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MESA (Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement) Students Are Invited to Apply for Special Grant

College of Alameda (CoA) is the only Peralta College offering the MESA program. MESA programs at colleges like ours are changing the face of science, technology, engineering, and math by creating and developing a new generation of STEM leaders.

Through the generous support of the Philanthropic Ventures Foundation (Facebook Local Community Fund) our MESA students have the opportunity to apply for a grant to assist with college expenses. Grants of up to \$500 will be awarded to MESA students to help with costs for critical necessities that do not fall under other student financial aid programs. Examples of these expenditures include: eye glasses, computer software, textbooks, supplies needed for coursework, transportation expenses, and limited dental care.



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The Bay Area Is Booming

CoA President Timothy Karas was invited by Bank of Marin's Alameda branch to attend their annual "Outlook 2018" program the morning of February 13. One of the speakers was economist **Dr. Micah Weinberg**, President of the Bay Area Council Economic Institute, a think tank focused on the most critical economic and policy issues facing the nine-county Silicon Valley/San Francisco region, also known as the Bay Area. Out of the data that was presented, one factoid in particular stood out: the region is the 19th largest economy in the world. This ranks the greater Bay Area higher in terms of GDP than many countries, including Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, and Taiwan to name a few.

The region's phenomenal economic growth in recent years also comes with many challenges. Housing, land use, jobs, homelessness, and workforce training are a few such examples, and there are more. In light of the great prospects and significant challenges that co-exist in this dynamic environment, there are numerous ways that CoA can and does make a positive difference in the lives of its aspiring students every day!

Beginning Art Students Demonstrate Remarkable Talents

Art Professor **Drew Burgess** shares with us examples of the considerable talents of his beginning painting class. The painting class is held in a modest room, marked by traces of lines and colors from previous classes. Beautiful student artworks bring the walls of this spare classroom to vibrant life.

Student artists' works from top right are by: Nathan Filbrandt, Stephani Dos Remedios, and Vicki Sipaseuth



CoA Participates in the Annual Black College Expo

On Saturday, February 17, 2018, College of Alameda was proudly represented at the annual Black College Expo. We shared a space with nearly 100 schools and educational organizations. In addition to providing valuable information, the event included entertainment, a scholarship presentation ceremony, and free giveaways. The line for registration ran out the doors and to the corner of the Oakland Marriott by 9:30 a.m. The event attracted over 1,000 participants. Those who approached CoA's table were largely students interested in setting up campus tours and high school counselors interested in setting up Mobile CoA services at their sites. It was another outstanding day of community building for our Outreach Department staff members.



CoA FabLab Update

The CoA FabLab is under construction and scheduled to open later this Spring Semester. In order to begin serving students, faculty, and staff, the FabLab equipment has temporarily moved into Room D-109.

Open hours are Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

What tools are available now? The following machines are available now at the temporary FabLab in Room D-109:

- Stratasys Mojo FDM 3D printer
- Formlabs Form 2 SLA 3D printer
- Roland GS-24 CAMM 1 desktop cutter
- Geo Knight & Co. DK20 clamshell heat press

Once the main CoA FabLab opens, users will have access to a laser cutter, 3D printers, CNC routers, vinyl cutters, and electronics workstations. Stay tuned for the grand opening celebration and in the meanwhile feel free to stop by, check out the machines, and make something with us!



North Cities (One-Stop) Career Center Job Fair at CoA Was a Great Success!

North Cities Alameda One-Stop Career Center hosted a job fair in the Student Activities and Campus Life Building at College of Alameda on February 8, 2018. It was a successful event with over 25 employers connecting to over 150 job seekers, including current students, during a two-hour midday session. Employers were very-satisfied with the event. Several employers emphatically indicated that the event was “very well organized with an impressive group of recruiters.” Many said that they met qualified individuals, received many potential candidates, and that the set up was great. Participants were so pleased with the results that they indicated that they look forward to participating in the next job fair. CoA staff are excited to follow up on the outcomes and plan the next event.

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CoA's Annual Community Partner Breakfast: Building Bridges, Not Walls!

North Cities Alameda One-Stop Career Center hosted a job fair in the Student Community Partner Breakfast, previously known as the High School Counselor Breakfast with the theme, “Building Bridges, Not Walls!” This year CoA welcomed 51 participants who represented more than 25 schools and community-based organizations. The program included an overview of the college, a student panel and a rotation of expert panelists and an optional campus tour. Guests had the opportunity to learn about updates in our Math and Assessment departments from SSSP Counselor and Coordinator, **Julie Saechao** and Mathematics Department Chair, **Vanson Nguyen**. They also had the opportunity to learn about the ways in which College of Alameda is an UndocuALLY, and the importance of bringing Mobile CoA (mobile enrollment services) to their campuses and organizations.

Photo caption this page: CoA staff celebrate the success of the One-Stop Career Center's Job Fair

Four CoA Students Attend the A2Mend Conference

On March 1, 2018, CoA students **Charles Johnson**, **Ralston Earle**, **Danyell Henderson**, and **Shaquiel Parker** attended the A2mend Summit in Los Angeles. This year's conference theme was: *Birth of a Nation: Exploring Revolutionary Practices to Improve Outcomes for African American Male Students*.

A2MEND's mission is to foster institutional change within the community college system. A2MEND's membership is comprised of African American male administrators who utilize their scholarly and professional expertise to foster institutional change within the community college system.

Our students engaged in dynamic discussions focusing on improving academic outcomes, preparing for transfers to four-year universities, motivation, and community engagement. According to the students, highlights of the trip included meeting keynote speakers, **Roland Martin** and **Angela Rye**, and networking with other African American Male Scholars.



College of Alameda students Charles Johnson, Ralston Earle, Danyell Henderson, and Shaquiel Parker at the A2mend Summit in Los Angeles.

Upcoming Events

Events are held in the F-building pit noon unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday, April 24, 2014

College of Alameda's Free Produce Market is from 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the F-Building every second and fourth Tuesday while classes are in session. The market is open to the public and free of charge. Bring your own reusable bag for free fruits, veggies, and bread and enjoy a healthy meal on us!

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Intro. To Mindfulness –What is mindfulness? Learn some basic breathing and relaxation strategies that you can use at home. Take part in a guided mindfulness exercise (if you choose).

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Self-Care - As the semester moves towards final assignments and exams, how do you take care of yourself and relieve stress? Students will share strategies and learn some new tools for managing stress.

Friday, May 25, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

COA 2018 Commencement will be held at the College of Alameda Soccer Field.