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CoA's new Four-Week Summer Session and Three-Week Online Intercession Offer Our Students Opportunities to Excel

Summer courses offer exceptional value for students interested in earning college credit in a short period of time. This year, College of Alameda will offer two summer sessions, a new four-week session and a six-week session. The new four-week summer session begins July 2, 2018, and ends July 26, 2018. The six-week session starts June 4, 2018, and ends July 26, 2018. Please let your students know that the *College of Alameda Summer/Fall 2018 Schedule of Classes* is available online:

<http://alameda.peralta.edu/camedia/summer-fall-schedule.pdf>

In addition, students can complete a three-unit credit course in just three weeks by enrolling in our Spring 2018 Online Intercession. The three-week Online Intercession begins on May 29, 2018, and runs through June 15, 2018 and the course schedule also is available online:

<http://alameda.peralta.edu/blog/spring-2018-intercession-class-listing/>.

Priority registration for Summer and Fall began on April 9, 2018, for EOPS, veterans, CalWorks, and others. Priority registration for CoA's continuing students begins on April 11, 2018, and continues through April 26, 2018. There is much going on at the College this Spring Semester, but nothing is more important than supporting our student's success. Thank you for all that you do for our students!

Sincerely,

Timothy Karas, Ed.D.
President

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.



California Guided Pathways

Our Collective Work Begins on Building Guided Pathways

Our college plan for working on building Guided Pathways (year one) has been submitted and accepted by the State. Thanks goes out to COA's Guided Pathways Plan Steering Group for their tireless efforts in crafting the plan for the 2018-19 year. To see the final plan, the members of COA's Steering Group, their final recommendations, and many other valuable resources, please visit COA's Guided Pathways website [here](#).

Now our collective work begins! There are many ways to get involved.

Guided Pathways Inquiry Lunches: All are invited to open "inquiry" sessions during which we will deepen our collective understanding of the Guided Pathways framework and how we will implement our plan. Together, we will determine what questions we have and what data will be useful to consider as we seek to refine and answer those questions. All are welcome:

Monday, April 16, 2018, noon to 1 p.m., in L237

Monday, April 23, 2018, noon to 1 p.m., in L237

Monday, May 7, 2018, noon to 1 p.m., in L237

Guided Pathways Summer Institute: On June 5th and 6th (Please mark your calendars!), we will be holding a two-day, campus-wide Guided Pathways Summer Institute to continue learning about how to build Guided Pathways and to begin refining the work we will embark on during the 2018-19 academic year. If you are interested in helping plan the Summer Institute, please join us on April 19, 2018, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., in Room L237 for a planning meeting. You can also let me know of your interest, if you can't make this meeting. Summer Institute is for faculty/staff/students/administrators who wish to learn more about Guided Pathways and help shape its future at CoA.

There will be many ways to join a working group, an inquiry team, or even a leadership team for these initial stages of the work. The best way to do this is to get involved, attend the Inquiry Lunches and the Summer Institute, and let us know of your interest. In the meantime, feel free to contact me or Karen Engel for further information.

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Mark Your Calendar for CoA's 2018 Commencement

Friday, May 25, 2018

2:00 p.m.

College of Alameda Soccer Field

555 Ralph Appezato Memorial Parkway, Alameda, CA 94051

EVENT INFORMATION

Tickets

All guests aged three years and older must have a ticket to enter the ceremony. Each graduate will receive four (4) tickets for their guests. Graduates do not need a ticket.

Parking

Parking lots B, C, and D provide the best access to the Soccer Field. Parking permits are not required.

Seating

All guest seating on the Soccer Field bleachers will be in direct sunlight. Umbrellas will not be allowed. The first row of the bleachers includes six (6) wheelchair accessible seating areas. Guest seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

For the comfort of families and guests, the following suggestions may make the Commencement ceremony more enjoyable:

- Arrive early to ensure entrance into the event. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and will close at 1:45 p.m. for the processional.
- Dress for the heat; light clothing is advisable.
- Hats, visors, and sun block are highly recommended.
- Water will be available for guests and graduates.
- Umbrellas and balloons will not be permitted, as they block the view of other guests.
- Noisemakers, drums, drones, air horns, megaphones, etc., are not allowed.
- No smoking, alcohol, or food allowed.
- Due to safety regulations, strollers are not allowed on the track and/or in the bleachers. Guests are advised to leave strollers in their vehicles.
- Review [the Frequently Asked Questions](#) page for additional information.

Accessibility Information

All campus parking lots have designated disability parking. The main entrance into the Soccer field is accessible. Ramps are located on either side of the bleachers. The first row of the bleachers includes six (6) wheelchair accessible seating areas. All guest seating is first-come, first-served basis. Interpreters will be available for graduates and guests throughout the ceremony. Graduates in need of seating accommodations can notify the Office of Student Activities on the Commencement RSVP form. Contact the Office of Student Activities at 748-5296 with questions and accommodation requests.

Important Contacts

Contact the Office of Student Activities at 510-748-5296 with questions regarding the commencement ceremony.

Contact Admissions and Records at 510-748-2228 with questions regarding petitions, degrees, certificates, transcripts, and etc.



Mobile CoA: Bridging the Equity Gap



Figure 1 The process that students who participate in Mobile CoA follow to ensure proper enrollment.



Figure 2 The dates when Mobile CoA services are available to partners and potential partners.

The busiest recruitment season has begun for the Outreach Department, as we head into local high schools and community based organizations to aid students in completing all of the necessary steps to ensure a successful enrollment. Mobile CoA breaks down barriers by allowing students to complete the necessary enrollment steps in the comfort of their own high school or community based organizations. It also ensures that students have a better opportunity to place in higher level Math and English courses by assessing via High School Multiple Measures (HMMP), rather than by traditional Math and English assessments.

In three visits, the Outreach Team ensures that prospective students have successfully completed the application and orientation; assists counselors who assess students via HMMP and develops abbreviated Student Education Plans with them; and assists individuals with enrolling in classes for summer or fall.

As of now, Mobile CoA services have been provided at Castlemont High School, Ruidsdale Continuation High School, San Leandro High School, Oakland High School, Island High School, and Skyline High School. The Outreach Department has served more than 60 students at these high schools. Fremont High School, Oakland High School, Encinal High School, and Alameda High School are all patiently awaiting their service dates. This is also the first time that Mobile CoA services will be provided at the Unity Council, a community based organization located in the heart of the Fruitvale District in Oakland.

Mobile CoA will be running through May 11, 2018. Requests for Mobile CoA services continue to come in. Interested partners and potential partners may submit their requests electronically [here](#).

Past Events:

- March 16, Tabling at Berkeley High School College Fair
- March 20, Mobile CoA Application Assistance at Ruidsdale High School
- March 22, Mobile CoA Application Assistance at San Leandro High School
- March 22, Community College Fair at De Anza High School
- March 26, Mobile CoA Application Assistance at Oakland High School
- March 27, Mobile CoA Application Assistance at Island High School
- March 29, Mobile CoA Application Assistance at Skyline High School
- March 29, Mobile CoA Orientation Assistance at San Leandro High School
- March 29, Tabling at AUSD Career Fair (Represented by Blair Norton of Diesel Mechanics)
- March 30, Campus Tour for Oakland International High School

March 31, Tabling at Easter Extravaganza at Arroyo Viejo Park
April 5, Mobile CoA Application Assistance at the Unity Council
April 10, Mobile CoA Orientation Assistance at Castlemont High School
April 10, Mobile CoA Application Assistance at Fremont High School
April 11, Mobile CoA Orientation Assistance at Island High School
April 11, Tabling at Castlemont High School's Community College Fair
April 11, Mobile CoA Orientation Assistance at the Unity Council

Upcoming Events:

April 12, Mobile CoA Orientation Assistance at Skyline High School
April 12, Tabling at Skyline High School's Community College Fair
April 13, Campus Tour
April 16, Mobile CoA Orientation Assistance at Oakland High School
April 17, Tabling at Coliseum College Prep Academy's College Fair
April 17, Mobile CoA Application Assistance at Encinal High School
April 18, Mobile CoA Application Assistance at Encinal High School
April 18, Presentation at Oakland Technical High School's Parent Information Night
April 19, Mobile CoA Application Assistance at Oakland Technical High School

Article submitted by Outreach Specialist Natalie Rodriguez. Images by Natalie Rodriguez.



Spring 2018 Wellness Workshops

Stress makes everything more difficult, including learning. Our Spring Wellness Workshops provide valuable tools and strategies for decreasing stress, improving health, and facilitating learning. All events are held in the F-building pit at noon. Invite your students to join us, and please feel free to bring and eat lunch.

Thursday, April 12th

How to Get a Better Night's Sleep –How much sleep do we need? What are the tools and tricks to getting the most out of our sleep?

Thursday, April 19th

Positive Couples Communication –Did you know that there are evidence based strategies for successful couples to maintain happiness and satisfaction? What are some easy tools you can put into practice today that will improve your relationship communication?

Thursday, May 3rd

Intro. To Mindfulness –What is mindfulness? Learn some basic breathing and relaxation strategies that you can use at home. Take part in a guided mindfulness exercise (if you choose).

Thursday May 17th

Self-Care - As the semester moves towards final assignments and exams, how do you take care of yourself and relieve stress? Come share your strategies and learn some new tools for managing the pressure and concerns you have at this time of year.

Weekly Drop-In Dance Fitness

Every Tuesday from 9-10AM in the COA Dance Studio: G-111

A high-energy dance workout for anyone who wants to get the heart rate up while gettin' down to some good tunes. No dance or fitness experience required - all shapes, sizes, ages, and abilities welcome - just bring an open heart and a water bottle!

Priority Registration

Log on to Passport to confirm your registration date:
passport.peralta.edu

Summer & Fall 2018 Registration Dates

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)

MISSION STATEMENT:
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Student Group	Registration Date
CalWorks Foster Youth Disabled Students Programs & Services (DSPS) Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS/Care) Veterans	Mon, April 9, 2018
Athletes Alameda & Oakland Promise MESA New Matriculated Students	Wed, April 11, 2018
Continuing Students	April 12 – 26, 2018
Alameda Sci. Tech. Institution (ASTI)	Fri, April 27, 2018
New Students	Mon, April 30, 2018
High School Concurrent Enrollment Students	Mon, May 7, 2018



The League of Women Voters of Alameda and
College of Alameda Communication Department proudly present:

The 3rd Annual Civics Scholarship Program and Speech Tournament

**Friday April 13, 2018 from 5:00-6:30pm
College of Alameda
F-Building Pit**

**Speech Topic: Based on our history and present challenges,
what changes should be included in immigration reform?**

**1st place will receive a \$1000 scholarship.
Runner up will receive a \$500 scholarship.**

Email jfowler@peralta.edu for more info.

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

Deadline/Publication Date

April 19 / April 2

May 4 / May 11

May 18/ May 24

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