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## President's Corner: New Website and More

After many months of painstaking work, our new website is live featuring many new mobile responsive capabilities. A frequent complaint about the old website was that it lacked mobile features, making it difficult to access College information for those using cell phones or tablets. According to our Google Analytics report for 2018, over 122,000 searches for College of Alameda were performed from mobile devices compared to 118,000 searches from desktop computers. This is a good indicator of how important a mobile responsive website is today. Of course, with any new website there are bound to be a few glitches. If you come across an issue with the website, please email [shanewilliams@peralta.edu](mailto:shanewilliams@peralta.edu). I want to extend my sincere thanks to all who worked on their individual pages for the launch and special thanks to **Shane Williams** for helping others with the website's new publishing features.

In other news this week, Human Anatomy and Biology Professor **Leslie Reiman** shares with us a special feature about one of her star MESA students **Nick Fontaine**. CoA Health Services Coordinator **Evan Schloss** recently headed up the district effort to develop the section of Peralta's Assessment Management System (AMS), with which counselors, librarians, and nurses will document their assessment work. Also, Financial Aid Supervisor **Jackie Vo** shares an update about our hardworking and fun-loving Financial Aid Office staff members who recently held two successful social events to raise awareness about the March 2, 2019, FAFSA application deadline. In honor of Black History Month, Counselor **Betty Frias** reports that our Umoja students and faculty took part in a Day of Service at the Alameda County Community Food Bank. As the exciting work of our **Guided Pathways Project** continues with a series of lunches and special prizes, the lucky winner of last month's Student Voice Challenge VIP Parking spot has been announced as CoA Student **Shaimma Alyaman**, who is especially grateful for the win as she is expecting a baby soon. Also, everyone is invited to participate in upcoming Guided Pathways events and encouraged to enter the Guided Pathways

Student Persistence Challenge online at: <http://ow.ly/BMVL30o1vi3>. Finally, if you have a moment this month, check out the wonderful Women's History Month books and bestsellers displays in our Library.

I don't think I can say this enough, thank you for the good work that you do every day on behalf of our students.

Sincerely,



Timothy Karas, Ed.D.  
President



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## Umoja Day of Service

On Tuesday, February 26, 2019, in honor of Black History Month, our Umoja students and faculty took part in a Day of Service at the Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB), in Oakland.

As part of the Umoja Events series this spring, a group of 17 students and faculty visited the food bank to volunteer our services. We arrived at 8:30 a.m. and were joined by Charlie, the food bank manager. First, he presented a mandatory safety orientation and an informational presentation of ACCFB's history. Charlie put our students and faculty to work immediately and by noon our group had sorted and bagged 10,608 pounds of apples.

We concluded our mission with a tour of the huge warehouse. Finally, our group headed back to the CoA UMOJA center where lunch was provided for the volunteers. It was another outstanding day and a great opportunity for CoA students to give back to the community. We thank our students for their time, energy and dedication.

**Umoja Volunteers:** Erik Lockett, Guicela Sanchez, Ana Rayon, Maria Niceler, Martha Tellez, Kameisha Gilliam, Ana Navidad, Dulce Garcia, Shauna Chappell-Jules, Melba Moore, Mathew Good, Alaa Muhsin, Alexander Tanis, and Lisa Cost.

**Faculty:** Jerel McGiffert, Umoja Counselor/Coordinator, Paula, Armstead, Associate Dean of Educational Success, and Betty Frias, General/Umoja Counselor

The Alameda County Community Food Bank serves one in five of our neighbors in our county. Two-thirds are children and seniors. For information about volunteer opportunities, email [volunteer@accfb.org](mailto:volunteer@accfb.org) or call the volunteer team at (510) 635-3663 x308.

*Submitted by General/Umoja Counselor Betty Frias,*



*MESA student Nick Fontaine is enthusiastic about studying biology and serving as an active MESA volunteer*

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## CoA MESA Student Nick Fontaine Is Enthusiastic About Learning

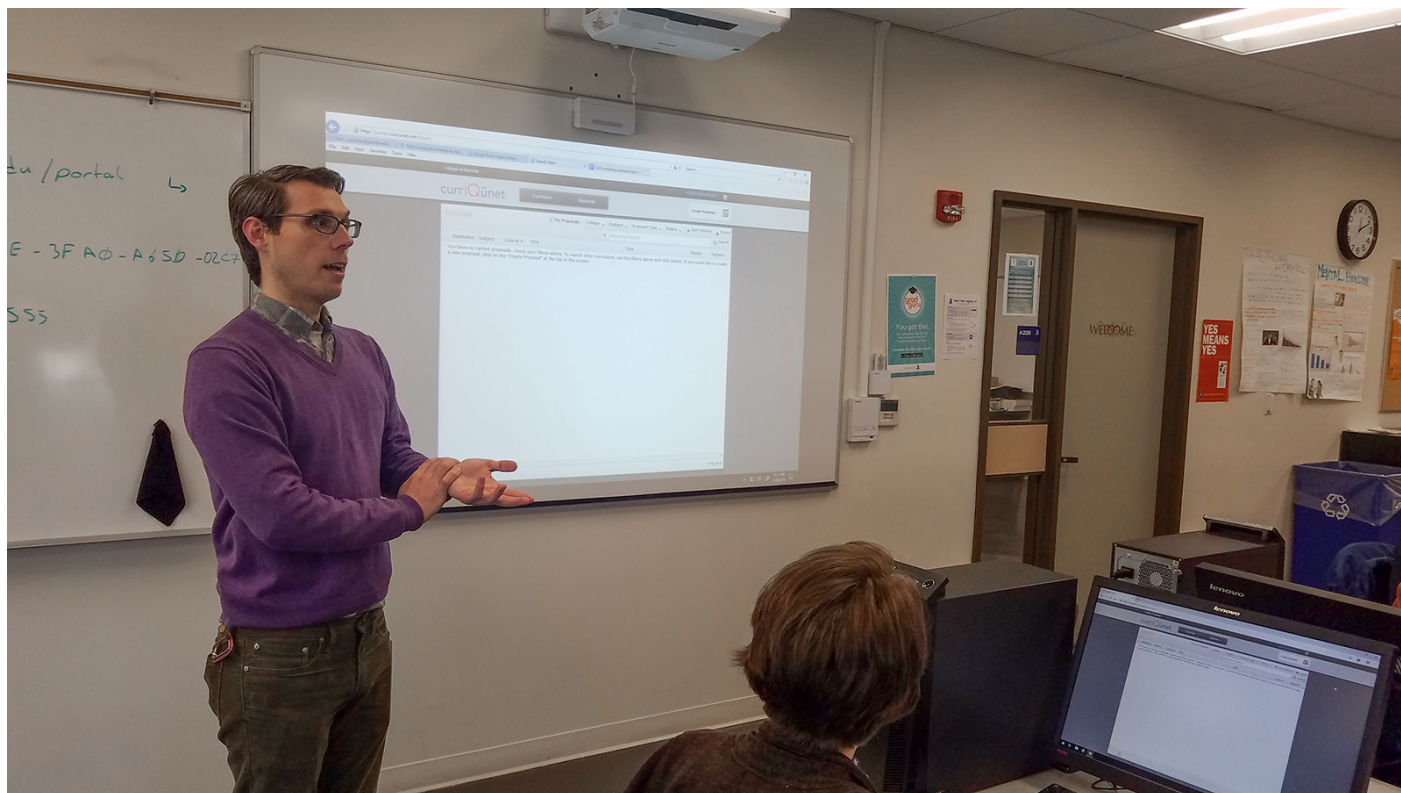
**Nick Fontaine** is one of our most active members in the Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement (MESA) program at College of Alameda. He has attended numerous MESA sponsored events. He also volunteered at the CoA Community Partner Breakfast this past Friday as one of our Student Panelists to inform our community partners of our MESA program. Nick is an extremely enthusiastic and dedicated Biologist often spending incredible number of hours studying for my Human Anatomy course and attending my Open Labs.

Nick recently shared his thoughts with me about his experiences as a MESA student:

*"Hey everyone! My name is Nick and I'm a Biology major! I joined MESA at the beginning of my sophomore year. Since October 2018, through the MESA program here at College of Alameda, I have been able to attend conferences such as CEND (Center of Emerging and Neglected Diseases) at UC Berkeley, the 16th Annual Pre-health Conference at UC Davis, the STEM transfer Day at UC Davis, and JSPS (Japanese Society for the promotion of science) at Stanford University. At these conferences I have been able to network with professionals, learn about different pathways in STEM, and find out about job/internship opportunities. MESA has helped me get on track with school and I have enjoyed my time with the program."*

It is a true HONOR to have Nick amongst our MESA students at CoA!

*Submitted by Leslie Reiman, Human Anatomy & Biology Professor, MESA Program Coordinator*



## CoA SLOACs: New AMS A-OK!

On February 28, 2019, CoA's Student Learning Outcome and Assessment Coordinators (SLOACs) offered faculty a how-to on CurriQNET, the district's new Assessment Management System (AMS).

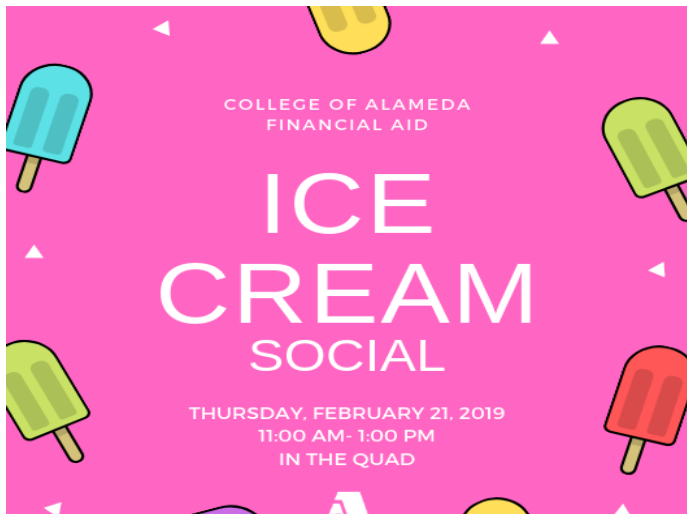
Student Services SLOAC **Evan Schloss** led the special session, an introduction to the new non-instructional assessment module.

Evan, the CoA Health Services Coordinator, headed up the district effort to develop the section of Peralta's AMS in which counselors, librarians, and nurses will document their assessment work. Joined by instruction-side SLOACs **Andrew Park** and **Matthew Goldstein**, Evan gave the attendees in A 232 a step-by-step tour of the AMS that replaced Taskstream last semester. The new system promises greater user-friendliness and smoother integration among unit plans, program reviews, and course outlines of record.

The three SLOACs will present another hands-on Curriqnet workshop, open to instructional and non-instructional faculty alike, at the March 21 campus flex day—check the forthcoming schedule for time and place.

For more information about CoA's assessment program, contact Evan Schloss (Student Services, [eschloss@peralta.edu](mailto:eschloss@peralta.edu)), Andrew Park (STEAM & ADAM, ATECH, AUTOB, AMT, and DMECH; [bpark@peralta.edu](mailto:bpark@peralta.edu)), or Matthew Goldstein (LSLA & BUS, ECON, HLTOC, DENT, and COPED; [mgoldstein@peralta.edu](mailto:mgoldstein@peralta.edu)).

*Submitted by Professor Matthew M. Goldstein, Ph.D., Humanities Department*



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## Financial Aid Social Events Help Promote Priority Application Deadline

The Financial Aid Office held two social events to promote the March 2, 2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)/California Dream Act Application priority application deadline. These fun and informative events helped raise student, staff, and faculty awareness about the deadline.

The Ice Cream Social and the Popcorn Social events took place on February 21 and 25, 2018. Students had the opportunity to check in with the financial aid staff about their current financial aid and 2019-2020 FAFSA/Dream Act Application status. Most attendees reported that they had not yet completed their application. These students were provided a hands-on workshop schedule along with a flier highlighting that they might qualify for up to \$17,500 in grant funds that would not need to be paid back.

During these events, in addition to receiving expert financial aid guidance, students enjoyed tasty treats, played games, and won prizes. Overall more than 250 students, staff, and faculty walked away with vital information about the priority application deadline. The social events were a great success!

One final note is that even though the March 2nd priority deadline has passed, students may still fill out their 2019-2020 FAFSA/Dream Act Application. Please continue to remind and encourage our students to do this as soon as possible.

*Submitted by Financial Aid Supervisor Jackie Vo, lvo@peralta.edu*



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## What's New in the CoA Library?

Come by and see our new Bestsellers Display and our Women's History Display. Books in both displays are available for checkout."

*Submitted by Jane McKenna, Head Librarian, Access Services Librarian and LIS85 Instructor, [jmckenna@peralta.edu](mailto:jmckenna@peralta.edu)*

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## SPRING 2019 WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

All events take place at noon in the F-Building Pit. Feel free to bring your lunch.

Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

**Sexual Assault Awareness Workshop-** Come learn about sexual assault and harassment, and how we can respond to them.

Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

**Intuitive Eating-** Rethinking your relationship with food and unlearning diet culture.

Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

**Blood Drive-** Come visit the Blood Mobile parked on the quad near the A-building and help save a life. Sign up here: <https://www.bloodheroes.com/>



Participants at the Guided Pathways Free Lunch series held on February 25, 2019

## Guided Pathways Announces: The Student Persistence Challenge

The winner of last month's Student Voice Challenge VIP Parking spot goes to.... student **Shaimma Alyamani!** It was meant to be because get this - she's eight months pregnant!

And Now Announcing: "The Student Persistence Challenge"

At our last Guided Pathways Free Lunch series on February 25, 2019, we shared data from California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) that showed only 54 percent of our students continue from their first semester into their second semester.

Let's dig deeper into this astounding information. On Flex Day, March 21, 2019, we will conduct a Student Focus Group to help us understand what makes a difference for our students. Let's then develop a campus-wide strategy to move the needle.

Help us prepare for this focus group and be entered to win a VIP Reserved Parking Spot!

Answer the three questions in the linked form below and **submit by Friday, March 15, 2019**, and be entered to win a drawing for a RESERVED PARKING SPOT FOR A MONTH! The drawing will take place at the Guided Pathways Free Lunch Series on Monday, March 25, from 12-1 pm.

Everyone is eligible to enter - Classified Professionals, Faculty, Students, and Admin alike! Except Jeff. Jeff can't enter. Enter online at: <http://ow.ly/BMVL30o1v3>

Submitted by [coaguidedpathways@peralta.edu](mailto:coaguidedpathways@peralta.edu)

## COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA

### Guided Pathways Free Lunch Series Spring 2019



**4th Mondays  
12noon-1p  
L-237**

**JANUARY 28th  
FEBRUARY 25th  
MARCH 25th  
APRIL 22nd  
MAY 20th**

#### **JANUARY 28:** *Focus Groups 101 Listen to Our Students*

Join us to listen to the voices of our students in a moderated student panel as they discuss their experiences at College of Alameda. We will share tools to hold informal focus groups, and let folks know how you can get involved this semester!

#### **FEBRUARY 25:** *Moving the Needle*

What problem is Guided Pathways trying to solve? What does the data tell us, and what questions should we be asking to better understand our students' barriers and successes? Engage in the discussion, and learn about how inquiry will drive our path forward.

#### **MARCH 25:** *It's all about Equity*

Equity is our driving principle of why we are engaging in the Guided Pathways work. Let's look at disproportionality at CoA and discuss ways we can better address equity gaps.

#### **APRIL 22:** *Connecting Student Services & Instruction*

Students are successful when we collaborate to serve and support them. This session will focus on program mapping efforts at CoA, an initial step to better connect student services and instruction.

#### **MAY 20:** *Let's celebrate!*

We will use the time to celebrate the work this semester and gather thoughts about to guide CoA's Guided Pathways moving forward.

For more information, email [coaguidedpathways@peralta.edu](mailto:coaguidedpathways@peralta.edu)



College of Alameda Office of Student Activities Presents

# ONEBEAT COMMUNITY DRUMMING

Tuesday March 19, 2019  
Quad (F-building Rain Location)  
12:00 P.M to 1:00 P.M.

Join the fun. Be apart of our community drum circle. With Drummm® Rhythmic Events. Student participants receive a FREE lunch!

\*Must present student ID card with 2019 College of Alameda sticker. Lunch available while supplies last.



Office of Student Activities 510-748-5296 F-217



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# COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA

## March 2019 Events

### Art Encounter

3/1/2019  
11:00 AM-1:00 PM  
D316

*A space for creativity, a community work of art, study, and conversation.*

### Free Breakfast

3/5/2019  
9:00 AM-10:00 AM  
Quad (F-building Rain Location)

### Women's History Experience

3/5/2019  
12:00 PM-1:00 PM  
Quad (F-building Rain Location)

*An interactive event with a photo booth and community mural.*



### Community Partner Breakfast

3/8/2019  
8:00 AM-11:00 AM  
F Building- 1st floor  
*A breakfast in partnership with community educators and organizations.*

### Free Breakfast

3/12/2019  
9:00 AM-10:00 AM  
Quad (F-building Rain Location)

### Free Produce Market

3/12/2019  
12:30 PM-2:00 PM  
Quad

### Alameda Food Bank Workshop: Rethink Your Drink

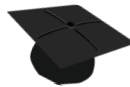
3/12/2019  
12:00 PM-1:00 PM  
F-building, Pit

### Understanding and Supporting LGBTQIA+ Community Workshop

3/13/2019  
12:00 PM-1:00 PM  
F-building, Pit

### Majors Vs Careers Workshop

3/18/2019  
12:00 PM-1:00 PM  
Counseling Department(A-Building)



### Free Breakfast

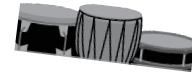
3/19/2019  
9:00 AM-10:00 AM  
Quad (F-building Rain Location)

### Community Drumming Circle

3/19/2019

12:00 PM-1:00 PM  
Quad (F-building Rain Location)

*Drummm Rhythmic events will provide their OneBEAT Community Drumming program.*



### Sexual Assault Awareness Workshop

3/26/2019  
12:00 PM-1:00 PM  
F-building, Pit

### Free Breakfast

3/26/2019  
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Quad (F-building Rain Location)

### Free Produce Market

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Quad

Download the Grad Guru app today!



Visit <http://alameda.peralta.edu/events/> for more information



## 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?

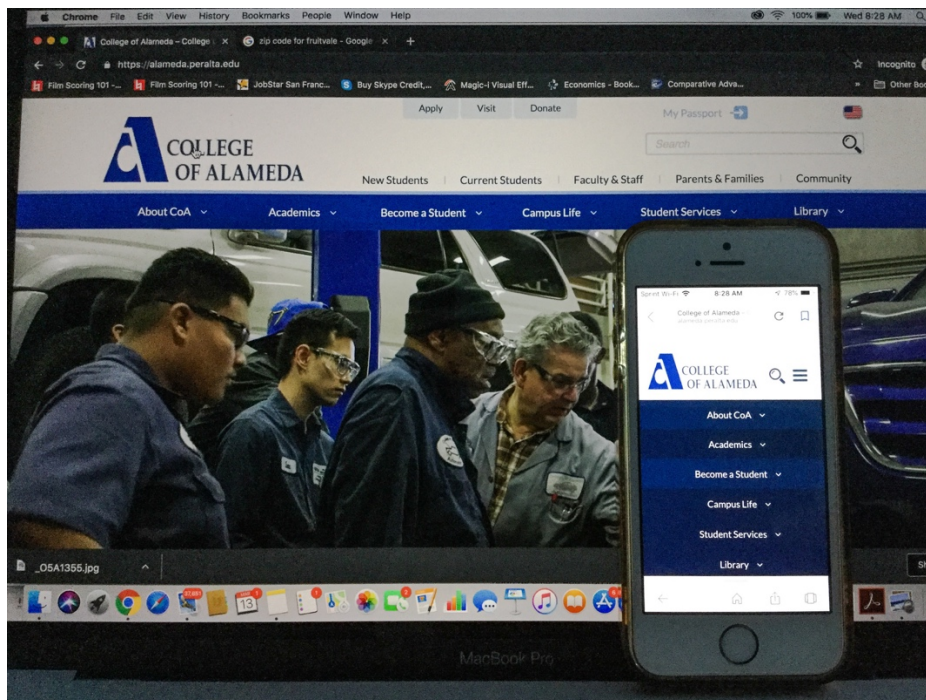
Send us your news, so we can share it with the campus community in the *CoA Splash!*

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](mailto: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 March 22, 2019, for publication in the March 28 2019, edition. The following is the publication schedule for Spring 2019 Semester.

Deadline	Publication Date
March 22	March 28
March 29	April 11
April 19	April 25
May 3	May 9
May 17	May 23



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*The mission of the College of Alameda is to serve the educational needs of its community by providing comprehensive and flexible programs and resources to empower students to achieve their goals.*