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President's Corner

Congratulations to College of Alameda's Class of 2018! I look forward to seeing our graduates and all of you who will be participating in commencement on May 25.

It is an especially exciting time at the college, with many events and activities on the horizon celebrating new beginnings and great accomplishments.

Tonight, we will honor our scholarship awards recipients and transfer students at the Scholars Celebration, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., on the first floor of the Student Center. This is the first time that our transfer students and scholarship awardees will be recognized together at a joint event.

On May 17, 2018, we will celebrate two significant events: the groundbreaking ceremony for CoA's new Center for Liberal Arts and a reception honoring our esteemed faculty who have received tenure. I want to extend my personal congratulations to our newly tenured faculty: **Rachel Goodwin, Peter Ha, Carolyn Johnson, Jamar Mears, Peter Pappas, Bruce Pettyjohn, and Edwin Towle.** Thank you for your dedication and good work on behalf of our students!

Sincerely,

Timothy Karas, Ed.D.
President



CoA Student Catherine Lee has a lot to smile about. Her test score on the MCAT exam ranks in the 100th percentile!

CoA MESA Student Ranks in the 100th Percentile on MCAT

Congratulations to CoA MESA student **Catherine Lee** for ranking in the 100th percentile on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) exam! The MCAT is a standardized, multiple-choice exam created to help medical school admissions offices assess the test taker's problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, as well as knowledge of natural, behavioral, and social science concepts and principles that are prerequisites to the study of medicine. The 100th percentile is the highest ranking to be achieved by test takers. It is an extraordinary accomplishment.

Lee has worked extremely hard for the past two years at College of Alameda, where she excelled in Chemistry, Physics, and Human Anatomy classes. It wasn't an easy journey, but she stayed focused on her studies and managed to juggle her responsibilities as a dedicated MESA tutor while earning an "A" in every course she took.

In addition, Lee volunteered for every outreach event, orientation, and fieldtrip offered by MESA. She tirelessly engaged in extracurricular activities as a volunteer for the Emergency Department at Highland Hospital and as a participant in their Operating Room Experience program.

Although Lee had previously earned a baccalaureate in Conservation and Resource Studies at U. C. Berkeley, she knew that her 2.73 GPA needed to improve in order to be accepted at medical school. Lee enrolled at College of Alameda determined to put every ounce of energy into achieving her goal.

As a result of her outstanding efforts, Lee has strengthened her academic record and achieved an astonishing MCAT score, which will greatly improve her chances of being accepted into medical school. She also gained experience helping her fellow CoA students as a MESA tutor. Furthermore, she has broadened her working skills serving as a Chemistry Lab Technician Assistant at CoA. Please join me in extending a huge congratulations to **Catherine Lee!**

Submitted by Leslie Reiman, Human Anatomy Professor, MESA Program Coordinator



Professor Glen Pearson Invited to Tour with the Count Basie Orchestra

Congratulations to Professor **Glen Pearson**, Chair of CoA's Department of Music, who has been invited to tour internationally this summer as a pianist with the renowned Count Basie Orchestra. Performance destinations include Australia, Japan, and Yoshi's in Oakland. The invitation is truly a distinguished honor and testament of the quality and depth of our faculty here at CoA. Professor Pearson has established an international reputation as an artist, jazz performer, jazz historian, educator, and scholar.

A native of Oakland, California, Professor Pearson holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music Degree from San Francisco State University and a master of arts degree from New York University. He also completed advanced studies towards his Doctorate of Music Degree at New York University. As a noted recording artist and respected music personality, he has performed on stage, television, and in theatre.

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Pearson has worked both on and off Broadway with such notables as **Savion Glover, Gregory Hines, Arthur Miller, Patrick Stewart** and **George Wolfe**. Glen's recording credits are numerous, most notably an award-winning jazz album by percussionist **Babatundae Lea**. Having performed at New York's Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, and the Royal Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, Holland, Professor Pearson was the principle keyboardist and arranger for **Regina Belle, Jimmy Scott, Earnestine Anderson, Melba Moore, Diane Reeves, Marlena Shaw, Bobby Hutcherson, Delfeayo Marsalis, James Moody, Frank Morgan, Chico Freeman, Steve Turre, Will Downing, Kevin Mehagony, and Gerald Albright**. Professor Pearson also served for 11 years as the Musical/Band Director for the world renowned **Boy's Choir of Harlem**.

Professor Pearson's sensitivity and expression to the widest variety of music imaginable, led to him receiving the prestigious Eubie Blake Memorial Scholarship Award. Professor Pearson also was awarded the Marcus Foster *Distinguished Alumnus* Award in 2006. During the Fall Semester of 2015, Congressman **Eric Swalwell**, honored Professor Pearson for outstanding leadership in "Musical Art Administration".

Congratulations, Professor Pearson! We hope you'll share photos and stories with us of your summer tour.

Submitted by Professor Silvester Henderson, Music Lecturer/Adjunct



CoA MESA student Mylla Troung is one of two students who received a Somerton Educational Grant this semester

Two Outstanding CoA MESA Students Receive Somerton Grants

Congratulations to our Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) students **Catherine Lee** and **Mylla Troung** who have received the Somerton Educational Grants this semester.

Mylla Troung is a hard-working Engineering major and will use the grant money to pay for much needed school supplies for chemistry. She is a strong advocate for the MESA program and she volunteers during any event needed. Troung also has supported the MESA program via her involvement in CoA’s Student Government Senate. In addition, I have also seen her tutoring students who are working on their science courses.

Catherine Lee is a pre-med student (also a MESA tutor) enrolled at

CoA. Lee used her funds to pay for travel and lodging expenses related to taking the MCAT exams. Often I have witnessed Catherine’s passion for science as she tutors students on her own time in chemistry, math, and physics.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to the people behind Somerton Educational Grants Program, who make opportunities possible for our students at College of Alameda. Grants of up to \$500 are awarded to deserving MESA students to help with expenses for critical necessities which do not fall under other student aid programs. Examples include: eye glasses, computer software, textbooks, supplies needed for coursework, transportation expenses, and limited dental care.

The Somerton Educational Grants Program was established in memory of Professor Wilbur Somerton (co-founder of MESA) and Irma Somerton, in recognition of their commitment to young people. For more information:

<http://www.venturesfoundation.org/programs/community-initiatives/somerton-educational-grants/>

Submitted by Leslie Reiman, Human Anatomy Professor, MESA Program Coordinator



Catherine Lee used her much needed grant funds to pay for travel and lodging expenses related to taking the MCAT exams.

Mark Your Calendars!

CoA will celebrate two major events on **May 17, 2018**: the groundbreaking ceremony for CoA's new Center for Liberal Arts and a reception honoring our esteemed faculty who have received tenure.

New Center for Liberal Arts Ground Breaking Ceremony and Celebration

- 11:30-12:00 p.m.
Ceremony (on lawn by F Building)
- noon-12:30 p.m.
Celebration (snacks in F Building)

Faculty Tenure Reception

- noon-12:30 p.m.
Reception (F Building)
- 12:30-1:00 p.m.
Faculty Tenure Presentation

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



NEW CENTER FOR LIBERAL ARTS

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

MAY 17, 2018

**11:30AM-12:00PM: CEREMONY
12:00PM-12:30PM: CELEBRATION**



Architect: Noll + Tam

Design Sub-consultants: PAE (utilities), Forell/Elsesser (structural), BKF (civil), Gates (landscape).

KEY INFORMATION

Cost: \$42.1M
37,000 ASF (53,000 GSF)

Two-story wing and three-story wing joined by atrium

14 general classrooms
1 computer classroom
Instructional suites for Art and Apparel Design & Merchandising
Café
Art Gallery
Lobby/Gathering Space
2 deans and staff suite
20 full time faculty Offices
Part time faculty center
Multiple meeting rooms

TIMELINE

- Design-Build Selection: (completed)
- Schematic Design: spring 2017 (completed)
- First formal DSA submittal: fall 2017.
- Groundbreaking & Construction Begin: spring 2018.
- Grand Opening: fall 2019

TENURE RECEPTION



TENURED
FACULTY

Peter Pappas
Edwin Towle
Bruce Pettyjohn
Carolyn Johnson
Jamar Mears
Peter Ha
Rachel Goodwin



2018

**May 17, 2018
12:00 to 1:00pm
F Building**



DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

YARD SALE

May 19 Saturday 8:00am – 2:00 p.m.

3258 Liberty Ave, Alameda, 94501

for

AAUW Alameda College of Alameda scholarships

Kitchen items, household goods, Jewelry, small appliances, garden equipment, furniture, clothes, toys, books, antiques, baked goods etc.

No early birds!

If you want to donate make a check payable to: Peralta Colleges Foundation, write: AAUW – COA in the memo line. Bring to event or mail to: Patti Heimburger, 155 Justin Circle, Alameda, CA 94502 Peralta Colleges Foundation is a 501(c) (3) non profit organization, tax identification number 23-7091547.

AAUW Alameda Branch to Hold a Yard Sale Fundraiser for CoA Scholarships

For a number of years the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Alameda Branch has been raising funds to support CoA women students who are pursuing higher education goals. The organization gives two \$1,000 scholarships annually.

Penny Washbourn, President of AAUW Alameda Branch, is spearheading a fundraising Yard Sale on Saturday, May 19, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 3258 Liberty Ave., in Alameda, to raise funds for the Peralta Colleges Foundation to support scholarships for next year.

**The College of Alameda Academic Senate
Cordially Invites You to Attend the**

2018 Emeritus Luncheon

Thursday, May 24th, 11:00am – 2:00pm

Honoring

Toni Cook (African American Studies)
Myron Jordan (Athletics and Kinesiology)

at the

Pasta Pelican

Waterfront Restaurant & Lounge

2455 Mariner Square Drive · Alameda, CA 94501

Tickets are \$40.00

(Please make checks only payable to: College of Alameda Senate)

Buffet Lunch includes: Seafood Ravioli, Fettucine Alfredo w/Broccoli and Sausage, Pollo Picatta, Penne Spring (Vegetarian), Salad, Bread, and Dessert
~ Cash Bar Available ~

RSVP by Monday, May 14, 2018 to

Marcean Bryant · mbryant@peralta.edu · (510) 748-2227 or
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Teodora Washington · twashington@peralta.edu · (510) 748-2273

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College of Alameda Department of Music
"Saving Our Children Through the Musical Arts"

Conducted by

Professor Glen Pearson, Department Chair
Professor Silvester Henderson, Vocal/Choral Instructor

presents

Music & Science – The "Artistic" Quadrivium

HOLIDAY VOCAL RECITAL

featuring

"College of Alameda Vocal Students"

Special Guest Vocal Artist

Nuru Boone

New York Carnegie Hall Student Performer



Special Motivational Speaker

Dr. Ameer Thompson

Director of Caminos a Las Ciencias – "Pathways to Science"
Saint Mary's College

College of Alameda, Music Area—Room G118

555 Ralph Appezato Memorial Parkway

Alameda, California 94501

~ FREE CONCERT ~

Thursday, May 17, 2018 (10:30 am - 12:00 pm)

*For information contact Professor Silvester Henderson (925) 565-6107 or Professor
Glen Pearson at (510) 748-2312*

Make Your *Splash*!

Do you know an outstanding student whose story you would 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 do have you published an article, book, or chapter recently?



Send us your news so we can share it with the campus community in the *CoA Splash*!

It is easy – just send us a short article and a good photo or two, and we will take care of the rest. Do not forget to include the name of the writer, the photographer, and anyone who is pictured (if possible). Be sure to email your news and information to: coasplash@peralta.edu.

Past issues of the *CoA Splash* are available at: <http://alameda.peralta.edu/office-of-the-president/coa-splash-newsletters/>

The **deadline** to submit your news for the next *Splash* is **May 18** for publication in the **May 24** edition.