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President's Corner

I am grateful to all of our faculty and staff who have been quick in adapting to changes during the Covid-19 shelter in place orders. Many of you have embraced new online technologies, showing great resilience in the process.

As soon as shelter in place orders were issued, the CoA Professional Development and Distance Education (DE) Committees were quick to facilitate a variety of online trainings for faculty and staff, addressing a variety of important subjects, including Counseling in the Remote Environment During a State of Emergency, an in-depth Q&A re: Accreditation with ACCJC During a State of Emergency, Equity Mindedness for Hiring in a Virtual Format during a State of Emergency, and Open Educational Resources (OER) Basics, among others. DE Coordinator **Jennifer Fowler** and

Diana Bajrami generously offered one-on-one 30 minute individual trainings to help faculty transition from in-person classes to online formats. Special thanks to Jennifer and Diana for their efforts. In addition to moving classes online, counseling, health, and other student services are now being offered online as well. While the CoA Library is physically closed, they too are offering online services. Thank you all for your extraordinary efforts in supporting our students. Together we will navigate these uncertain waters. Stay well!

Sincerely,

Timothy Karas, Ed.D.
President



CoA's FabLab Produces Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

CoA's FabLab joined other FabLabs and makers in the Bay Area in making critically needed Personal protective equipment (PPE) for hospitals and healthcare workers on the frontlines of fighting Covid-19. FabLab Technician **Miguel Vega**, **Justin Iredale**, and Fabricator **Vincent Stevenson** used a CO2 laser at the FabLab to cut and assemble much needed, high quality face shields. In late March, CoA's **Stevenson** joined **Rick Rothbart** and **Levi Williams** of Laney College in perfecting a prototype for a face shield to be used as PPE in a healthcare setting for the prevention of Covid-19 infections. In early April, **Coca-Cola** donated 4,500 pounds of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) rolls to be made into face shields. Makers at CoA and from around the Bay Area worked in sync to transform the material into thousands of face shields designed to protect wearers from airborne particles. A special thanks to **Danny Beesley**, **Miguel Vega**, and **Vince Stevenson** for helping lead an extraordinary volunteer effort.



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Molly Clem

Driven Student: Engineering Research, Robotics, AutoCAD,
Data Science, Technology Programming, Mathematics,



Student Testimonial

Hello! I am Molly Clem, a current high school at Alameda Science and Technology Institute. I started going to the COA Fab Lab in my sophomore year (2018), and worked as the Maker-In-Residence in my junior year. (2019) I loved my time in the lab! I was able to design and create projects for myself, my friends, and the community. I created a rasterized periodic table of the elements for a college chemistry classroom, made animal shelter blankets for dogs and kittens, and did fascinating research on piezoelectric powered gliders. At the Fab Lab I learned Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop software, Fusion 360 CAD, the design iteration process, and grew my team building skills. The Fab Lab Leads here have also helped me network. Now as a senior I have been applying to colleges. The Fab Lab equipped me with the skills to make myself a strong candidate for these colleges, as well as supported my ambitions for higher education. Because of this I was able to get into my top choice of school Worcester Polytechnic Institute. I could not be thankful enough for everything the COA Fab Lab has done for me.

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

Student Services Update

CoA General Counseling is now live with online counseling. Students can make appointments at the Counseling Department webpage. The College is finalizing online features for the following departments:

- Counseling (Currently Live)
- DSPS
- EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs/NextUP
- New Dream
- UMOJA
- Veterans (Currently live)

In addition, drop-in counseling is available through a chat on the counseling webpage. Chat will be live during regular business hours, including Monday evenings. After hours, chat service inquiries will be sent to a dedicated email. Counselors assigned to drop in will monitor the chat during their assignment. They will also follow up on emails and respond to chats received during non-business hours. The chat feature will soon be available on all student services pages. In addition, a link to the Counseling Online Appointment system will be available in the navigation section of CANVAS for easy and integrated student access.

Emergency Aid Grants for CoA Students

Due to COVID-19 and the Shelter-in-Place orders, many students are experiencing unanticipated hardships. College of Alameda is offering emergency grants for enrolled students. The grants are a response to address emergency needs for CoA students and are designed to provide funds for food, housing, utilities, transportation issues, technology, equipment and any other emergency that is impacting your ability to complete your classes. For more information and to apply visit <https://alameda.peralta.edu/student-services/emergency-aid-grants/>

Submitted by Tina Vasconcellos, Ph.D., Vice President of Student Services, Accreditation Liaison Officer



ABC Channel 7 Interviews Hoi Ko about the Impact of Grounding Planes

On Friday, April 3, 2020, ABC Channel 7's Investigative Reporter **Eric Thomas** contacted CoA's Aviation and Technology Program Department Chair **Hoi Ko** about the vast number of planes now sitting idle at Bay Area Airports due to the coronavirus pandemic. At Oakland International Airport there were about a half dozen Alaska Airlines jets clustered together in a spot between terminals. Ko said that "In short term storage they might have to run the engine from time to time, or they might have to run certain systems to keep them lubricated and operating. Otherwise the planes could suffer corrosion and need expensive repairs. But, if the drop in flights continues because of the virus, the aircraft would need longer term storage." You can see the complete interview online at: <https://abc7news.com/travel/coronavirus-impact-lack-of-passengers-grounds-about-one-third-of-worlds-airliners/6074985/>

Welcome New Staff!

College of Alameda was awarded the Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) grant in October 2019, a grant that will provide funds over a five year period. The HSI grant will fund the Adelante con Comunidad, Excelencia, Sabiduría y Oportunidad (ACCESO) Program, which is expected to demonstrate impact on student success by being responsive to the needs of Latinx and low-income students. Under ACCESO, the PUENTE Program will provide a learning community with enhanced support for students pursuing transfer to four-year institutions. Please note that the PUENTE Program welcomes ALL students, so please refer students to the PUENTE Website for information on how to apply.

On April 13, 2020, two key staff were hired to lead the efforts of the ACCESO and PUENTE Programs. In the next few weeks, they will be reaching out to many of you, so please help me welcome them to the College of Alameda family.



Mr. Horacio Corona Lira, Director, Email: hcorona@peralta.edu

Horacio Corona Lira was born in Las Tortugas, Michoacán, Mexico, and raised in Lindsay, California. He is the first in his family to attend and graduate from college, receiving a bachelor's degree in psychology with minors in education and Chicano studies from the University of California at Berkeley. He attributes much of his success to the work ethic instilled in him by his parents and his campesino upbringing.

Horacio comes to CoA with over 10 years of professional experience in student affairs, student equity, and leadership in higher education. He is passionate about working with students. Horacio is completing a master's degree in public policy and administration at California State University, Sacramento. His master's thesis focuses on academic probation, student retention, and equity outcomes.



Ms. Mayra Arévalo-Agyapong, Student Services Specialist, Email: marevalo@peralta.edu

Mayra Arévalo-Agyapong was born and raised in El Salvador. She emigrated to the United States as a teenager. Not knowing much English, she enrolled in Laney Community College as an ESL student, and from there moved on to transferring and getting a bachelor's degree in Social Welfare from UC Berkeley. Mayra has more than 10 years of experience working in a community college setting, in student services areas such as Puente, EOPS, TRiO and Gateway to College, as well as five years of administrative experience in the office of instruction. As an immigrant and a first generation college student, Mayra is motivated to support community college students in their pursuit of higher education.



College of Alameda Welcomes the Puente Program

Under the leadership of Dean **Lilia Celhay**, and with the support of the greater College of Alameda community, the Puente Program leadership team is proud to announce the rollout of the [Puente Program at CoA](#) for the incoming cohort of fall 2020.

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.

Puente students, or Puentistas, work closely with their counselor, English instructor, and mentor to prepare for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The writing curriculum focuses on the development of college-level essay writing, reading, research, and critical thinking skills, a necessary foundation for educational success.

Students can apply to the Puente for fall 2020 enrollment by following the links below. Space is limited, we encourage students to apply early. All students are welcome!

Contact our team with any questions:

Horacio Corona Lira
hcorona@peralta.edu

Mayra Arévalo-Agyapong
marevalo@peralta.edu

[Apply to Puente](#)

Also, please help us welcome our Puente Program leadership team:



Horacio Corona Lira
Director



Mayra Arévalo-Agyapong
Student Support Specialist



Anthony Scoggins
English Instructor

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Library Hours for ONLINE Services:

Coronavirus Closure Update: The Library is physically closed until June 30, 2020. However, the following online Library services are still available during the ONLINE ONLY Library Services Hours (listed below):

- Free 24/7 access to online [Reserve Textbooks](#)
- Free 24/7 e-books and articles accessible through the [Library databases](#)
- [Online Reference via chat/email](#) with a librarian during Online Only Library Service Hours (listed below)
- Online Library instruction sessions can be scheduled by faculty using the Library Instruction Request Form

If students have overdue books, please ask them to wait to return them until the Library reopens. Any fines for overdue books will be waived on return. To contact the Library during the closure, please use the [online chat/email](#).

ONLINE ONLY Library Service Hours for Spring:

(Jan. 21, 2020 – May 22, 2020):

Mon. – Thurs.: 7:50 am – 7:50 pm

Fri.: 7:50 am – 3:50 pm

Holidays (no chat/email/instruction available):

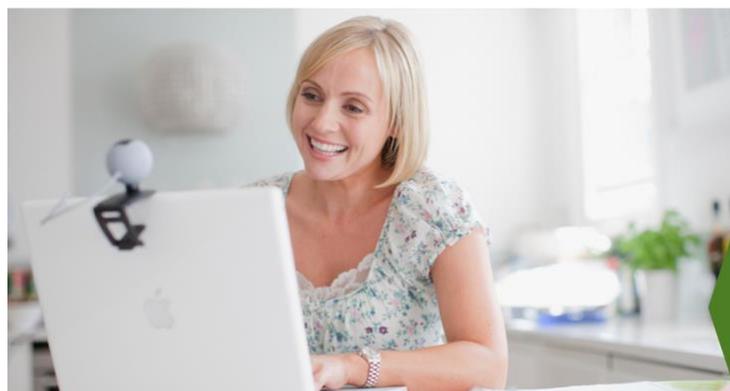
Mon., March 30th (Staff Development Day)

Tues., March 31 (Cesar Chavez Day)

Fri., May 15th (Malcolm X's Birthday)

Library closes at noon Fri., May 22, 2020

Submitted by Jane McKenna, Head Librarian, Access Services Librarian and LIS85 Instructor, jmckenna@peralta.edu



Owning a business is both exciting and intimidating.

With SCORE, you have lots of support. Browse these tools and find resources to help you make key decisions about your business. Your SCORE mentor can assist in putting your ideas into action.

[East Bay SCORE Resource Center ▶](#)

East Bay SCORE Continues to Provide Crucial Support to Struggling Local Businesses During Pandemic

East Bay SCORE recently moved their offices to the College of Alameda only to close their doors due to the recent shelter in place order. That hasn't stopped them from continuing to provide invaluable services to their clients remotely.

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According to Neil Rubenstein, Chair of East Bay SCORE, they have received an enormous number of requests from individuals and small businesses for help. From March 1, 2020, through April 13, 2020, East Bay SCORE conducted multiple counseling sessions by phone, video conference, and email for more than 200 clients, totaling 455 individual counseling sessions.

Although not all of the counseling sessions were primarily focused on Coronavirus/COVID-19, the subject came up in almost every session. Rubenstein said that they have the capacity for continuing to respond to the recent surge in demand. To meet demand, East Bay SCORE formed a team of expert counselors that stays up-to-date on new programs and changes in existing programs; counsels clients; and acts as a resource for other counselors. The dedicated team communicates regularly, and exchanges information, with other SCORE chapters and SCORE National.

Clients are giving East Bay SCORE very high marks for their special efforts. Since March 1, 2020, out of 54 client evaluations, 53 clients gave their services a rating of nine or 10 on a scale with 10 being the highest.

For more information about East Bay SCORE services: <https://eastbay.score.org>



CoA Construction/Facility Updates

Progress continues on several large building projects at CoA. Faculty, staff, administrators, and construction management firms have moved to virtual meetings to maintain momentum on these projects and meet State deadlines.

A. Center for Liberal Arts: Schedule Complete: 89%

- Building Exterior Work
 - Curtain wall framing complete
 - Curtain wall glazing continues.
 - Exterior panel installation continues
- Interior Work (level 1, 2 and 3):
 - Painting complete and touch-up ongoing throughout.

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- Casework installation continues
- Electrical rough-in continues
- T-bar ceiling installation continues
- Light fixtures installation continues
- Fire sprinkler install continues

B. Automotive/Diesel Building Replacement

Weekly project meeting with faculty stakeholders, construction management firm (JK Architecture Engineering) and administration continues. The team is making recommendations of programing, space diagrams, and equipment lists. This is a State funded construction project.

Timeline:

- Schematic Design: March 21 -April 30, 2020
- Design Development: May 8 –July 3, 2020
- Construction Documents: July 20 –November 13, 2020
- Department of State Architect Review: December 1 –April 30, 2021
- Bid: June – July, 2021
- Construction: August 2021 –December 2022

C. L Building Modernization

Alma Strategies, State Funding Consultant, scheduled an initial user group meeting for the Library FPP on March 27, 2020. Key L Building stakeholders were invited to attend the meeting.

The process is to prepare a Final Project Proposal (FPP) to be submitted to the State Chancellor’s Office by July 1, 2020. If the proposal is awarded the project could be funded in the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

FPP will set the detailed project space program, cost estimate, and anticipated schedule. If approved, the first funding for initial schematic design will be July 2022.

PROJECT BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

- Reconstruction & modernization of existing L-Building
- We may reconfigure space/adjacencies, and/or redistribute existing space
- We cannot increase the overall existing ASF within the building

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Free Wifi Access in CoA Parking Lots



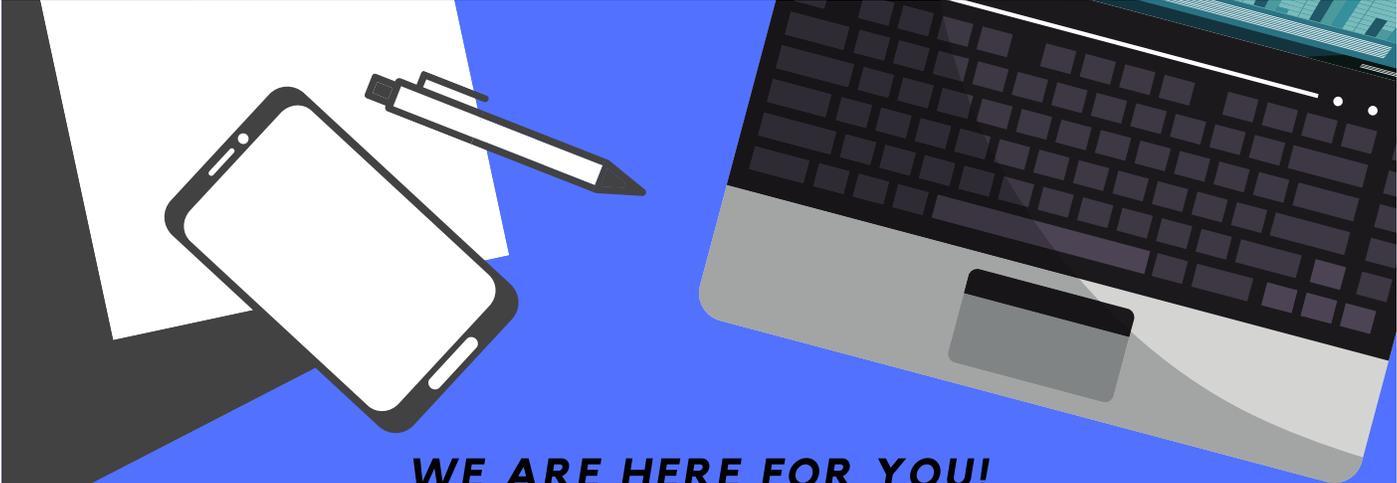
Are you struggling to access your classes online due to slow or no wifi at home? We have designated spaces where you can come to the college and park in the area indicated on the map.



Please stay in your vehicle and park in spaces every other stall to ensure at least 6 feet distance.



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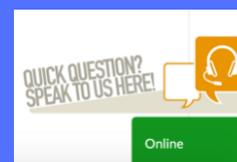
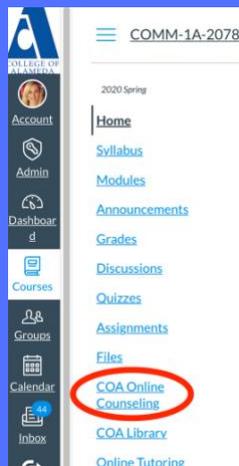
Schedule a Live Zoom Video Appointment or drop in for a chat today.

Find us on the Counseling webpage or in your Canvas class portal on the left navigation bar.

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[COA COUNSELING WEBPAGE](#)

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/COA-COUNSELING](https://tinyurl.com/coa-counseling)



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College of Alameda Spring 2020

Remote and Online Student Programs and Services

College of Alameda is dedicated to ensuring a safe environment for all students. In response to the California COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place order, services will be provided remotely and through online formats. See below for program and services hours and contact information. For specific department updates, please go to the department webpages.

Admission and Records	Monday 8:00-6:30 Tuesday –Friday 8:30-4:30	https://alameda.peralta.edu/student-service/admissions-and-records/ 510.748.2228
Adult Education	Monday- Friday 8:00-4:30	https://alameda.peralta.edu/student-service/adult-education-transition-program/ 510.671.0985
Counseling	Monday 8:00-6:30 Tuesday– Friday 8:00-4:30	https://alameda.peralta.edu/student-service/counseling/ 510.748.2209
DSPS- Disabled Student Programs and Services/ Workability/ C2C	Monday– Friday 8:00-4:30	https://alameda.peralta.edu/student-service/dsps/ 510.748.2328
CoA Employment and Career Center	Monday- Friday 9:00-5:00	https://alameda.peralta.edu/student-service/alameda-one-stop-career-center/ 510.748.2208
EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs/NextUP	Monday – Friday 8:00-4:30	https://alameda.peralta.edu/student-service/eops-care/ 510.748.2258
Financial Aid	Monday 8:00-6:30 Tuesday– Friday 8:00-4:30	https://alameda.peralta.edu/student-service/financial-aid/ 510.748.2391
Mental Health Counseling	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00-4:30 Tuesday 8:00-2:00 & Friday 9:00-3:30	https://alameda.peralta.edu/student-service/health-services/ email: coamentalhealth@peralta.edu
UMOJA	Tuesday, Thursday- Friday 9:00-4:30	https://alameda.peralta.edu/student-service/umoja/ 510.748.5274
MESA	Tuesday 2:00-4:30 Wednesday- Friday 10:30-4:30	https://alameda.peralta.edu/student-service/math-engineering-science-achievement-mesa/ 510.466.5375
New Dream	Monday 8:00-4:30 Wednesday 11:00-5:00 Friday 9:00-4:30	https://alameda.peralta.edu/student-service/new-d-r-e-a-m/ 510.748.5288
Transfer Center	Monday– Friday 9:00-3:00	https://alameda.peralta.edu/student-service/transfer-program/ 510.748.2113
Veteran Resource Center	Monday– Friday 8:00-4:30	https://alameda.peralta.edu/student-service/veterans-services/ 510.748.5283

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COURSE CODE	COURSE	CATALOG DESCRIPTION	INSTRUCTOR
25760	ANTHR 1*	INTRO TO PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	STAFF
25884	ANTHR 1*	INTRO TO PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	STAFF
25761	ANTHR 3*	SOCIAL/CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	STAFF
25763	ART 3*	HISTORY OF WESTERN HISTORY	STAFF
25762	ART 122*	WORLD ART	STAFF
25764	ASTR 1*	INTRO TO ASTRONOMY	STAFF
25885	ASTR 1*	INTRO TO ASTRONOMY	STAFF
25765	BIOL 31*	NUTRITION (4 UNITS)	MAJLESI, R.
25886	BIOL 31*	NUTRITION (4 UNITS)	MAJLESI, R.
25766	COMM 1A*	INTRO TO SPEECH	FOWLER, J.
25879	COMM 1A*	INTRO TO SPEECH	FOWLER, J.
25768	COMM 20*	INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION	ANDREW, A.
25769	ECON 1*	MACRO-ECONOMICS	GUEYE, S.
25771	ECON 1*	MACRO-ECONOMICS	BAJRAMI, D.
25772	ECON 2*	MICRO-ECONOMICS	BAJRAMI, D.
25773	ENGL 10A*	CREATIVE WRITING	RUBIN, J.
25774	ENGL 10B*	CREATIVE WRITING	RUBIN, J.
25775	ENGL 210A	CREATIVE WRITING	RUBIN, J.
25776	ENGL 210B	CREATIVE WRITING	RUBIN, J.
25777	GEOG 1*	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY	STAFF
25778	GEOG 2*	CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY	STAFF
25779	HIST 7A*	HISTORY/U.S. TO 1877	LORETTO, E.
25880	HIST 7A*	HISTORY/U.S. TO 1877	SANCERI, J.
25790	HIST 7B*	HISTORY/U.S. SINCE 1865	LORETTO, E.
25881	HIST 7B*	HISTORY/U.S. SINCE 1865	SANCERI, J.
25781	HLTOC 201	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY I (2 UNITS)	DAVE, N.
25782	HLTOC 202	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY II (2 UNITS)	DAVE, N.
25783	HUMAN 40*	RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD	LIPOWITZ, C.
25784	PHIL 1*	INTRO TO PHILOSOPHY	PETERSON, D.
25785	POSCI 1*	GOVERNMENT/POLITICS IN US	BREM, R.
25882	POSCI 1*	GOVERNMENT/POLITICS IN US	HURTADO-ORTIZ, J.
25786	PSYCH 1A*	INTRO TO GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	PETERSON-GUADA, S.
25883	PSYCH 1A*	INTRO TO GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	PETERSON-GUADA, S.
25787	SOC 1*	INTRO TO SOCIOLOGY	HARRIS, R.
25878	SOC 5*	MINORITY GROUPS	SANDHU, S.
25788	SOC 5*	MINORITY GROUPS	SANDHU, S.

- * Course acceptable for lower division transfer credit to BA/BS programs at CSU and UC
- Returning students log onto pa.peralta.edu to register today
- New students apply for admission online at <https://web.peralta.edu/enrollment-2/> – or visit the College of Alameda Welcome Center for assistance
- Please select "SPRING 2020" as the term to enroll for the above classes.

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Make Your *Splash!*

- Is there a colleague that you'd like to recognize or a new staff member in your department that you'd like to welcome?
 - Do you know an outstanding student whose story you would like to share?
 - Is there an upcoming event that we should all know about?
 - 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?

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/>