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## President's Corner: Congratulations to CoA's Class of 2019!

The last few weeks of the academic year is a joyous time in which we celebrate the accomplishments of our students, recognize the hard work of staff, faculty, and administrators, highlight our exceptional programs, and retirement festivities. There are too numerous people to individually acknowledge. A few of the highlights over the past weeks have been the Student Scholarship and Transfer Event (the decorations in the student center are fantastic), ATECH scholarship, tenure reception, CoA Spring Concert, Dance Recital, Peralta African/African-American Graduation, ADAM Fashion Show, EOPS graduation, and the Emeritus Lunch. Your dedication and passion shine through. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Timothy Karas, Ed.D.  
President



*Student Scholarship and Transfer Event*



*Peralta African/African-American Graduation*



## Spring Break 2019: 17 EOPS/ NextUp / UMOJA Students Tour Six Historical Black Colleges and Universities

2019 represents the fourth year in which College of Alameda took advantage of the State of California's historical partnerships with Historical Black Colleges and Universities. This was the first ever district wide HBCU Tour. Students were able to visit six HBCU's as well as historical sites.

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



After a great time in Atlanta, we headed to Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA. The school's mission is to educate African-Americans, but it accepts students of every race, ethnic origin and nationality. Southern University offers about 60 bachelor's degrees in a wide range of studies, with architecture, journalism and psychology among the most popular undergraduate majors. Students who transfer to Southern University completing the CSU Breath or IGETC will have their out of state tuition waived which would bring their tuition to only \$8,000 a year, that's Awesome!!



After an amazing fun filled tour of Southern University. Students partook in a powerful experience at the Whitney Plantation. The Whitney Plantation is the only plantation museum in Louisiana with an exclusive focus on the lives of enslaved people. Whitney's memorials and restored buildings allowed students to enter the world of a Louisiana sugar plantation and to remember those who built and worked this property. On our walking tour, our guide showed us through slave cabins, a freedmen's church, detached kitchen and outbuildings, a 1790s owner's house and memorials built to honor the enslaved Africans.



Following the tour the of the Whitney Plantation students visited Grambling State University. Grambling State University is located in Northern Louisiana. Grambling State University is a prestigious HBCU known for its dynamic Business, Nursing, and Pre-Med programs. Charles Washington, COA's EOPS Counselor and Co-Coordinator of the HBCU tours is an Alumni of Grambling State University. Like Southern University Student who complete the IGETC or CSU Breath Requirements will also have their out of state tuition waved which lowers to cost of attendance to 7,500 a year.

Through this experience COA students have now created a network of support for each other and developed strong meaningful relationships. This opportunity created for our students is a great one; Because of this experience our students had the opportunity to witness, touch, and experience Black Excellence. These HBCU Tours are more than just students visiting college campuses. This is a transformative experience. In which African's in the diaspora discover a deeper sense. Students who participate in the tours have a greater appreciation of themselves and their culture. These lucky students have been made aware that they too can be a part of a legacy of greatness which we've seen on these campuses and historical sites. They all have been forever changed.

*Submitted by Charles Washington, MFT, MSW, EOPS Counselor / Instructor*

*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.*



*Another beautiful campus drawing by Artist and COA English Instructor Jay Rubin*

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## Final Reminder about Canvas Course End Dates

If you want students to be able to post, upload, or submit assignments in Canvas after the course end date this Friday May 24 and give them extra days to participate, you must go into course settings and extend the course end date.

A few notes:

You must extend the course end date before Friday May 24; after Friday May 24, you will not be able to edit the course end date or extend access for students without submitting a helpdesk

ticket.

Short courses and intersession courses have varying start and end dates - check them and extend the course end date if needed.

After a course concludes (passes the end date on May 24 or the new end date you manually set), students can't actively participate in the course but can still view assignments and grades. The class essentially converts to a "read only" status for students.

After a course end date, Canvas moves concluded courses off the Dashboard to the "Course" tab under "Past Enrollments." Direct students to the past enrollments area if they email you and state their class "disappeared" from the Dashboard. The class has not disappeared. It simply moved to a new area.

Call 24-hour Canvas support at (844) 592-2199, view the Canvas guides, submit a helpdesk ticket, or contact me if you have questions. Have a wonderful summer!

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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](mailto:coasplash@peralta.edu).

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Next editions will publish in fall 2019. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!