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# President's Corner: Leading the Way with Guided Pathways

California's \$150 million one-time investment in the Guided Pathways Award Program will give each of the 114 California community colleges an opportunity to begin implementation of the Guided Pathways framework. This investment will support an intensive fiveyear planning and implementation process at each participating college. Using the Guided Pathways framework, colleges like ours 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. Upon completion of a self-assessment, multi-year plan, and workshop attendance, CoA will receive \$575K to fund a five-year project.

Information has been presented to the Department Chairs, Academic Senate, and PRIEC committee. If you wish to view information or presentations from the workshop, please go to

http://cccgp.cccco.edu/Guided-Pathways-Electronic-Toolkit

**Guided Pathways Workshop:** As required by the State of California, CoA sent a team to the Guided Pathways workshop on October 23, 2017. The team consisted of faculty members **Edwin Towle, Vivian Virkkila**, and Academic Senate President **Rochelle Olive**; VP Student Services **Tina Vasconcellos**; Interim-VP Instruction **Myron Jordan**; Interim-Dean of Research **Karen Engel**; and me.

Our Guided Pathway Self-Assessment Plan is due on December 23, 2017. The plan also will be submitted to the Board of Trustees.



#### The vetting steps are:

- October 12, 2017: PRIEC Committee
- October 19, 2017: Academic Senate Presentation
- October 23, 2017: Guided Pathways Workshop
- October 25, 2017: College Council
- November 27, 2017: Due date to submit board items
- December 12, 2017: Board Approval
- December 15, 2017: Send to State Chancellor's Office

Following the self-assessment, a Guided Pathways Plan is due in March 2018. To develop the plan a college task force will be formed to work on this dedicated item.

The following is draft timeline is below:

- November 2017 to February 2018: Guided Pathways Taskforce
- October 19, 2017: Academic Senate Presentation
- February 22, 2018: Academic Senate Presentation
- February 28, 2018: College Council
- March 12, 2018: Due date to submit board items
- March 27, 2018: Board Approval
- March 30, 2018: Send to State Chancellor's Office

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Timothy Karas, Ed.D. President



#### SAVING OUR CHILDREN THROUGH THE ARTS HOLIDAY VOCAL RECITAL URBAN MUSIC AND HIGHER EDUCATION

#### **College of Alameda Department of Music**

December 7, 2017 10:30 A.M. to Noon Building G, Room 119, located in CoA's Department of Music 555 Ralph Appezzato Memorial Pkwy, Alameda, CA FREE Admission

Join us for this special performance focusing on Urban Music and Higher Education, featuring College of Alameda Vocal Students, renown guest artist Hope Briggs, New York Metropolitan Opera Finalist, and motivational speaker Dr. James Lance Taylor, noted author and University of San Francisco Academic Scholar. Conducted by CoA Music Professors Glen Pearson, Dept. Chair, and Silvester Carl Henderson.

For more information call 510.748.2312 or 925.565.6107.

#### Join Us on December 7 at 10:30 a.m. for a Special Holiday Vocal Recital

This uplifting musical and spoken word event will feature honored guests, including critically acclaimed Verdi Soprano **Hope Briggs** and noted Author, Professor, and University of San Francisco Professor Dr. **James Lance Taylor.** 

A presentation of the College of Alameda Music Department, the concert will be conducted by CoA Music Professors **Glen Pearson**, department chair, and **Silvester Carl Henderson**.

Hope Briggs is known for the depth and beauty of her voluptuous voice. Ms. Briggs is hailed as "an artist of vocal sensitivity, theatrical wisdom and integrity." Ms. Briggs is a Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions National Finalist, Metropolitan Opera International Vocal Competition Award Winner, and recipient of an Encouragement Award from the Licia Albanese Puccini Foundation. She also is featured performing the role of Emma Hyer, in the documentary film: *Voices for Freedom - The Hyers Sisters' Legacy*.

Our inspirational speaker, **Dr. James Lance Taylor**, is the author of the book *Black Nationalism in the United States: From Malcolm X to Barack Obama*, which earned the 2011 "Outstanding Academic Title" - Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries (January 2012). He is the Immediate Past President of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS), an important organization of African American, African, and Afro Caribbean political scientists in the United States. Professor Taylor is currently writing and researching a book with the working title, *Peoples Temple, Jim Jones, and California Black Politics*. He expects the book to be completed with a 2018-2019 publication range. The book is a study of the Peoples Temple movement and African American political history in the state of California.

Submitted by Music Department Chair Glen Pearson and Music Professor Silvester Carl Henderson

# New Pilot Summer Schedule Will Be Offered in 2018

CoA continues spearheading innovative initiatives designed to attract new students and build enrollments. In light of declining summer enrollments over the past few years, CoA has decided to pilot a new summer schedule starting summer 2018. The schedule has been based on best practices from other bay area community college districts that were presented to department chairs and the academic senate.

The following schedule is the pilot framework.

- 4-week (Session 1): May 29 to June 21, 2018 (These courses would remain DE like current intersession.)
- 4-week (Session 2): July 9 to August 3, 2018
- 8-week: June 11 to August 3, 2018

The session dates also take into consideration AUSD and CSU East Bay's academic calendars. AUSD classes end on June 6, 2018, and CSU East Bay finishes their spring quarter on June 10, 2018.

#### Oakland Symphony Maestro Visits CoA Classroom

CoA students were delighted to welcome Oakland Symphony **Maestro Michael Morgan** to Professor **Loni Williams**' music appreciation class on Monday, November 6, 2017. Music appreciation students also are required to attend one classical music concert and have been invited to attend a special gratis Oakland Symphony Orchestra dress rehearsal performance of *Stabat Mater* by Gioachino Rossini on November 16, 2017.



Photo left to right: CoA Professor Loni Williams listens intently to Maestro Michael Morgan's inspiring lecture.



# Anonymous Donor Flies a Second Donated Plane to the Oakland Airport AMT Facility

The College of Alameda, Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) program received two airworthy aircrafts from a generous anonymous donor. The donor flew the second plane to the Oakland International Airport and taxied it over to the CoA aviation facility where AMT Department Chair **Hoi Ko**, AMT Site Supervisor **Esther Cheng**, CTE Dean **Eva Jennings**, and President **Timothy Karas** were eagerly waiting.

After receiving clearance from the airport authority, the plane was moved to CoA's hanger. Aviation department faculty and staff have spent months working on the project, completing a small mountain of paperwork, and dedicating their time in order to make this donation a reality. You can see special video footage of the landing and learn more about the planes at *Peralta News* <u>ow.ly/LGiF30gskvx</u>.



# A Student's Look at the AMT Department's Visit to the United Airlines Open House

#### One small booth in a massive hangar

Around 10 a.m. on October 8, 2017, Aviation Maintenance Program (AMT) Airport Campus Supervisor **Esther Cheng**, myself (**Taariq Khan**), and about 13 other students helped prepare CoA's booth for the astounding number of people that were expected for 12th Annual United Airlines Family Day Open House at the San Francisco Maintenance Base. We spent around thirty minutes preparing 1000 information bags with a few CoA AMT collectibles to hand out to those people who were interested in learning more about our program. We then split into groups and took turns visiting the exhibits on display and speaking to the public about our program.

#### The 747 Friendship to the full composite shop

The first thing I saw as I walked onto the tarmac was the two Boeing 747's and one 737 lined up for viewing, along with 100-150 classic cars, motorcycles, and muscle cars posed for show— I felt like a kid in a candy store! I'm sure that these behemoth aircrafts had the same effect on most of the general public, but as future Aircraft Technicians this was particularly exciting for us students. To finally see the size of aircrafts relative to those that we work on at school, was breathtaking. We saw firsthand the large aircraft systems that we have been learning about. It helped put our learning into a much clearer perspective.

There were an estimated 12,000 people in attendance on Sunday, and Adriana and I were fortunate enough to have been the first few in line to view the cabin, as well as the flight deck of the 747 Friendship. Merely twenty minutes went by and there were already 400 people waiting to board the aircraft, which was one of the main attractions at the open house.

While onboard, I spoke to an Airbus Captain, who also had an A&P license, but decided to fly commercial after he received his certifications. He explained to me the similarities and differences he experienced from flight school and A&P School, which gave me a good understanding of the range of options I may have with my A&P licenses.

After visiting the flight deck, we visited the engine and composite repair shop. A few of my favorite things on display were the GE GEnx-1B Engine, which is one of two models of engines that powers the Boeing 787 Dreamliner, and the working model of the thrust reversers. One thing that really stuck with me after the

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event was the cleanliness of all of the hangars. Our instructors, Mr. **Hoi Ko** and **George Cruz**, often tell us how clean the hangars are when working at a company like United, and seeing it for myself made me realize why Esther insists on maintaining a clean and well-organized hangar at school, regardless of the fact it may only be school.

#### **Speaking to the Public**

Finally, much like our recent event at the Hayward Airport Open House, we had the opportunity to speak with a much larger group of people about our program. At this event, the people we spoke with seemed to be much more involved with the airline industry, and I think because of this, we made great progress in informing people about our program.

I spoke to several high school students who were not sure what they want to do after high school, and loved what we had to show them. Many parents asked us questions regarding the program for their kids. A mom for example, said her son was very hands-on, but did not like to just sit in class with his head buried in a book. I told her that, although we do have to study a lot of material from our books, much of the content is applied to hands-on training, which makes it much more enjoyable to read new material.

Another person I spoke to currently works for United Airlines as a ramp agent, but wanted to expand his horizon to a more technical side of the company. I told him that our students have the opportunity to work in the morning and attend school in the afternoon and evening, and that there is financial aid available to support us through the program. He was pleasantly satisfied and said he would come by the program to speak with our Program Director to see what he can do to begin attending.

I am glad to have had this opportunity to visit United Airlines and speak to the public once again. I learned what kind of environment I could potentially be working in, got to see one of my favorite aircraft from my childhood, and spoke to a handful of Pilots and Technicians that made me feel extremely lucky and fortunate to be a part of this program, and soon the industry. I look forward to any other events we will have the opportunity to attend with Esther and the AMT department.

Submitted by AMT Student Taariq Khan and Esther Cheng

# 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 new publication dates and deadline times. Mark your calendars and make your Splash!

NOTE: New dates	
Deadline	<b>Publication Date</b>
Mon., Nov. 27, 10 a.m.	Thurs., Nov. 30
Mon., Dec.4, 10 a.m.	Thurs., Dec. 14

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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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# New FREE Produce Market at CoA

Thank you so much for helping spread the word about the Free Produce Market! Our first day was a success!

We gave away cucumbers, zucchini, pears, potatoes, onions and strawberry jam to **<u>138 households</u>**. Our remaining cucumbers were picked up by the Alameda Food Bank (just 2 blocks away) which will be given away at their food distribution. Students also were able to get information on CalFresh.

Thank you so much to faculty, staff, and student workers from Facilities, Student life, Safety Aides, ASCOA, Financial Aid, Next Up, Special Programs and Grants, and Enrollment Services. Also, ;a shout out to **Steve Gerstle** for finding a recipe to go with all of our cucumbers!

Our next Market Day is Tuesday, November 28. We are in need of more bags so if you have any bags (reusable, plastic, or paper), please drop them off at my office in A 102 (next to Admissions & Records).

College of Alameda's Free Produce Market every second and fourth Tuesday when classes are session, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the F-Building.

Submitted by Dean of Enrollment Services Amy Lee

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	Job Search		Résumé/Cover Letter Workshop 1:30— 3:30	Veteran Representative/EDD 12:00—4:00	9:00 — 12:00	
www.caljobs.ca.gov www.alameda.peralta.edu/one stop-career-center/	6 WIO A Orientation	7	8 Job Club 10 — 12	9 Open 10:00 — 4:30	10 CLOSED	
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