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President's Corner: Unsettling Climatic Events and the Importance of Civil Discourse

During these unsettling climatic events, our hearts and thoughts are with the communities experiencing devastation due to the fires raging across California. We have all experienced local effects of poor air quality and some members of the campus family were without power for multiple days.

CoA Mission is "to serve the educational needs of our diverse community..." and our Vision states "that we are a diverse, supportive, empowering learning community for seekers of knowledge...". The safety, success, and well-being of our students and campus community is our priority.

During challenging times, like the one we face with enrollment decline, FCMAT recommendations, appointment of a State fiscal monitor, and accreditation responses, it is even more imperative to ground ourselves in civil discourse and remember we are here to uplift our community and serve students.

We set the tone for constructive communication, which involves connecting with others, developing a sense of empathy, demonstrating interest or curiosity about others' opinions, and accepting constructive feedback from co-workers, colleagues, constituents, or students. I believe that to earn respect we must first show respect to others.

I am not one to dwell on the negative. There is too much good work being done. I want to thank everyone who joined me for three open campus meetings concerning emerging sectors in Alameda. The topics were Maritime & Blue Tech (9/13), Community Education (9/27), and Beverages and Hospitality (10/11). More information on next steps will be forthcoming.

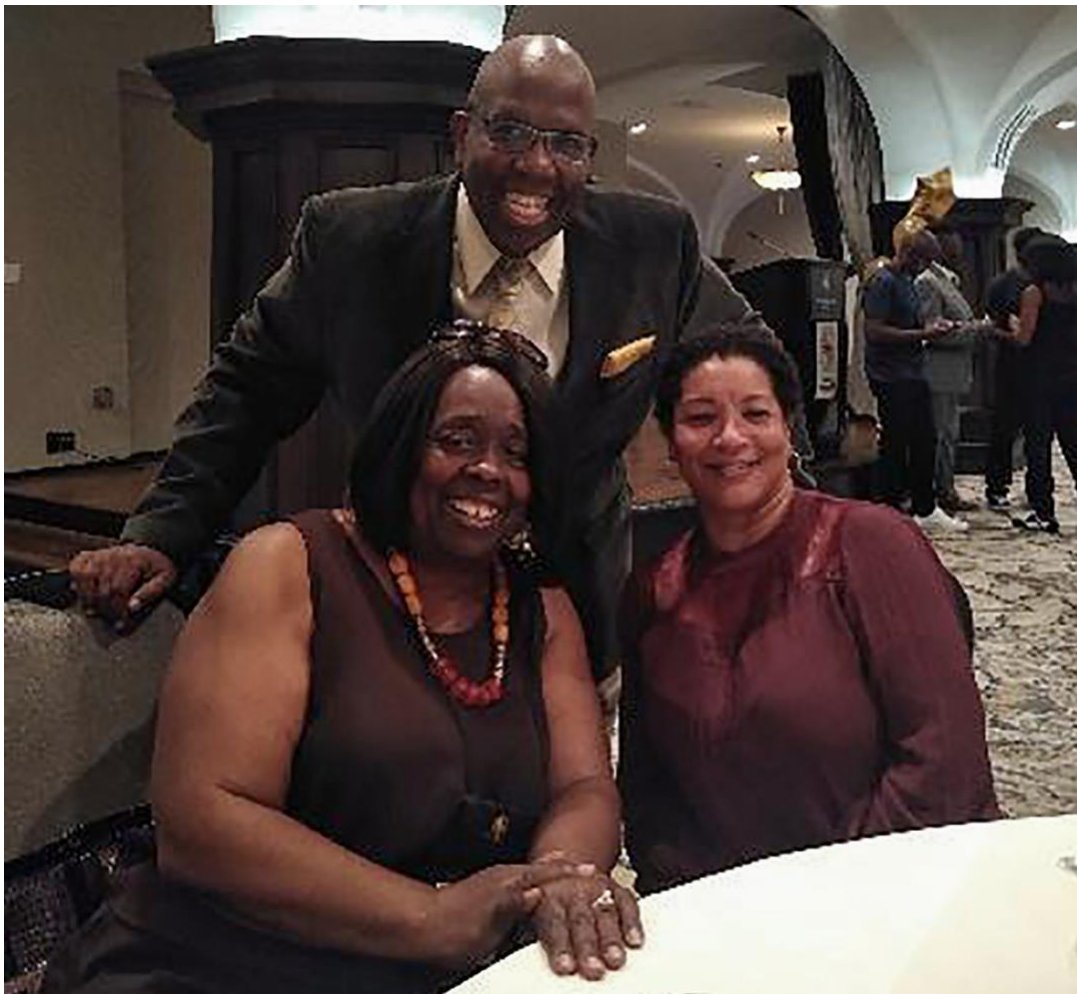
On the construction front, the new building is making steady progress towards completion. Most of the current work involves closing in the building to allow the interior work to be completed during the winter months. I hope folks visited the furniture mock-ups in cougar village CV228/232 October 28-31. There are samples of classroom, office, and lounge area furniture. As a reminder there is a web camera to view the project. <https://alameda.peralta.edu/office-of-the-president/liberal-arts-building/>

In addition to this project, planning will proceed this academic year on the new auto/diesel building, aviation facility modernization, and the new science building.

Sincerely,



Timothy Karas, Ed.D.
President



CoA Professors Rochelle Olive, Silvester Henderson, and Carla Pegues at the California Association of Black School Educators' Conference.

Kudos

CoA Professors **Rochelle Olive, Silvester Henderson, and Carla Pegues** attended the California Association of Black School Educators' Conference early this month. The California Association of Black School Educators (CABSE) is a non-partisan organization consisting of elected and appointed school officials, administrators and instructors from across California who are committed to advancing equity for Black students. CABSE members represent governmental agencies, charter schools and charter school organizations, public school districts, traditional public schools, and community colleges.

Submitted by Ana McClanahan, Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics

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Name this art! Stop by the library and use the suggestion box next to the piece to suggest a title.

You're Invited to Participate in Naming Contest for Art Piece in Library

In Spring 2019, a painting was created as a collaborative effort among students, at the Spring 2019 Art Encounters Event hosted by the Art Department. The painting is currently displayed on the first floor of the Library, to the right of the elevator. The Art Department and Library are hosting a naming contest for the piece. Please come by and use the suggestion box next to the piece to suggest a title. The selected title will be added to the display and the winner will receive a \$20 gift certificate.

Submitted by Jane McKenna, Head Librarian, Access Services Librarian and LIS85 Instructor



CoA AMT students, faculty, and staff pose with F-35

AMT Students Invited to Meet Blue Angels

Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) School was invited to experience up close the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and the USAF F-35 at their annual San Francisco show earlier this month. As a 1st year AMT student at College of Alameda, I got a once in a life time opportunity to meet with some of the finest pilots and their flight aviation crew on the planet at the Oakland International Airport. I felt honored and like a little kid again. The feeling of seeing the Blue Angels lined in formation and the USAF F-35 up close was breathtaking. The entire experience gave me a new sense of passion for why I am changing careers in mid-flight of my life! I have always wanted to fly, and learn how aircrafts take off and land so gracefully. As I now get closer to the finish my AMT General, an entire new world of Aviation has opened for me and my classmates. Fleet Week 2019 helped make connections from the ground to the sky and into the classroom for many of us here at College of Alameda Aviation Maintenance Technology School.

Submitted by Jo Ann McCoy, AMT Student. Photo by Esther Cheng.



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Check Out Our Online Books on OverDrive!

The COA Library is excited to spotlight one of our resources for eBooks: OverDrive database.

Containing a wide variety of eBooks and audio books, OverDrive is an amazing resource for popular titles. We have biographies, histories, art, fitness, contemporary literature, classics, and much more!

Check out these current hot titles:



You can access our digital collection, from on or off campus, using either of these methods:

Visit the Library's Article Databases webpage: <https://alameda.peralta.edu/library/article-databases/> and look in the "eBooks" section for OverDrive

Visit the College of Alameda OverDrive webpage*: <https://coa.overdrive.com/>

Note: Scroll to the bottom of this webpage to a link for setting up the OverDrive App on your personal device as well as a link for additional support.

Once you have gotten to the College of Alameda using any of these methods all you need to do to sign in is enter your @peralta.edu email address. After submitting your email address, check your @peralta.edu email for a verification code, enter the code when prompted by the page/app and then you are in!

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Happy Reading!

Cheers,

Submitted by Jane McKenna, Head Librarian, Access Services Librarian and LIS85 Instructor

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Welcome Center: Meet the Student Assistants!

Student assistants are the first friendly faces that you see when you step onto campus. They can answer most of your questions or guide you in the right direction. Our wonderful Student Assistants help one-on-one with the following:

- college online application
- online orientation
- math & English placement questionnaire
- providing ESOL assessment calendar dates
- registering for classes (adding/dropping a class)
- help you meet with college reps
- taking your student photo ID
- making appointments to meet with a counselor
- logging in to your student email, Passport, & Canvas



*My name is **Faiza Niazi**, I am 23 years old. I was born and raised in Afghanistan and it has been only 2 years that I moved to United States. My native language is Dari and I learned English when I moved to U.S. I am majoring in Business Administration, and I am planning on transferring to UC Berkley. I am interested in opening my own business in future.*

*My name is **Ahmed Almakkawi**, I am 40 years old and I was born in Sudan, Africa. I speak Arabic and English. I am planning to study accounting and also planning to transfer to CSU, East Bay. Finally, I want to create opportunities for students like myself and I am doing that through my work in the Welcome Center.*



*My name is **Nara Jamsranjav**. I grew up in Ulaanbaatar city of Mongolia, which is one of the coldest cities, so my childhood was very enjoyable and memorable playing with snow, ice skating, and skiing. My native language is Mongolian and I speak Russian at intermediate level and English.*

I have been in the U.S for 3 years and trying to adjust in the new culture. I am a student and working mom. I have worked One stop career center for 2 years as student worker and it was a good opportunity to learn and get experience. I have some previous experience working in Human resources field with diversity and International population and I am passionate for pursuing HR management degree. So I am majoring in Business.

My favorite quote is “You are the owner of your destiny, only you can change.”

I would like to say a big “Thank you” to College of Alameda’s instructors, counselors, workmates, and all other teams for supporting, encouraging, and guiding me all the time.



*“My name Is **Juan Manuel Perez Lopez**, I am 26 years old. I was born in San Juan Guatemala but I have lived in Oakland, CA for 8 years. I like to help others; I am considered a leader in my community in Oakland. I like to help people. I like to practice sports, play the guitar and travel.”*

“Hello COA,

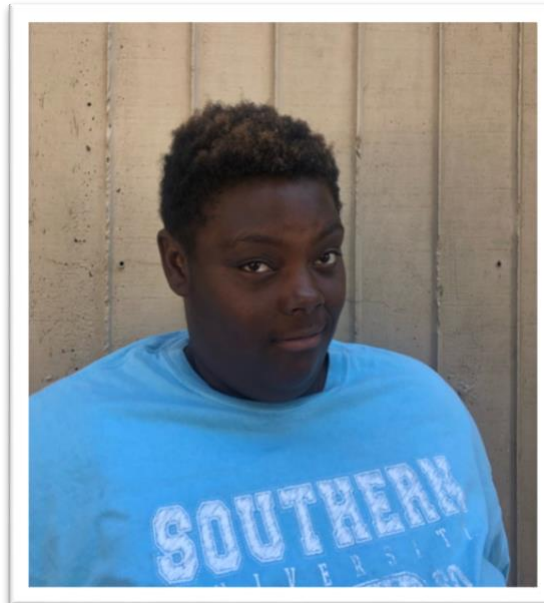
*My name is **Maria Alvarez** and I’m 19 years old. I was born & raised in Oakland, CA. My first language is Spanish and my second is English. One of my talents is staying organized. On my free time I enjoy going on hikes. My major is Dental Assisting and my goal is to graduate from my DA program.”*

-“Don’t wait for an Opportunity. Create it “ 



*“My name is **Sabria Hinton** and I am 21 Years old. I grew up in West Oakland. I only speak one language but I plan on learning Spanish. I like to hang out with friends and watch my favorite TV show Grey Anatomy. My major is Psychology but I am also taking all of my medical school prerequisites. My career goal is to be a pediatric surgeon.*

My favorite quote from Grey Anatomy is ‘We do our very best, but sometimes it's just not good enough. We buckle our seat belts, we wear a helmet, we stick to the lighted paths, we try to be safe. We try so hard to protect ourselves, but it doesn't make a damn bit of difference. Cause when the bad things come, they come out of nowhere. The bad things come suddenly, with no warning. But we forget that sometimes that's how the good things come too. – Meredith Grey’”



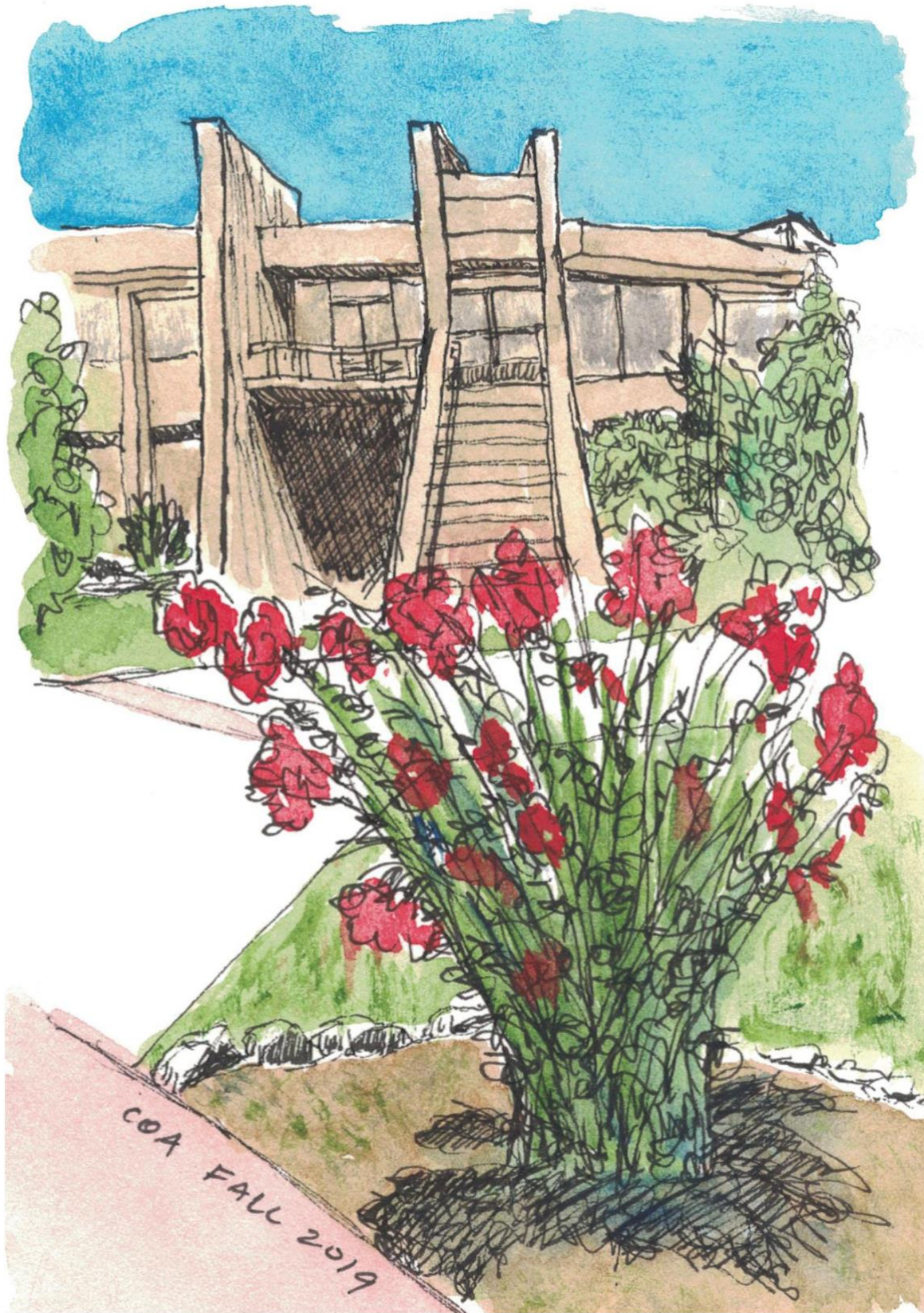
“Hello!

*I'm **B**. I'm originally from a small village in Michigan, but have been living and adapting to the city and state for a bit over 5 years now. I'll still happily chat with you about my hometown if you're ever interested. Catch me singing a tune sometime around campus! :)”*

*Hi, I am **Hailey** and I just turn 19 this spring. I grew up in a busy city in China, Canton. I am fluent in English, Mandarin, and Cantonese. Some of my talents are guitar, sketch on the computer, knitting, and cooking. In my spare time, I usually exercise, play video games, and watch movies. I volunteer in a senior house, summer camp, concert, school, etc. I want to double major in accounting and terminology. I would like to transfer to Santa Clara University. My career goal is to finish my accounting degree and then start to work on my terminology degree.*

There's a quote that I really like, ‘Treat others how you want to be treated.’”





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AMT Students Participate in United Technical Operations Open House

On October 13, 2019 I had the opportunity to go to an open house at United Technical Operations with the College of Alameda. It was incredible to see the Boeing 787 Dreamliner and a fully jacked up Boeing 757. Also standing under a Boeing 777 and seeing an engine that I could stand in was amazing. A few of us had an in-depth tour of the composites shop by one of the mechanics that work there, who also was the dad of one of my classmates. The tour was very informative and we got to see a lot of different parts and items that we use and learn about in class, like riveting and different types of slates and spoilers. All of this was very neat to see and I had a great time being that at United Tech Ops. A big thanks to Esther, with the College of Alameda, for putting this event together and giving us a chance to see things we have never seen before.

Submitted by Matt Wyder, First Semester CoA AMT Student. Photo by Esther Cheng.

Veteran's Resource Center Is Hosting a Veterans Day Ceremony

The Veteran's Resource Center is hosting a Veterans Day Ceremony on November 7, 2019, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Activities Center (F-Building). We would like to invite you to this event, your presence would be greatly appreciated. Please find the attached flyer for this upcoming event. During the event, we will acknowledge veterans, have a moment of silence, and speak briefly about the history of Veterans' Day. Please come to show your support and thank our veterans for their service. Hope to see you all there!

Program

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| 12:00- 12:05 p.m. | Opening remarks- CoA President Dr. Timothy Karas |
| 12:10-12:15 p.m. | History of Veterans Day- Veteran student, Matthew Morrow |
| 12:15-12:20 p.m. | Taps History- Veteran student Cleamus Tervalon |
| 12:20-12:25 p.m. | Taps/ Moment Silence- Veteran student Cleamus Tervalon |
| 12:25-12:30 p.m. | Closing remarks- VRC staff |
| 12:30-12:45 p.m. | Marching Band Performance |



Pictured from left to right, John Keck, Somaya Furkhunda, Erika Stovall, Faiza Niazi, Maria Alvarez, Vincent Catacutan, Paulo Athans, Hailey Jiang, Samrawit Abdura, Briana Smith, Ahmed Almakkawi, Jason Davis, Sabrina Igot

12 College of Alameda Students Become Certified Peer Educators

Congratulations to the 12 College of Alameda participants that became Certified Peer Educators! A CPE training was offered over two days for a total of 12 hours on Friday, October 18, 2019, and Saturday, October 19, 2019, at College of Alameda, F-building. Our facilitator for this training was **Jason Davis** the Assistant Director to Peer Initiatives and Training Programs. NASPA, Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education provided this training that consisted of small group discussions, large group discussions, individual reflections, scenario-based activities, videos, and games.

The training was also selected to support the new CoA Peer Advisor Program that will pilot



this Fall Semester in EOPS and will later rollout to other student services areas. The students earned a nationally recognized Certified Peer Educator Certificate to which they can include on resumes/ personal statements for colleges and universities.

Below are some of the modules and skillsets that the students developed:

1. Understanding the Power, Roles, and Characteristics of Quality Peer Educators
2. Affecting and Understanding “Change Making” as a Peer Educator
3. Being an Effective Listener as a Peer Educator
4. A Peer Educator’s Role in Responding to Crisis
5. Bystander Intervention as a Peer Education Technique
6. Intrapersonal Applications of Identity as a Peer Educator
7. Putting the “Educator” in Peer Educator
8. Group Development and Moving Forward



Jason Davis, Assistant Director of Peer Initiatives and Training Programs facilitating to the 12 CoA students in the F-building, Pit.

Comments from students:

"I want to become a better leader for my campus; this is why I am participating in this training."
–Sabrina Igot

"This was one of the trainings that did not feel boring."
–Somaya Furkhunda

"What a fun experience, fun presentation and overall informative."
–Hailey Jiang

A special thanks to **ValJeán Dale**, Int. Dean of Special Program and Grants, and **Dr. Tina Vasconcellos**, Vice President of Student Services; for bringing such an amazing resource to the College of Alameda Peer Advisor Program. We are looking forward to the next training happening Fall 2020. Please make sure to sign up!

Thanks for joining us and showing support to the following:

- **Charles Washington**, EOPS Counselor and Peer Advisor Program Coordinator
- **Jiayu He**, Staff Assistant Dean of Special Programs and Grants
- **Vincent Catacutan**, Staff Assistant Welcome Center
- **Denise Burgara**, SEA Coordinator



Students completing the Certified Peer Educator test at the end of their training.

Article and photos submitted by Denise Burgara, SEA Coordinator



Friday Art Encounters Will Continue to Be Held on Fridays This Fall

We continue Fridays with our Art Encounters in room D316 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All are welcome to visit and consider participating in a meeting to engage the community with expression.

Student Le Feng graciously has allowed the image on the left of our work in progress.

The community painting expresses a theme of flying with a recognition of the endangered ecosystem. Included are earth creatures such as insects and birds.

Submitted by Drew Burgess, Art Department

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COLLEGE REP CALENDAR



CSU East Bay
Marc Strong
Appointments



UC Berkeley
Leilt Habte/Zefora Ortiz
Drop-in Appointments



UC DAVIS
AGGIES
Mayra Escobar
Appointments
10:30-2:30



San Francisco State
University
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April Sanders
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Adra Bowman
Appointments

UCLA

Paitzar Giordjian
Appointments

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Makers Paradise &
College of Alameda Fab Lab present
Makers Ball

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BENEFIT FOR ART & MAKER TRAINING PROGRAMS



**COSTUME PARTY
WITH PRIZES
ART EXHIBIT
RAFFLE PRIZES
SILENT AUCTION
SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Friday
Nov. 1, 2019**
Doors open at 4 pm
for Silent Auction
Dinner at 6:30 pm

**Just Dance Ballroom
2500 Embarcadero
Oakland**

**Tickets \$60
Includes Dinner,
Awards Ceremony
& Live Music**

**Music by Blind to Reason, Hyperdrive Kittens,
MOAWK feat. Viv Savage of This is Spinal Tap
& Special Guest Prairie Prince of The Tubes**

Purchase tickets online: makersball.org



Make Your *Splash!*

Is there an upcoming event that we should all know about?
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?
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's 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 and be sure to include the word “Splash” in the subject line.

Past issues of the *CoA Splash* are available at
<https://alameda.peralta.edu/newsletter/coa-splash/>