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College of Alameda
Acting President
Dr. Diana Bajrami

President's Corner: Stronger Together

Thank you for messages of congratulation and the affirmation of your support. As a CoA family member for over 20 years, I am so honored and humbled to serve as the Acting President. As I have done through the years, I will continue to stay committed, consistent, and collaborative in ensuring that we continue to deliver academic excellence and offer innovative courses, programs, and services while being a great community partner and a responsible steward of public funds.

I would like to recognize the outstanding work of **Dr. Nathaniel Jones III** as CoA President, and while we will miss him and his leadership at CoA for these upcoming six months, I also believe that his fiscal planning, analysis, and leadership acumen will have a much greater impact for our students and our communities in his new role as the Acting Vice Chancellor of Finance.

While I am deeply honored to be serving as Acting President, this honor comes with greater responsibility and also awareness of the opportunities and challenges ahead. I am confident and optimistic that we will continue to work together to achieve CoA's AY2022-2023 goals, including

- Developing a new Education Master Plan;
- Designing and implementing strategies that ensure enrollment recovery;

- Aligning the CoA budget process to the new Resource Allocation Model;
- Improving Equitable Access and Success
- Fostering a campus climate and culture of inclusive excellence
- Advancing the work of Guided Pathways

Thank you again for your support CoA Family and looking forward to continuing to be an amazing college on this beautiful island.

Warmly,
Dr. Diana Bajrami
College of Alameda Acting President

CoA Academic Senate Confers Student Scholarships

College of Alameda Academic Senate congratulates **Azwaw Eldjama, Donna Hooper, Inga Langford, Jennifer Stone, and Kalena Tran** on receiving College of Alameda Academic Senate Scholarship for Spring 2022. Also, many thanks are due to CoA faculty and staff who have written letters of recommendations for our wonderful students, as well as to the members of the scholarship review committee and the wonderful Peralta Colleges Foundation staff who make each scholarship cycle at Peralta a success. With a note of gratitude to the generous donors who donated over \$2,500 collectively and helped fund our last scholarship cycle, please look for upcoming requests for donations to help fund the academic senate scholarship for the next cycle, Spring Semester 2023!

Submitted by Andrew Park, Physics and Astronomy Instructor

Welcome New Staff!

Laura Spencer-Vacca has been hired as the new Job developer for the WorkAbility III and the College to Career Programs (C2C). She has been with the District for the past 12 years, working in various capacities as an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter, an Education Coach, and a WorkAbility III Program Assistant. Laura enjoys working with jobseekers of various ages, cultures, and diverse abilities. Her focus is matching job seeker strengths with potential employment opportunities with the support of the Department of Rehabilitation. She is motivated to inspire and help students recognize their personal strengths, understand their potential, develop their skills, and achieve employment goals. Please contact Laura if you see an opportunity for a student intern in your department, today! Laura can be reached lspencervacca@peralta.edu or by phone at (510) 748-2138.

Submitted by Neelam Agarwal, WorkAbility III Coordinator



Laura Spencer-Vacca, CoA's new Job developer for the WorkAbility III and the College to Career Programs (C2C)

Over 100 Participants attend CoA's First In-Person Flex Day Since 2020

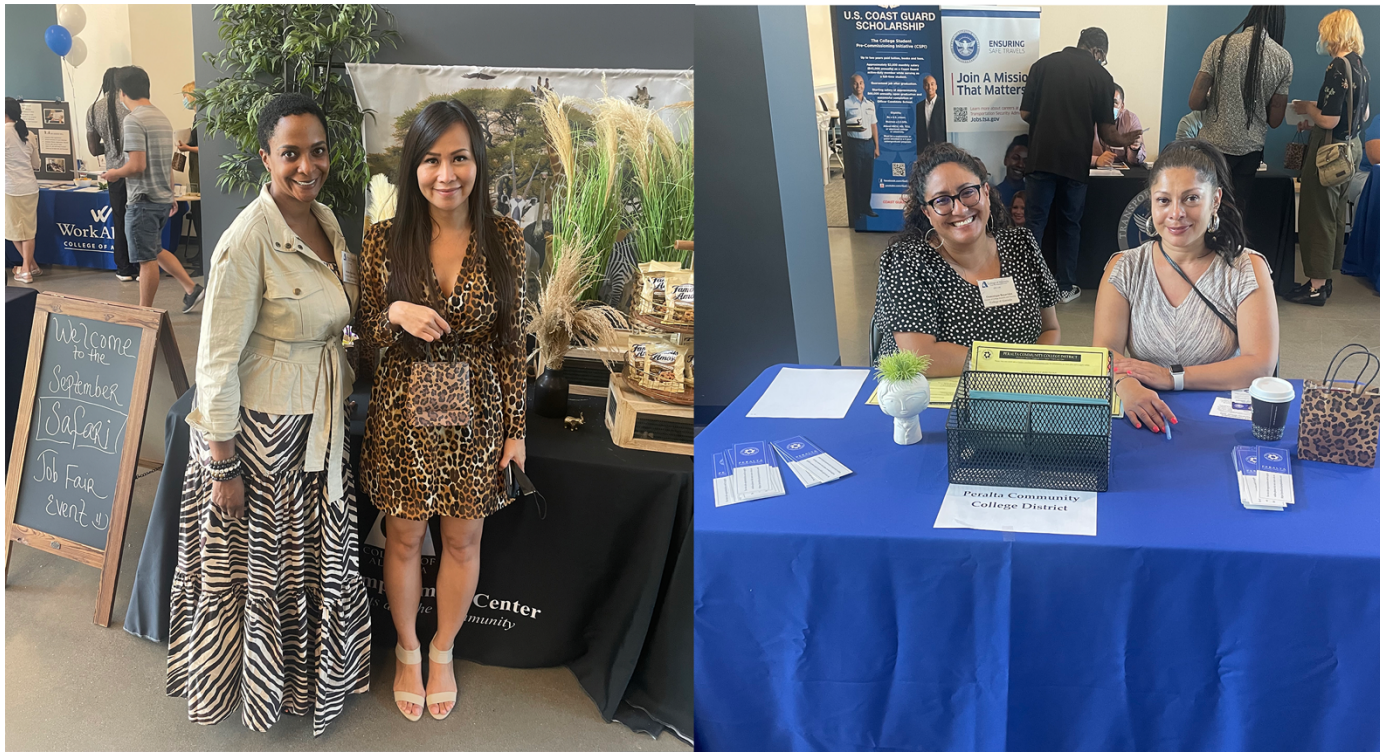
Over 100 College faculty, staff, and administrators attended CoA's Fall Flex Day on August 19, 2022. This was the first in-person Flex Day event since January 2020, and the first to be held in HyFlex (Hybrid-Flexible) format. While many individuals chose to attend in-person at the new Liberal Arts Building H, some attended by Zoom. Presentations were organized by the CoA Professional Development Committee and the Office of Instruction. Fall 2022 Flex Day began at 8 a.m. with welcome remarks by members of College leadership, including College President **Dr. Nathaniel Jones III**, Academic Senate President **Dr. Matthew Goldstein**, Classified Senate President **Mr. Louie Martinez y McFarland**, and Peralta Federation of Teachers representatives Professor **Andrew Park** and Professor **Richard Kaeser**. One of the highlights of the day was engagement with the important work of the College's Guided Pathways initiative. Fall Flex Day workshops helped expand the scope of the Guided Pathways framework to include faculty engagement in advancing guided pathways equity and diversity.



Photos from Left: While adults explored AMT Program options tykes enjoyed a game of hop scotch at the Reid-Hillview Airport Aviation Career

CoA AMT Volunteers at Reid-Hillview Airport Career Exploration

College of Alameda Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) Supervisor **Esther Cheng** and six students volunteered to table at the Reid-Hillview Airport Aviation Career Exploration event on Saturday, September 3, 2022. The Aviation Career Exploration event was a wonderful opportunity to showcase CoA's AMT Program to the general public. Students had the opportunity to share their AMT experience and excitement about their futures in aviation. Over 400 people visited the AMT table and over 1300 people attended the event. Visitors were impressed by the AMT program, as well as the career opportunities in field of aviation maintenance technology. AMT student volunteers included: **Douglas Goodwin, Pablo Padilla, Palden Jamyang, Vincent Zhen, Alvin Peng, and Zorenn Arbas**.



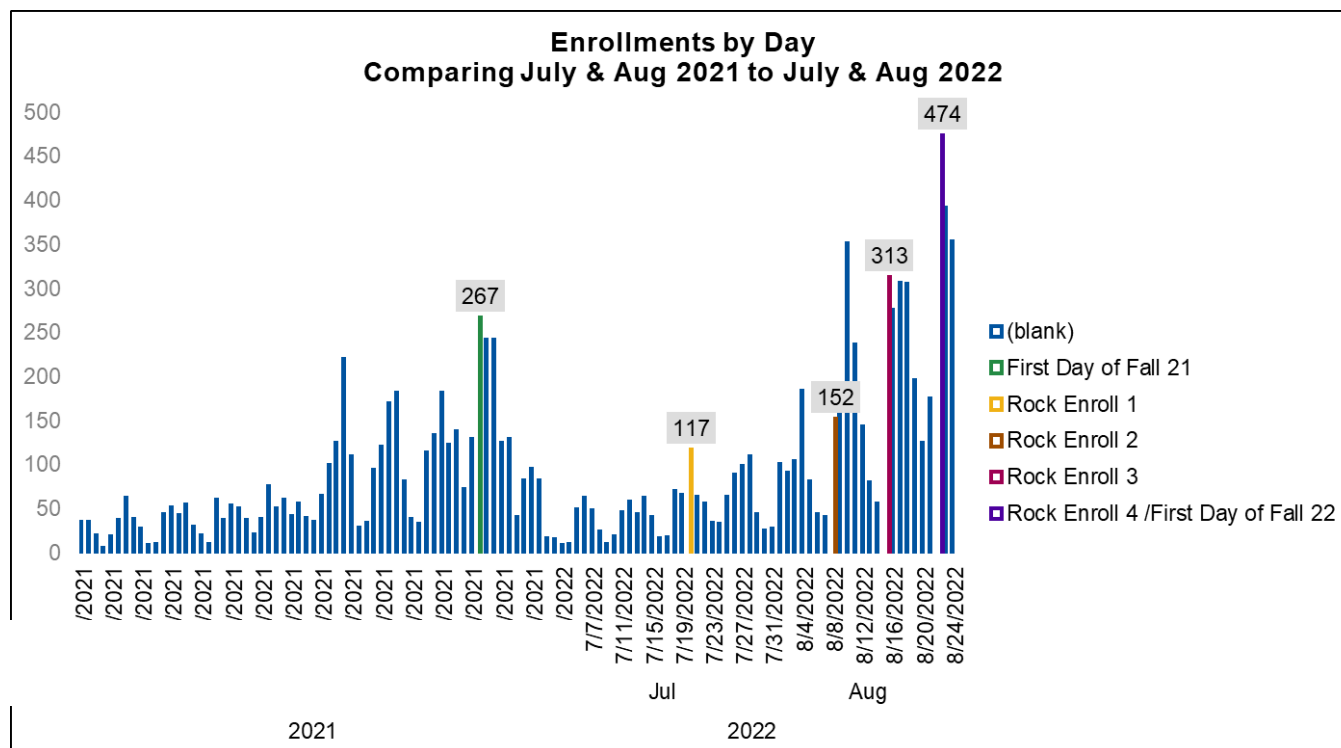
Photos from left: Photo 1 Stefanie Bradshaw, Director of Workforce Systems/Career Center and Jackie Vo, Financial Aid Officer dressed in safari attire to match event theme. Photo 2 Elizabeth Palafox (left), Peralta HR Analyst with and Dominique Benavides, COA Director of Research and Planning tabling to support increased outreach and promotion of open positions within Peralta

College of Alameda Career Center Hosts September Safari Job Fair

The College of Alameda Career and Employment Center hosted the September Safari Job Fair event on September 7, 2022. The on-campus, open to the public, job fair took place in the spacious lobby of the College's new Liberal Arts building (Building H).

CoA hosted 26 employers including: Alameda County Human Resource Services, Alameda Unified School District, BART, Caltrans, EBMUD, Peralta Community College District Human Resources, and Waste Management among others. Participants enjoyed free coffee and pastries donated by Peets' Coffee & Tea and Semifreddis (both employers also tabled for the event).

The two-hour job fair provided 140 job seekers with access to recruiters and hiring managers. Career and Employment Center staff members also promoted enrollment in fall semester classes and College's Fall 500 on Us campaign.



Rock EnRoll Events and \$500 on Us Campaign Synergies Improve the Enrollment Outlook for Fall 2022

This summer, College of Alameda introduced Rock EnRoll Days, a series of on-campus enrollment events designed to provide hands-on support with all aspects of the enrollment process, from submitting applications to counseling, and from registration for classes to financial aid applications. Students also had access to representatives from student success programs, learning communities, the Career Center, Career Education programs, and faculty. In total, over 580 students attended CoA's four Rock EnRoll Days (July 20, August 8, 15, and 22, 2022).

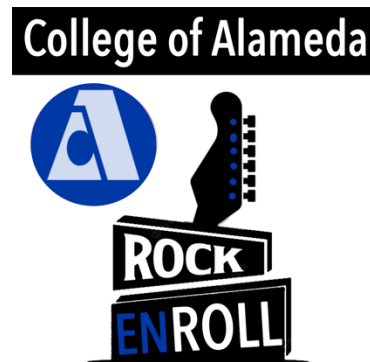
College of Alameda Dean of Enrollment **Dr. Amy Lee** reports that Rock EnRoll events combined with the College's \$500 On Us initiative, resulted in strong enrollment adds. On the First Day of Fall 2022 (which coincided with the fourth Rock EnRoll event) the College saw a 78% increase in enrollment adds in comparison to the First Day of Fall 2021. As of August 25, 2022, CoA had exceeded enrollment adds for August 2021 by 14%.

Pell Grant Students

As of August 22, 2022, the first day of class, the College saw an 81% increase in federal Pell grant students compared to the first day of class in Fall 2021.

\$500 On Us Student Demographic

As of August 22, 2022, compared to last year, the College showed a 26% increase in the population of students enrolled in at least three units majoring at CoA, who completed a financial aid application, and enrolled in at least three units at CoA.



Latinx & Hispanic Heritage Month

COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA

De Corazón a Corazón

Sept. 15 - Oct. 15, 2022

(In Person & Virtual Events)

La Bienvenida: ACCESO Welcome!

Thursday, September 15, 12:30-1:30pm

ACCESO Center D-114 (in person)

La Bienvenida is our way of saying welcome to ACCESO! Join and meet other students, staff, and faculty, and participate in a series of fun and engaging activities. **Free pan dulce & hot chocolate!**

Educational Journeys Panel

Tuesday, September 20, 12:30-1:30pm

COA H-153 (in person)

Zoom Link: bit.ly/coalatinxpanel

College of Alameda staff and faculty panelist will share their own career and educational journey narratives.

Free Lunch!

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YOUR FAMILIA AT COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA

Guatemalan Basket Weaving.

Tuesday, September 27, 12:00-1:30pm

ACCESO Center D-114 (in person)

Learn about the practice of Guatemalan basket making and see how traditional Guatemalan baskets are woven by hand. Guatemalan baskets available for purchase.

Free Lunch!

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Repujado Making Workshop

Tuesday, October 4, 12:30-1:30pm

ACCESO Center D-114 (in person)

“Repujado” is the craft of pushing, working or making a relief (three dimensional) in metal to give it an embossed look. It dates back to at least the 12th century and is commonly practiced in Latin America.

Free Lunch!

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State of Higher Ed. for Latinx in CA

Thursday, October 13, 12:30-1:30pm

ZOOM LINK: bit.ly/latinxhighered

The Campaign for College Opportunity presents their 2021 State of Higher Education for Latinx Californians report. This report reviews preparation, enrollment, and success in college for Latinx Californians.

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hcorona@peralta.edu

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Celebrate Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month at College of Alameda!

Please join us in celebrating Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month at College of Alameda!

Each year, we observe [National Latinx \(Hispanic\) Heritage Month](#) from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of Latinx peoples. Our theme this year is De Corazón a Corazón (From Heart to Heart).

(Please see the series of events flyer above.)

Thank you to the CoA Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month planning committee for putting this series of events together!

Submitted by Horacio Corona Lira, Director, Hispanic Serving Institution Grant, ACCESO/Puente Programs



ACCESO Program Holds Its First In-person Student Orientation

College of Alameda's ACCESO Program held its first in-person student orientation on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, from 3 to 4 p.m. A total of 42 students attended the orientation. Students learned about the many benefits of joining ACCESO, such as receiving a book-voucher, counseling services, mentoring, and faculty and staff support. Additionally, students participated in ice breaker activities and won prizes.

Submitted by Horacio Corona Lira, Director, Hispanic Serving Institution Grant, ACCESO/Puente Programs

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LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

SIGN UP FOR
LRNRE 501: 40679

AT NO COST TO RECEIVE FREE TUTORING!

MATH LAB | WRITING CENTER | OPEN LAB

IN-PERSON HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY 10 AM - 3 PM

ONLINE HOURS

MONDAY TO THURSDAY 11 AM - 5 PM

FRIDAY 11 AM - 2 PM

LRC and the Tutoring Services Are Now Open

The Math Lab, Writing Center, and Open Lab are now open. **Our in-person hours are M-Thu 10-3pm.** We are located on the 2nd floor in the Library, room L204. Along with our in-person services, we are continuing to also offer Zoom tutoring. **Our online Zoom tutoring hours are M-Thu 11-5pm and Fri 11-2pm.** I am attaching our Flyer and Schedule on this email. I hope you can forward this to your students and also post it where students can see it.

If you are interested in having an embedded tutor in your class, please contact me at (510) 748-2315 or aoneal@peralta.edu. If you already have someone in mind to help you and your students, please let me know so I can start the hiring process. I want to be here for you and for your students.

Submitted by Anna O'Neal, LRC Coordinator

Flexible Start Dates

**8-week,
10-week, &
14-week classes**

Same credits, same content, less time!

\$500 on Us

We're investing in you this fall!



There's Still Time to Enroll in CoA's Eight-week and 10-week Classes

Students can earn full term credit in just eight weeks this fall.

10-week session starts October 10:
bit.ly/3RH7Mgv

8-week session starts October 17:
bit.ly/3ASNuKh

CoA majors who enroll in three units are eligible to receive \$500 on Us grant. For more information: <https://alameda.edu/500onus/>

Learning Resource Center Tutors Schedule

Math/Science (In-person)

Tutor	Subjects	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rusty	All Math up to Calc 2, CS, Stats	10am-2pm	10am-2pm	10am-3pm	10am-2pm	
Jacob	All Math up to Calc 3, Chem, Physics, Engineering		2pm-3pm			
Michael	Statistics	1pm-3pm	10am-2pm	10am-2pm	10am-2pm	
Kiet	All Math up to Math 3B	1pm-3pm	11am-3pm	12pm-3pm	11am-3pm	
Arun	Econ 1 & 3, Statistics	10am-3pm	10am-3pm		10am-3pm	

Open Lab (In-person)

Tutor	Subjects	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Thai	Computer, Business 10 & 1A, Vietnamese	12pm-3pm	10am-12pm	12pm-3pm		
Quan	Computer, Vietnamese	10am-3pm	10am-12pm	10am-3pm	10-12:00pm	
Airi	Computer, ESOL, Vietnamese, Japanese, Business	10am-1pm	10am-3pm	10am-1pm	10am-3pm	

English/Writing/ESOL Tutoring (In-person)

Tutor	Subjects	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Michael	All English, Spanish	1pm-3pm	10am-3pm	10am-2pm	10am-2pm	
Anadeisi	All English, Geog 1	10am-3pm	2pm-3pm	1pm-3pm		
Kai	All English, Econ	1pm-3pm	2pm-3pm	1pm-3pm	2pm-3pm	
Samjhana	All English					

Online Tutoring

Tutor	Subjects	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rusty	All Math up to Calc 2, CS, Stats	11am-2pm	11am-2pm	11am-2pm	11am-2pm	11am-2pm
Jacob	All Math up to Calc 3, Chem, Physics, Engineering	4pm-5pm	1pm-5pm			11am-2pm
Michael	English, Statistics	1pm-5pm	11am-2pm	11am-2pm	11am-2pm	11am-2pm
Kiet	All Math up to Math 3B	1pm-5pm	11am-5pm	12pm-5pm	11am-5pm	
Thai	Computer, Business 10 & 1A, Vietnamese	12pm-5pm	11am-12pm	12pm-5pm		11am-2pm
Quan	Computer, Vietnamese	11am-4pm	11-12pm	11am-5pm	11-12pm	11am-2pm
Airi	Computer, ESOL, Vietnamese, Japanese, Business	11am-1pm	11am-5pm	11am-1pm	11am-5pm	
Anadeisi	All English	11am-4pm	2pm-4pm	1pm-4pm	2pm-4pm	
Kai	All English, Econ	1pm-5pm	2pm-5pm	1pm-5pm	2pm-5pm	
Samjhana	All English	11am-1pm				11am-2pm
Arun	Econ 1 & 3, Statistics	11am-5pm	11am-3pm		11am-3pm	11am-12pm



Active Shooter Training Held at CoA

In collaboration with PCCD Director of Public Safety **Timothy Thomas**, CoA Vice President of Business and Administrative Services **Augustine Gill** organized a college-wide Active Shooter Training on Wednesday, August 31, 2022. The training was held HyFlex format including both online and in-person participants. The presentation provided insights on how to effectively respond to an active shooter incident, engage with law enforcement, and assist our students in maximizing their safety. Next steps include creating a Campus Security Team to assist the administration and the District Security Office in managing different security threats on campus. This new security team will be trained in First Aid/CPR and other trainings and will be assigned roles as part of a Response Team.

Active Shooter Response Resources:

Active Shooter Response video: <https://www.fbi.gov/resources/active-shooter-safety-resources>.

Peralta Community College District Safety Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-zhq6_SfHI

For more information about Active Shooter Response training, please contact Vice President, Business & Administrative Services: Agill@peralta.edu, or call 510-748-2211.



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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