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CoA President Dr. Nathaniel Jones III

President's Corner: Congratulations to Our Newly Tenured Faculty Members!

Please join me in congratulating our newly tenured faculty members: African Diaspora Studies Instructor **Jody Campbell**, Psychology Instructor **Elham Chishty**, Diesel Mechanic Instructor **Blair Norton**, and Health Services Coordinator and Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor **Lisa Sawadogo**. Thank you all for your demonstrated excellence in the classroom, passion for teaching, and commitment to student success!

This semester has flown by and it's hard to believe that commencement is right around the corner. This year CoA is offering students the opportunity to participate in hybrid commencement activities, which will take place

online and/or in-person. The online commencement ceremony will be held on Friday, May 27, 2022, starting at 10 a.m. The in-person, non-traditional commencement event, titled CoA GradFest, will be held on Friday, May 27, 2022, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at various locations on campus. You can help make this year's commencement a great success. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up online here. For more information about this year's graduation activities, please visit the commencement webpage.

Please mark your calendars and join us at the Education Master Plan Forum on May 5, 2022, from noon to 2 p.m. I look forward to seeing you there!

Warmest Regards,

Dr. Nathaniel Jones III College of Alameda President





Save the Date

Education Master Plan College Forum

Thursday, May 5, 2022 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. HyFlex Event

Presented by

College of Alameda Leadership Team

PCCD Board of Trustees Approves Four Tenured Faculty Members

At the March 8, 2022, board meeting, PCCD trustees approved four CoA tenured faculty members, including African Diaspora Studies Instructor **Jody Campbell**, Health Services Coordinator and Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor **Lisa Sawadogo**, Diesel Mechanic Instructor **Blair Norton**, and Psychology Instructor **Elham Chishty**. Special thanks to our Tenure Review Coordinator (TRC) **Rochelle Olive** for her work on the tenure process.



African Diaspora Studies Instructor Jody Campbell (center) & friends.

Jody Campbell teaches African Diaspora Studies at CoA and also teaches sociology at Solano Community College. He has been teaching at PCCD for over ten years and at Solano College for more than seven years. Jody is a graduate of Laney College. He earned his baccalaureate degree in African American Studies and Sociology from the University of California, Davis. He holds a Master of Arts in Ethnic Studies Degree with an emphasis in Afro-Caribbean and Afro-Latin Studies from San Francisco State University.

Prior to entering San Francisco State
University, Jody studied at the University of West
Indies in Trinidad and Tobago, and the University of
Havana in Cuba, where he spent two semesters

studying African Diasporic communities in the Caribbean and Latin America. He began his teaching career at Laney College through the Peralta Faculty Diversity Internship Program. For six years he taught at Laney College in the African American Studies Department and served as an advisor to the Laney College Black Student Union and the CoA Black Student Union. He has also served as co–coordinator for the CoA Umoja program as well as serving on the Academic Senate, College Council, Curriculum Committee, and the Black History Month Committee.

Over the past ten years, Jody also has been teaching African American Studies at Oakland Technical High School, Island High School, and Madison Park Academy through the Duel Enrollment Program. Prior to teaching, Jody served for years as a social worker for Families First, where he actively worked with African American foster families in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Solano County. When he is not teaching, Jody enjoys traveling with his family to the Caribbean and throughout Latin America.



Psychology Instructor Elham Chishty

Psychology Instructor **Elham Chishty** arrived in the U.S when she was eight years old, having previously lived in both Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. She has had passion for teaching since high school, where she was inspired by the words, actions, and intentions of her teachers. She graduated with an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences from San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton, California and went on to complete a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of California (UC), Davis. While at UC Davis she became fascinated with the applied side of Psychology, which became her initial focus after graduating. She enrolled in an intensive doctoral program at Alliant International University, California School of Professional Psychology, where she successfully completed one year of course work in Clinical Psychology. After some time, she says that

sne realized that sne was more interested in teaching and enrolled at San Francisco State University where she earned a Master of Arts Degree in Psychology, specializing in Developmental Psychology. Immediately after graduation, Elham says that she felt blessed to have started teaching at the College of Alameda.

"I instantly fell in love with the College, the students, and the faculty," she said. "I felt an honesty and a genuine struggle for growth in the hearts of all the people I met at CoA. It mirrored my journey and my struggles as a human. I love the human element to teaching where students can relate to one another while relating to the material itself. I love the fact that art and reflection is incorporated in my work with the students so they can delve deeply in to the subject matter and find some sort of place of healing within it. I am blessed to be around my students as they have so much to teach me. I feel utterly honored to receive tenure as this is not just something I have accomplished, but the years of dedication, guidance, and camaraderie I found in my esteemed colleagues. Thank you so much for honoring me!"



Diesel Mechanic Instructor Blair Norton

Blair Norton began his journey to become a Diesel Mechanic Instructor in 2012 when he enrolled as a student at College of Alameda. Prior to that, he worked in the industry for twenty-five plus years as a heavy-duty truck and equipment mechanic. After graduating, he began his teaching career as an adjunct faculty member in our Diesel and Truck Mechanics Program. Blair's hobbies are restoring classic cars and building hot rods. He has been going to car shows with his father since he was a young boy. Blair looks forward to the annual Downtown Alameda Classic Car Show where he promotes the Diesel Mechanics (DMECH) Program. He also enjoys riding motorcycles and spending time with his family. Blair is a proud alum of the College of Alameda and enjoys

participating in outreach events. He demonstrates outstanding dedication to his students and the teaching profession. He has spent the last four years co-chairing the DMECH Program, updating instructional materials, improving curriculum, and building relationships with industry partners for students' success. He

is personable and makes himself available to students whenever possible, believing that every student can achieve their goals. He genuinely enjoys being a part of the community that is the College of Alameda.



Health Services Coordinator and Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Lisa Sawadogo,

Health Services Coordinator and Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor **Lisa Sawadogo** is a tremendous asset to the College. Her dedication to students is demonstrated in both the personalized care that she shows to her student clients and in the support, training, and mentorship that she provides to CoA's Mental Health interns, who provide therapy services to students. Lisa is community-minded and actively seeks collaboration with other campus programs to provide access and help destigmatize mental health services for our students. Lisa grew up in the Chicago area and received a Master of Arts Degree in Community Counseling from Eastern Illinois University. Most of her work experience over the past 15 years has been providing mental health services in Oakland community clinics, nonprofit organizations, community colleges, and private practice. She also volunteers at Trybe, a community-based organization in

East Oakland. Lisa says that it is an honor to walk alongside students in support of their personal and educational journeys. Outside of work and volunteering in the community, she loves sports, hiking, reading historical fiction, and going on outdoor adventures with her family.



Mark Your Calendars: CoA Dance Students to Perform at Peace Plaza in San Francisco on May 14, 2022

CoA Dance Instructor **Danny Nguyen** and students will perform in a showcase of Asian American choreographers on Saturday, May 14, 2022, from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m., at Peace Plaza in San Francisco. Admission is open to the public and is free of charge.



Photo from left: CoA President Dr. Nathaniel Jones III, Interim PCCD Chancellor Dr. Jannett N. Jackson, PCCD Trustee Mr. Bill Withrow, CoA Academic Senate Vice President Ms. Jennifer Fowler, CoA Acting Vice President of Instruction Dr. Diana Bajrami, and CoA Classified Senate President Ms. Kawanna Rollins are aboard the USS Hornet attending the April 7, 2022, Alameda State of the City event.

Alameda State of the City Event Attracts Over 200 Attendees

CoA and PCCD representatives attended the Alameda State of the City event on April 7, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., hosted by the Alameda Chamber of Commerce aboard the USS Hornet, a museum ship, located on the southernmost pier of the former Naval Air Station in Alameda. Over 200 peopled attended the two-hour event, where Chamber President/CEO Madlen Saddik and Board Chair Kelly Lux welcomed guests. Adam Elsesser, founder of the Alameda-based medical technology firm Penumbra, introduced City of Alameda's Mayor the Honorable Marilynn Ezzy Ashcraft. The Mayor's speech covered a number of important issues, including housing, crime, and the environment. Ashcraft touted the City's new Housing Element draft and introduced a recently awarded grant to develop Dignity Village on Fifth Street, indicating that the County will be providing an additional \$2,300,000 in funding for the program's operating costs. She also discussed City's targeted investments aimed at helping residents and businesses grow while strengthening the local economy in equitable, sustainable, and innovative ways. A panel discussion followed the Mayor's presentation, including City of Alameda's Community Development Department Director Lisa Maxwell, Director of Housing and Transportation Andrew Thomas, Police Chief Nishant Joshi, and Fire Chief Nicholas Luby. Topics ranged from development, infrastructure, and public safety to economic growth and the CARE team. Each City leader provided an overview of their department's responses to challenges, followed by a preview of future goals and plans. PCCD attendees included: PCCD Trustee Bill Withrow and Interim PCCD Chancellor Dr. Jannett N. Jackson. CoA participants included: Academic Senate Vice President Jennifer Fowler, Classified Senate President Ms. Kawanna Rollins, Acting Vice President of Instruction Dr. Diana Bajrami, Executive Assistant to the President Ms. Teddy Washington, and President Dr. Nathaniel Jones III.



Castlemont High School Is One of Mobile CoA's Destinations for providing in-person services this spring.

Mobile CoA Is Delivering On-Site & Personal Service to Area Schools

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, College of Alameda student services staff members are delighted to once again host events, provide on-site services at local high schools, and participate in community activities.

CoA's Annual Partner Breakfast

The Annual Partner Breakfast on March 25, 2022, kicked off an exciting recruitment season with over 50 representatives from local high schools and educational programs attending the event. Student Liaison Natalie Barraza hosted the breakfast and shared important information with participants about degree and certificate programs, financial aid, the CoA Promise Program, cross enrollment opportunities, and transfer guarantees. CoA's Undocumented Student Support Consultant Juan Lopez also spoke about important resources and funding opportunities that are available for undocumented students. The breakfast also featured a question-and-answer session as well as breakout sessions, where participants learned more about specific CoA programs such as: Student and Accessibility Services (SAS); Equal Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS), NextUp, CalWorks; Umoja; Puente, Adelante con Comunidad, Excelencia, Sabiduría y Oportunidad (ACCESO), Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA), the Veterans Resource Center; and Career Technical Education programs.

The Partner Breakfast concluded with a synopsis of the robust roster of Spring 2022 Mobile CoA events at area high schools, featuring hands-on assistance with college applications, counseling, and registration support. College of Alameda student services staff members are eager to re-engage with local high school students in Mobile CoA activities.

The following CoA faculty and staff participated in the question-and-answer portion of the breakfast program: Director, Hispanic Serving Institution Grant and ACCESO/Puente Programs **Horacio Corona-**

Lira, Student Services Specialist Mayra Arévalo-Agyapong, and PUENTE/ACCESO Counselor Danna Chavez, Outreach Team Member Natalie Barraza, Umoja Coordinator/Counselor Jerel McGiffert, Undocumented Student Success Consultant Juan Lopez; Financial Aid Interim Financial Aid Director Dave Nguyen, Geography Department Co-Chair Cady Carmichael, MESA/General Counselor/Professor Nila Adina, Counselors Julie Saechao and Cynthia Haro, Career and Technical Education Coordinator Donna Jones, Career and Technical Education Dean Eva Jennings, Student Accessibility Services (SAS) Coordinator Rachel Goodwin, Staff Assistant to the Dean of Enrollment Services Nickey Heredia, Veteran's Center Coordinator La Shawn Brumfield, EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs/NextUp Project Manager Louie Martirez y McFarland, Dean of Counseling and Special Programs Dr. Shalamon Duke, EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs/NextUp Staff Assistant Nesi More, and Associate Dean of Educational Success Paula Armstead.

Upcoming Outreach and Mobile CoA Events:

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04/26/2022	Mobile CoA Counseling Services at Oakland Technical High School
04/26/2022	Mobile CoA Application Support at Encinal High School
05/03/2022	Mobile CoA Registration Services at Oakland High School
05/03/2022	Mobile CoA Counseling Services at Oakland International High School
05/04/2022	Mobile CoA Counseling Services at Encinal High School
05/04/2022	College of Alameda Family Night
05/05/2022	Mobile CoA Registration Services at Encinal High School
05/10/2022	Mobile CoA Services at Alameda High School

Past Outreach and Mobile CoA Events:

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03/27/2022	Afghan Resource and Nowruz Fair
03/28/2022	Rudsdale's Career Symposium
03/29/2022	Mobile CoA Application Assistance at Alameda High School
04/11/2022	Mobile CoA Application Support at Castlemont High School
04/12/2022	Mobile CoA Application Support at Castlemont High School
04/12/2022	Mobile CoA Counseling Services at Fremont High School
04/13/2022	Mobile CoA Counseling Services at Fremont High School
04/15/2022	Mobile CoA Application Support Oakland International High School
04/16/2022	Alameda Spring Festival & Community Expo
04/18/2022	Mobile CoA Presentation at Encinal High School
04/19/2022	Mobile CoA Application Support at Oakland Technical High School
04/19/2022	Mobile CoA Registration Follow Up at Fremont High School
04/19/2022	Mobile CoA Counseling Services at Castlemont High School
04/19/2022	Mobile CoA Counseling Services at Rudsdale Newcomer Continuation High School
04/20/2022	Mobile CoA Counseling Services at Oakland High School
04/21/2022	DCAC Virtual Community Fair
04/22/2022	Mobile CoA Counseling Services at Alameda High School
04/25/2022	Mobile CoA Registration Follow Up at Rudsdale Newcomer Continuation High School

Submitted by Student Services Representative Natalie Barraza and Enrollment Services Dean Amy Lee



From left: CoA Student and SSCCC President Clemaus Tervalon & ASCOA Senator Macarena

CoA Student Clemaus Tervalon Elected as Statewide President of SSCCC

CoA student Clemaus Tervalon was elected President of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) at the annual SSCCC General Assembly meeting held in early April at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Sacramento.

Associated Students of College of Alameda (ASCOA) Senator **Macarena Valenzuela** and Director of Student Activities and Campus Life **Natalie Rodriguez** also attended the SSCCC General Assembly at which Senator Valenzuela ran for the position of SSCCC Vice President.



Photo from left: Merritt College AS President Johon Adam Austin; ASCOA Senator Macarena Valenzuela; and PCCD Student Trustee, Lisa Hogan pose with student leaders from other California Community Colleges at the SSCCC General Assembly in Sacramento, CA on Sunday, April 3, 2022.

Senator Valenzuela says that she was impressed by the many opportunities that she had to confer with representatives from other California community colleges, including other PCCD colleges. "As a first-time attendee and delegate representing the College of Alameda I was so amazed by the great presenters, the various themes that were discussed with student leaders, and the overall welcoming feel of the three-day educational and informative conference," said Valenzuela. "Each day of the conference I was able to meet students from northern and southern California that each had vast knowledge about how to improve their own student government. In the future, I will be implementing the shared knowledge and suggestions from this conference with the Associated Students of College of Alameda."

Submitted by Director of Student Activities and Campus Life Natalie Rodriguez

Office of Student Activities and Campus Life Provides Food and Emergency Grants for Hundreds of Students this Spring

Emergency Food Grants

A total of \$15,900 in Emergency Food Grants were distributed to 53 students from January 2022 to March 2022. In April, an additional 98 applications were being processed.

Food Pantry

In March, the Office of Student Activities and Campus Life Food Pantry served 798 people, of which 237 were children, 461 were adults, and 100 were seniors. Also, notably, in March, there was no leftover produce.

ECMC Pantry Assistance Funds

To date, 44 CoA students applied for assistance with personal care and baby items. Applicants must be enrolled in at least one College of Alameda course. Eligible students will receive various items including personal hygiene items, diapers, and baby formula. The first distribution data took place on Tuesday. April 1



2022 Commencement will be a hybrid celebration this year! https://alameda.edu/students/commencement/

formula. The first distribution date took place on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, during the Free Produce Market.

Spring 2022 Student Engagement Sponsored Events Upcoming Events

April 26, 2022	Asian and Pacific Islander American	
	(APIA) Heritage Month	
April 27, 2022	Domodon Koroom	

April 27, 2022 Ramadan Kareem

May 13, 2022 Crazy Funny Asian Show

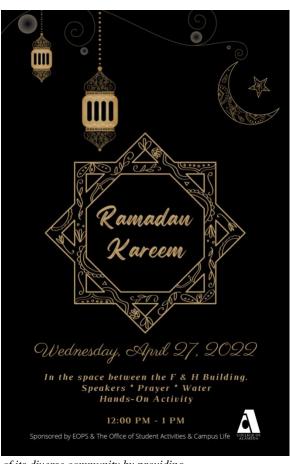
Past Events

April 13, 2022 Wellness Day

April 19, 2022 South West Asia North Africa (SWANA)

Heritage Month

Submitted by Director of Student Activities and Campus Life Natalie Rodriguez





Featured from left: CoA Counselor Fathia Mohamed, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and Instructor Didem Ekici, and Student Liaison Natalie Barraza at the Afghan Resource and Nowruz Fair on March 27, 2022, at the Alameda Point Waterfront Park. This event was hosted by the United Afghan Association (UAA) to serve the needs of Afghan refugees resettling in northern California.

Thirty-Seven New Students Sign Up for Fall Classes at the Afghan Refugee Resource Fair!

On Sunday, March 27, 2022, CoA's English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Department participated in the Afghan Refugee Resource Fair at the Alameda Point Waterfront Park. Attendees showed great interest in the College's ESOL non-credit classes and 37 new students signed up to take English language classes in fall 2022 semester! Student Liaison **Natalie Barraza**, Counselor **Fathia Mohamed**, and ESOL Instructor **Didem Ekici** arranged for the booth and represented the College at the event.

Submitted by ESOL Instructor Didem Ekici



Coastal Cleanup for Earth Day

Robert W. Crown Memorial State Beach Friday, April 22, 2022 | 11 AM Supplies will be provided Friends and families are welcome!



Sponsored by the MESA Program & Geography Department at College of Alameda

Contact Cady Carmichael at cbowcarmichael@peralta.edu with questions

CoA MESA Program and Geography Department Are Sponsoring an S Earth Day Coastal Clean-Up

Students, faculty, staff, and the general public are invited to participate in Coastal Cleanup for Earth Day. Supplies will be provided.

Coastal Cleanup for Earth Day Friday, April 22, 2022 11 a.m.

Location: Robert W. Crown Memorial State Beach (main parking lot)

For more information please contact

cbowcarmichael@peralta.edu



Spring Financial Aid Fair Held on April 13th Was a BIG Success

The Financial Aid Office is excited to share that our Spring Financial Aid Fair held on April 13th was a BIG success! There were over 160 students in attendance to:

- Check their financial aid status
- Complete their financial aid files
- Learn about federal & state programs
- Schedule 1:1 appointments to complete their FAFSA/Dream Act application
- Provide direct assistance with any financial aid questions

The event featured a carnival theme with games i.e., bean bag toss and Skee-ball, and a raffle for students to win prizes. Two students won goodie bags with \$50 gift cards, and two other students won stuffed animals. There was also a delicious taco truck courtesy of Tacos Sinaloa. Based on our student feedback survey, 70% of our students reported they were very satisfied with the event! Many students reported being excited to know about our next event. All student workers were given goodie bags in celebration of National Student Employment Week.

This all could not have happened without our amazing collaborators and supporters. Thank you to Health Services for partnering in this effort....you rock! Shout out to our facilities team for the event set-up. Kudos to our faculty and classified professionals for promoting the event with our students. We would also like to acknowledge President Jones and our administrative team for taking time off from their busy schedules to come out and support the event. Finally, special thanks to our new District Financial Aid Director, **Albert** (**Ken**) **Lira**. He jumped right in to assist the financial aid team in supporting our students.

Our next event will be in June. Stay tuned for more Food, Fun, and Financial Aid!

Submitted by Financial Aid Officer Jackie Vo, M.A.



College of Alameda

Want a fast, inexpensive way to earn university transfer credits?

Is there a course that you've always wanted to take, but it wouldn't fit into your schedule?

Take a college credit course during the College of Alameda Spring Online Intersession!

Complete 3 units in 3 weeks! 3 Week Online Session – May 31, 2022 to Jun. 17, 2022

SPRING ONLINE INTERSESSION COURSE OFFERINGS					
COURSE CODE	COURSE	CATALOG DESCRIPTION	INSTRUCTOR		
25354	ANTHR 1*	INTRO TO PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	BUYAGAWAN, N.		
25355	ANTHR 1L*	PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY LAB (1 UNIT)	BUYAGAWAN, N.		
25356	ANTHR 3*	SOCIAL/CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	LEITNER, D.		
25357	ART 1*	INTRO TO ART HISTORY	GUZMAN, M.		
25358	ASTR 10*	INTRO TO ASTRONOMY	FITTINGOFF, A.		
25359	BUS 10*	INTRO TO BUSINESS	FISH, O.		
25361	CIS 205	COMPUTER LITERACY (1 UNIT)	STAFF		
25362	COMM 1A*	INTRO TO SPEECH	FOWLER, J.		
25363	ECON 1*	MACRO-ECONOMICS	GUEYE, S.		
25364	ECON 2*	MICRO-ECONOMICS	GUEYE, S.		
25367	GEOG 1*	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY	CARMICHAEL, C.		
25368	GEOG 2*	CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY	CARMICHAEL, C.		
25369	HIST 7A*	HISTORY/U.S. TO 1877	STORY, M.		
25370	HIST 7B*	HISTORY/U.S. SINCE 1865	LORETTO, E.		
25371	HLTED 9*	FIRST AID AND SAFETY (2 UNITS)	DEWRANCE, L.		
25372	HLTOC 201	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY I (2 UNITS)	DAVE, N.		
25373	HLTOC 202	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY II (2 UNITS)	DAVE, N.		
25374	HUMAN 40*	RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD	LIPOWITZ, C.		
25375	MUSIC 15A*	JAZZ/BLUES/POP MUSIC	PEARSON, G.		
25376	PHIL 1*	INTRO TO PHILOSOPHY	PETERSON, D.		
25377	POSCI 1*	GOVERNMENT/POLITICS IN US	BREM, R.		
25378	PSYCH 1A*	INTRO TO GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	PETERSON-GUADA, S.		
25379	SOC 1*	INTRO TO SOCIOLOGY	SANDHU, S.		
25380	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 sprictures.
- Please select "SPRING 2022" as the term to enroll for the above classes.

Help Spread the Word—CoA's Spring Intersession Starts May 31!

Students can complete three units in just three weeks by enrolling in College of Alameda's Three-Week Online Session!

Classes start May 31, 2022 and end June 17, 2022

Current students click here to enroll

(*And please be sure to select Spring 2022 as the term to enroll)



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 and be sure to include the word "Splash" in the subject line.

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