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President's Corner

CoA Family:

The holidays are upon us once again. It's a season of family, gatherings, great food, and generosity. As we prepare for the end of the fall 2018 semester and the upcoming spring 2019 semester, I would like to wish everyone a joyful and restful holiday season and New Year.

I am proud of CoA's well-deserved reputation as a positive, collaborative environment that is well positioned to move forward and grow, even with the challenges that lie ahead. We are a community that is responsive, relevant, and ready to help students meet their academic and professional goals — a college that truly shines brightly.

I am grateful for the commitment of our faculty, administrators, and classified professionals, and the talented students who have chosen to attend CoA. All of you have shown yourselves to be strongly engaged with the mission and goals of the College. Grateful for the opportunity to work with such stellar, dedicated professionals who see the bigger picture, who embrace the vision and college goals.

In this spirit, I wish each of you an enjoyable and safe winter break spent in the company of friends, family, and loved ones, and hope everyone finds time to relax, have fun, and renew themselves for the new semester and the New Year.

Warm regards,

Tim,

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President

College of Alameda Women's Volleyball Team at the 2018 Team Awards Luncheon, Thursday, December 6, 2018.

College of Alameda Women's Volleyball Celebrates with Team Awards

Coach Linda Thompson recognized all Cougar student-athletes for their commitment and participation on the women's volleyball team during the 2018 Fall Semester at the 2018 Team Awards Luncheon held on Thursday, December 6, 2018, at the Bay Farm La Penca Azul Restaurant. Each volleyball player received an official Athletic Certificate. The event was hosted by Head Coach Linda Thompson and Assistant Coach Taylor Elliott.

Five outstanding Cougar student-athletes received individual trophies for earning the highest statistics during the 2018 Bay Valley Conference Volleyball Season, including Most Improved Player **Chiara Stiger**, Most Valuable Player **Jaylan Campbell**, Rookie of the Year and Best Defensive Player **Camille Selna**, Best Offensive Player **Kaleena Ugaitafa,** Coaches Award recipient **Deysi Arechiga**.

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Individual CoA Cougar Women's Volleyball Student Athletes Award Winners From left to right: Most Improved Player Chiara Stiger, Most Valuable Player Jaylan Campbell, Rookie of the Year and Best Defensive Player Camille Selna, Best Offensive Player Kaleena Ugaitafa, Coaches Award recipient Deysi Arechiga.

Submitted by Head Coach Linda Thompson, lthompson@peralta.edu

Important End of the Semester Information about Canvas

The most important thing to know is if you want to give students extra days to participate in the class on Canvas or submit work past the last day of the semester, you need to extend the Canvas course end date. Please note: You must do this before December 14, 2018-- after December 14, 2018, you must submit a Helpdesk ticket to edit the course end date or extend access for students. Please email me directly at jfowler@peralta.edu if you have questions.

Submitted by Jennifer Fowler, M.A., Communication Instructor, Distance Education Coordinator, Department Co-Chair of English, Communication, Humanities, & Philosophy, jfowler@peralta.edu

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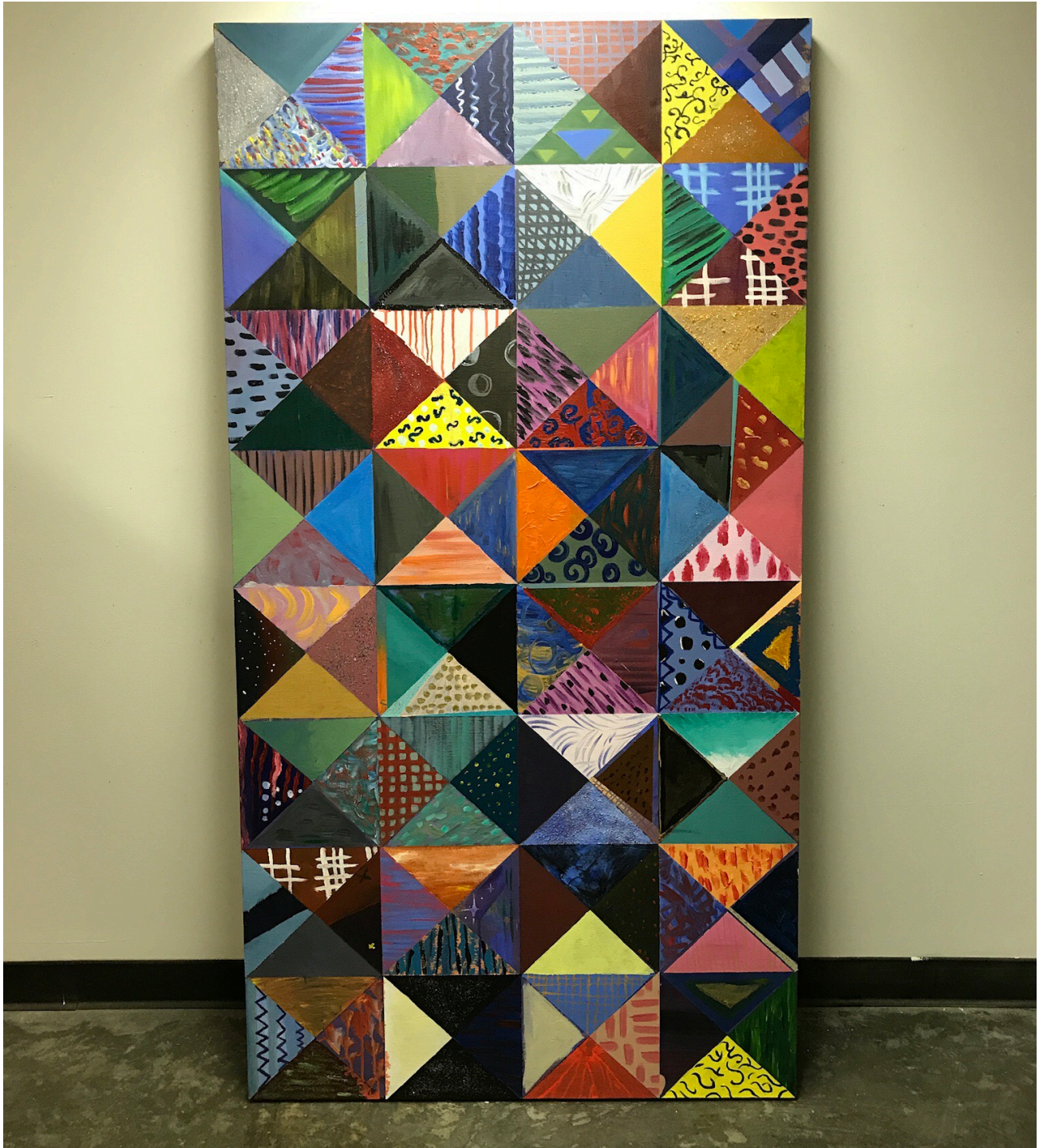
Former NBA Basketball Player Attends CoA Men's Basketball Team Home Game and Practice

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Miller has played professional basketball for the Cleveland Cavaliers, Los Angeles Clippers, Philadelphia 76ers, Portland Trail Blazers, Denver Nuggets, Washington Wizards, Sacramento Kings, Minnesota Timberwolves and San Antonio Spurs. Currently, he ranks tenth all-time in NBA career assists and has only missed three games to injury in his 17-year career. Miller is the only player in NBA history to have at least 16,000 career points, 8,000 assists and 1,500 steals without making an NBA All-Star Game.

Submitted by Paula Armstead, Associate Dean of Educational Success, Parmstead@peralta.edu

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Fall 2018 Painting Students Produced a New Work Called 'Quilt'

College of Alameda fall 2018 painting students produced a creative collaborative work called *Quilt*. The large piece will be hung in the College Library. Next semester the painting class will produce a new collaborative work. Students interested in painting may find the art room to be a place of imagination, gentleness, creativity and open thought. All are welcome.

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

The Last Day of the ATech Toy Drive Collection Is December 20

This is a reminder of the Toy Drive for underprivileged children and families. The Atech Department is doing annual toy collection for underprivileged children and families. We are collecting new, good used condition toys, and clothes in good condition. Toys can from baby age to 17 years, UNWRAPPED TOYS.

All Toys collected will be delivered to Children Shelter, San Francisco Casa de Las Madres, Love a Child Shelter of Pittsburgh, and Children Hospital of Oakland. Please deliver all Toys and Clothes to Atech Building B, Office Room B-114-A. If you have any questions Please email me: rramos@peralta.edu.

Thank you!

Submitted by Automotive Technology Instructor. R. Ramos, rramos@peralta.edu

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Free Dental Radiographs Will Be Offered by Appointment

CoA Dental Assisting (DA) program students will be offering free dental radiographs for any College faculty, staff, or students on Wednesdays and Fridays only. Those interested in taking advantage of this free service may make an appointment by calling the DA department at (510) 748- 2262. No walk-ins please. The DA program can accept 24 patients this semester and another 72 patients starting in early January.

Submitted by Dental Assisting Instructor Juanita Tyree, jtyree@peralta.edu

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 **January 23, 2019.**
Happy Holidays!