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President's Corner: Welcome to Fall 2018

Welcome to fall 2018! I am looking forward to the semester. As I stated on opening day, we have many exciting projects moving ahead at CoA. There are a few that I'd like to highlight.

First, there is the SMART classrooms upgrade project. Eighteen additional rooms are being outfitted with SMART technology. These should be completed soon. A big thank you to the CoA IT team, Office of Instruction, and administrative services for bringing this project to fruition. A second phase reviewing and updating the exiting SMART classrooms will begin during winter break.

Secondly, the new Center for Liberal Arts building is on track. For the next few months most of the work is on underground utilities and site preparation. Later this semester there will be a brief window of noisy construction (pile driving).

Lastly, I want to thank the discipline faculty, department chairs, deans, and vice-presidents for the work they have done on scheduling and course offerings. The diligent work done for summer and fall 2018 has borne fruit. Our numbers are positive. We served more students in summer 2018 than the prior summer.

Sincerely,

Timothy Karas, Ed.D.
President

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GRAND OPENING



Save the Date For the Grand Opening of CoA's FabLab!

Save the date for the CoA FabLab Grand Opening on Thursday, September 27, 2018, at 3:30 pm in the FabLab.

CoA Health Services Is Available for Class Presentations

We are available for outreach and to make presentations in classes about health and wellness services and/or other mental health topics like stress management, anger management, LGBTQQI training etc. Please contact me if you would like for us to come visit your class. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or ideas you may have. Have us stop by your class. We need about 10-15 minutes of your class time. We look forward to hearing from you.

Submitted by Evan Schloss, CoA Health Services Coordinator, email eschloss@peralta.edu

Fall 2018 Wellness Workshops

Events are held in the F-building pit (unless otherwise noted) at noon. Feel free to bring & eat lunch

Thursday, September 6

What is Therapy? — A crash course in therapy for anyone who might be curious or interested, either from a career or personal perspective. Ask questions and learn what actually happens in the therapy process.

Wednesday, September 19

Understanding and Supporting LGBTQQIA+

Communities - Want to understand what all of those letters mean? Are you curious about the difference between gender identity and sexuality? Come find out and have your questions answered.



Thursday, October 4

Walking for Wellness - Learn how to use walking as a mindfulness practice and wellness tool.

Tuesday, October 9

Stress Management — Learn what stress is, how to make it your friend, and how to manage it.

Wednesday, October 10 – In F-116

Coming Out Group — For LGBTQQIA+ people interested in understanding, exploring, and sharing in the process of coming out.

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Photos courtesy of United Airlines

United Airlines Donates Parts to College of Alameda's Aircraft Maintenance Technology Program

On May 11, 2018, United Airlines generously donated aircraft parts to College of Alameda's Aircraft Maintenance Technology Program. It is an honor to witness and be on the receiving end of United Airlines' community engagement. The AMT program also extends their gratitude to Timothy Karas for his presence that day and support. It was also exciting to see and be reunited with AMT alumni who are now working at this great company. We are proud to see all the different pathways and careers these students have made for themselves after graduation.

Submitted by Esther Cheng, Airport Campus Supervisor Aviation Maintenance Technology, echeng@peralta.edu



United Airlines recently donated engine blades, metal honeycombs, and other parts to CoA's Aircraft Maintenance Technology Program

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Annual CoA K-Pg Boundary Field Expedition

Every year in June, several CoA science students join CoA Chemistry and Geology Professor **Peter Olds** and Stanford Geophysics Professor **Norm Sleep** to study impact seismically induced faulting and geochemical effects of the K-Pg Boundary Impact, i.e. the collision of an asteroid or comet with Earth 66 million years ago, an event which coincided with the demise 75% of species including the non-avian dinosaurs. We travel to various locations where the K-Pg boundary impact layer is best exposed along the margin of the Western Cretaceous Seaway including southern Colorado, northern New Mexico and eastern Montana. We also recently did work in the South Dakota Badlands where what was thought by scientists to be an impact layer turned out to be a bed of fossilized Late Cretaceous stromatolites. We have also visited sites of geological and historical interest including the Crazy Horse Monument, Mount Rushmore, Devil's Tower, Crystal Cave, the site of Custer's Last Stand and the Sand Creek Massacre site.

Submitted by CoA Geology Professor Peter Olds



2018 Expedition: Left-Students at work measuring normal fault properties in the "Z-Coal" at the Lerbekmo K-Pg boundary site off Hell Creek Marina Road north of Jordan, MT. Right-Students looking at colorful stratigraphic layers in Badlands National Park, SD.



2018 Expedition: Left-COA students Catherine Lee, Yimin Gu and Nhi Nguyen with Stanford Professor Norm Sleep near Devil's Tower, WY. Right-Faculty members Norm Sleep and Peter Olds taking a rest on Devil's Tower 40.5 million year old igneous rock.

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CoA Music Professor Glen Pearson at the Blue Note Jazz Club in Tokyo Japan

Professor Glen Pearson Is Back from An Exciting Summer Tour with the Count Basie Orchestra

Professor **Glen Pearson**, Chair of CoA's Department of Music recently toured as a pianist with the renowned Count Basie Orchestra. Performance destinations included Australia, Japan, and Yoshi's in Oakland. The tour included appearances at the renowned Sydney Opera House and Concert Hall, along with Blue Note jazz venues in Tokyo and Nagoya, Japan. Professor Pearson was honored to perform with this legendary band. "This is the very spot from which Mr. Basie himself performed and directed the orchestra for well over fifty years," Pearson said. Congratulations on a successful tour and welcome home Professor Pearson!

The College of Alameda Art department is a place of discovery

The College of Alameda Art department is a place of discovery. With paper, pencils, paint and paste students are encouraged to consider themselves and the world. Currently in the painting class a communal work is in process. We are creating an interactive art project with a sense of a mosaic or quilt. Students participate together with color. The project is intended as a new work which we wish to present to the community, possibly finding a home on the college campus. We have been visited by our wonderful Art History Instructor and Department Chair **Maria Guzman**. Our conversations are developing as we consider the shape of our public expressions.

Submitted by Drew Burgess, CoA Art Department, dburgess@peralta.edu



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Congratulations to CoA Student Sonya Marquez

Congratulations to College of Alameda student **Sonya Marquez** for completing a summer internship with Kaiser Permanente in San Leandro's KP LAUNCH. Through KP LAUNCH, Kaiser Permanente offers young adults like Sonya a variety of paid internship opportunities that allow them to work for an industry leader on projects that matter.

Photo credit: Faiza Ali

CoA student Sonya Marquez



Using Kognito's simple fun online interactive training you can learn these tools whenever and wherever.

Learn how to help students in **crisis** or how to respond effectively to the needs of **LGBTQQI** students or **Veterans** and **WIN a campus bookstore gift card!**

These FREE online training simulations will assist you in supporting and referring students to get the help they need. Each course can be completed within 20-60 minutes. Using Kognito's simple fun online interactive training you can learn these tools whenever and wherever. Just go to ccc.kognito.com, create a new account and get started! Anyone who completes a course will be entered into a CoA raffle to win a gift card for the CoA bookstore. If you complete all three training programs you will be three times as likely to win.

*Kognito requires Adobe Flash Player.

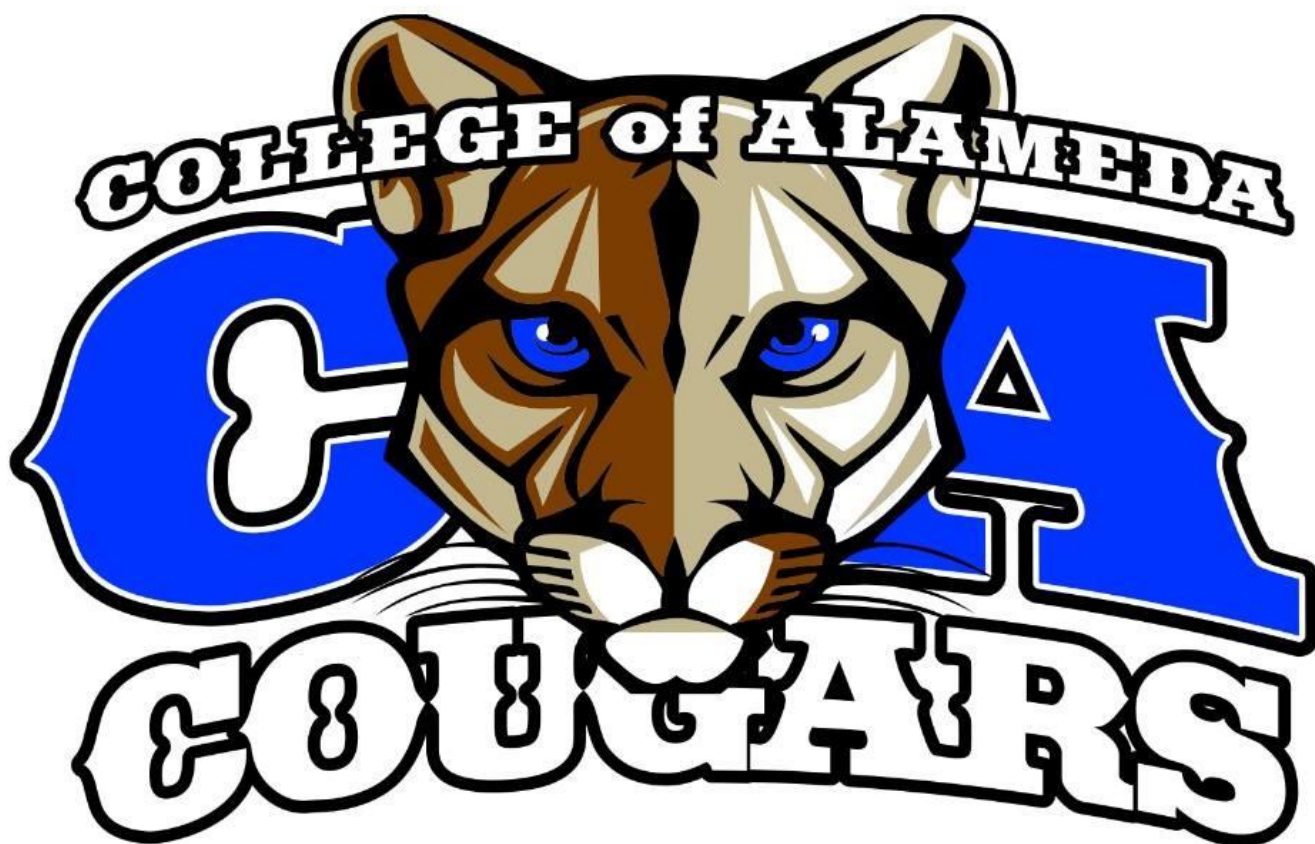
Submitted by Evan Schloss, CoA Health Services Coordinator, email eschloss@peralta.edu if you have any questions.



Goodbye, Moodle. Hello, Canvas!

All Peralta courses are transitioning from Moodle to Canvas during the Fall 2018 semester. Your online, hybrid, and many face-to-face courses are now using Canvas. Canvas has several benefits for students, including new features, a better mobile experience, functionality, and support. For more information go to <http://alameda.peralta.edu/jennifer-fowler/canvas/>

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September 2018 CoA Cougars Volleyball Home Game Schedule

Friday, September 7, vs. Skyline College, 6 pm

Wednesday, September 12, vs. Solano College, 6 pm

Friday, September 21, vs. Napa Valley College, 6 pm

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!*



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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 **September 14**.