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CoA President Dr. Nathaniel Jones III

## President's Corner: Welcome to Fall Semester!

I'd like to welcome all of our faculty, staff, and students to the start of fall 2021 semester. I hope that you had some time over the summer months to relax and rejuvenate with family and friends. Even though we are still dealing with uncertainties related to the ongoing pandemic, I am grateful to all of you for helping our students persevere in their studies and overcome obstacles to their success. Your resiliency, dedication, and compassion for our students and community are appreciated!

It was a pleasure seeing many of you at our virtual Fall Flex Day on August, 20, 2021. I'd like to thank our **Professional Development Committee** members for organizing an inspiring series of virtual workshops and events this fall.

Fall Flex Day featured special guest speakers from the Puente Project: **Fabiola Torres** and **Anna Marie Amezquita**, who you may read more about in the article included below in this edition of *Splash*. Another special Flex Day guest, Interim Chancellor Dr. **Jannett Jackson**, spoke to us about community value, accreditation, IT upgrades, and provided a FY21/22 budget overview. I'd also like to thank our Academic Senate President **Dr. Matthew Goldstein**, Classified Senate **Representative Louie Martinez y McFarland**, and PFT Representatives **Andrew Park** and **Richard Kaeser** for participating in our Flex Day Leadership Welcome.

For those who may not have been able to attend Fall Flex Day, here is a summary of my presentation:

## President's Fall 2021 Flex Day Presentation

Despite the challenges of the last academic year and the uncertainty of what lies ahead, College of Alameda's faculty and staff have done some amazing work; from individual accomplishments of faculty, to the tireless and compassionate ways that our faculty and staff have helped students both academically and personally.

In the complex, information-heavy society that we live in, higher education is more important than ever to the health and wellbeing of communities of color as well as to a robust and productive civic life in which members of society participate, with the capacity to think critically about the problems and opportunities of our local communities, nation, and the world.

To this end, we must foster a welcoming and supportive campus climate for students and faculty of all backgrounds and create an environment in which we all learn how to empathetically listen to one another. We must be open to constant innovation and experimentation, redesigning courses and the student experience to enhance teaching and learning, creating communities of learners who support and motivate each other, deploying data and learning analytics that help us identify opportunities to support students in real-time or improve courses, by infusing them with experiential and community-engaged learning that may include research, entrepreneurship, or civic engagement.

There are numerous must do(s) that will need to be completed this year not to mention the ongoing work we do daily; but we must also intentionally focus on efforts to make meaningful progress on four key priorities: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Guided Pathways, Fiscal Stewardship and Strategic Enrollment Management. We need to develop strategies in support of these priorities. These College priorities came largely from data analysis and discussion with the College Cabinet during our August retreat. (To access the PowerPoint presentation for this Fall Flex Day presentation please click [here](#).)

Warmest regards,



Dr. Nathaniel Jones III  
College of Alameda President

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## Equity Focused Workshops Featured at Fall Flex Day

On August 20, 2021, as part of Fall Flex Day activities, College of Alameda offered two well-attended equity-focused workshops funded by the College's Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Grant.

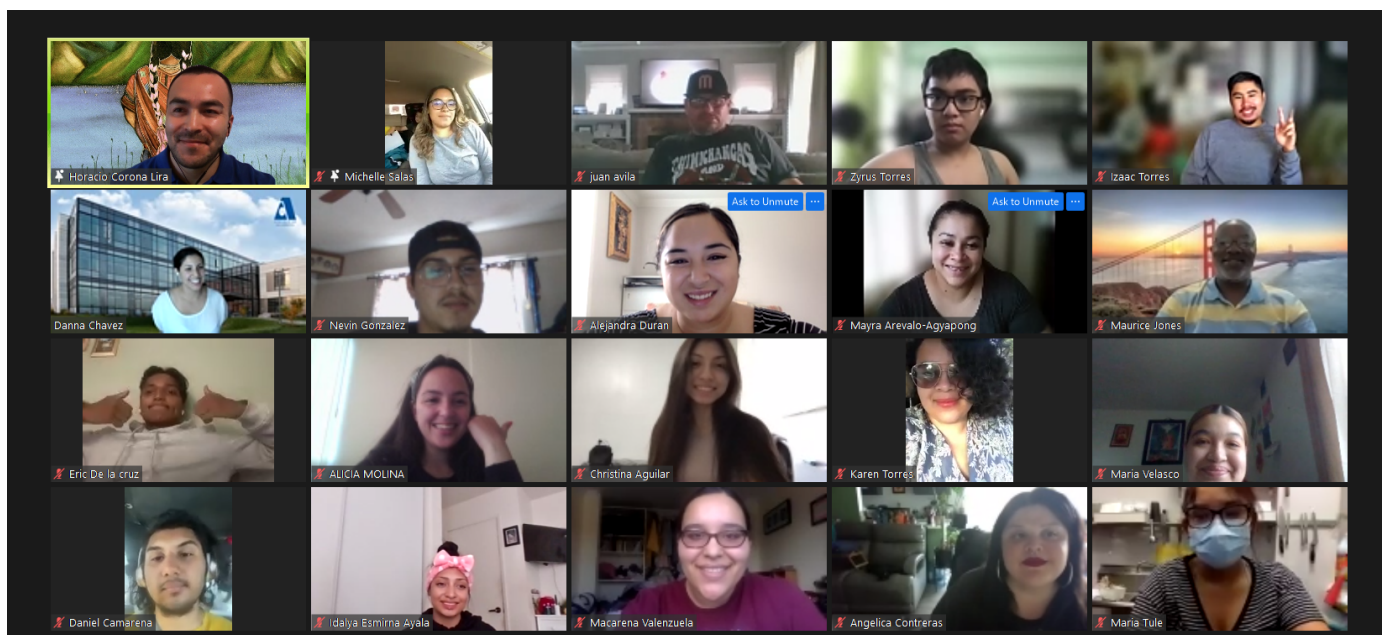
The first workshop was titled "Applying equity in the era of digital teaching & learning," presented by Glendale Community College Ethnic Studies Professor **Fabiola Torres**. Torres' workshop focused on culturally responsive teaching and learning pedagogy that builds cognitive stamina through humanizing the online/learning environment.

"If we design culturally responsive digital learning spaces, then we can strengthen the growth of independent thinkers," Torres said. "And, therefore, we, like the Renaissance Humanists, can build cognitive stamina for all students. Welcome to our digital teaching and learning renaissance."

Torres was a featured faculty at InstructureCon 2019 for her humanizing online methods in Canvas Learning Management System and was awarded the Online Learning Consortium Advocate Award for Diversity and Inclusion in July of 2020.

The second workshop was titled “Equity is a Journey: Understanding Race, Identity and Bias as Culturally Responsive Educators,” presented by Moreno Valley College Dean of Instruction **AnnaMarie “Ree” Amezquita**. Ree’s personal experiences making tamales with her family in a small factory in Austin, Texas, has informed and inspired her work as an advocate for students from migrant families. As an undergraduate at St. Edward’s University, she began working as a tutor for the College Assistant Migrant Program (CAMP). She tutored students who were transitioning from migrant fieldwork to college. Many of her students struggled to maneuver the educational system and translate to their families, the culture of higher education. As a result of this experience, Ree committed herself to working with underrepresented students wanting to enter college. Her Flex presentation focused on institutional and personal values of providing culturally sensitive opportunities for access and equity in higher education.

Director of Hispanic Serving Institution Grant ACCESO/Puente Programs **Horacio Corona Lira**, Acting Vice President of Instruction **Dr. Diana Bajrami**, and English Department **Chair Maurice Jones** helped organize and plan these innovative and timely Puente workshops.



*Photo: Screen shot of CoA’s Puente Program Student Orientation on August 12, 2021.*

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## The Puente Program Welcomes It's Second Student Cohort!

The Puente Program hosted its 21/22 Puente Student Orientation on August 12, 2021. Puentistas (Puente students) were introduced to Puente staff and faculty, their peers, as well as the Puente Program mission, structure, courses, curriculum, program expectations, and events and activities. The Puente Program has enrolled 35 students for fall 21 and spring 22 semesters. The Puente Program is a national award-winning program that has helped tens of thousands of educationally disadvantaged students to enroll in four-year colleges and universities, earn degrees, and return to the community as leaders and mentors to future generations. For more information about CoA’s Puente Program, click [here](#).

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# Math Engineering Science Achievement (MESA)



## Who We Are

MESA is a peer and professional support community whose aim is to increase access and opportunities of success in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)-related fields for first-generation, low-income, and under-represented college students. MESA provides resources for students to develop essential academic and leadership skills to achieve success in school, career, life, and STEM-related disciplines.



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## College of Alameda Receives National Science Foundation Grant for MESA Connect Project

The College of Alameda Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement (MESA) Connect project proposal for the National Science Foundation (NSF) grant was submitted by our previous Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) **Ana McClanahan**.

The NSF sought pilot project proposals for improving undergraduate [Hispanic-Serving Institutions \(HSI Program\) Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics \(STEM\)](#) education in institutions that are new to NSF who could achieve a short-term, well-defined goal to enhance the availability of high-quality undergraduate STEM education at the HSI and gather preliminary data for future HSI programs.

Principal investigators for this project proposal include Biology Professor **Leslie Reiman**, Chemistry Professor **Dr. Alex Madonik**, and Math Professor **Emmanuel Herrera**. Contributors and collaborators include CIS Professor **Jesse Norman**, MESA counselor **Nila Adina**, Director of Research and Planning **Dominique Benavides**, HSI Program Director **Horacio Corona Lira**, Director of Workforce Systems **Stefanie Bradshaw**, and Independent Consultant and Grant Writer **Jennie Mollica**. The proposal contains a sub award for California State University East Bay (CSUEB) with CSUEB Chemistry and Biochemistry Professor **Monika Sommerhalter**, serving as a co-principal investigator. The total amount of the award is \$399,000.





*Photo: CoA Student and ACCESO Peer Mentor Alexis Diaz helped distribute free supplies.*

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## ACCESO and Puente Host a Fall Free School Supplies Distribution Event

ACCESO and Puente worked together to offer free school supplies to CoA students, on Friday, August 27, 2021. Students received a free bag full of school supplies, including notebooks, pens, highlighters, and folders. A total of 16 ACCESO and Puente students received free supplies, including three who picked up ACCESO Laptops to borrow for the semester. The event was spearheaded by Director of CoA’s Hispanic Serving Institution Grant and ACCESO/Puente Programs **Horacio Corona Lira**. For more information about CoA’s ACCESO program, click [here](#).



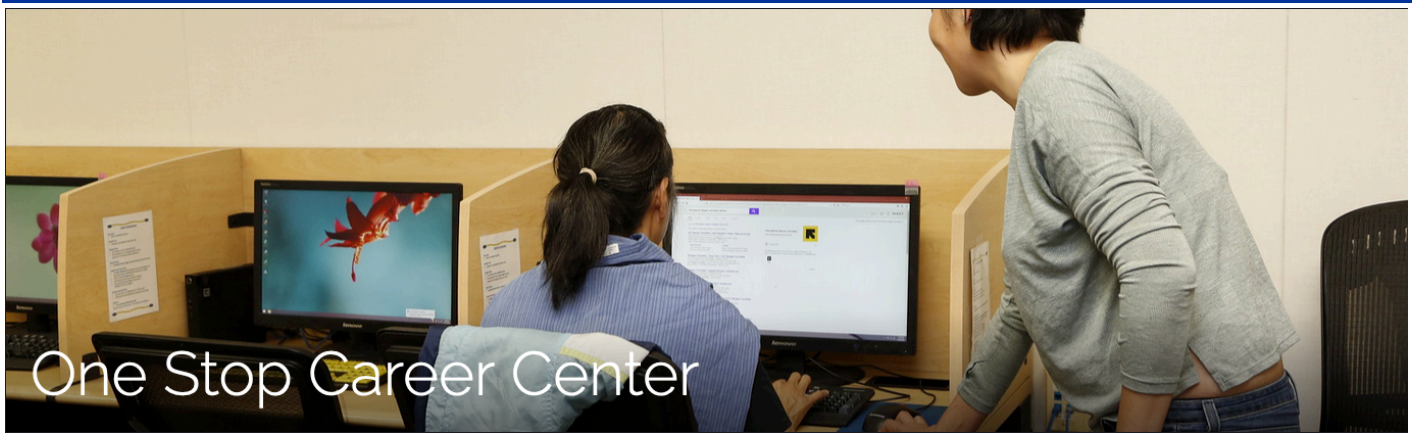
*CoA Student Sabrina Valadez-Rios holds a photo of herself and her father who was killed in Oakland*

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## CoA Student Sabrina Valadez-Rios Selected as One of Glamour Magazine’s College Women of the Year

Glamour Magazine selected community college students from around the country for their College Women of the Year annual feature. The list includes CoA Student **Sabrina Valadez-Rios**, who has also taken classes at BCC, where her father attended. Sabrina Valadez-Rio is an aspiring nurse, a public health advocate, and aspires to become the future mayor of Oakland. For more than 60 years, Glamour has honored exceptional college women across the U.S. This year, with the help of First-Lady Dr. Jill Biden, the magazine turned its focus to students enrolled in community college. To read the full article click here: [Glamour Magazine](#) or go to: <https://bit.ly/2VSCp15>.

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## Kudos: College of Alameda's Career Center Goes Above and Beyond

Even while CoA's Career and Employment Center campus location has been closed these past months during the pandemic, Career Center staff have made extraordinary efforts to continue to support clients by providing important resources and services to many in our community who were affected by the pandemic economically.

The Career Center is staffed by a team of eight dedicated and talented consultants led by Director of Workforce Systems **Stefanie Bradshaw**. Ms. Bradshaw hires her highly qualified team members each year through her professional network.

"I'm honored to work with each and every one of them and our success is due to the hard work of our team," Bradshaw said.

The Center experienced an unprecedented increase in requests for services this past year due to significant unemployment stemming from the pandemic. Despite the many operational challenges related to providing services amid Covid-19 public health safety restrictions and protocols, the County continued to hold the Career Center accountable for achieving all required outcomes. The team rose to the occasion and Director Bradshaw is pleased to announce that, notwithstanding a number of logistical and operational challenges, they have met or exceeded all established goals:

- The Center exceeded the County goal for the number of clients served by registering a total of 139 eligible clients in their program, 31 more than the minimum of 108.
- During the pandemic, the Career Center team also successfully worked with training providers across the state to enroll clients in both in-person and virtual job training programs. The Center is required to spend \$100k in training funds annually and pays training providers up to \$5,000 per client (on a first-come, first-served basis) to enroll in industry recognized certificate programs.
- The Center is required to place four clients in On-the-Job Training (OJT) programs. During the 20-21 program year, the Center successfully placed four clients in positions with full medical benefits.

In addition to achieving the required County outcomes/goals, the Career Center team went above and beyond in serving clients by helping them pay their expenses and more:

- The Career Center assisted clients with one-time reimbursements for unpaid bills up to \$800 per client using Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funding. A total of \$50,000 was spent for mortgage payments, rent, utility bills, and other expenses.
- The Career Center team also volunteered to work with the Alameda Workforce Development Board delivering 40 laptops to Alameda County residents and CoA students.



Director of Workforce Systems:  
Stefanie Bradshaw

### Plans for the 21-22 Program Year

The Career Center team will continue to offer free career services, workshops, and employer hiring events throughout the upcoming year. Most Recently, on June 15, 2021, the team participated in an in-person City of Alameda Job Fair providing resources to area residents while networking with over 30 regional employers.

Director Bradshaw also will serve as the project lead in implementing a new online education application for the District. Handshake is an online platform that will provide students with direct access to over 50,000 employers within a 50-mile radius of Peralta District Offices. This innovative application will help students directly connect with hiring recruiters, and has some potential for improving Student Centered Funding Formula outcomes. The application will be available starting Fall 2021.



# SAFE Peralta

COVID-19 Vaccine  
For Students

COVID-19 Resources  
For Faculty and Staff

For Community  
Campus Public Safety

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## Safe Peralta Website Includes Vaccination and Covid-19 Resources Vaccination Policy, Campus Access

Vaccinations are required for Peralta Community College District employees, contractors, and students to help keep our campuses safe. For more information on the policy, vaccine opportunities, and exception forms, go to the [Vaccine Information Home](#) page All students, faculty, and staff are required to have shown proof of vaccination (or have submitted requests for exceptions) by October 7, 2021. Students should use the Campus Shield app to answer screening questions for campus access. [Click here](#) for Campus Shield information.

### COVID-19 Resource Hub for Students and Faculty

The faculty, staff, students, and general Peralta community are experiencing and adapting to the rapidly changing COVID-19 situation with the goal of keeping each other safe. The District COVID-19 Resource Hub has important information and can be accessed by [clicking here](#).





*Watercolor titled The Woods by CoA Art Student Christina Fine.*

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## Art Department News

The College of Alameda Art Department classes of drawing, painting, and watercolor are doing well. To kick off the new semester we are featuring the work of one of our talented returning students, **Christina Fine**, who has been producing great works of art. Christina's goal is to earn an Associate of Art Transfer Degree with a focus in Art History. She has produced many wonderful drawings, paintings, and watercolors. We are sharing this beautiful 2021 watercolor (above) titled The Woods.

Thank you, Christina! Keep up the fantastic expression of creativity!

*Submitted by Art Professor Drew Burgess*





COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA 2021 COUGAR VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE				
Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Match Time / Leave Time
<b>NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (TBA) &amp; BAY VALLEY CONFERENCE</b>				
Wed	Sept. 1	College of Siskiyous	Alameda, CA	6:00pm (4:00pm)
Thurs	Sept. 9	Columbia College	Sonora, CA	3:00pm (10:30am)
Fri	Sept. 17	College of Marin	Alameda, CA	6:00pm (4:00pm)
Wed	Sept. 29	Solano College	Fairfield, CA	6:00pm (3:30pm)
Fri	Oct. 1	San Francisco City College Shasta College	San Bruno	5:00pm (3:00pm) 7:00 pm
Wed	Oct. 6	Los Medanos College	Pittsburg, CA	6:00pm (3:30pm)
Fri	Oct. 8	Mendocino College	Alameda, CA	6:00pm (4:00pm)
Wed	Oct. 13	Napa Valley College	Alameda, CA	6:00pm (4:00pm)
Fri	Oct. 15	Yuba College	Marysville, CA	6:00pm (1:30pm)
Wed	Oct. 20	Contra Costa College	Alameda, CA	6:00pm (4:00pm)
Fri	Oct. 22	Solano College	Alameda, CA	6:00pm (4:00pm)
Wed	Oct. 27	College of Marin	Kentfield, CA	6:00pm (3:30pm)
Fri	Oct. 29	Los Medanos College	Alameda, CA	6:00pm (4:00pm)
Wed	Nov. 3	Mendocino College	Ukiah, CA	6:00pm (1:30pm)
Fri	Nov. 5	Napa Valley College	Napa, CA	6:00pm (2:00pm)
Wed	Nov. 10	Yuba College	Alameda, CA	6:00pm (4:00pm)
Fri	Nov. 12	Contra Costa College	San Pablo, CA	6:00pm (3:30pm)
TBA		Northern California JC Playoffs	Sites TBA	TBA
TBA		CCCAA State Championships	Sites TBA	TBA
<b>COACHES &amp; COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION</b>				
<b>Head Coach: TAYLOR ELLIOTT</b>		College President: Dr. Nathaniel Jones III		
Cell: (510) 846-1174		Dean of Athletics: Dr. Amy H. Lee		
Email: telliott@peralta.edu		Athletic Director: Ramaundo Vaughn		
<b>Assistant Coach: TBA</b>		Athletic Trainer: <b>Natalie Spangler??</b>		
Mascot: Cougars / Colors: Royal Blue		Website: www.alameda.peralta.edu		
<b>TWITTER @coacougars</b>		555 Ralph Appezzato Mem. Pkwy., Alameda, CA 94501		

# LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

FALL 2021

LRNRE 501: 40670

## Zoom Tutors Schedule

Tutor	Subjects	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rusty	All Math up to Calculus 3 // Statistic // Computer Science	1pm-5pm	11am-5pm	1pm-5pm	11am-5pm	OFF
Jacob	All Math up to Calculus 3 // Linear Algebra // Chemistry up to Chem 1B	OFF	11am-5pm	11am-5pm	11am-3:30pm	11am-2pm
Mujtaba	All Math up to Calculus 3	OFF	2pm-5pm	2pm-5pm	OFF	OFF
Tuan	All Math up to Calculus 3 // Linear Algebra	11am-2pm	OFF	11am-5pm	OFF	11am-2pm
Edrees	All Math up to Calculus 3 // Physics up to 4C // Computer Science	OFF	1pm-5pm	11am-5pm	1pm-5pm	11am-2pm
Samjhana	English 1A // English 5 // ESL	11am-5pm	11am-5pm	11am-12:30pm 1pm-5pm	11am-1:30pm	OFF
Pauline	All English // ESL	3pm-5pm	OFF	2pm-5pm	3pm-5pm	11am-2pm
Kai	Economics // All English // ESL	12pm-1pm 4pm-5pm	11am-3pm 4pm-5pm	12pm-1pm	11am-5pm	11am-2pm
Thai	Computer Science	OFF	OFF	11am-2pm	11pm-5pm	11am-2pm

To use our service simply **scan the QR code** using your phone or go to  
**[HTTPS://CCCCONFER.ZOOM.US/MY/COATUTOR](https://cccconfer.zoom.us/my/coatutor)**



College of Alameda  
**Learning Resource Center**  
FALL 2021



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English, CIS, ESL,  
Humanities, and  
Social Science



**ZOOM HOURS:**

**MONDAY TO THURSDAY**

**11am - 5pm**

**FRIDAY**

**11am - 2pm**

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COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA

# LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

FALL 2021



## FREE IN-PERSON TUTORING SERVICE! H-BUILDING ROOM 151

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

1PM - 5PM

### TUTORS SCHEDULE

Tutor	Subjects	Wednesday	Thursday
Rusty	All Math up to Calculus 3 // Statistic // Computer Science	OFF	1pm -5pm
Tuan	All Math up to Calculus 3 // Linear Algebra	1pm -5pm	OFF
Jacob	All Math up to Calculus 3 // Linear Algebra // Chemistry up to Chem 1B	1pm -5pm	1pm -3:30pm
Quan	Math 3A // Math 3B // Math 3E	OFF	1pm-5pm
Samjhana	English 1A // English 5 // ESL	1pm-5pm	OFF
Thai	Computer Science // Clerk	OFF	1pm-5pm

WE HAVE LIMITED  
TUTORS SO  
TUTORING WILL BE  
BY APPOINTMENT  
ONLY!

### HOW TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

**Email:** [lrc.frontdeskcoa@gmail.com](mailto:lrc.frontdeskcoa@gmail.com)

**Phone:** (510) 748-2307

**Zoom:** <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/my/coatutor>





## Need Help?



### Online Help

- Visit and bookmark Peralta's newly updated [Faculty Resource Canvas Shell \(FRCS\)](#).
- Visit and bookmark College of Alameda's [Distance Education Faculty Resources](#) website.
- Browse the [Canvas Instructor Guides](#). Watch the [Canvas Video Guides](#).
- Keep up with recent and upcoming Canvas changes on the [Canvas Releases page](#).
- Check out the [Online Network of Educators](#) (also known as @ONE) for professional development courses and resources.

### Live One-On-One Help

- Call Canvas support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at (844) 592-2199.
- Email an instructional coach to setup an appointment via Zoom:

**Stefanie Ulrey:** [sulrey@peralta.edu](mailto:sulrey@peralta.edu)

**Nora Mitchell:** [hmitchell@peralta.edu](mailto:hmitchell@peralta.edu) or schedule directly:

<https://calendly.com/noramitchell/coaching>

**Rich Kaeser:** [rkaeser@peralta.edu](mailto:rkaeser@peralta.edu)

For more faculty Distance Education resources: <https://alameda.peralta.edu/distance-education/faculty/>



# CONSTITUTION DAY



**JEOPARDY**



Join us for a fun game of Jeopardy and put your knowledge about the U.S. Constitution to the test!



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH**

**12 PM TO 1PM**

**ZOOM LINK: [HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/J/86053209330](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86053209330)**

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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).

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