

# 2018-2019

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## Report to the Community

## ABOUT THE COLLEGE



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**C**ollege of Alameda (CoA) is a small, friendly community college noted for the excellence of its academic, vocational, and student support programs. Situated on a beautiful park-like campus on the island city of Alameda, CoA offers the quiet of a suburban setting, just minutes from downtown Oakland. We welcome students of all ages and backgrounds, who hail from over 50 countries, the city of Alameda, Oakland, and the greater San Francisco Bay Area.

CoA's academic programs enable students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities, earn over 50 degrees and certificates in academic and occupational fields, prepare for positions in the workforce, improve basic learning skills, and expand their general knowledge.

For over 40 years, CoA's faculty and staff have encouraged students to believe in themselves and reach their highest potential. We strive to provide our students with educational experiences that challenge their thinking, empower them to stretch beyond their wildest dreams, and prepare them to enter the 21st-century global marketplace.

Most classes are held on the college's main 62-acre campus in Alameda. A satellite campus housing the Aviation Maintenance programs is located on a 2.5-acre site adjacent to the Oakland International Airport's North Field. CoA's science building is located at 860 Atlantic Avenue, one block to the east of the main campus. The college also offers online and distance education courses, available to students worldwide.

CoA is one of four colleges in the Peralta Community College District (PCCD).

### MISSION

The Mission of College of Alameda is to serve the educational needs of its diverse community by providing comprehensive and flexible programs and resources that empower students to achieve their goals.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*The past academic year has been exceptional in many respects for College of Alameda. We kicked off Fall Semester 2018 with the much anticipated grand opening of our new FabLab. Last fall, we also received great news that our Aviation Maintenance Technology Program was awarded a \$3 million federal grant to upgrade facilities and expand course offerings.*

*In spring 2019, internal demographic research determined that over 25 percent of College of Alameda's students were LatinX, qualifying the College, for the first time in its history, to compete for a Federal Department of Education Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) grant. We recently learned that the College received the grant, which will provide many benefits for future students.*

*Thanks to our wonderful community partners at Alameda Unified School District and Mills College, we were able to expand our Alameda Promise scholarship program. In*

*addition, our Veterans Resource Center was awarded a substantial grant to expand its services.*

*Continuing our efforts to improve student access and success, in March 2019, we launched a newly designed, mobile-friendly website, making it easier for students and prospective students to access important information about the College.*

*Most importantly, we are finding that more of our students are achieving their academic goals. The number of College of Alameda students earning degrees or certificates has jumped about 59 percent since 2015.*

*I hope that you enjoy reading about some of our accomplishments, all of which have been made possible by the hard work and dedication of our outstanding faculty and staff, and the commitment of our students to Believe, Achieve, and Succeed at CoA.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy Karas'.

Timothy Karas, Ed.D.  
President  
College of Alameda

## COMMUNITY MATTERS



College of Alameda President Dr. Tim Karas (center) is joined at the FabLab's Grand Opening by former City of Alameda Mayor Trish Herrera Spencer, Alameda Chamber of Commerce President Michael McDonough, community members, faculty, staff, and students.

### NEW FABLAB OPENS IN EARLY FALL 2018

Fall Semester 2018 kicked off with the grand opening of the College's new fabrication laboratory, or FabLab. The event was held on Thursday, September 27, 2018, and drew a large crowd of enthusiastic participants. FabLab staff provided hands-on, interactive demonstrations of the new lab's impressive equipment and capabilities.

CoA FabLab students will learn how to use digital fabrication tools, including state-of-the-art 3D printers and a computer numerical control (CNC) router. A variety of projects can be made in the FabLab, including tangibles for assisting in teaching complex math, engineering, and physics principles; custom signage; promotional goods; consumer electronics; furniture; displays; biotech equipment; custom clothing and fashion products; household goods; automotive accessories; and aftermarket parts. By having access to hands-on makerspace experiences, the new FabLab offers

students the opportunity to learn relevant STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) skills that can lead to engineering and advanced manufacturing career pathways. In addition, community members with ideas for entrepreneurial projects also may enroll in FabLab classes and learn to bring their product ideas to life and to the marketplace.

The project was funded by a \$250,000 California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Makerspace Grant. Idea Builder Labs was contracted to develop the project. Several local organizations provided letters of support for the grant, including the Alameda Chamber of Commerce, City of Alameda, American Association of University Women (AAUW), Boys and Girls Club, Bay Ship & Yacht Company, West Alameda Business Association, McGuire and Hester, Golden Gate Audubon Society, and Sila Nanotechnologies among others. We thank them for their support.



# COMMUNITY MATTERS



CoA's booth at Oakland Pride was a popular stop for festival goers.

## COA REACHES OUT AT ANNUAL OAKLAND PRIDE

For the second year, College of Alameda participated in the 9th Annual Oakland Pride Parade and Festival on Sunday, September 9, 2018. According to the San Francisco Chronicle, the event was the biggest ever.

CoA's Outreach Department Team engaged hundreds of Pride participants, including current students, alumni, business owners, and community members.

The event engendered new partnership opportunities, including with My New Red Shoes, a nonprofit organization serving the Bay Area and Portland Oregon, based in Redwood City. Each year, My New Red Shoes collects thousands of new shoe donations from shoe drives led by individual donors, community groups, and corporate teams, to help students attend school with greater confidence bolstered by new shoes.

A local judge also stopped by CoA's booth expressing interest in learning more about the College's Pathways to Law School Program and volunteered to speak on campus, mentor students, and assist with internship placements.

## SPECIAL EVENT HELD AT COA FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN LAW SCHOOL

CoA's Debate and Law Club, in partnership with the Community Change and Urban Leadership Initiative, held a special panel presentation titled Destination Law School Tuesday, October 23, 2018, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event was offered free of charge and was open to students and the general public. Destination Law School is program that has been developed by the San Francisco Bar Association's Justice and Diversity Center especially for diverse pre-law and college students. Participants will learn how to prepare for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), better understand specific areas of legal practice, find out about internship opportunities, and more. Cosponsors for the event include: University of San Francisco School of Law, UC Davis School of Law, Santa Clara University School of Law, Golden Gate University School of Law, and the Community Change and Urban Leadership Initiative.



## MASCOT MAKES NEW FRIENDS AT THE DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS FESTIVAL IN OAKLAND

CoA's booth was a big hit at the popular 23rd Annual Día de los Muertos Festival in the heart of the Fruitvale District in Oakland. The booth was decorated with a contemporary version of the traditional papel picado motif carved onto wood panels in CoA's very own FabLab. The Cougar mascot participated in the Día de los Muertos spirit, donning a festive Sugar Skull mask created by CoA Outreach Peer Advisor Erik Zavala.



# COMMUNITY MATTERS



*The sky's the limit for College of Alameda Aviation Maintenance Technology students.*

## **A \$3 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT WILL EXPAND COA'S AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY 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) awarded a \$3 million grant to the Peralta Community College District for the renovation and expansion of CoA's Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) facility.

This is great news for both the College and local aviation industry employers. There is high demand for CoA's 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.

## **UNITED AIRLINES DONATES PARTS TO COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA'S AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**

On May 11, 2018, United Airlines generously donated aircraft parts to CoA's AMT program. The donation included engine blades, metal honeycombs, and a variety of other parts that AMT students will use to gain hands-on experience. The AMT program continues to cultivate positive relationships with industry and community partners like United Airlines.





# COMMUNITY MATTERS



## ALAMEDA PROMISE EXPANDS WITH NEW MILLS COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP

Mills College President Elizabeth L. Hillman, JD, PhD., former Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) Superintendent Sean McPhetridge, Ed.D, and College of Alameda President Timothy Karas, Ed.D., worked together to launch a College of Alameda Promise and Mills College Joint Admission Guarantee program. This new partnership will provide a pathway for AUSD students to begin their college career at College of Alameda and then transition to Mills College.

Dr. Hillman is delighted that the expansion will increase access to college for all students, especially students from the East Bay, who are bringing with them their talents, energy, and ideas to Mills.

Eligible College of Alameda Promise women and gender non-binary students with a 3.2 GPA may apply for a +\$7000 Mills-Alameda Promise scholarship. Those qualifying students can begin earning credits towards a Mills College bachelor's degree while they are working on their community college associate degrees at CoA.

Participating students will receive targeted educational and mentoring services as well as academic and career counseling, financial aid scholarship workshops, tutoring, and other support both during the school year and over the summer.

Dr. McPhetridge also enthusiastically supported this new alliance and anticipated that it would result in more Alameda K-12 students attending college. He announced that all AUSD seniors received information in January 2019 about the new Alameda Promise opportunities at CoA and Mills College.

Mills College offers a liberal arts education with a focus on leadership, preparation for the workforce, and gender and racial justice. Mills also offers accelerated master's degree programs where students can earn both a BA and MA in five years.

CoA will continue to work closely with AUSD, Mills College, and others to expand the Alameda Promise and allow more students opportunities to achieve a college education.





# COMMUNITY MATTERS



*View of College of Alameda's Center for Liberal Arts from the live webcam.*

## LIBERAL ARTS BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IS WELL UNDERWAY

Construction of CoA's new Center for Liberal Arts is going full steam ahead and steel girders are sky high. The building will be comprised of a two-story wing and a three-story wing joined by an atrium. The new 56,000 square foot building will house four general classrooms, a computer classroom, instructional suites for the Art and Apparel Design and Merchandising program, a café, an Art Gallery, meeting rooms, and offices.

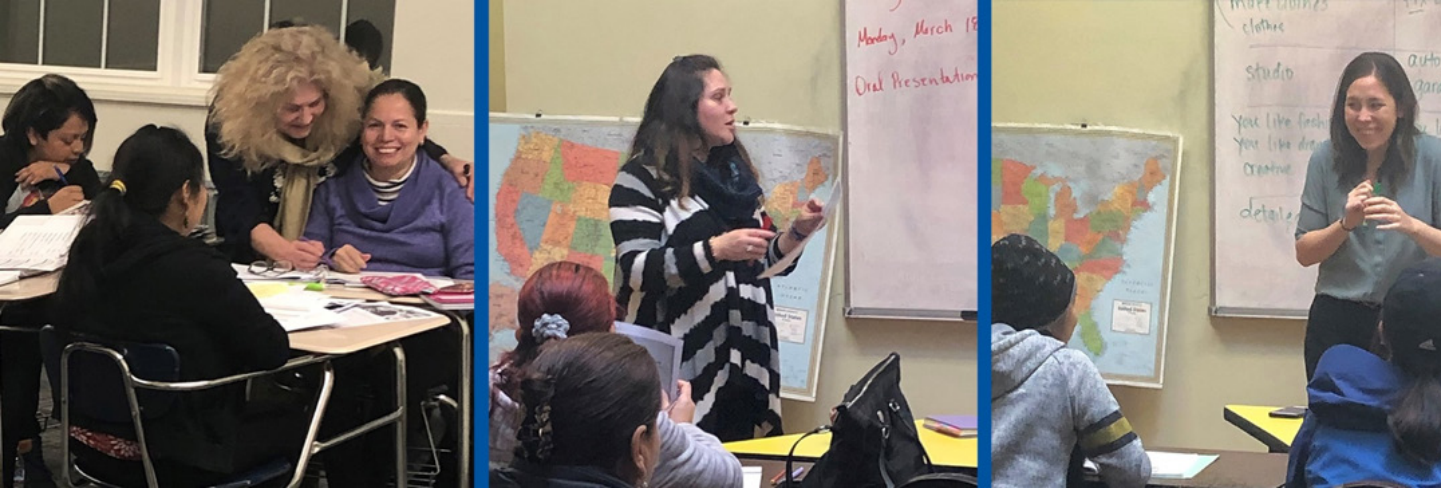
Noll + Tam Architects designed the new facility. Overaa Construction was awarded the building contract. The new Center for Liberal Arts was designed to attain a minimum of LEED Silver with energy efficient smart classrooms. Take a live look at the construction process: <https://alameda.peralta.edu/office-of-the-president/liberal-arts-building/>







# COMMUNITY MATTERS



CoA ESOL faculty members: Denise Urdang, Amanda Price, and Johanna Carranza.

## COA ADULT EDUCATION OFFICE–COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

The California Adult Education Program formerly known as the Adult Education Block Grant (AEBG) has thriving consortiums across the State of California. Our consortium, Northern Alameda Adult Education Collective is comprised of Peralta Colleges, our local adult schools (Alameda, Oakland, Piedmont, and Berkeley) and Community Based Organizations (CBOs). With the help of concurrent enrollment, contract education, and English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) noncredit, barriers are being removed.

### Concurrent Enrollment

Part-time students interested in earning their High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) qualify for Special Admission and Enrollment or “Concurrent Enrollment,” which means that they may take up to 11 units and their tuition is waived. Similar to the Dual Enrollment Program for high school students, AP 5011 allows students who are 18 years or older to qualify. Every semester Alameda Adult School students enroll in CoA programs so that they may complete their high school diplomas faster. Some students, however, opt to pace their diploma at the Adult School while taking Career Technical Education (CTE) classes, or other transferrable classes of interest.

### Contract Education

Some community agencies are interested in specific classes for cohorts of students who are already receiving services at their sites. When there is a specific need, the agencies pay CoA for instructional costs. In spring 2018 and 2019, CoA offered ESOL 253A – High Intermediate Reading and Writing at Alameda Adult School. The class is co-taught by a CoA ESOL faculty member and an adult school certificated teacher. Students must participate in the transitions process and the class is offered free of charge.

### ESOL Noncredit

The Adult Education Office has been collaborating with the College's ESOL Department to create easier pathways for non-native English speakers, including ESOL Bridge-to-Credit 541 (A through D). Students who complete all four sections qualify to earn a certificate and may seamlessly transition to ESOL credit courses after completion. This has been groundbreaking for adult transitions because students with language, documentation, and technology barriers now have easier access to college classes and programs. Between the fall 2018 and spring 2019 semesters, CoA served a total of 77 students.

## COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS



### COA RECEIVES \$100,000 GRANT FOR EXPANSION OF 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.



### COA AWARDED A HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS GRANT

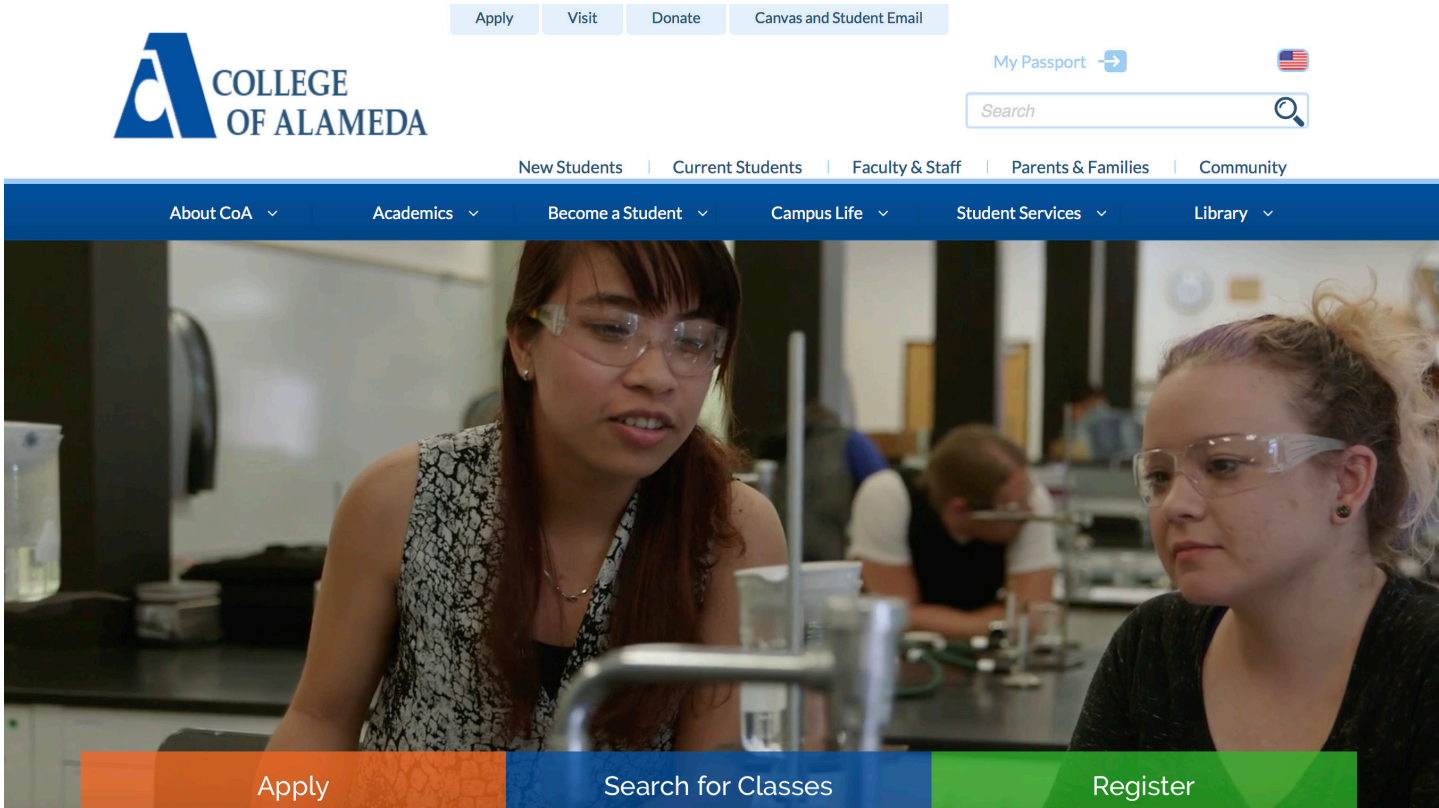
Over 25 percent of CoA's students are LatinX, qualifying the College, for the first time in its history, to compete for a Federal Department of Education Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) grant. This is a multi-year grant that will provide significant funding for student learning and teaching. The grant application was submitted in spring 2019.

The Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (DHSI) program provides grants to assist HSIs in expanding educational opportunities for, and improving the attainment of, Hispanic students. These grants also enable HSIs to expand and enhance their academic offerings, program quality, and institutional stability.



The grant funding will be used for activities such as: scientific or laboratory equipment for teaching; construction or renovation of instructional facilities; faculty development; purchase of educational materials; academic tutoring or counseling programs; funds and administrative management; joint use of facilities; endowment funds; distance learning academic instruction; teacher education; and student support services. This would not have been possible without the time, passion, and dedication on many members of our college community.

# COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS



## COA'S NEW WEBSITE WENT LIVE IN MARCH 2019

After many months of painstaking work, CoA's new website went live, featuring many new mobile responsive capabilities. A frequent complaint about the old website was that it lacked mobile friendly features, making it difficult to access from cell phones or tablets. According to a 2018 Google Analytics report, over 122,000 searches for College of Alameda were performed from mobile devices compared to 118,000 searches from desktop computers.

The new mobile-responsive website automatically adjusts to mobile devices delivering easy access to content. There are several general screen sizes that the new website has been designed for, including widescreen desktop monitors, smaller desktops (or laptops), tablets, and mobile phones.

The website address is <https://alameda.peralta.edu>.

## 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 our awarding of transfer degrees.

In terms of size (FTES), CoA is 99 out of 114 California Community Colleges. When it comes to Associate Degrees for Transfer, the College pulls well above its FTES size in weight.

For Associate Degree for Transfer degrees as a percent of all associate degrees awarded, CoA ranks 55 out of 114 and for Associate Degree for Transfer awards, relative to overall enrollment, CoA ranks 74 out of 114. Much work has been done by CoA faculty to create transfer degree programs, with staff and faculty providing critical assistance to students on their journey to attain their degrees.

# COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS



CoA's gym was full of enthusiastic prospective students for Alameda's 28th Annual Citywide College Night on Tuesday, October 2, 2018.

## CITYWIDE COLLEGE NIGHT HELD AT COA

On Tuesday, October 2, 2018, CoA hosted Alameda's 28th Annual Citywide College Night in the gym. The event was a joint effort of the Alameda Unified School District (AUSD), CoA, Diocese of Oakland, and St. Joseph Notre Dame High School. Hundreds of enthusiastic high school students attended the event. Representatives were there from University of California, California State University, University of Nevada, and many other private and public colleges and universities. CoA was the only PCCD college at the event.

## ASTI RECEIVES A CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS AWARD FOR 2019

The Alameda Science and Technology Institute (ASTI) has received a California Distinguished Schools Award for 2019. ASTI is the sole high school within the Peralta District to receive this recognition. The California Distinguished Schools Program recognizes California middle and high schools that have made exceptional gains in implementing the academic content and performance standards adopted by the State Board of Education for all students. ASTI is a public magnet high school in the Alameda Unified School District (AUSD). Founded in 2004 through a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation, ASTI exists as a partnership between AUSD and the Peralta Community College District (PCCD), and more specifically CoA.

## GRANTS AND PARTNERSHIPS HELP STUDENTS ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY

During the Fall 2018 Semester, CoA's Office of Student Activities piloted a free breakfast program to address student food insecurity. The program was funded by the Hunger Free Campus Grant. Over 200 meals were served.

In addition, thanks to a generous grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO), CoA's Office of Student Activities partnered with Food Shift to provide a limited number of free vegetarian grab and go breakfast meals for students. The program served meals Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. through October 30, 2018. Food Shift's mission is to reduce the harmful impacts of wasted food and improve community health through the recovery, redistribution, and processing of surplus food.

Expanding on the success of fall's pilot food programs, the Office of Student Activities provided free breakfasts every Tuesday during the Spring 2019 Semester through May 20, 2019. In addition to providing free breakfasts, the department continued its partnership with Alameda County Food Bank, offering a free community produce market every second and fourth Tuesday and a series of free nutrition workshops on campus. The fresh produce is offered free of charge to both students and the community at large.

# COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS



## BRIGHT FUTURES ARE IN STORE FOR 39 COA AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY (AMT) PROGRAM GRADUATES

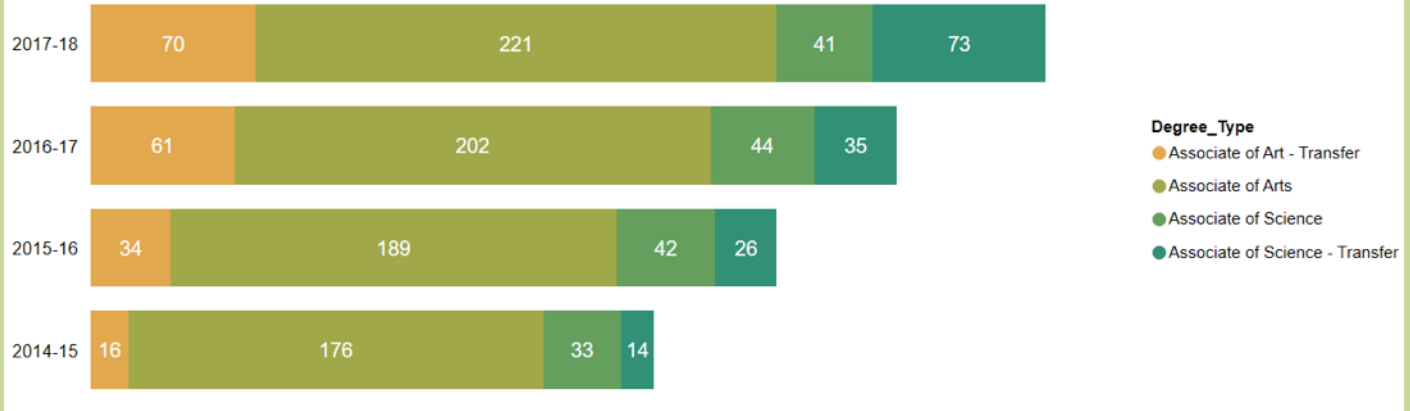
Happy faces and bright futures are in store for the 39 CoA AMT graduates who earned one or two completion certificates in the spring 2019 semester.

The 20 students who finished the entire program are ready to start careers with an aviation company or airlines.

The other 19 students in the program transferred from CoA to four-year universities to earn baccalaureate degrees.

The number of completions is the highest among similar programs in California. The success of CoA's AMT program can be attributed to students' hard work and commitment; and also to an outstanding team of faculty and staff.

Awards Year and by Type



## MORE COA ALAMEDA STUDENTS ARE EARNING DEGREES

Since 2015, the number of CoA students earning degrees or certificates jumped about 59 percent, from 239 students receiving degrees in academic year 2014/2015 to 405 students receiving degrees last year. This positive trend has been steady, with the biggest increase occurring from 2017 to 2018. Key to our students' success is the outstanding work of our faculty and staff both in and outside of the classroom.

## AWARDS & ACCOLADES



### **MUSIC PROFESSOR SILVESTER HENDERSON RECEIVES ALBERT NELSON MARQUIS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Music Professor Silvester Henderson was invited by University of San Francisco Department of Leadership Studies Chair Dr. Jane Bleasdale to be a panelist for the "Demystifying Community College Careers: Advice from the Experts" panel held in January. Professor Henderson also received an Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award.

### **EVA JENNINGS WILL SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF CCCAOE BOARD**

Dean of Career and Workforce Education Eva Jennings has been elected as President of the California Community College Association for Occupational Education (CCCAOE) Board of Directors, 2018-19. CCCAOE has been a major advocate for the strong workforce funding and other initiatives to support excellence in career education teaching and learning.

### **CONGRATULATIONS SONYA MARQUEZ**

Congratulations to CoA student Sonya Marquez for completing a summer internship with Kaiser Permanente in San Leandro's KP LAUNCH. Through KP LAUNCH, Kaiser Permanente offers young adults like Sonya a variety of paid internship opportunities that allow them to work for an industry leader on projects that matter.



### **ESOL INSTRUCTOR DR. DIDEM EKICI INVITED TO PRESENT AT THE UNITED NATIONS SYMPOSIUM**

ESOL Instructor Dr. Didem Ekici presented at the United Nations Symposium titled "The United Nations at 75: Listening, Talking and Taking Action in a Multi-

lingual World" on May 9, 2019, and May 10, 2019, at the United Nations Plaza, in New York City. The topic of the Dr. Ekici's presentation was equality in dialogue: languages, intercultural communication, and person to person peace-building through online service learning.

### **ANA MCCLANAHAN HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE WEST ALAMEDA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

STEAM Dean Ana McClanahan has been appointed to the West Alameda Business Association (WABA) Board of Directors. WABA supports economic development, marketing, streetscape improvements, and other programs benefiting local businesses. They are a strong supporter of, and partner with, CoA.

### **EXCITING STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS OFFERED**

CoA developed five vibrant study abroad programs last year. The programs were offered in a range of academic disciplines and geographical locations, including studying Anthropology in Iceland, Physical Geography in Costa Rica, Art History in Germany, Dance/Intercultural Communications/African American Studies in Ghana, and Anthropology in New Zealand.

Studying abroad provides CoA students with many advantages, including broadening their world views and ways of thinking by experiencing different cultures firsthand. Their future career opportunities also are enhanced through new life experiences and developing personal connections. Several independent studies indicate that over 80 percent of study abroad alumni felt that their studies abroad helped them build valuable skills for the job market and that study abroad allowed them to better adapt better to diverse work environments.

## AWARDS & ACCOLADES



CoA Women's Volleyball Team at the 2018 Team Awards Luncheon, Thursday, December 6, 2018.

### COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CELEBRATES WITH TEAM AWARDS

Coach Linda Thompson recognized Cougar Women's Volleyball student-athletes at the 2018 Team Awards Luncheon held on Thursday, December 6, 2018, at the Bay Farm La Penca Azul Restaurant for their commitment and participation on the women's volleyball team during the 2018 fall semester. Each player received an official CoA Athletic Certificate. The event was hosted by Head Coach Thompson and Assistant Coach Taylor Elliott.

Five outstanding Cougar student-athletes received individual trophies for earning the highest statistics during the 2018

Bay Valley Conference Volleyball Season, including Most Improved Player Chiara Stiger, Most Valuable Player Jaylan Campbell, Rookie of the Year and Best Defensive Player Camille Selna, Best Offensive Player Kaleena Ugaitafa, and Coaches Award recipient Deysi Arechiga.





# ALAMEDA PROMISE

## FALL SEMESTER 2019

Enrollment in the Alameda Promise program increased since its debut in fall 2017 from 11 to 92 students for the current 2019-2020 academic year. A total of 194 students have enrolled since the program started.

Two new student orientations were offered for Alameda Promise students in August that included a panel of former students who shared their experiences and provided words of advice to new students.

The Alameda Promise program provides students with intensive academic support, college transfer assistance, priority registration, a textbook stipend of \$250, a laptop loan program, and special events.

## BRIDGING THE EDUCATION GAP WITH THE ALAMEDA PROMISE

Alameda Promise is one of the CoA Cougar Scholars promise programs that provides a pathway for eligible Alameda high school graduates to attend CoA for one year without paying enrollment or other fees (based on 12 units/semester plus other fees). CoA Cougar Scholars also includes services and programming for both the Peralta (Oakland) Promise and the Alameda Promise.

In a time of rising inequality and low social mobility, improving access to education through the Alameda Promise and the Oakland Promise programs has the potential to increase equality of opportunity for all Alameda students.



*"Being an Alameda Promise Scholar, I was given the privilege to have 12 units paid for and I received a book voucher; the affordability and quality education, here at College of Alameda, are two of the many things that I am grateful for.*

*I hope that current and future Alameda Promise Scholars acknowledge that their scholarship is a privilege that can help them to go out and beyond as they reach their life goals!"*

**–Ysrael Quezon, second year student,  
Alameda Promise 2018-19 Cohort**







# ALAMEDA PROMISE



*"Alameda Promise has been helpful to me not only because it helped me financially, but also because it gave me the opportunity to have my own counselor. My counseling appointments were totally helpful. Anna, my counselor, helped me plan all the classes that I need to take so that I do not waste any time taking the wrong classes. Without Alameda Promise, I would have been lost throughout my journey in COA."*

**-Pauline Roxas, second year student, Alameda Promise 2018-19 Cohort**

### THE ALAMEDA PROMISE AIMS TO:

- Increase the percentage of high school graduates in the city of Alameda entering college.
- Strengthen students' access to career pathways and preparation to join the workforce in Alameda and surrounding areas.
- Deepen the connection between CoA and its home community.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- A prospective student must be a recent graduate from Alameda, ASTI, Encinal, or Island high schools, or Alameda Adult school.
- Follow the PCCD Steps to Success for new students.
- Enroll in 12 units per semester at CoA.

### YOU CAN HELP FUND THE FUTURE

Your gift will make a substantial difference in the life of an Alameda Promise student. A tax-deductible donation of any amount may be made to the Peralta Colleges Foundation, designating the "Alameda Promise Fund," will help academically talented students achieve their dreams.

- \$1,200 supports 1 Promise Student
- \$2,400 supports 2 Promise Students

Any size donation will be greatly appreciated and will contribute to student success. The Peralta Colleges Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Donations may be made by mailing your check to:  
The Peralta Colleges Foundation  
333 East 8th St., Oakland, CA 94606

Checks should be made payable to the Peralta Colleges-Foundation with "Alameda Promise Fund" in the memo. Donations also may be made online at: <http://web.peralta.edu/foundation/>

For information about donating major gifts of \$5,000 or more to the Alameda Promise, please call CoA, President Timothy Karas, (510) 748-2273.



*"As a first-generation college student, the Alameda Promise program has benefited me significantly because it has opened me to useful resources, I was not aware of. The staff continuously guided me towards my goal and are still supporting*

*me through my last year. I definitely recommend this program to freshmen who are eligible!"*

**- Sabrina Igot, second year student, Alameda Promise 2018-19 Cohort**



# COLLEGE NEWS



## AFRICAN-AMERICAN FACULTY AND STAFF COME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT STUDENTS

On Tuesday February 5, 2019, the Office of Student Activities hosted its second annual African American Faculty, Staff, and Student Meet and Greet. More than 40 CoA students, staff, and faculty were in attendance. The networking event helped students learn about campus services, engage with faculty and staff, and meet new students. Brenda J. Lewis, staff assistant in the Liberal Studies and Language Arts division, commented on how important it is for “African-American students to feel a sense of community, connection, and bonding on campus.”

## OBAMA CHAMPION OF CHANGE RECIPIENT VISITS COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA

On Tuesday, April 30, 2019, CoA’s Office of Student Activities hosted an Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) Luncheon with keynote speaker Terisa Siagatonu. The event was coordinated in partnership with the APIA Heritage Month Planning Committee and is the first event in a series of activities held in May to celebrate APIA month. This successful event was attended by over 100 students, faculty, and staff. The highlight of the luncheon was the spoken word performance by artist, educator, and Obama Champion of Change recipient Terisa Siagatonu.



From left: Professor and Mathematics Co-Chair Dr. Vanson Nguyen and keynote speaker Terisa Siagatonu at the 2019 CoA APIA Luncheon



# FISCAL OUTLOOK

The Peralta Community College District strives to provide a balanced budget that effectively supports a wide array of programs and services that meet the diverse needs of the students and communities it serves. Fiscal Year 2018-19 resource levels provided opportunities for the Peralta District to make significant gains in advancing student achievement and success.

### General Fund Unrestricted

The General Fund Unrestricted accounts for all the revenues and expenditures used for financing the general operations of the College. The major sources of revenue include general apportionment, local property taxes, and enrollment fees and tuition. These account for approximately 90 percent of the revenue. Full-time equivalent students (FTES) is the primary unit of measure used by the state to determine how much of the total revenue from these sources the College is to receive.

### General Fund Restricted

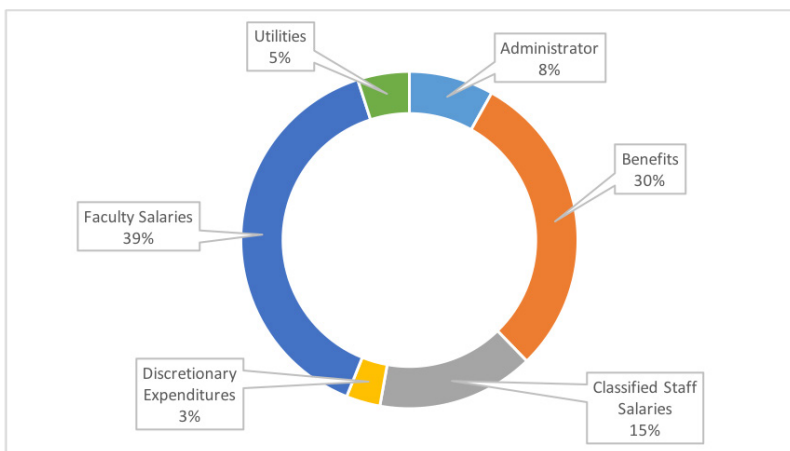
The General Fund Restricted or grants and categorical funds are those revenues and expenditures for the operation and support of programs that are specifically restricted by laws, regulations, donors, or other outside agencies' funding terms and conditions. These restricted funds include such programs as the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS), which is a program to assist in providing support services and educational accommodations to students with disabilities so they can have full and equitable access to the community college experience.

### Other Restricted Funds

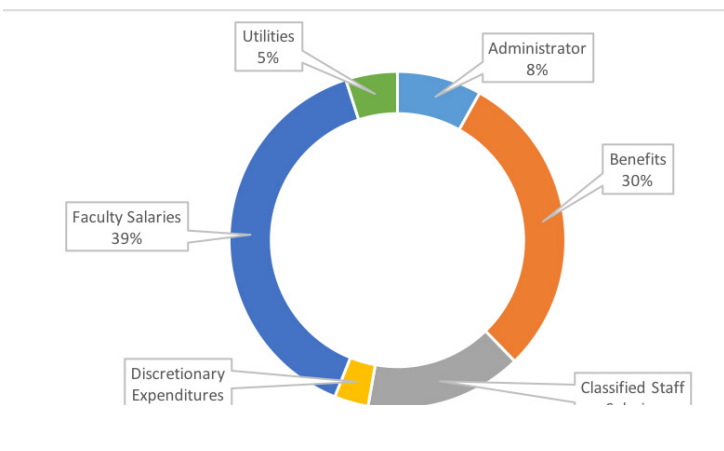
Other restricted funds include Measure B, which was a special parcel tax measure approved by voters on June 5, 2012. The approval provided the District with an annual tax on all parcels located within the District's boundaries of \$48 per parcel per year for the duration of eight years. The funding is used for maintaining core academic programs such as mathematics, science, and English; training students for careers; and preparing students to transfer to four-year universities.

On November 6, 2018, northern Alameda County voters approved Measure G, Peralta Community College District's \$800 million bond proposal, to facilitate improvements to facilities and new construction.

Voters also approved Measure E in the November 2018 election, extending the current \$48 parcel tax to supplement funding for core academic programs at the Peralta Colleges, which include Berkeley City College, College of Alameda, Laney Community College, and Merritt Community College.



Unrestricted Funds



Restricted Funds



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College of Alameda is one of four colleges in the Peralta Community College District. The Peralta Colleges – Berkeley City College, College of Alameda, Laney College, and Merritt College – offer more than 150 programs and thousands of classes to students in northern Alameda County.

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**ACCREDITATION:** College of Alameda is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education. The College first was accredited in 1973, with the most recent affirmation in 2017.

**NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY:** The District shall provide access to its services, classes and programs without regard to, national origin, religion, age, sex or gender, gender identification, race or ethnicity, color, medical condition, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental disability, pregnancy or because he/she is perceived to have one or more of the foregoing characteristics, or based on association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.



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