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President's Corner: Spring Semester Updates

On January 28, 2020, I had the privilege of participating in the Black and African American Advisory Panel of the California Community Colleges Oakland Town Hall at McClymonds High School. This was the fifth regional town hall. The Advisory Panel is tasked with providing recommendations to California State Chancellor **Eloy Ortiz Oakley** to better understand the challenges facing Black and African-American students who seek to continue their education beyond high school. I was a co-facilitator of one of the breakout listening sessions. PCCD Chancellor **Regina Stanback Stroud**, Ed.D., was a keynote speaker at the event and my fellow PCCD presidents served as listening session co-facilitators.

On February 11, 2020, I had the opportunity to be a guest at the USS Hornet to hear a presentation by **Rear Admiral Daniel Dwyer** on the future of naval aviation. Dwyer assumed command of Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA) in July 2019. CNATRA consists of nearly 5,000 military and civilian personnel and 700 aircraft across five training wings in three states. At CNATRA, Dwyer also is responsible for the renowned Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels.

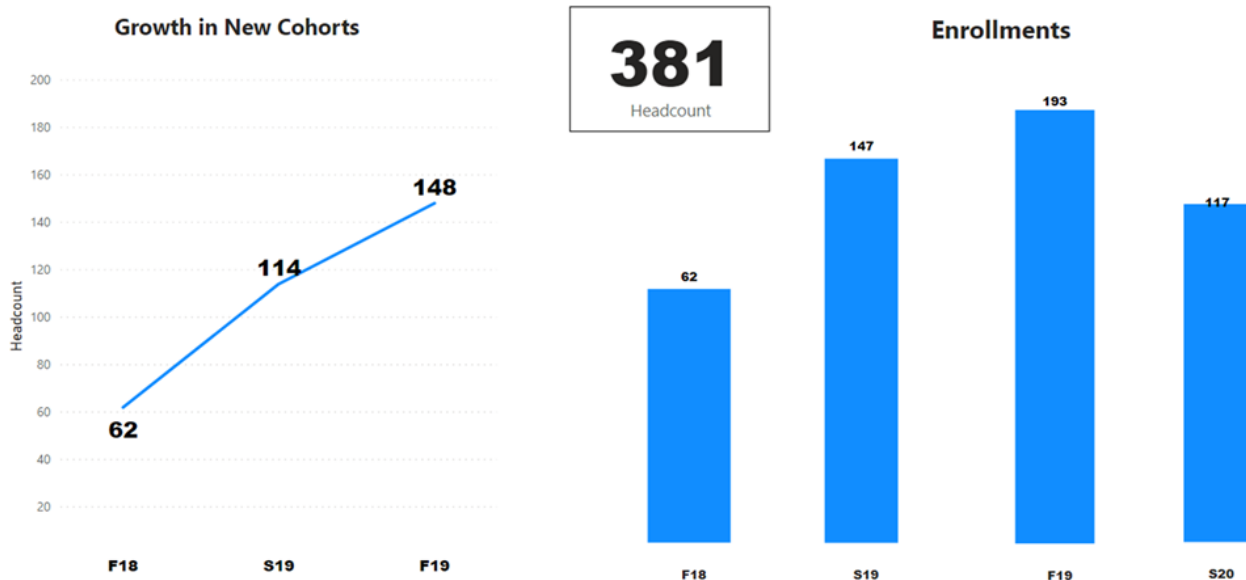
I want to thank USS Hornet Museum Community Events Coordinator **Russell Moore** for providing the opportunity for me to attend the event. The USS Hornet is one of CoA's esteemed community partners.

Program Spotlight: CoA and Las Casa

Adult Transitions Program Project Manager **Nicole Kelly** and Associate Dean of Educational Success **Paula Armstead** (CoA Adult Education Office) have developed important working relationships with Las Casas

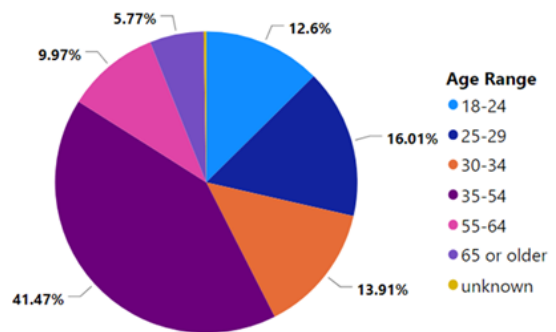
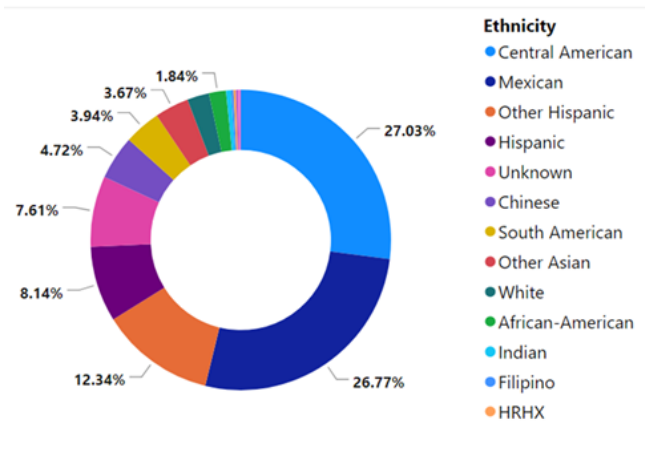
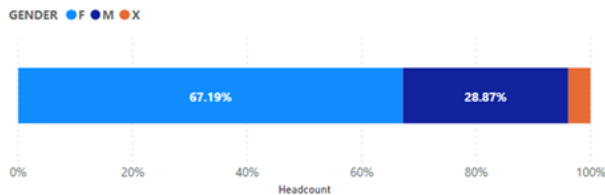
and the Spanish Speaking Citizens' Foundation (SSCF). Through these strategic partnerships and internal collaborations, the ESOL department now offers Bridge-to-Credit classes at each site. Since fall semester 2018, CoA has served over 381 new students (not including spring 2020) who previously did not have access to college.

Each semester, Las Casas hosts one section of the noncredit ESOL 541 series, and SSCF hosts four sections. Many thanks go to the faculty who teach these essential bridge classes and the Admissions and Records staff who processes numerous paper applications each semester.



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Construction/Facilities Update

Below is a brief status report on the major facilities/construction projects on camps.

A. CoA – NCLA (New Building)

<https://alameda.peralta.edu/office-of-the-president/liberal-arts-building/>

Percent Complete: 74%

a. Building Exterior Work

- Curtain wall framing and glazing continues and expected to complete by 1/31/2020.
- Exterior panels continue and scheduled to complete by 2/7/2020.

b. Lvl 1

- Drywall install and taping complete.
- Ceramic tile in restrooms complete.
- Painting complete, touch up continues.
- HVAC registers install continues and expected to complete by 1/31/2020.
- Electrical rough-in continues and expected to complete by 2/7/2020.
- Light fixtures installation continues and will complete by 1/31/2020.
- T-bar ceiling expected to complete by 1/29/2020.

c. Lvl 2

- Drywall install and taping complete.
- Ceramic tile in restrooms complete.
- T-bar ceiling is complete.

B. CoA – 860 Atlantic HVAC Upgrades

Contract- Pending

- District Staff to procure DSA inspection services
- District Staff to procure Commissioning services

C. CoA – Drinking Fountain Area Water Pooling (by F Building)

Contract- Pending

- Received contact info from District Staff for vendor
- The analysis will provide general scope of services necessary to correct the problem.

D. CoA – Building D Restroom Modernization

Contract- Pending

- Scope of work will be identified once a design service provider is under contract with District.

E. CoA – Diesel Fencing Contract- Pending

F. CoA- Automotive/Diesel Replacement Building (New Construction)

Contract- Awarded to Lionakis (Feb 25)

- College design team (faculty, staff, administrator) will begin working post contract award.

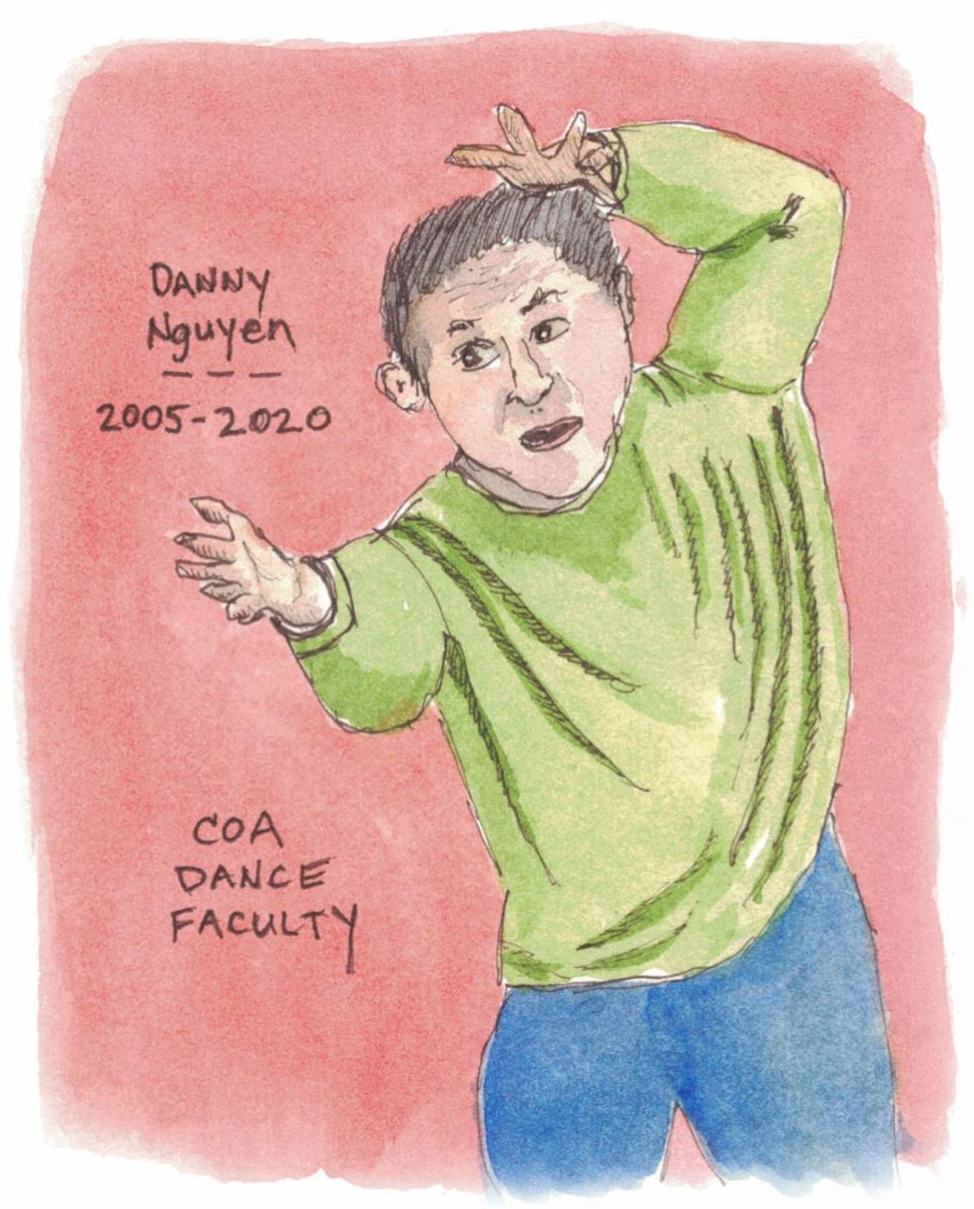
Sincerely,



Timothy Karas, Ed.D.

President





Portrait commemorating Dance Professor Danny Nguyen's outstanding accomplishments at CoA by artist & CoA English Instructor Jay Rubin.

Kudos

Dance Professor **Danny Nguyen** and his students recently performed at San Francisco City Hall to an enthusiastic crowd. Danny received a special award presented by SF Mayor London Breed in appreciation for their outstanding cultural contributions. You may see a recording of the performance on Danny's [Facebook page](http://ow.ly/4DYP30qgYSV) at <http://ow.ly/4DYP30qgYSV>. **Kudos to Professor Nguyen and his students!**

Music Professor **Silvester Henderson** will receive the African American Male Education Network & Development (A²MEND) Educational Leadership Award at the annual Scholarship Awards Dinner on Thursday, March 5, 2020. The award ceremony will be held at the Hyatt Regency Los Angeles International Airport as part of A²MEND's 13th annual conference titled Choosing Our Race: Defining Our Own Pathway for African American Male Success. The A²MEND Educational Leadership Award recognizes an individual's advocacy, mentorship, and support for increasing the success of African American males in both community colleges and beyond. **Congratulations Professor Henderson for outstanding leadership!**



Welcome New KIN Faculty

This spring semester, the Department of Kinesiology welcomes new adjunct faculty **Jordan Lee**. Jordan is a former student at COA. He holds a master's degree in kinesiology from Azusa Pacific University.

Department of Kinesiology new adjunct faculty Jordan Lee. Jordan



Athletics News

Congratulations to the Cougar men's basketball team in winning three games in a row:

Mendocino College 91-75

Napa Valley College 88-76

Contra Costa College 69-60

In the Bay Valley Conference, Cougar student-athletes **Kameron Malbrough** is ranked No. 5 and **Markus Gilbert** is ranked No. 14 in conference play.

Go Cougars!

Submitted by Linda Thompson, M.A., Athletic Director/Head Volleyball Coach, Department Chair, Kinesiology, Health, & Athletics, Committee: Curriculum











Black History Month Opening Was a Great Success

The opening day for Black History Month at College of Alameda was outstanding. All of the guest speakers were on point presenting us with historical information that brought empowerment, revelation and encouragement. Our very own College of Alameda AFRAM instructor **Jody Campbell** took us to a place of knowing. Knowing that we did not just arrive here from fields of slavery. But, we are a people who come from a rich heritage of Kings and Queens, a rich soil of brilliant people, and that we need to know the truth of who we are, not what was printed in history books. Many thanks to the Black History Committee for all of your outstanding work, participation and support of one another. More events to come for this month.

Brenda J. Lewis, Staff Assistant, Department of Liberal Studies and Language Arts, Deans Office Instruction

EVENTSCHEDULE

 <p>2-4 Opening Ceremony: Black History through the African Diaspora Special Guest: Chancellor Stanback Stroud The PIT F-Building 12 noon-1:30</p>  <p>2-5 Campus Resource Fair *Campus Scholarships *Resources *HBCU transfer L-215 12 noon-1:30</p> <p><small>Made with PosterMyWall.com</small></p>	 <p>2-8 BLACK COLLEGE EXPO OAKLAND MARRIOTT CITY CENTER 9am-5pm Free with College ID</p> <p>2-11 UMOJA COMMUNITY WELCOME ORIENTATION L215 12:15pm-1:30</p>	 <p>2-11 FILM SCREENING: BLINDSPOTTING L215 12:15PM-1:30PM</p>  <p>2-18 BLACK HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR F-BUILDING 12 NOON-1:30PM</p> 	 <p>2-26 1619 PROJECT AND CONVERSATION L237 12 noon-1:30pm</p>  <p>2-27 AKWASIDAE SUNDAY DINNER WITH POETRY AND MUSIC SPECIAL GUESTS: BRYANT B. BOLLINGS & ZAKIYAH G.E. CAPEHART The PIT F-Building 12 noon - 2pm</p>
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The CoA Library Partners with Alameda Education Foundation's Art Across the Island Project

The CoA Library has partnered with Alameda Education Foundation's Art Across the Island Project to offer a display of Alameda public school students' art in the CoA Library. Currently on display are Abstract Line Patterns by Encinal High Art 2 students and Cyanotype Prints by Encinal High AP Photography students. When entering the building, the display is located along the far-right wall.

Read more about the Art Across the Island Project at: <https://alamedaeducationfoundation.org/art-across-the-island/>

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





Cougar Scholars and Denise Burgara, SEA Coordinator.

Cougar Scholars Spring 2020 Meeting

Continuing from Fall 2019, Cougar Scholar’s came together to discuss program eligibility, program benefits, and support on Friday, February 7, 2020. Known as Alameda Promise, the Cougar Scholars program provides a pathway for eligible students to attend CoA for one year without paying enrollment and other fees. A special thanks to VPSS Dr. Tina Vasconcellos for opening the meeting and showing support. “Thank you for choosing the College of Alameda”, said Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Tina Vasconcellos. In addition, General Counselor/Veteran’s Counselor, Jamar Mears spoke to students about resources on campus and encouraged students to seek support and take advantage of all resources by sharing part of his educational journey. The CoA Cougar Scholars have scheduled their first counseling appointment of the semester and will be meeting regularly with the counseling department. The students expressed gratitude and are excited for another semester at CoA and to be part of the Cougar Scholars program. For more information visit <https://alameda.peralta.edu/partnership-initiative/college-of-alameda-promise-scholarship/> or email at coapromise@peralta.edu.



Article submitted by Denise Burgara, SEA Coordinator. Photos by Vincent Catacutan, Welcome Center Staff.














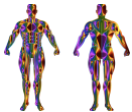
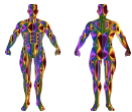
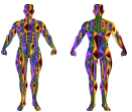





Pictured left to right. Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Tina Vasconcellos, SEA Coordinator, Denise Burgra, and General/Veteran’s Counselor, Jamar Mears



MESA Spring 2020 Tutor Schedule

The MESA program provides free tutoring for all students enrolled in a STEM course at College of Alameda. Tutors are available throughout the week in the MESA Center to help students with chemistry, physics, biology, and mathematics. Please come visit the center and utilize all its resources as a place to study, getting help from our STEM tutors, and counseling. We are located in the Science Annex Building in Room 125 (860 Atlantic Ave). Please also visit our website to enroll in [MESA](#) and schedule your appointment to meet with our MESA Counselor Nila.

TUTOR	SUBJECT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Jacob Ahmed	CHEM 1A	2-6pm		2-6pm		
Jennifer Nguyen	CHEM 30A & CHEM 1A		10-12pm		10-12pm	
Esther McCarthy	All math up to 3B (no stats), CHEM 1A CHEM 1B BIOL 10		10-12pm & 3-5pm		10-12pm & 3-5pm	
Thien Huynh	Chem 30A					10-2pm
Nicky Harris	BIO 10		1-3pm		1-3pm	
Thomas Greathouse	CHEM 30A, 1A, 1B, 12A BIOL 1A ALL MATH (NO STATS) PHYS 4A, 4B, 4C		10-12pm		10-12pm	

Submitted by Nila Adina, M.A., General Counselor, MESA Counselor & Coordinator

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Financial Aid Hands-on

February

Tuesday	2/4/2020	10:00-11:30AM
Monday	2/10/2020	12:00-1:30PM
Tuesday	2/18/2020	12:00-1:30PM
Monday	2/24/2020	4:00-5:30PM

March

Wednesday	3/4/2020	12:00-1:30PM
Tuesday	3/10/2020	10:00-11:30AM
Friday	3/20/2020	10:00-11:30AM
Monday	3/23/2020	12:00-1:30PM

April

Monday	4/6/2020	4:00-5:30PM
Wednesday	4/15/2020	12:00-1:30PM
Friday	4/24/2020	10:00-11:30AM
Wednesday	4/29/2020	12:00-1:30PM

May

Monday	5/4/2020	12:00-1:30PM
Tuesday	5/12/2020	10:00-11:30AM
Wednesday	5/20/2020	12:00-1:30PM
Tuesday	5/26/2020	10:00-11:30AM

FAFSA: fafsa.ed.gov
Dream Act: dream.csac.ca.gov

College of Alameda's School Code: **006720**

Financial Aid Department
Welcome Center, Building A
(510) 748-2391
coafinancialaid@peralta.edu
<http://alameda.peralta.edu/financial-aid/>

Workshops are located in A232 - A-Building Second Floor

Note: You will not be admitted if you're 15 minutes or more late.



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 special projects or field trips planned this semester?
 - Have you or a colleague been honored with an award, or have you published an article, book, or chapter recently?
- Is there a colleague that you'd like to recognize or a new staff member in your department that you'd like to welcome?

Send us your news, so that we may share it with the campus and the community in the next edition of *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/>

The deadline for the next edition of Splash is Monday, February 24, 2020.

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