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President's Corner: CoA to Launch Liberal Arts and STEM Umoja First-year Experience Programs

The College will launch its Liberal Arts and STEM Umoja First-year Experience Programs this fall. In preparation for the exciting launch, four CoA faculty members, including **Rachel Antrobus**, **Charles Washington**, **Stefanie Ulrey**, and **Jeffrey Sanceri**; as well as CoA Vice President of Student Services **Tina Vasconcellos** recently attended a five-day Umoja Summer Learning Institute (SLI) in Newport Beach. The SLI is an intensive retreat focused on immersing participants in the philosophy, pedagogy, theoretical foundations and best practices of the Umoja Community model. The attendees shared powerful experiences connecting higher education to practices that honor the whole student.

Additional Umoja preparations were made at the CoA Mini-Summer Learning Institute (SLI) held on June 13 and 14, 2017, at the College. More than 30 faculty, staff, and administrators attended the retreat led by **Tom**

deWitt, assistant coordinator of the Statewide Umoja Community, and **Tommy Reed**, Chabot College Umoja coordinator/counselor. Participants were led through experiential activities grounded in the 18 Umoja practices as well as critical pedagogy used in support of closing the achievement gap for African American and other students.

CoA's Liberal Arts and STEM Umoja programs will provide our students with new and innovative learning opportunities. I want to thank Vice President Vasconcellos and all of the faculty and staff who participated in the summer Umoja learning institutes for launching these important first-year experience programs.

Sincerely,

Timothy Karas

President



Selected student artworks will be prominently displayed on campus.

Student Art Contest Winners Will Have Their Work Prominently Displayed Throughout Campus

Under the leadership of Art Instructor **Drew Burgess**, CoA has initiated a President’s Office art collection. Students from CoA drawing and painting courses submitted works of art to be considered for three prize awards. President Karas reviewed the end of semester art display and selected the awardees. Featured above are photos of the selected pieces. The art work will be hung in conference rooms. As the collection builds, art will be displayed throughout the campus.



Veterans and fans enjoy festivities at the Valor Games Far West 2017 on Coast Guard Island.

CoA Staff Provide Information for Veterans at Valor Games

This summer, 78 male and 32 female athletes competed in Valor Games Far West during the weekend of June 2-5, 2017. While the competitions took place, there also were other activities, including a resource fair where CoA Outreach and Veteran’s office team members staffed a table and provided information on CoA programs and resources that are available to veterans and their families. CoA President Karas also attended the event.

The Games were hosted by the Far West Wheelchair Athletic Association, in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard and the Northern California Regional Paralympic Sport Program, on Coast Guard Island in Alameda.

There were special appearances by notable guests, including Alameda Mayor **Trish Herrera Spencer**, Medal of Honor Recipient **James A. Taylor**, Paralympic Bronze Medalist **Angela Madsen**, former 49er’s Super Bowl Champion **Dennis Brown**, and several of the original Rosie the Riveters.

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Island High and Woodland Middle School Hold Graduations at CoA.

CoA Hosts Island High School and Wood Middle School Graduation Ceremonies

Several hundred students, parents, supporters, Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) Board of Education members, AUSD Superintendent **Sean McPhetridge**, and CoA President Karas attended graduations for Island and Wood Middle Schools held at the College campus on June 8, 2017. For many attendees, the event was their first time on College of Alameda's campus.

Summer Outreach Efforts Focus on Community Engagement

The Outreach Department continues to engage prospective students by participating in a series of community events, providing campus tours, and delivering marketing materials to local businesses and non-profits in Oakland and Alameda.

In just two days, on Friday, June 17 and Monday, June 20, 2017, marketing materials were personally distributed to more than 30 businesses and non-profit organizations in Alameda and the Fruitvale area of Oakland, including the Spanish Speaking Citizen's Foundation, La Clinica de la Raza, and the Carmen Flores Recreational Center. Many of the organizations and businesses expressed great interest in exploring future partnerships with the College.

On Friday, June 30, 2017, the San Francisco Human Rights Commission hosted a College and Career Fair for high school students and transitional aged youth at the LinkedIn Campus. At the event, College of Alameda representatives spoke with and distributed information to more than 200 San Francisco's Community Safety Initiative (CSI) youth participants. The event featured a wide-range of renown panelists and guest speakers, including SFPD Chief of Police **William Scott**, Beyoncé's Dance Captain **Ashley Everett**, and University of Illinois Professor of Educational Policy Studies and African-American Studies **David Omotoso Stovall**, Ph.D., among others. A number of attendees were familiar with other Peralta Colleges, including Merritt and BCC, and were excited to learn about College of Alameda.

As summer wraps up, the Outreach Department will continue delivering materials, guiding tours, tabling events, and offering presentations. In addition, staff members are dedicating a portion of their time this summer to continuous improvement of their already successful program while also planning a variety of exciting activities for fall.

Past Events:

- June 3, Tabling at the Valor Games Resource Fair
- June 7, Mobile CoA at Oakland International High School
- June 30, College and Career Fair at LinkedIn through the San Francisco Human Rights Commission

Upcoming Events:

- July 12, Campus Tour with the City of San Leandro Teen Recreational Interactive Program (T.R.I.P)
- July 19, Campus Tour with Bridge Academy (in partnership with COA's AEBG/Transitions Liaison)
- July 24, Campus Tour with Alameda Point Collaborative (in partnership with COA's AEBG/Transitions Liaison)

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Adult Education Block Grant (AEBG) Concludes Its First Semester of Implementation

The Adult Transitions Program is a consortium of Community Colleges and Adult Schools in collaboration with Community Based Organizations to enable adults (18+) to advance education, obtain employment, and improve wages through a comprehensive California partnership. The consortium's overarching goal is helping adults improve literacy skills, complete a high school diploma or recognized equivalent, complete a postsecondary certificate, degree, or training program, participate in a job placement program, and/or improve wages. The first semester of implementation for the Adult Transitions program has been enlightening. For example: approximately 63,000 Alameda County residents lack a high school diploma or equivalent and nearly half of these also do not speak English well or at all. Connecting with Adult Schools and Community Based Organizations (CBOs), and the students they serve, has been helpful in illuminating AEBG's path forward. This informal needs assessment could not have been performed without the consortium's excellent teamwork. Additionally, many College departments and individuals have helped make this first semester of AEBG implementation a successful one.



Outreach Office and One Stop Career Center

The relatively new AEBG office has worked with several departments on campus to achieve the grant's goals. Early in the spring 2017 semester, AEBG staff met with Outreach staff members **Ashley Flores** and **Natalie Rodriguez** to discuss a strategy for outreach efforts. They devised an approach that would ensure both high school and adult learners will be served. The AEBG office also met with **Andrew Douglass** in the One Stop Career Center and discussed a seamless process that would allow AEBG students interested in enrolling at CoA to also enroll as possible Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) client. It was also suggested at the

meeting that a [Caljobs link](#) to be added to Welcome Center computers.

English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) Department and Assessment Office

The ESL department has been a vital partner for AEBG staff. Through ESL, the AEBG Office has been able to gather data about currently enrolled students who have come to CoA via an adult school. In addition to attending ESL department meetings and getting to know the faculty, AEBG staff connect often with ESL design team members, **Amanda Price** and **Brian Ng**, regarding Peralta design team activities and future course offerings, including new non-credit courses specifically designed with ESL students in mind. The AEBG office also has partnered with the Assessment Office [**Minerva Perez**] to provide training in the assessment process to Peralta Transition Liaisons. Additionally, AEBG staff have worked with Assessment Office members coordinating a mobile assessment for our partner agency, Las Casas, in Oakland's Fruitvale neighborhood.

CTE and Other Departments

Finally, AEBG staff have been working closely with Career and Technical Education Department faculty and staff. In addition to attending monthly CTE meetings, AEBG staff have provided support to the program, including introducing CTE staff to potential partners such as: the Academy of Truck Driving, Alameda County Office of Education, and Operating Engineers Journeymen Apprenticeship Training Center for Northern California. In collaboration with the CTE

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Department, AEBG staff will be offering Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) certification training this August for students at the Juvenile Justice Center in San Leandro. Other partners that are also important to AEBG's success, include: the Admissions and Records Office [**Marcean Bryant**], the Welcome Center [**Shuntel Owens Rogers**], the Counseling Department [**Tracy King**], the Financial Aid Office [**Jackie Vo**], Information Technology [**Michael Duensing and Shawn Foster**], and the Facilities and Maintenance departments [**Selwyn Montgomery and Lonnie Sampson**].

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JULY 16TH 2017

PERALTA CHINA EXCHANGE CAR WASH FUNDRAISER!

\$10 OR MORE DONATION

Solar Car Wash- Berkeley

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12 pm - 3pm



Wash Your Car and Support Students Studying Abroad in China this Summer!

CoA and other Peralta students will be traveling to China this summer as part of a summer abroad program sponsored by Congresswoman Barbara Lee. They will be studying in amazing cities like Shanghai, Beijing, and Hangzhou, but they need your support! The student cost is only \$250 plus the cost of a passport for two weeks. These enterprising students will be holding two car wash fundraisers to earn the money to pay for their expenses.

The first car wash fundraiser will be held on July 16.

The second car wash fundraiser day will be held on July 19.

Services will include washing, cleaning, and vacuuming.

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, September 11,**

2017, for publication on Thursday, September 14, 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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