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President's Corner

The last two weeks have been a whirlwind of celebrations and events honoring students, faculty, and staff. The whirlwind began with a Scholarship and Transfer Celebration event on the evening of May 10. It was a wonderful occasion, honoring students who are receiving scholarships and/or celebrating transfers to four-year colleges/universities. Special thanks to **Aja Butler**, Director of Campus Life, and **Vivian Virkkila**, Transfer Counselor, for coordinating the event. On May 15, I attended the East Bay College Fund's training for mentors. CoA Transitions Liaison **Nicole Kelly** was also at the training. I'm looking forward to formally mentoring a Peralta Promise student in Fall 2018.

May 17 had a triad of great celebrations. The day began with a groundbreaking ceremony for the new CoA Center for Liberal Arts. We were joined by Alameda Mayor **Trish Spencer**. Construction begins this summer, and classes will be scheduled in the new building for Spring Semester 2020. The groundbreaking was followed by the CoA tenure reception. This year seven faculty members (**Rachel Goodwin, Peter Ha, Carolyn Johnson, Jamar Mears, Peter Pappas, Bruce Pettyjohn, and Edwin Towle**) received tenure. This is a major achievement. The day concluded with the first International Student Graduation hosted at Berkeley City College.

Saturday, May 19, began with the 10TH Annual Peralta African American/African Graduation Ceremony, which was attended by over 200 students. The capstone event was the Apparel Design and Merchandising (ADAM) annual Fashion Show. As always, faculty members **OJ Roundtree** and **Derek Piazza** planned a premier event highlighting the exceptional work of students. It was magical to see the students' work come down the runway.

Sincerely,

Timothy Karas, Ed.D.
President



Scholarship and Transfer Celebration



East Bay College Fund event



CoA's New Center for Liberal Arts Groundbreaking



African American/African Graduation

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Professor Robert Brem Honored with Social Justice Award

College of Alameda Professor **Robert Brem** (Political Science & Psychology) was honored on May 11, 2018, at the *Thank-A-Teacher 2018 Awards & Year End Celebration* hosted by TEACHERS 4 SOCIAL JUSTICE (<https://t4sj.org/>). He was nominated for his work with the College of Alameda Community Change and Urban Leadership (CCUL) guided pathway initiative for “doing powerful education-based social justice work in the classroom and community.”



CoA Professor Robert Brem was honored at the Thank-A-Teacher 2018 Awards & Year End Celebration

CoA Announces the 2017-2018 Scholarship Award Winners

Congratulations to all of the talented CoA students who have received 2017-2018 scholarships!

Peralta Association of African American Affairs (PAAAA)

Shaquiel Parker
Imani Cade

American Association of University Women (AAUW)

Charlene Roxas
Hong P. Ho

Adeline Giuntini Memorial Scholarship

Marissa Angulo
Ambar Lopez Sanchez
Carolyn Pope Chappell
Serafina Truglio

Bernard Osher Foundation Scholarship

Jeannae Williams
Zi Quan Situ
Kisanet E. Sium
Naghham Jadoua

Dr. Nathan Strong Academic Scholarship

Yuting Li

Dr. Nathan Strong Scholarship for Cougar Basketball Team

Danyell M. Henderson

Foster Youth Scholarship Fund

Charles Johnson

John & Deborah Tunis Scholarship

Lauren Ashley Baca

Richard Lewis McHugh Memorial Scholarship

Aaron Tam

President's Medallion COA

Megan Rozal

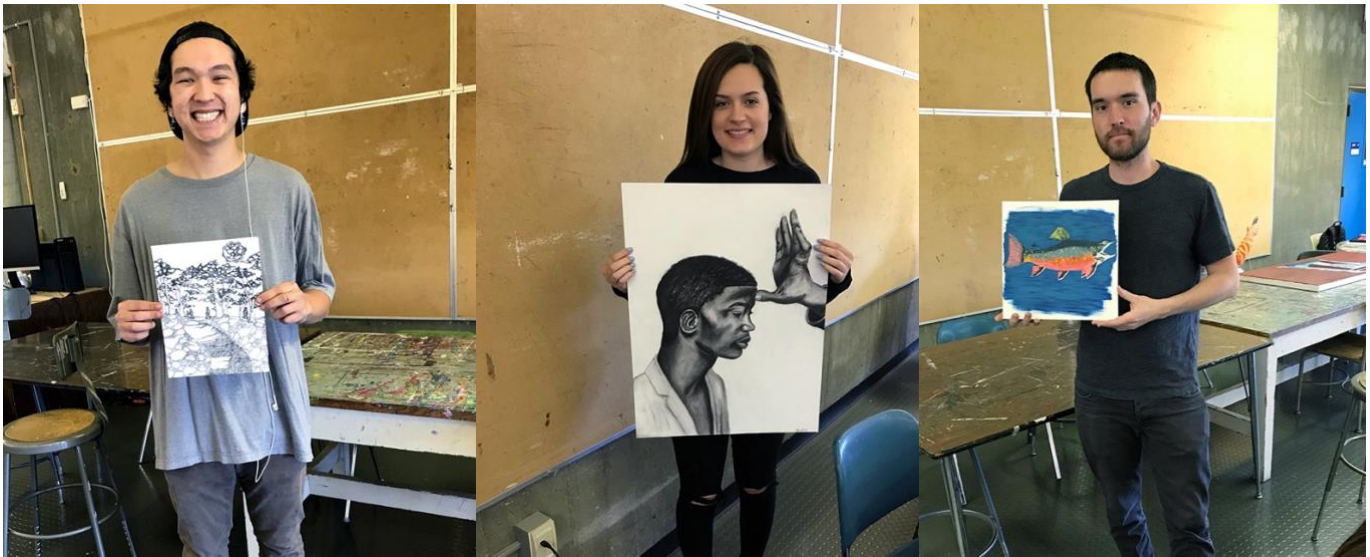
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Dennis Brekke

Peralta Retiree Organization (PRO)

Megan Rozal

Submitted by Toni R. Cook, Dean, Special Programs & Grants



Photos and art from left: Hector Corrales, 'A Stroll' Ink on paper, 2018. Imani Boyd, 'Student of Continuanace', charcoal drawing, 2018. Nathan Filbrandt, 'Flow', acrylic on linen paper, 2018

Student Artists Receive Special Gift from College President

This spring President Karas awarded three talented student artists with gift certificates, including **Hector Corrales**, **Imani Boyd**, and **Nathan Filbrandt**. As you can see from the above photos, they were delighted at the special recognition of their work.

Submitted by Drew Burgess, Professor of Fine Art, dburgess@peralta.edu



Eight CoA EOPS/CAFYES Students Tour Historical Black Colleges/Universities During Spring Break 2018

This is the third year that College of Alameda students benefitted from the State of California's historical partnerships with Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). This year the EOPS/CARE and CAFYES programs sponsored eight students on a tour of six HBCU campuses.

The tour began in Atlanta, Georgia, where students visited both the King Center and the final resting place of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King. Students then travelled to Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, and Spellman College.



Two of the students who attended the tour received on the spot admission into Clark Atlanta University: **Alaa Abdeleraman** for Psychology and **Malik Sims** for Film School. Malik will have the privilege of participating in the same film program as legendary filmmaker **Spike Lee**. Both students will attend Clark University in spring 2019. Thus far, we have three students who took advantage of the HBCU tour to transfer from CoA to Clark Atlanta University. As such, we have seven College of Alameda students who will be attending Clark University in Fall Semester 2018.

After a great time in Atlanta, we headed to Florida to visit Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Florida, and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (A&M) in Tallahassee, Florida. Students were especially impressed with Florida A&M and all that it had to offer. Florida A&M University is a public institution founded in 1887. It is located in the beautiful hills of Tallahassee and is the only historically black institution in the State University System of Florida. The school's mission is to educate African-Americans, but it accepts students of every race, ethnic origin, and nationality. Although the "A&M" in its name stands for Agricultural and Mechanical, the university offers approximately 60 baccalaureate degrees in a wide range of studies, with architecture, journalism, and psychology among the most popular undergraduate majors.



Rounding off the tour we visited three universities in Louisiana, including Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA, and Dillard University and Xavier University in New Orleans. Students were thoroughly impressed with each school. Dillard University offered a dynamic nursing program, and Xavier was liked for its top rated pharmacy school. Students also had the opportunity to soak in some of the wonderful local culture and delicious cuisine.

As a result of three consecutive years of touring HBCUs, CoA students have created a network of support for each other and have developed strong meaningful relationships. More importantly, this first-hand exploration allows our aspiring students to witness, touch, and experience Black Education and Academic Excellence. These students are now aware that they too can be a part of a legacy of greatness associated with these historic campuses. As a result, they will be forever changed and inspired.

Submitted by Toni R. Cook, Dean, Special Programs & Grants, tcook@peralta.edu

New Campus Tours, Community Ventures, Paving the Way for Young Scholars, and More From CoA's Outreach Department



Photos From Left: Peer Outreach Advisor Erik Zavala gives 30 middle school students an overview presentation on College of Alameda. CoA superstars Ralston Earle, Susana (Elizabeth) Fernandez, and Erik Zavala address 60 middle school students as a part of a student panel.

CoA's New DSPS Campus Tours

In collaboration with the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) Department, the Outreach Department has recently begun to offer special tours for students with disabilities. These tours will generally take place on the last Friday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon. During this time students will receive a DSPS department overview, a campus overview presentation, and a general campus tour.

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CoA has welcomed more than 60 students from four different groups drawn from the Oakland and Alameda Unified School Districts. Thanks to **Miguel Vega**, the three groups from Alameda Unified had a great time exploring and learning about our new FabLab.

DSPS Campus Tours may be requested electronically [here](#).

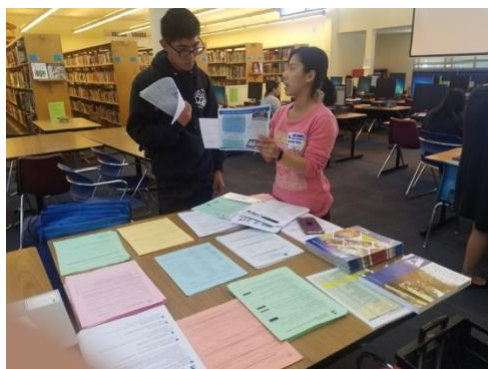


Peer Outreach Advisor Emily Li greets potential students at the 18th Annual Downtown Alameda Spring Festival.

CoA in the Community

College of Alameda continues to build new relationships and partnerships in the community. We recently had the opportunity to participate in the first Oakland Athletics Sports Career Education Day & College Fair at the Oakland Coliseum. On Wednesday, May 9, 2018, our Peer Outreach Advisor **Ilse Gonzalez** along with Career Technical Education Department representatives Ms. **Kawanna Rollins** and **Mr. Ronald C. Rosenberg Sr.**, met and spoke with many of the 5,000 students attending the event.

During Mother's Day weekend, on Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13, 2018, College of Alameda participated as an event sponsor of the 18th Annual Downtown Alameda Spring Festival. The weather was beautiful and there was plenty of foot traffic. Peer Outreach Advisors were delighted to hear positive feedback from current and former students at the event who enjoyed seeing and talking to our College representatives.



Peer Outreach Advisor Emily Li assists a student with next steps after his Mobile CoA counseling session.

Paving the Way for Young Scholars at CoA

A group of more than 60 middle-school students from Loadstar Middle School recently had the opportunity to visit our campus. During their two-hour visit they received a College of Alameda overview presentation from Peer Outreach Advisor **Erik Zavala**, listened to a student panel discussion, and toured the campus.

Our young guests had the opportunity to hear from our CoA superstars **Susana (Elizabeth) Fernandez**, **Erik Zavala**, and **Ralston Earle**. The young scholars had the opportunity to learn about some of the challenges in pursuit of their college education, what their plans are after College of Alameda, and the support services and systems that they have found at CoA. Visitors also had the opportunity to ask questions during the student panel session.

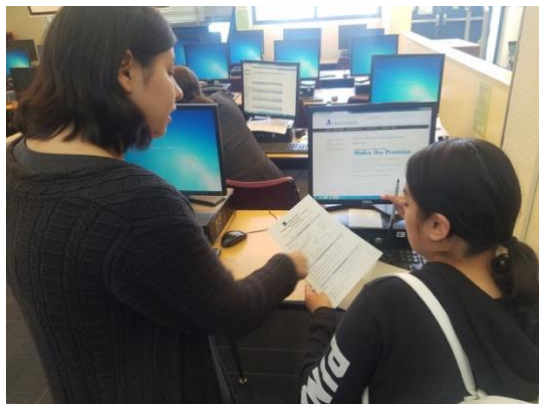
The visit ended with the young scholars and their school Dean offering their sincere appreciation for our presentation. A special thank-you goes to Ms. **Shuntel Owens Rogers** and Ms. **Stephanie Hess** for allowing their student workers to participate in the student panel; and to Ms. **Aja Butler** for allowing us to use the F Building Pit.

It takes a village!

Summary of Mobile CoA Efforts

Although the services dates for Mobile CoA were originally scheduled to take place between March 12 and May 11, we are happy to announce that we will continue assisting students with enrollment efforts at Oakland International and Alternatives in Action High Schools. To date, we have served 248 students at 12 different high schools (and one non-profit organization), across three different school districts. In addition, we have provided Mobile CoA services at the

Alameda Unified School District, Oakland Unified School District, and San Leandro Unified School District, collecting 62 EOPS applications and 61 Alameda Promise applications in the process.



experiences that students had with the counselors.

Peer Outreach Advisor Ilse Gonzalez assists a student with the EOPS and Alameda Promise Applications after her Mobile CoA counseling session.

According to a survey of 92 students, Mobile CoA has served 40.22% Hispanic or Latino students; 26.09% Asian or Pacific Islander students; 22.83% Black or African American students; 11.96% White/Caucasian students; 8.70% students who self-identified as Other (largely Middle Eastern responses); and 1.09% American Indian or Alaskan Native students. Of the students surveyed, 86.82% felt that they were either very successful or successful in completing the enrollment process.

Mobile CoA participants also comment that: “Everything was great. They helped us literally step by step.” One student noted that their “experience was amazing.” We also received feedback about the great

experiences that students had with the counselors.

Thank you to everyone involved in making Mobile CoA a success!

Thank you to Admissions and Records for their assistance in lifting holds, changing enrollment dates, consolidating duplicate accounts, and all of their additional support. **Thank you to Financial Aid** for continuously helping with answering questions, assisting students on the spot, and providing onsite assistance when Outreach was short staffed. **Thank you to the Counseling Department** for all of their coordination efforts, their guidance, and their continuous flexibility. **Thank you to the Educational Services and EOPS Departments** for all of their unconditional support and assistance. Thank you to **Denise Burgara, Emily Li, Erik Zavala, Ilse Gonzalez** and **Julio Bautista** for covering all Mobile CoA related duties in addition to the regular Outreach duties.

Past Events:

April 5, Mobile CoA Application Assistance at The Unity Council
April 10, Mobile CoA Orientation Assistance at Castlemont High School
April 10, Mobile CoA Application Assistance at Fremont High School
April 11, Mobile CoA Orientation Assistance at Island High School
April 11, Mobile CoA Orientation Assistance at The Unity Council
April 12, Mobile CoA Orientation Assistance at Skyline High School
April 12, Tabling at Community College Fair at Skyline High School
April 13, College of Alameda Campus tour: A-Tech
April 16, Mobile CoA Orientation Assistance at Oakland High School
April 17, Tabling at College Fair at Coliseum College Prep
April 17, Mobile CoA Application Assistance at Encinal High School
April 18, Mobile CoA Application Assistance Encinal High School
April 18, Tabling at Parent Information Night at Oakland Technical High School
April 19, Mobile CoA Application Assistance at Oakland Technical High School
April 20, Mobile CoA Application Assistance at Alameda High School
April 23, Mobile CoA Counseling Assistance at Oakland High School
April 24, Mobile CoA Counseling Assistance at Encinal High School
April 24, Mobile CoA Orientation Assistance at Ruidsdale High School
April 24, Tabling at College Night at Fremont High School
April 25, Mobile CoA Counseling Assistance at Encinal High School
April 25, DSPS Campus Tour for Oakland Unified School District (OUSD)
April 27, Mobile CoA Orientation Assistance Alameda High School

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April 30, Mobile CoA Counseling Assistance at Encinal High School
April 30, DSPS Campus Tour for Alameda Unified District (AUSD)
May 2, Mobile CoA Counseling Assistance at Island High School
May 2, DSPS Campus Tour for Alameda Unified District (AUSD)
May 3, May 2, Mobile CoA Counseling Assistance at Oakland Technical High School
May 3, DSPS Campus Tour for Alameda Unified District (AUSD)
May 7, May 2, Mobile CoA Counseling Assistance at Skyline High School
May 8, May 2, Mobile CoA Counseling Assistance at Rudsdale High School
May 9, May 2, Mobile CoA Counseling Assistance at San Leandro High School
May 10, May 2, Mobile CoA Counseling Assistance at Fremont High School
May 10, College of Alameda Campus Tour for Oakland Adult and Career Education
May 11, May 2, Mobile CoA Counseling Assistance at Alameda High School
May 11, Alternatives in Action Student FAFSA Assistance
May 12, Tabling at Downtown Alameda Spring Festival
May 13, Tabling at Downtown Alameda Spring Festival
May 15, College of Alameda Campus Tour for Lodestar: A Lighthouse Community Public School
May 15, College of Alameda Presentation at Emiliano Zapata Street Academy
May 17, College of Alameda Campus Tour for Oakland Adult and Career Education
May 17, Tabling at College and Career Fair at Alternatives in Action
May 22, College of Alameda Campus Tour for Lodestar: A Lighthouse Community Public School

Upcoming Events:

May 31, Presentation at Washington Manor Middle School
June 29, Tabling at the HRC Community Safety Initiative College and Career Fair

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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 **August 30. Have a great summer!**