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*Interim-President Dr. Don Miller*

## President’s Corner: Accreditation Update

The College has completed its Special Report due to ACCJC on November 1, 2020. I sincerely appreciate the faculty, staff, and administrators who shared content, gave feedback, and helped improve the document all along the way. Campus constituents can be proud of the good work that was done in comprehensively addressing all concerns and continuing to achieve the College’s important mission. A special shout out goes to Director of Research and Planning **Dominique Benavides** for the many hours of data collection, research, and evidence review and preparation that went into creating the document.

In addition, under the leadership and writing skills of VPSS Dr. **Tina Vasconcellos**, the Institutional Self Evaluation Report (ISER) is now making its way through our shared governance system and other campus forums for review. Please see the dates below for the CoA ISER input sessions.

Many thanks to the teams that have worked hard to provide the content and evidence of the College’s compliance with accreditation standards.

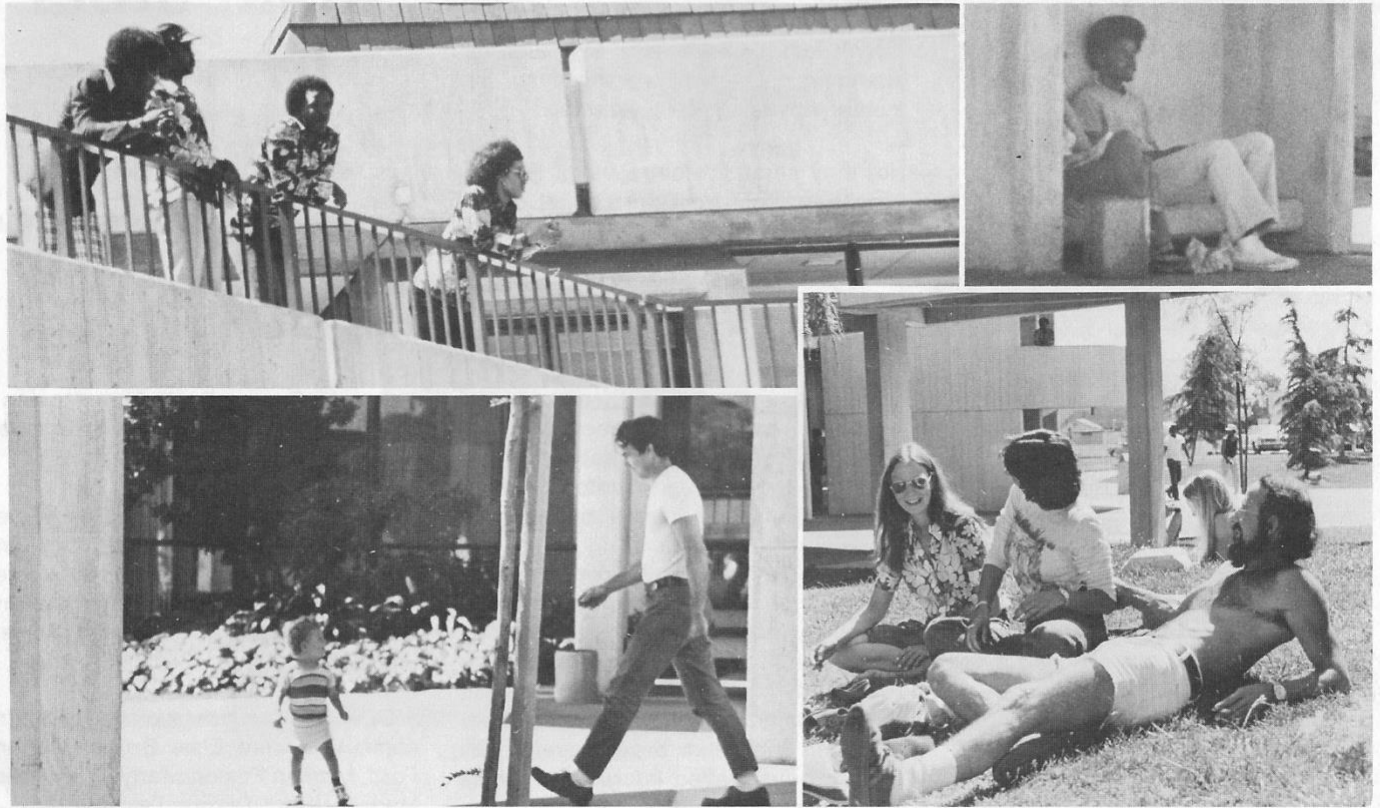
### COA Library Resources Curbside Pick Up a Great Resource for Students

Since late spring semester when CoA received its first shipment of Chromebooks the library staff and faculty have been working with the administration to check out computers for student use. At the start of the fall semester CoA’s library was the first in the District to roll out curbside distribution of library resources. Library staff are coming in three days a week to provide this service and nearly 100 Chromebooks have been checked out to students so far. The library also is distributing calculators and circulating books. This was a major endeavor and special thanks go to **Cheryl Peel, Caitlin Gilbert, Glenda Gardner, Lili Tavassoli, Ann Buchalter, and Jane McKenna** for their good work.

## More Dialogs Are Scheduled on the Chancellor's Call to Action

Thanks to all of you who joined me on Thursday, October 8, 2020, at noon, in discussing the third area of the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Call to Action, which focused on community colleges auditing classroom climate and creating an action plan to ensure that classrooms are inclusive and that colleges offer anti-racism curriculum. The next Dialog will take place on October 22, 2020, at noon, and will focus on the fourth area of the Chancellor's Call to Action, which recommends that colleges review their Equity Plans, look at them with fresh eyes, and answer the question of whether it is designed for compliance or for outcomes. All are invited to attend the upcoming Dialog sessions addressing these important issues.

# What Did You Do At School Today?



## Save the Date for College of Alameda's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

I hope that you will join me, our colleagues, and our community, on **December 1, 2020, at 7 p.m.** (Giving Tuesday) for an hour of celebration honoring the College's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I hope that it will be a fun event for all.

Best wishes,

*Don Miller, Ph.D.*

Interim President  
College of Alameda


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ACCJC Institutional Self Evaluation Report (ISER)

*College Wide Input Sessions*

We are in the final stages of the CoA ISER! Please join the dialogue and input sessions. Your voice Matters!!

- Tuesday 10.20.20 1:00pm- Intro Standard I
- Thursday 10.22.20 1:00pm - Standard II
- Tuesday 10.27.20 1:00 pm- Standard IV
- Thursday 10.29.20 11:00am- Standard III



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## Mark Your Calendar—CoA ISER Input Sessions Have Been Scheduled

I am excited to announce CoA ISER Input Sessions as noted in the graphic above. I am taking an approach to maximize input and dialogue from constituency groups and I am holding four sessions to allow for deeper focus and feedback. Please calendar the dates.

The link for ALL sessions:

<https://zoom.us/j/98672963991?pwd=M3NkVzZnTkIK0xzRnJuVGFjTkpWZz09>

I will send out the section drafts for review by the end of the day Friday, October 16, 2020.

*Submitted by Dr. Tina Vasconcellos, Vice President of Student Services, Accreditation Liaison Officer, CSSO Executive Board, Region 3 Representative*

**Educational Journeys Panel**

**THURSDAY  
OCT. 15 11am-12pm**

Community college Latinx leaders share their educational journey narratives and discuss the Latinx student experience.  
Join the conversation!

**REGISTER HERE:**  
[https://cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qd-qrpj0vH9HzSQ6CtqdI41pl\\_4QTfYWI](https://cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qd-qrpj0vH9HzSQ6CtqdI41pl_4QTfYWI)

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## Latinx Heritage Month Series Ends this Week with Panel Discussion

Our Latinx Heritage Month series of events ends this week with our [Educational Journeys Panel!](#) Please see event details below. Hosted by [ACCESO](#), *your familia at College of Alameda!*

### Educational Journeys Panel

Thursday Oct. 15, 11am-12pm

*Community college Latinx leaders share their educational journey narratives and discuss the Latinx student experience. Join the conversation!*

**Register in advance by clicking the link below:**

[https://cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qd-qrpj0vH9HzSQ6CtqdI41pl\\_4QTfYWI](https://cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qd-qrpj0vH9HzSQ6CtqdI41pl_4QTfYWI)

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



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## Free NY Times Online Subscription Is Available Through the CoA Library

Did you know that Peralta students, faculty, and staff are able to access the NY Times online for free as part of a CoA Library subscription? Tired of hitting a paywall when viewing NY Times articles. Not a problem anymore.

By setting up an account using your @peralta.edu email address you get a New York Times online basic subscription + cooking. Your account will give you access to the New York Times website, as well as their mobile app. You do not have to be on campus to access these resources.

### Here's how you do it:

1. In a web browser go to [www.NYTimes.com/Pass](http://www.NYTimes.com/Pass)
2. Click on Create Account
3. Enter your @peralta.edu email address and create a password.
4. New York Times will send you an email verification. Go to that email and click on the link.
5. Let them know if you are a Student (and you estimated year of graduation) or Faculty

That's it! Once you have created your login it can also be used in most mobile apps (excluding tablet apps, although you can still access the NYT website on a tablet).

### Please Note:

If you wish to subscribe using the Library for free but you already have an account with the NY Times using your Peralta email, you should change the email address on that subscription and then use your Peralta email to get the Academic Pass.

The Academic Pass is valid for one year. After 364 days you will get a reminder to renew your pass as long as you still have your @peralta.edu email address.

If you have trouble getting signed up or logging in there are tips at <https://alameda.peralta.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/NYT.com-guide-for-creating-an-account.pdf> . You can also get help from a librarian via e-mail at [coa-reference@peralta.edu](mailto:coa-reference@peralta.edu) or via live chat using the Chat with a Librarian link on the [Library Webpage](#).

Give it a try! Tell your students!

*Submitted by Jane McKenna Head Librarian, Access Services Librarian, and LIS85 Instructor, [jmckenna@peralta.edu](mailto:jmckenna@peralta.edu)*



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## The Puente Program at College of Alameda Invites You to Become a Puente Mentor!

Each year, we recruit volunteers like you, to mentor our Puente students. Mentors offer insight, provide guidance, and share their experiences in college and on their chosen career path. Furthermore, Puente mentors can provide Puente students with exposure to a professional environment as well as an introduction to developing students' networking skills.

As a mentor, you will make a difference in a Puente student's life by:

- Developing a genuine encouraging relationship
- Sharing your academic and career experiences
- Providing encouragement and support to maintain an academic focus
- Validating Puente students' strengths and potential as future professionals
- Sharing strategies to overcome obstacles
- Motivating Puente students to complete transfer goals
- Be an additional resource as needed

**Please consider becoming a College of Alameda Puente mentor!**

**Join today!**

CLICK HERE:

**<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsYUD3aRHANwgicNIFmmdFiaYuvivCWosNE88XWoO7SIRWQA/viewform>**

**All mentor contacts will be conducted remotely, via Zoom or phone call.**

*Submitted by Horacio Corona Lira, Director, HSI ACCESO/Puente Programs hcorona@peralta.edu*

# The 1619 Project

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## The 1619 Project Upcoming Virtual Brown Bag Series Continues

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

October 20, 2020

November 19 , 2020

November 5, 2020

December 3, 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://neaedjustice.org/the-1619-project-resource-page/>

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



### The 1619 Project Curriculum | Pulitzer Center

The 1619 Project, inaugurated with a special issue of The New York Times Magazine, challenges us to reframe U.S. history by marking the year when the first enslaved Africans arrived on Virginia soil as our nation's foundational date. Here you will find reading guides, activities, and other resources to bring The 1619 Project into your classroom. [pulitzercenter.org](https://pulitzercenter.org)

*Submitted by Dr. Carolyn Johnson, Business Instructor, [cjohnson@peralta.edu](mailto:cjohnson@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-oSuPCABUOElaRjBEVIQwQ0E3MIVWWFpIVUdUS1ZENy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Fmqh7q9Ie0eREwWxwBEj_z6ao_3n9zVEtja-oSuPCABUOElaRjBEVIQwQ0E3MIVWWFpIVUdUS1ZENy4u)

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



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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.

Past issues of the *CoA Splash* are available at <https://alameda.peralta.edu/newsletter/coa-splash/>