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A \$3 Million Federal Grant Will Expand CoA's Aviation Program

On September 27, 2018, U.S. Secretary of Commerce **Wilbur Ross** announced in a press release that the Department's Economic Development Administration (EDA) is awarding a \$3 million grant to the Peralta Community College District for the renovation and expansion of CoA's Aviation Technology Maintenance (AMT) facility. This is great news for both the College and local employers. There is high demand for AMT graduates and the program plays a critical role regionally in providing qualified aircraft technicians for airlines, including United Airlines and Alaska Airlines. The grant will allow the College to serve more students by building additional instructional space and modernizing existing facilities.



CoA's Booth Was a Hit at the Black Cowboy Association Festival

On Saturday, October 6, 2018, College of Alameda hosted an information table at the 44th Annual Black Cowboy Parade and Festival in West Oakland's DeFremery Park. For four decades, the Oakland Black Cowboy Association (est. 1974) has been educating the public about the important contributions that people of color made in settling the West.



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Participants had a fabulous time at College of Alameda's FabLab Grand Opening.

College of Alameda FabLab Opens with Some Help from Community Members

The CoA FabLab Grand Opening on Thursday, September 27, 2018, drew a crowd of enthusiastic participants including local dignitaries and community members. Alameda Mayor **Trish Herrera Spencer** and Alameda Chamber of Commerce President **Michael McDonough** assisted CoA President **Tim Karas** in sawing through the grand opening wooden “ribbon”, which was carved especially for the event by students and staff. FabLab staff provided demonstrations of the lab's impressive state-of-the-art equipment and capabilities. More information about FabLab workshops is available online: <https://coa.makernet.work/#/>

Head Coach Hired for Men's Basketball

Marshall Collins was hired this fall as the new head coach for men's basketball. Collins has had extensive experience coaching teams with winning records in the Bay Valley Conference. Collins has a winning track record. He coached three seasons at Chabot College where the team made the JUCO Final Four. Before Chabot College, Collins coached six seasons at Los Medanos where he helped that team achieve a “Top 5” ranking in the North and 8th in the State, back-to-back League MVPs, and All-State players, and four 20-plus win seasons. In 2008-2009, Collins helped put together a team that led to the most wins in Los Medanos College's history (25-8 record). His coaching accolades also include four “Top 10” offensive teams and over 20 four-year scholarships for his players throughout the years. Coach Collins joins **Linda Thompson**, our long-standing head coach of Women's Volleyball, and **Taylor Elliott**, assistant Women's Volleyball coach, in developing our student-athletes.



*New CoA Head Basketball Coach
Marshall Collins*

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CoA's gym was full of enthusiastic prospective students for Alameda's 28th Annual Citywide College Night.

Citywide College Night Held at CoA

On Tuesday, October 2, 2018, CoA hosted the City of Alameda's 28th Annual Citywide College Night. The event was a joint effort of the Alameda Unified School District, College of Alameda, Diocese of Oakland, and St. Joseph Notre Dame High School. Hundreds of enthusiastic high school students attended the event and spoke with representatives from a variety of colleges and universities.

Veterans Resource Center Receives \$100,000 for Veterans Resource Center

The California Community Colleges Board of Governors recently approved \$8.5 million in grant funding to expand and bolster 59 California Community College's Veterans Resource Centers. Grant awards ranged from \$68,997 to \$200,000 depending on program size and need. The grant funding was awarded directly to eligible colleges, including CoA, through a competitive process. CoA will receive \$100,000 for its center, which provides a variety of services to veterans and their eligible dependents. Currently, more than 90 of the 114 California community college campuses have a Veterans Resource Center. CoA's Veterans Resource Center opened its doors in November 2015.





Former NBA Basketball Player Offers CoA Men's Basketball Team Inspiration

Former NBA basketball player, **Andre Miller**, who also is Associate Dean of Educational Success **Paula Armstead's** cousin, attended the first CoA home basketball game on Wednesday, Nov 14, 2018. He also spoke to individual team members during their practice at on November 15, 2018, about the importance of focusing on academics while being a student athlete. Miller 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.

CoA Excels in Transfer Degrees

A recent report from [The Campaign for College Opportunity](#) highlights the significant increase in California Community College Transfer Degrees. CoA has placed well in awarding Transfer Degrees. In terms of size (FTES), CoA is 99 out of 114 California Community Colleges. When it comes to Associate Degrees for Transfer, we pull well above our FTES size in weight. For Associate Degree for Transfer Awards as a percent of all Associate Degrees Awarded, CoA ranks 55 out of 114 and for Associate Degree for Transfer Awards relative to Campus enrollment CoA ranks 74 out of 114. Much work has been done to create these degree programs with staff and faculty providing critical assistance to students on their journey to attain degrees.



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