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President's Corner: Wishing You Peace and Joy this Season

As 2017 draws to a close, I want to wish you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a very happy New Year. For me personally, my first year as president of College of Alameda has been immensely enjoyable and fulfilling, and also incredibly busy. I have greatly appreciated the warm welcome that I have received from faculty, staff, students, community members, and others.

It has been an extraordinary year for the College. Starting with the reaffirmation of our accreditation, we have accomplished much together and we have much to look forward to next year, including the opening of our new FabLab and breaking ground on the new Liberal Arts building.

There also will be challenges ahead, including budgetary concerns and the unknown effects that political decisions made at the federal level will have

on our students. Whatever the future holds, I believe that together we will continue to advance the College's mission.

I want to thank all faculty and staff for their tireless efforts and devotion to student success. I also want to thank our students for their enthusiasm for and commitment to learning. Have a safe and wonderful winter break. I look forward to working with you to make 2018 College of Alameda's brightest year yet!

Sincerely,



Timothy Karas, Ed.D.

President



DMECH Holds Its First Industry Advisory Committee Meeting

The College of Alameda DMECH Department (Diesel Mechanics) held its first semi-annual Industry Advisory Committee meeting on November 14, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the DMECH E building.

A wide variety of related industry representatives attended the inaugural event, including those from Caterpillar, Ford, Penske, AC Transit, various technology companies, publishers, union and apprenticeships coordinators, alumni, and retired faculty among others.

Introductions were followed by a brief history of the DMECH program. DMECH faculty also provided the group with an update about the department's training systems and equipment upgrade and talked about some of the challenges facing the program. Expert advisory committee members responded with sage advice, kind support, and valuable recommendations.

The department is excited to be forging new relationships with its extended community, arranging tours for prospective students, receiving help with software, arranging for guest speakers, and obtaining new training materials as a result of this very successful first meeting. A second meeting is planned for late spring of 2018.

Professors **Blair Norton** and **John Taylor** also recently attended Alameda's Island High School College Fair Day at noon on November 29, 2017, to promote the DMECH program. They spoke with a significant number of interested students at the event and hope to see some of them enrolled in CoA's program next fall.

*Submitted by John Taylor, DMECH Department Instructor,
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College of Alameda Staff Are Featured Guests On KRZZ 93.3

On Tuesday, November 28, 2017, CoA Student Advisors **Dyonis** and **Erik** joined Outreach Department Specialist **Natalie Rodriguez** at KRZZ 93.3 FM, La Raza, radio station to promote the College's exciting educational programs and student services. The pre-recorded interview for KRZZ's community segment aired Sunday, December 3, 2017. The Outreach team were on the air for approximately 45 minutes. Dyonis and Erik shared heartfelt testimonials about their life changing experiences at CoA and invited listeners to

join them as fellow students next semester. The podcast version of the interview will soon be available.

Submitted by Outreach Specialist Natalie Rodriguez. . Photos by Natalie Rodriguez

OUSD Open House at Aviation Maintenance Technology Campus

The Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) welcomed 67 students and nine chaperones from the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) on Thursday, November 30, 2017. The daylong open house was hosted in partnership with United and Alaska Airlines. The Outreach Department had an opportunity to present an overview about the College to a group of enthusiastic prospective students. The event provided a variety of networking opportunities with important OUSD representatives, including Director of Career Technical Trades and Apprenticeships **Emiliano Sanchez** and several high school counselors. The enthusiastic AMT students gave the Outreach Department representatives a great tour of CoA's aviation facility and allowed Outreach Peer Advisors Ilse and Erik to board an airplane. Kudos to **Esther Cheng**, **Hoi Ko**, and the entire AMT department for hosting such a wonderful event



Peer Outreach Advisors Ilse and Erik pose aboard a plane at the Aviation Maintenance Technology

Past Events:

December 4, Campus Tour for AUSD Students
 December 5, Application Assistance at Lionel Wilson College Preparatory
 December 7, Presentation at Island High School
 December 11, Presentation at La Clinica de La Raza's Community Health Education Department
 December 12, Presentation at Island High School

Upcoming Events:

December 14, Presentation at Island High School
 December 14, Presentation at La Clinica's Youth Brigade
 December 19, Presentation at Island High School

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The Professional Development Committee Invites Your Workshop Proposals

The Professional Development Committee invites your workshop proposals for our Spring 2018 College Flex Day - **Friday, January 19th, 2018**. The theme of the upcoming flex day is *A Peralta Ethos* (and for us a *COA Ethos*). In lieu of inviting external presenters, we hope to showcase the wonderful work and insights of our COA colleagues. Please contact me via email (ssandhu@peralta.edu) if you would like to facilitate a workshop. Also send me your ideas/needs for workshops that you would like to see this spring. Best wishes for a successful end of the fall semester. We are looking forward to your proposals.

Submitted by Sabeen Sandhu, PhD, MPH, (on behalf of the COA Professional Development Committee)

Submit Your Ideas For The Next Student/Community Workshop Series

The Workshop Series has been a wonderful resource to our students and CoA community on topics ranging from “Getting that Scholarship” and “Study Skills” to “Parenting Challenges” and “Self-care.”

We are planning our next series for the Spring 2018 semester and would like to invite all faculty, classified staff, and administrators who are interested in hosting a workshop to please submit your information using the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/IuikxiXRv4Iq3sVv2>

Please submit your information by Friday, Jan 5, 2018.

Submitted by Articulation Officer/ Faculty Counselor Vinh Phan, vinhphan@peralta.edu

Student Services Will Be Closed Friday, December 15, 2017

The Student Services Division will be closed Friday, December 15, 2017, from noon to 4:30 p.m., to honor our student services staff, faculty and administrators and to celebrate and appreciate our team. We apologize ahead of time for any inconvenience.

Submitted by Vice President of Student Services Tina Vasconcellos, Ph.D.

Business Services will close at 11:30 on Monday, December 18

Business Services will close at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, December 18, 2017, to take time to honor our business services staff for all of the hard work they do during the year.

Submitted by Director of Business & Administrative Services MaryBeth Benvenuti

CoA Library Will Be Closed December 15 to January 22, 2018

The CoA Library and L Building close at noon on Fri., December 15, 2017, and will not reopen again until the first day of Spring Session on Monday, January 22, 2018. The building is closed during Winter Intersession. Also, please note that the front doors are locked during flex days and also during the break between fall and spring semester. Hours and early closures for the year are also posted on the Library website: <http://alameda.peralta.edu/library/>.

Submitted by Head Librarian Jane McKenna, jmckenna@peralta.edu

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). 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/



Please note new publication dates and deadline times. Mark your calendars and make your Splash!



SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

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