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## President's Corner: CCCCO's Call to Action

In early summer, in response to the nationwide outcry against the murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Aubrey, Breonna Taylor, and so many others, California Community Colleges Chancellor **Eloy Ortiz Oakley** and system leaders called on all of us to actively strategize and take action against structural racism. Over the course of the summer campus community members began a variety of conversations around these topics. Many of you participated in our most recent dialog around the [Chancellor's Call to Action](#) initiative.

Next week, **Thursday, October 8, 2020, at noon**, I hope that you will join me for another virtual meeting to discuss the third area of the [Chancellor's Call to Action](#).

The Call for Action's third area focuses on community colleges auditing classroom climate and creating an action plan to ensure that classrooms are inclusive and that colleges offer anti-racism curriculum. College of Alameda faculty, staff, and administrators have participated in a wide variety of trainings on this subject, most recently with approximately 50 campus community members training at the Equity Institute on creating transformational courses to serve students of color and build anti-racist curriculum, as well as training on counseling in the era of equity. It is my hope that together we will continue to identify our best practices, assess those practices that may be improved, and develop action plans that address institutional racism as it appears in our learning environments.

I applaud the faculty and senate leadership that are addressing these issues directly in the classroom. All are invited to join next week's continued informal dialogs and next Call to Action topic. I also look forward to many future discussions with the senates, College Council, and other campus groups to determine next steps in addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion needs on our campus and combining efforts for common action to fight anti-blackness, racism, and discrimination on campus.

Best wishes,  
*Don Miller, Ph.D.*

Interim President, College of Alameda

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## Welcome to Our New Financial Aid Director Angie Harris

Angie has served the higher education community for almost 20 years in the area of financial aid. She began her financial aid career as a work-study student when she attended UC Berkeley as an undergraduate student. After graduating from Berkeley, Angie continued her career in financial aid at Berkeley in various capacities that involved advising, counseling, outreach, and scholarship management. She moved to Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles as the Associate Director of Financial Aid, where she managed the front line advising, counseling, communications, and outreach. She continued her career at Mills College as the Director of Financial Aid. Angie is an Oakland native, and she attended Oakland Unified Schools from kindergarten through 12th grade. After earning a B.A. in Rhetoric from the University of California, Berkeley, she received her Master's Degree in Public Administration from Cal State East-Bay. She has a passion for higher education administration, and her charge has always been to make sure that equity and access are available to all students who want to pursue higher education. Angie can be reached at [aharris@peralta.edu](mailto:aharris@peralta.edu)

*Submitted by Amy H. Lee, Ed.D., Dean, Enrollment Services*



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## Welcome Back Myron Jordan!

Please help me welcome back Mr. Myron Jordan to College of Alameda. Last week the Peralta Board of Trustees approved his return as the interim/acting dean for the Liberal Studies and Language Arts Division. Before he retired a few years ago, I had the opportunity to work with him as a fellow dean and later as my supervisor while he served as the interim vice president of instruction. In both cases, I enjoyed working with him due to his work ethic, positive outlook/attitude, and his commitment to the college and its students. Needless to say, I am very excited that he will be re-joining and helping our team while I serve as the acting vice president of instruction. While many of you know Dean Jordan, there are some new faculty and staff

who haven't met him before.

In his own words Dean Jordan expressed that he is excited to be back: *"I am excited to return to College of Alameda in the position of Interim Dean of Liberal Studies and Language Arts. With over 24 years of combined experience as a faculty member and administrator, my passion for creating an environment where learning is not only equitable, but student centered."*

*Submitted by Lilia Celhay, Acting Vice President of Instruction*



# Protecting Your Mental Health During Unprecedented Times

Speaker: Lisa Sawadogo, Health Services Coordinator

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020**  
**12:30-1:30**

**REGISTER HERE:**  
[HTTPS://CCCCONFER.ZOOM.US/MEETING/REGISTER/TJUQO6TRDMPETW2XAX-R6TKQFJLKE44WE2B](https://cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUqO6trDMpEtw2xax-r6TKqFjLKE44we2b)

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## Protecting Mental Health During Unprecedented Times Is Important

Join us **October 6, 2020, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**, as we discuss how to best take care of our mental health during ongoing challenging and stressful times in 2020. We'll be looking through the lens of trauma and grief to provide a framework for what we are experiencing on an individual and collective level. We will learn coping strategies, as well as how to access health and mental health resources at College of Alameda.

[Register Here](https://cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUqO6trDMpEtw2xax-r6TKqFjLKE44we2b) or <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUqO6trDMpEtw2xax-r6TKqFjLKE44we2b>

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**COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA**

# LATINX HERITAGE MONTH

**SEPT 15 - OCT 15, 2020**



**Friday Sept. 25, 1-2pm**  
**ACCESO/PUENTE OPEN HOUSE**  
 Learn about College of Alameda's ACCESO and Puente programs and meet the Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) familia.  
[https://cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEvC-2upzluGNy9FPVNZ-o-shU\\_sCqEE0CJ](https://cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEvC-2upzluGNy9FPVNZ-o-shU_sCqEE0CJ)

**Thursday Oct. 1, 11am-12pm**  
**MAIZE AND MILPA** Presenter: Professor Rigoberto Garcia  
 This mini lecture will focus on maize (corn) and its many dimensions. It will explore how it may be used as a lens to understand the history of people with ancestry in the America's and our current situation.  
[https://cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYvc-6rqT8pHNLfz3xo2P\\_G0BB1aZP8Ib9g](https://cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYvc-6rqT8pHNLfz3xo2P_G0BB1aZP8Ib9g)

**Wednesday Oct. 7, 3-4pm**  
**ZUMBA DANCE TUTORIAL** Instructor: Beatriz Vela  
 Learn to Zumba! Dance away both worries and calories with high energy music and unique dance moves.  
<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYvf-2srzkrHtTUNm8vJtonZCT8-GaUclKz>

**Thursday Oct. 15, 11am-12pm**  
**EDUCATIONAL JOURNEYS PANEL**  
 Leaders in higher education will share their educational journey narratives and discuss the Latinx student experience.  
[https://cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qd-qrpj0vH9HzSQ6CtqdI41pI\\_4QTfYWI](https://cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qd-qrpj0vH9HzSQ6CtqdI41pI_4QTfYWI)

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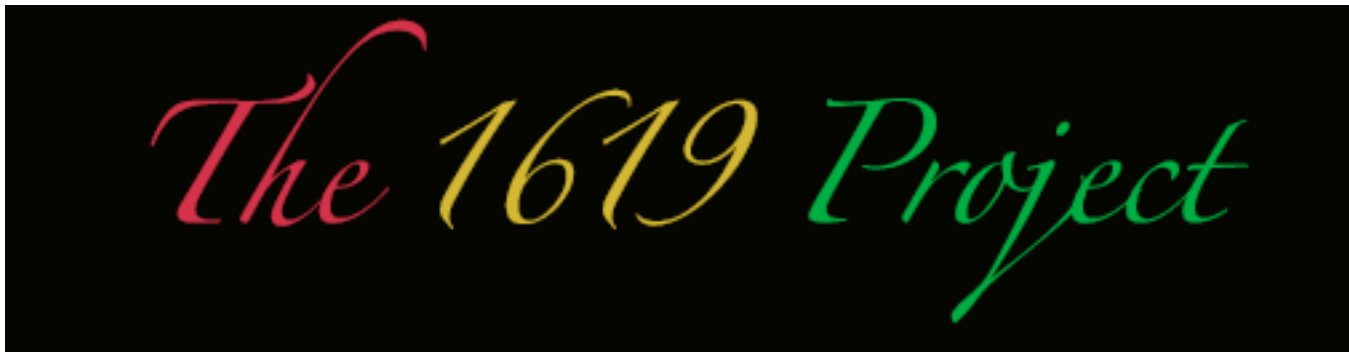
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## You're Invited to the 1619 Project Upcoming Virtual Brown Bag Series

CoA Community -- Please hold the following dates on your calendar for our 1619 Brown Bag Virtual Conversations @ noon

October 6, 2020

November 19 , 2020

October 20, 2020

December 3, 2020

November 5, 2020

If you are planning to integrate 1619 into your courses and department/division conversations, here are links to some useful resources:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGp8evzwA48>

<https://pulitzercenter.org/lesson-plan-grouping/1619-project-curriculum>

<https://neadjustice.org/the-1619-project-resource-page/>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/23/podcasts/1619-podcast.html>



### [The 1619 Project Resource page - NEA EdJustice](https://neadjustice.org/the-1619-project-resource-page/)

The comprehensive 1619 Project informs and challenges us to reframe U.S. history and better understand the hold of institutional racism on our communities. NEA recently worked with the New York Times to distribute copies of the 1619 Project to educators and activists around the country to help give us a deeper understanding of systemic racism ... Continued  
[neadjustice.org](https://neadjustice.org)

Submitted by Dr. Carolyn Johnson, Business Instructor, [cjohnson@peralta.edu](mailto:cjohnson@peralta.edu)

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## Reminder: Becoming a More Effective Online Educator Training Course Starts Monday, October 12, 2020

College of Alameda will be offering an additional *Becoming a More Effective Online Educator at College of Alameda* training course starting on Monday, October 12, 2020 and ending Saturday, November 7, 2020, with an additional work to complete the work (November 14).

The successful completion of this training course meets both the requirements of Administrative Procedure 4105 (training with LMS and pedagogy of online teaching) .

Please click in this [Enrollment Form](#) to reserve your enrollment in this course. Deadline to submit this form is September 30, 2020.

We will enroll the first 20 faculty to allow in-depth collaboration and feedback. A waiting list will be created in the event that all 20 spots are exhausted, so please, submit the form. Priority will be given to faculty who are currently teaching this Fall Semester and College of Alameda faculty.

We are looking forward to working together and creating a community of more effective online educators at College of Alameda.

You will receive an e-mail from us on October 2, 2020, to confirm your enrollment and receive additional information about next steps. Email us if you have any questions.

*Submitted by Training Co-facilitators Dr. Diana Bajrami & Jennifer Fowler, [dbajrami@peralta.edu](mailto:dbajrami@peralta.edu) and [jfowler@peralta.edu](mailto:jfowler@peralta.edu)*

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## Volunteers Are Needed to Distribute Free Lunches to CoA Students

Many thanks to all who have volunteered these past months to provide free lunches to our students. Volunteers are still needed to hand out Grab.n.Go lunches on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays. CoA will be offering drive by and walk up lunch distribution from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We will offer this service through the end of October 2020. You may sign up for more than one date. We are anticipating a need for approximately six to eight volunteers per day.

On your volunteer date, please arrive at 11 a.m. and plan to stay until 1:30 p.m. or until lunches are gone (We do not anticipate this will take more than two hours). Please bring your own mask (gloves will be provided). We will contact you ahead of time with other details.

Special thanks to **The World Central Kitchen** and **Eat. Learn. Play.** for generously providing meals for our students.

If you have any questions, please email: VP Vasconcellos at [tvasconcellos@peralta.edu](mailto:tvasconcellos@peralta.edu).

Also, please use the following link to sign up using the Microsoft form:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Fmqh7q9Ie0eREwWxwBEj\\_z6ao\\_3n9zVEtja-oSuPCABUOEIaRjBEVIOwO0E3MIVVWFpIVUdUS1ZENy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Fmqh7q9Ie0eREwWxwBEj_z6ao_3n9zVEtja-oSuPCABUOEIaRjBEVIOwO0E3MIVVWFpIVUdUS1ZENy4u)

*Submitted by Dr. Tina Vasconcellos, Vice President of Student Services / Accreditation Liaison Officer*

# VIRTUAL TRANSFER DAY

October 5th 2020 | 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Coming Soon -  
Save The Date!**



**Register  
Today!**

**Participating  
Colleges & Universities**



## Planning to transfer to a four-year University or College?

Merritt College, Laney College, College of Alameda and Berkeley City College are co-hosting our **first PCCD Virtual Transfer Day!** We are here to bring you college and admissions representatives from four-year colleges and universities including HBCU representatives in **ONE Virtual Event!** You will be able to **use Zoom to speak with college representatives** in their own breakout rooms. Whether you have one specific school you would like to chat with, or you are still looking around, we encourage you to join us **OCT 5, 2020 from 10-1 p.m.**





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## Make Your *Splash!*

- Student success stories.
- Grant updates, applications, special projects, or programs of interest.
- Program, committee, department news, and updates.
- Faculty and staff awards, appointments, achievements, or kudos
- Special hours and information for online or other services and classes.
- Upcoming deadlines that students or colleagues should know about.
- Event information.
- Other news.

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).

Please email your news and information to: [coasplash@peralta.edu](mailto:coasplash@peralta.edu) and be sure to include the word “*Splash!*” in the subject line.

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