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President's Corner: Weathering Storms

Severe weather over the past weeks has triggered massive evacuations, forced highways to close, and wreaked havoc around the Bay Area and greater California. These recent storms are not the only force of nature contributing to a sense of beleaguerment among us; a tempestuous political climate also has been taking its toll.

It bears repeating that even while societal norms seem to be shifting towards greater incivility, I would argue that this type of blatant disrespect for others is not the College of Alameda Way.

In some respects, critical moments like this are also exciting times to be an educator. As our students face the difficult challenge of understanding this current climate, we as teachers, counselors, and staff have the opportunity to help them navigate rough conditions and empower them to achieve their goals.

Here in our vibrant corner of the world, let us continue to practice the tenets of civility and mutual respect.

Sincerely,
Timothy Karas, President
College of Alameda

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Message from Chancellor Laguerre: Use of Peralta Email Systems

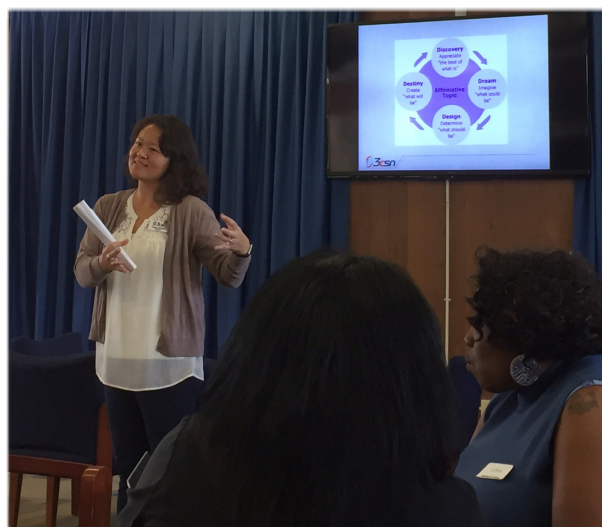
We all have very strong feelings about our country, more so now in this post-election environment. I wanted to take this opportunity to remind everyone that our Peralta email systems, the Colleges and District FAS lists, should only be used for official Peralta- or College-related business. The systems should not be used to express one's personal views and cannot, by law, be used for political activity. While I fully support a free exchange of ideas, our publicly funded email system is not the place for personal or political views. We are actively seeking to establish an opt-in forum where Peralta faculty, staff, and administrators may exchange ideas. In the meantime, please refrain from expressing personal or political views on our Peralta email systems.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Jowel C. Laguerre, Ph.D.,
Chancellor, Peralta Community College District

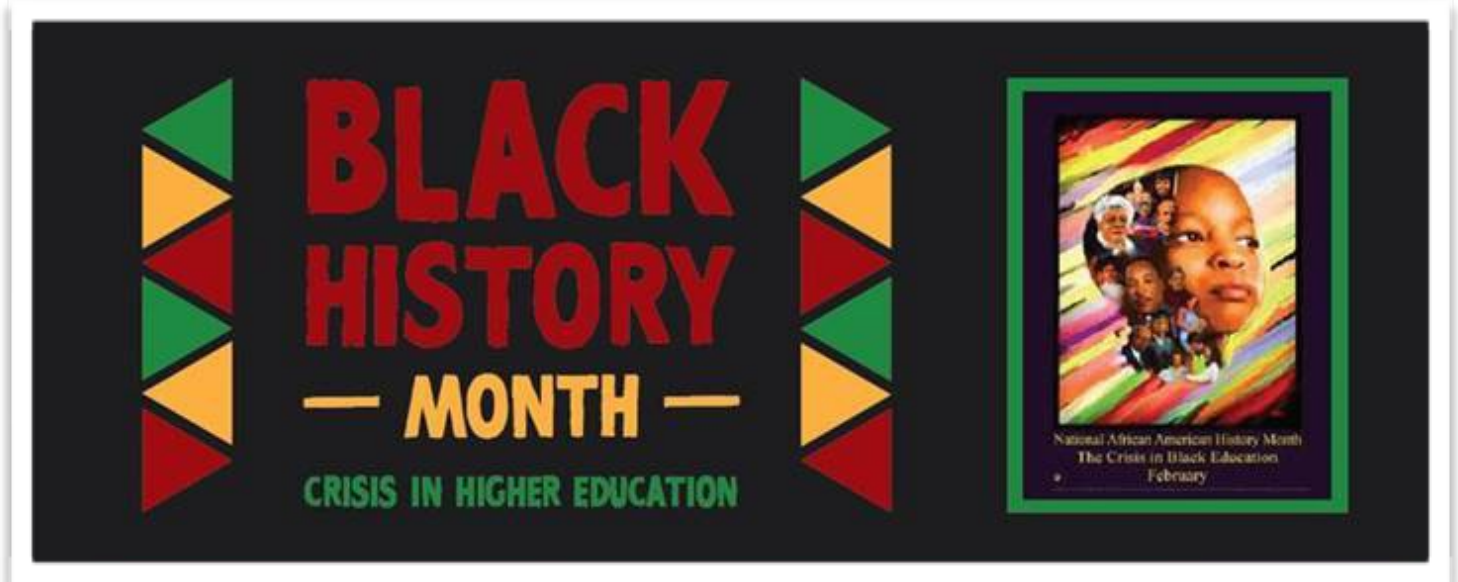
CoA Hosts 3CSN's Transforming Student Success Event

On Friday, February 10, 2017, the Basic Skills Student Outcomes Transformation Leadership Team (Trish Nelson, Vanson Nguyen, and Vinh Phan) hosted California Community Colleges' Success Network's (3CSN) event, Transforming Student Success. Myron Jordan, Division II dean and interim VPI and Ann Foster, 3CSN Network Coordinator and Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) English instructor, welcomed 25 faculty from around the region who made the trip to CoA, coming from as far as Napa Valley and American River College. The program they participated in included updates from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) on Basic Skills funding as well as Integrated Planning for the Student Success and Support Program (SSSP), and Equity and Basic Skills Initiative (BSI) programs. The remainder of the day was spent under the leadership of Lauren Servais, 3CSN regional coordinator and SRJC English instructor, learning about and planning applications of Appreciative Inquiry as an approach to starting conversations focused on change within our institutions.



Submitted by Trish Nelson, CoA Instructor and Co-Chair, English; LRC Faculty Coordinator

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Black History Month Celebrations Continue

Two events left in this year's line up. Don't forget about the great dinner planned for Tuesday, Feb. 28! These events are based on this year's national BHM theme: *Crisis in Higher Education*. All events are free and open to everyone.

Controlling the Narrative: Who Tells Our Story?

Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017

Library (L237)

12:00 p.m.

A panel discussion focusing on Soldiers without Swords:
Blacks in the Media.

Black History Month "Sunday" Dinner

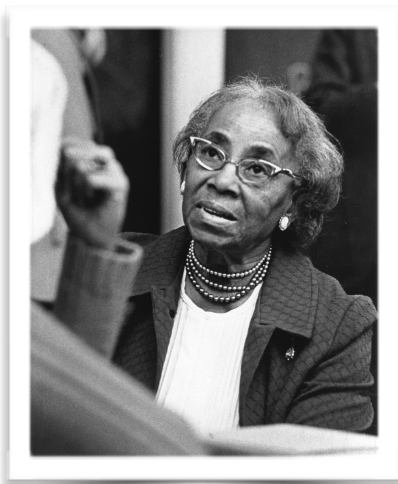
Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017

Student Center (F Building) Pit

3:00 p.m.

Cooked food for COA students, staff, and faculty to
celebrate the contributions of the African American & Black
community.

Submitted by Charles Washington, MFT, MSW, EOPS Counselor / Instructor



"I believe unconditionally in the ability of people to respond when they are told the truth. We need to be taught to study rather than believe, to inquire rather than to affirm."—[*Septima Poinsette Clark*](#) (1898–1987)

The [Septima Poinsette Clark](#) biographical papers are available [online](#).

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PCCD Enrollment Management Summit

All faculty, staff, and administrators are invited to participate in their respective campus' enrollment management planning process. Please register by Thursday, February 23, [online](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enrollment-management-summit-tickets-31983321977) at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enrollment-management-summit-tickets-31983321977>.



Enrollment Management Summit

Join us for a day of learning, sharing, and collaboration. Activities will include:

- Dr. Omid Pourzanjani:
Scheduling for Student Success
- Peralta Management Team & RP Group:
Examining Retention as an Untapped Tool to Increase Persistence and Enrollment
- College breakout discussions
... and more!

**FOOD & REFRESHMENTS
WILL BE PROVIDED**

All faculty, staff, and administrators are invited to come enhance their knowledge and participate in their campus' enrollment management planning process.

Friday, March 3

9AM – 3PM

**Merritt College -
Newton/Seale
Lounge**

Register at

[http://bit.do/
enrollmentsummit](http://bit.do/enrollmentsummit)

by Feb 23

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Deadline for Scholarship Applications Is Quickly Approaching

The Peralta Colleges Foundation Spring 2017 Scholarship Cycle is in full swing and the February 28, 2017 application deadline is right around the corner.

Scholarships are available for entering freshmen, transfer students, first-generation college students, graduating students, international students, and others. Scholarships are awarded based on merit, need, and achievement in academics, athletics, the arts, and other categories. All degree and certificate program students are eligible for scholarships.

A scholarship can help cover a student's tuition, fees, books and supplies, transportation and other living expenses. Moreover, a scholarship can often make the difference between staying in school and earning a degree/certificate or dropping out. Please help us get the word out to students. The scholarship application form is available online: <http://web.peralta.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-grants/available-scholarships/>

Submitted by Kevin Kosik, Executive Director Peralta Colleges Foundation

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).

Please note that *Splash* will be produced biweekly. The next issue deadline is **Monday, March 6, 2017, for publication on Thursday, March 9, 2017**. Be sure to email your news and information to: coasplash@peralta.edu. Past issues: alameda.peralta.edu/office-of-the-president/coa-splash-newsletters/



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