleyball Team on February 23, 2018, in the Cougar Gymnasium. Honoring our tradition and Cougar spirit, please always wear your BLUE to our games!


College of Alameda
"2018 Non-Traditional Tournament"
Friday, February 23, 2018

Match Play: 45 minutes or Best 2-of-3 (whichever comes first)

1- Cerro Coso 2- Alameda 3- Consumnes River 4- Cuesta 5- Reedley

Match Time	Court 1	Match Time	Court 2
2:00PM	1 vs. 2 (Ref. 5)	2:00PM	3 vs. 4 (Ref. 5)
3:00PM	5 vs. 1 (Ref. 4)	3:00PM	2 vs. 3 (Ref. 4)
4:00PM	2 vs. 5 (Ref. 3)	4:00PM	1 vs. 4 (Ref. 3)
5:00PM	3 vs. 5 (Ref. 1)	5:00PM	4 vs. 2 (Ref. 1)
6:00PM	1 vs. 3 (Ref. 2)	6:00PM	5 vs. 4 (Ref. 2)

- Gymnasium will open at 12:30PM.
- One paid referee for each court will be provided.
- Off team will provide line judges and flip scorer for both courts.
- Bring your own snacks and beverages, tape and pre-wrap
- Trainer will be available at 1:00PM

[Email](#) [Save](#)

Submitted by Linda Thompson, Coach/Instructor, lthompson@peralta.edu

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*



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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

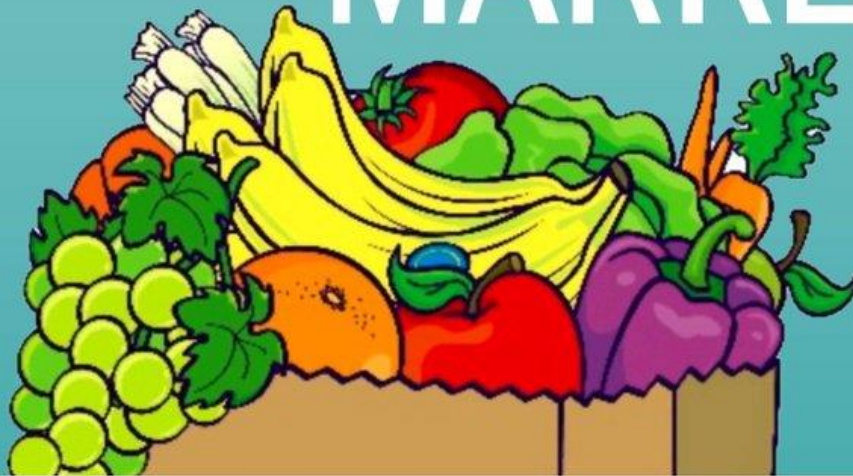
Wednesday, February 28th
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Student Center (F) Pit



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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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ADMISSIONS
Transfer Opportunity Program

comprehensive and flexible programs and resources to empower students to achieve their goals.

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

March 2/ March 8

March 16 / March 22

March 30 / April 12

April 19 / April 26

May 4 / May 11

May 18 / May 24

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