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President's Corner: Congratulations to the CoA Class of 2017!



It's an exciting time of year for our students as they conclude an important chapter of their lives and prepare to start a new one. On Friday, May 26, 2017, hundreds of successful graduates will participate in commencement festivities and celebrate with family, friends, and loved ones, the accomplishment of an enormous milestone. I am extremely proud of all of our graduates for overcoming everyday obstacles and staying the course. Their success underscores the importance of what we do here at the college. Special thanks to each of you who help our students every day and who have made it possible for these scholars to achieve their academic goals. CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2017!

Sincerely,

Timothy Karas, President

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CoA's MESA Team strikes gold at East Bay engineering competition

CoA's MESA Program Wins Gold Medal in Walk on Water Engineering Competition

College of Alameda's MESA Program, with support from Laney's Fablab, earned the top prize for Innovative Engineering and Design at the East Bay MESA Alliance's annual Engineering Competition, *Walk on Water*, held on Saturday, April 15, 2017, at Chabot College, in Hayward.

The engineering competition is intended as an interactive, engaging, friendly competition between high school juniors and senior, and community college students.

MESA students from Chabot College, Los Medanos College, Diablo Valley College, and College of Alameda brought their best designs to the pool, but only one team emerged on top; and that was CoA's MESA team—nicknamed “The Alameda Bosses.”

The key to their success: collaboration.

Earlier this April, Team Leader **Mylla Truong** attended an inspiring informational tour of Laney College's FabLab. The visit sparked an idea with Truong, who saw that Laney's Fablab had ample resources, including the tools, materials, and technical knowledge that her team needed to literally walk on water.

CoA's MESA team consisted of an interdisciplinary group of students each of whom brought a unique knowledge-set from their individual fields of study, including **Mylla Truong** (bioengineering major), **Miguel Guerrero-Gonzalez** (electrical engineering major), **Francis Bautista** (nursing major), **Warren Kocal** (biology major), and **Christian Rodriguez** (mechanical engineering major).

The MESA team collaborated closely with several professors across the Peralta district, who provided key insights and support, including Laney College Physics Professor **Allen Nicol**, and CoA's Physics Professor **Andrew Park**, Chemistry Professor **Jacob Schlegel**, and Math Chair **Vanson Nguyen**.

COA's MESA Program expresses the utmost appreciation and gratitude to everyone at Laney College's FabLab for this unique and winning collaboration.

Submitted by Camille Santana, M.S., MESA Counselor, camsantana@peralta.edu, and Mylla Truong, MESA Student Leader

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Kadeef Salaam, one of our first Alameda Promise Scholarship recipients, wants to help those living in poverty.

Photo: CS Wolfe

Spotlight: Meet One of Our First Alameda Promise Students

Small classes and close relationships with teachers have made the first year of college a great experience for **Kadeef Salaam**, who graduated last year from Encinal High School and received an Alameda Promise scholarship. He heard about the scholarship from a close friend.

Salaam, 19, is a political science major. His dream is to hold political office and “help those living in poverty and who are less fortunate.”

Welcoming, diverse, and quaint are some of the attributes he uses to characterize CoA. When asked how he would describe his experience at College of Alameda so far, he said that it was better than expected and he would recommend it to others.

“I have received an exceptional education,” he said. “My experience and education [at CoA] has been top-tier.”

More Than 70 High School Students Applied to Be a Part of the Next Alameda Promise Cohort!

The Outreach Department is excited to announce that more than 70 local high school students have applied to be a part of the next cohort of the Alameda Promise! Prospective Alameda Promise scholarships will be awarded mid-summer and the recipients will be invited to an orientation for fall 2017 semester. (Students who have submitted an application are not Alameda Promise students until their status has been verified and they have received a confirmation letter.)

Most of the students will be seen through Mobile CoA for counseling and registration; they will, however, also be able to make an appointment to see any CoA counselor.

Eligible students will receive a year of college without fees at College of Alameda. In addition, qualifying students will also receive intensive academic support, college transfer assistance, priority registration, and a book stipend.

In order to qualify for the Alameda Promise Scholarship students must:

- Complete the online application
- Follow the [New Students: Students Steps to Success](#)
- Enroll in 12 units per semester at CoA
- Be graduates of ASTI, Encinal, Alameda, or Island High School in 2016-2017
- Submit a FAFSA or Cal Dream Act application and include CoA (006720)

To learn more about the Alameda Promise Scholarship visit alameda.peralta.edu/COAPromise/

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The CoA Outreach team has been busy participating in a variety of events, including:

April 19, Mobile CoA (orientation) at Lighthouse Community Charter School
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April 20, College Night at Fremont High School
April 26, Mobile CoA (applications) at Oakland Tech
April 26, Tour with Encinal High School
April 26, Community College Day at San Lorenzo High School
April 27, Mobile CoA (counseling) Encinal High School
April 28, Mobile CoA (counseling) Encinal High School
April 30, Berkeley High School 7th Annual Case Studies and College Fair
May 1, Mobile CoA (counseling) Alameda High School
May 3, Bret Harte Middle School Career & College Day
May 4, Mobile CoA (counseling) Oakland High School

Upcoming Outreach Events:

May 7, Undocumented Student Resource Summit at California State University East Bay
May 9, Mobile CoA (counseling) at Oakland Street Academy
May 9, Tour with Lighthouse Community Charter School
May 11, Mobile CoA (applications) at Island High School
May 16, Mobile CoA (applications) at Island High School
May 16, International Admissions Day
May 17, EPIC Middle School Resource Fair
May 18, Oakland Promise Orientation

Submitted by Natalie Rodriguez, Outreach Specialist, nrodriguez@peralta.edu

A Great Ball Game!

In the bottom of the second inning, CoA-FAS lead the students 10-1. The students, however, battled back and scored five runs in the last inning but were stopped cold by great pitching from Ben and the CoA-FAS defense.

The final score: CoA-FAS 10; Students 6. In the spirit of fun rivalry— CoA-FAS are still undefeated! Thanks to all who showed up. Until next year, around the same time and place!

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



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CoA Celebrates Earth Day

With the support and funding of the Associated Students of College of Alameda (ASCoA), the Science Alliance and MESA clubs hosted the first Earth Day Festival at College of Alameda on April 19, 2017. The event included live music, food, booths with games and prizes, and a presentation on how individuals can live more sustainably by Laney College Geography Professor Dr. Gregory Schwartz. Club members also planted a new magnolia tree on campus. One of the goals of Science Alliance and MESA is to continue this collaboration and make the Earth Day Festival an annual event in which participants can learn more about environmental protection.

Science Alliance and MESA club members posed for a photo op in front of the new magnolia tree. The tree is located to the west of the A building. The commemorative marker will be permanently placed. It reads, “In Honor of Earth Day 2017— In association with Science Alliance and MESA Funded by Associated Students of College of Alameda.”

Article by Cady E. Bow, Geography Instructor; Department Co-Chair,
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Photo from left: Simmie Muhammad (Student, Science Alliance club member), Victor Ly (Student, Science Alliance club member), Justin Lee (Student, MESA club member), Luis Padilla (Student, MESA club member), Nestor Alavardo (Groundskeeper), Samantha Pickolick (Student, Science Alliance Club President), Cady Bow (Geography Instructor, Department Co-Chair, Science Alliance Club Advisor), Mylla Truong (Student, MESA Club President, Science Alliance Club member)

Photo: Fong Tran.

Makerspace Grant—Seeking Imagination, Inspiration & Ideas

Have you ever wanted to create a tiny house? A model for the next Formula One race car? Laser cut apparel? A robotic exoskeleton? The absolutely perfect project to supplement your class? If so, would you like to design the space in which you could do just that? Then imagine with us!

As many of you know, College of Alameda is writing a grant proposal for the statewide CCC InnovationMaker 3 Grant (CCC Maker), a \$17 million program to create makerspaces in community colleges. Our proposal will be evaluated in part on our project ideas and how they can benefit the college, the local community, and businesses. We are interested in any projects that you envision for the Makerspace —especially if they involve collaboration with the community or industry.

Please send your ideas to parker@ideabuilderlabs.com and Lilia Celhay at LCelhay@Peralta.edu, including pictures if available.

Submitted by Lilia Celhay, Interim Dean, Division I (STEAM), LCelhay@Peralta.edu

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Second Annual Gospel Explosion

On May 18, 2017, the College of Alameda Department of Music will present its [Second Gospel Explosion Concert](#). This event will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the College of Alameda Gymnasium. The theme of the concert is "Saving Our Children Through the Musical Arts!" Special Guests for this artistic event will be the nationally noted, Mr. Lawrence Matthews, Soundtrack Artist for the movie *Leap of Faith*, and Dr. Khalid White, San Jose State University Lecturer/Professor of African American Studies, who will present a motivational message around the topic of "Gospel Music, the Legacy of Higher Education."

The College of Alameda Department of Music has embarked on a mission to support the liberal performing arts as an alternative model of education for today's youth. This concept helps youth pursue career paths that are service-oriented or related to communication and entertainment. It is the unified belief of the department staff that one of the effective ways to support children and decrease gang violence, murder, teen pregnancy, and other social problems, is to support traditional education through the passion interest point of many students, which is music and entertainment. The concept of changing the destiny of our youth is deeply rooted in the department's goals and intended outcomes. The mission of the event is to send a message of seeking a better life, especially for disadvantaged youth and inner city children.

College of Alameda's Department of Music believes that music sports, drama, dancing, cosmetology, construction, real estate, and other liberal art subjects and certificate programs, can serve as a catalyst for the motivation and desire to learn, which may lead to more advanced pursuits, such as baccalaureate degrees and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration in support of the College of Alameda's Department of Music mission. Please feel free to contact me at gpearson@peralta.edu or (510) 748-2312, regarding this upcoming concert. Your kindness and consideration in support of this event is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Submitted by Professor Glen L. Pearson, Art, Dance, & Music Chair, gpearson@peralta.edu

College of Alameda Music Department
Presents

Second Annual Gospel Explosion



~ **FREE CONCERT** ~

Thursday, May 18, 2017
7:30 P.M.

College of Alameda, Gymnasium
555 Ralph Appezato Memorial Parkway
Alameda, CA

*For more information, contact:
Professor Silvester Henderson at (925) 565-6107
Department Chair Glen Pearson at (510) 748-2312*

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Upcoming Events

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Events

Taste of Asia Festival

Thursday, May 11

Noon

CoA Campus Quad

This is the signature event for the Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. We will feature free Asian cuisine, cultural performances, a fashion show, and music.

Film Screening of *Breathin' - An Eddy Zheng Story*

Wednesday, May 17

3:00 p.m.

Student Center F Building

An intimate portrayal of Eddy Zheng, the prisoner, the immigrant, the son, the activist, on his journey to freedom, rehabilitation, and redemption.

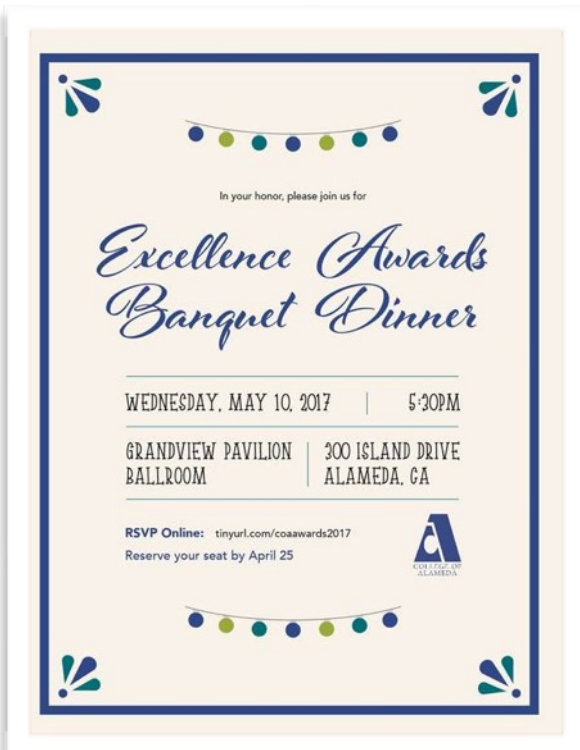
Submitted by Fong Tran, MS, BSW, Director of Student Activities and Campus Life, firan@peralta.edu



Don't Miss the Excellence Awards Banquet Dinner!

Join us in honoring College of Alameda award and scholarship recipients. This is an opportunity to support our students and acknowledge their accomplishments.

Please RSVP online at: <http://tinyurl.com/coaawards2017>



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There's Still Time for Students to Complete an Important Survey

As we near the end of the semester, we would like all students to participate in the Culturally Engaging Campus Environments (CECE) survey. Especially those who are likely to complete a degree or certificate this term. The survey has been designed to take only 10 minutes to complete and it is mobile friendly so that it may be complete on a tablet or smart phone. Findings from the survey will be used to inform the work of educators at College of Alameda and nationally to help improve campus life for our students.

It would be ideal if the surveys could be completed during a regularly scheduled class by allotting 10 minutes of time for students to participate on their smart phone or other electronic device.

To ensure 100% participation of all students (including those without phones):

- **Please notify me** (kengel@peralta.edu) ASAP if you need additional laptops during your class period to ensure that ALL of your students have a device on which to take the survey. In class assistance is available, if you let me know in advance the date and time of the class needing support. Multiple students may use the same device to access the link.
- **If your classroom lacks WIFI**, please let me know ASAP so we can make other arrangements for the survey.

There are several ways to distribute the survey:

- **Preferred:** Set class time aside for the survey. Write the following link on the board and have students connect to it via a cell phone, tablet or computer:— goo.gl/Kjpm2h—and have students connect to it via a cell phone, tablet, or computer.
- **Email this live link to students:** [College of Alameda Student Employment Survey: Spring 2017](#)
- **Post a link to the survey on CTE program website or Facebook Page:** [College of Alameda Student Employment Survey: Spring 2017](#)
- **Text this link to students:** goo.gl/Kjpm2h
- **Have students scan the QR code below:**



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Win \$\$ and Prizes!

- ✓ **Check your email**
- ✓ **Respond to the survey sent from "The CECE Project"**
- ✓ **Get entered into raffle for \$\$ and prizes**

Your feedback helps improve our campus!







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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). The next issue deadline is **Monday, June 5, 2017, for publication on Thursday, June 8, 2017.** 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/



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<p>COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA Portable P (West Campus Drive) 555 Ralph Appezato Memorial Parkway Alameda, CA 94501 Phone: (510) 748-2208 Fax: (510) 814-8302</p> <p>WEBSITES: www.caljobs.ca.gov www.alameda.peralta.edu/one-stop-career-center/</p> <p>BUSINESS HOURS: MON, TUES, & THURS 10:00 am—4:30 pm WEDNESDAY 10:00 am—5:30 pm FRIDAYS 9:00—12:00 pm</p>  	May 2017				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 WIOA Orientation 10:30 — 11:30 	2 Open 10:00 — 4:30	3 Job Club 10 — 12 Résumé/Cover Letter/ Interview Workshop 1:30— 3:30	4 Veteran Representative/EDD 12 — 4	5 Open 9:00 — 12:00 Feliz Cinco de Mayo!
	8 WIOA Orientation 10:30 — 11:30	9 Open 10:00 — 4:30	10 Job Club 10 — 12 Networking Workshop 1:30— 3:30	11 Open 10:00 — 4:00	12 Open 9:00 — 12:00
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	22 WIOA Orientation 10:30 — 11:30	23 Open 10:00 — 4:30 Complete Coach Works 12:00 pm—2:00 pm Alameda One Stop Reserve your Space @ http://tinyurl.com/kbjkum5	24 Job Club 10 — 12 Networking Workshop 1:30— 3:30	25 Open 10:00 — 4:30	26 Open 9:00 — 12:00
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CoA to Implement Canvas Learning Management System

It's official! Peralta is moving to the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS) and leaving Moodle behind. The transition will occur over the next year and a half, giving you time to complete Canvas training and migrate your courses to Canvas in preparation for the discontinuation of Moodle. By spring 2019, the transition to Canvas will be complete and Moodle will no longer be accessible to faculty or students.



Don't panic!

Nearly every facet of Canvas will be an improvement over Moodle. Recent surveys show that Canvas is cleaner, more flexible, easier to navigate, and requires fewer clicks on day-to-day tasks.

What about Training?

To help with this transition the Distance Education Coordinators, and the faculty and staff who have volunteered to take part in the Train the Trainer pilot program, will be offering a number of faculty trainings and workshops over the next several semesters to provide training support throughout the move to Canvas.

When can we start?

The participants who volunteered to take part in the Canvas "Train-the-Trainer" program during the fall 2016 semester will be the first to launch courses in the fall 2017 Pilot. This group of faculty and staff will meet during the next several months to develop their courses and receive training specifically designed to provide support during the transition.

As of spring 2018, Canvas will be available to all faculty members who have completed the recommended Canvas training. For more information on the transition timeline: <http://web.peralta.edu/de/canvas/proposed-timeline/>

Looking for more information?

Have some free time over the summer and looking to get a head start? Check out these links to helpful resources, classes, workshops, etc.:

- Get a Canvas shell: https://canvas.instructure.com/register_from_website
- @ONE Online Teacher Training Program: <http://www.onefortraining.org/>
- Free Canvas Training Orientation: <https://resources.instructure.com/courses/36>
- The Online Education Initiative Homepage: <http://ccconlineed.org/>
- The Online Education Initiative Course Design Rubric: <http://ccconlineed.org/faculty-resources/professional-development/online-course-design-standards/>
- Online Teaching Conference Website: <http://onlineteachingconference.org/>

Submitted by Ann Buchalter, Systems/Technical Services Librarian & Distance Ed Coordinator, abuchalter@peralta.edu

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*CoA MESA student **Silver Alkhafaji** has been accepted to UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, and UC Davis for Chemical Biology.*

MESA Transfer, Scholarship, & Internship Students

Silver Alkhafaji has been accepted to UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, and UC Davis as a chemical biology major. Alkhafaji also is the recipient of the American Association of University Women Scholarship for \$1000 through the Peralta Foundation. A war refugee from Iraq, she has contributed tremendously to her community, serving as a mentor and science camp facilitator with middle school and high school girls with Girls Inc. of the Island City. Alkhafaji has also served as a Chemistry Lab Assistant at Laney College and as a MESA Program Leader at the CoA, welcoming new MESA students by co-facilitating orientations.

Congratulations to **Amanda Armijo** for winning a \$500 Follet Scholarship offered through the Peralta Foundation. She also secured a highly competitive scholarship to La Clinica in Fruitvale, Oakland. Armijo is passionate about the important field of healthcare and plans on becoming either a pre-nursing or pre-med major.

Nigel Brown has earned an internship with the highly prestigious Transfer-to -Excellence (TTE) Energy Efficient Electronics Science (E3S) Lab for Engineering. TTE is a competitive merit-based program that is intended to inspire California community college students to ultimately

transfer and complete their Bachelor's degree in science and engineering. Participants experience life at UC Berkeley before the completion of their community college studies. The internship will also offer significant opportunities for academic mentorship and professional networking. Brown hopes to transfer to UC Berkeley in fall 2018.

Bella Germek will be transferring to UC Berkeley next fall as a chemistry major. As a CoA student, Germek has served as a tutor and mentor with our MESA program. Bella is currently working with Dr. Corlett from Laney College, conducting research in organic chemistry and assisting in curriculum development in organic chemistry.

Warren Kocal is attending CSU East Bay as a biology major. Kocal is one of our outstanding MESA tutors, who volunteers his time to mentor and support students in science and math courses.

Zoe Sarr will be transferring to UC Riverside as a sociology major and pre-med student. Starr cares deeply about her community and aims to practice medicine in low-income and underrepresented communities.

Christina Tsang has been accepted to UC San Diego, UC Davis, UC Riverside, and UC Santa Barbara as a chemical engineering major. Tsang is a volunteer tutor with MESA and has completed an internship in Los Angeles focused on water-quality research. She plans to complete her research to protect and support environmental justice.



*CoA MESA student **Bella Germek** is transferring to UC Berkeley next fall as a chemistry major.*

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Zoe Sarr will be transferring UC Riverside as a sociology major and pre-med student.

Congratulations to the following MESA Transfer Students:

Diljit Bains will be attending UC Davis as a biology/pre-med major.

Khue Nguyen is transferring to SJSU as a chemistry major.

April Dawoud will be attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and majoring in aerospace engineering.

Chris Harrison will be attending UC Santa Barbara and majoring in biopsychology.

Kai Shen will be attending UC Davis and majoring in electrical engineering.

The MESA Program and the College of Alameda family is so proud of all of your accomplishments. Thank you for all your hard work and for inspiring your peers and community.

CONGRATULATIONS MESA STUDENTS!!

About MESA

MESA empowers first-generation college students who face financial hardship to excel in Math, Science, and Engineering fields and transfer to 4-year universities to complete STEM degrees. MESA provides science and math tutoring, academic and career counseling, scholarship and internship application support, mentoring, and exposure to local STEM companies and 4-year transfer institutions.

For more information about MESA please email: coamesa@peralta.edu or call 510-466-5375, or check out our new website: <http://alameda.peralta.edu/coamesa/>

Submitted by Camille Santana, M.S., MESA Counselor; camsantana@peralta.edu

Girls Inc. of the Island City Ethical Fashion Show

Saturday, May 20, 2017

5:30-8:00 P.M.

Alameda Elks Lodge

Ticket Information: <http://ow.ly/p2rS30bnPPB>

This event is a culmination of a hands-on education program promoting environmental sustainability in the apparel and fashion industry. It is a runway show and competition and should be a lot of fun!

Submitted by Dana Swint, Girls Inc; Teen Program Coordinator; dswint@girlsincislandcity.org

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