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## President's Corner: Help Us Build Brighter Futures

The College of Alameda is immensely grateful for its partnership with the Peralta Colleges Foundation to serve the needs of our amazing students.

Our hope for the **Building Brighter Futures campaign** is to connect with CoA alumni, faculty, staff, and others throughout Alameda and the greater East Bay community to join us in helping our students with their unmet needs and stay on course to graduation.

CoA is proud of its history of going above and beyond to create opportunities to support student success. This is why the President's Emergency Fund was created to help students in dire need. Did you know that out of 10, six and a half of our students are over 24 years old and attend school part-time? This means that many of the students have responsibilities outside of school such as maintaining employment, supporting others in their families, and/or simply paying household expenses.

A gift of any size - large or small - to my President's Emergency Fund, will enable us to help students during times of setbacks that would otherwise result in them leaving school or having housing, food, technology, or other insecurities that will negatively impact their studies.

Whether it is via a one-time gift or a monthly employee payroll deduction - all who make up our College of Alameda and East Bay community are encouraged to give so that affordable education remains a reality for all who call themselves a College of Alameda Cougar. To donate to the **Building Brighter Futures campaign** go to: <https://buildingbrighterfutures-collegeofalameda.funraise.org/>. Thank you for believing in the power of community colleges and COA's vision to build a brighter future for all!

Warmly,  
Dr. Diana Bajrami



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## CoA Puente Students Get Motivated at Regional Conference

On Friday, November 18, 2022, through Saturday November 19, 2022, College of Alameda's Puente Project students participated in CSU East Bay's Transfer Friday, toured Fresno State University, and attended the Puente Transfer Motivational Conference at UC Merced. The purpose of this university tour was to both expose our Puente students to the different California university systems.

The Puente Motivational Conference was designed to motivate and demystify the transfer process and create a support system for students. Almost 1,000 community college students representing 39 different campuses in California attended the conference.

At the conference, students heard from university representatives, participated in workshops, and listened to keynote speaker Author, Activist, and Social Changemaker **Julissa Arce**, talk about her upbringing and educational experiences.

Thank you to the CoA Puente team for organizing and participating in this event: **Danna Chavez Baquero, Alejandra Duran, and Alejandro Gonzalez.**







## Encinal High School Students Tour CoA Campus

College of Alameda hosted over 60 seventh graders from Encinal Junior and Senior High School for a special campus visit on November 29, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Encinal students participated in a general campus tour, learned about academic opportunities at College of Alameda, received a tour of the Auto Department, and took part in an interactive hands-on workshop at CoA's Fab Lab. A special thank you to the ACCESO team, Fab Lab staff, and Auto Department staff, for organizing and hosting this event.



## Puente Project Celebrates Its Annual Puente Noche de Familia

College of Alameda's Puente Project celebrated its third Annual Puente Noche de Familia (Family Night) on November 9, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant in Alameda.

Puente Noche de Familia celebrates the family, friends, and supporters of Puente students and recognizes their integral role in the academic success of Puentistas.

This was the first in-person Puente Noche de Familia. The event program included remarks from CoA President Diana Bajrami, family member/guest introductions, and a panel conversation with CoA Puente alumni. A special thank you to the Puente team: **Danna Chavez Baquero, Alejandro Gonzalez, Horacio Corona Lira, and Dean Lilia Celhay** for organizing this event.

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



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## Academic Senate Scholarships Provide the Gift of Education

Help us recognize outstanding CoA students by donating to the fundraiser for CoA academic senate scholarship for students!

We were able to recognize five exceptional CoA students in Spring 2022 as finalists for CoA Academic Senate Scholarship, thanks to your contributions, whether they were in donations or in writing letters of recommendation for your students. Please help us continue to recognize more exceptional CoA students in Spring 2023 with your continued support.

To donate money: please use the donations page set up by Peralta Colleges Foundation (you can access it via this short link: <http://bit.ly/coa-as-scholarship-fund>). All direct donations to the fund are tax-deductible as charitable gifts.

Please encourage your students to apply. The scholarship applications are due March 1 on Peralta Colleges Foundation main website, and CoA Academic Senate Scholarship requires at least one letter of recommendation from CoA faculty and/or staff, and designation of CoA as home campus.

Thank you,

Submitted by Academic Senate Treasure and Professor Andrew Park, [bpark@peralta.edu](mailto:bpark@peralta.edu)



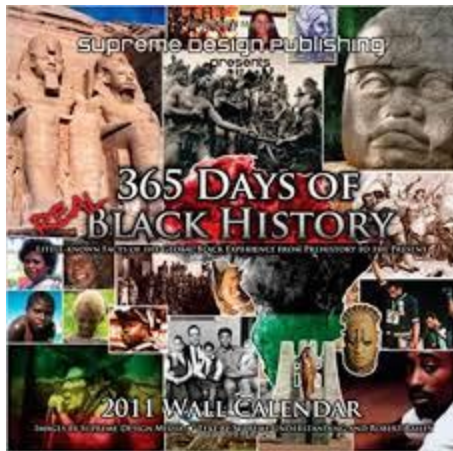


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## Celebrate Lunar New Year with the CoA Dance Department

Lunar New-Year is coming early next year, Sunday Jan 22, 2023, and of course, our intrepid CoA Dance Department has been invited to perform at the San Francisco Chase Center on Saturday, January 21, 2023. As a strong Community Oriented and CoA Dance Faculty and Adviser, I can't wait to have students performing on that STAGE. The Event will be free and open to the public. Details will be sent two weeks before the event. Mark your calendars now and please invite your students to attend this festive and fun community event.

*Submitted by Dance Professor Danny Nguyen*



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## Mark Your Calendars: CoA Will Be Celebrating Black History Month in February 2023: Freedom, Resistance and the Journey Toward Equality

**Month of February—Weekly Events**

**Time (s): 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm**

**Location: TBA CoA Campus**

Students, Faculty, Staff, and the General Public are Invited to attend! Save the month of February for an exciting and refreshing celebration of eight favorite days to celebrate Black History Month. Our celebration begins with a fantastic kick-off that includes giveaways of clothing, shoes, school supplies and more. Every week plan to attend engaging and interactive activities. On the last day, our celebration will end with a delicious hot Sunday dinner buffet. For more information please contact **LaShawn Brumfield** ([lbrumfield@peralta.edu](mailto:lbrumfield@peralta.edu)) and Jody Campbell ([jcampbell@peralta.edu](mailto:jcampbell@peralta.edu))

*Submitted by Accounting/Tax Instructor and Past President Academic Senate Rochelle Olive*

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## Free Classes and \$500 on Us Grants for CoA Students This Spring!

Help spread the word that CoA will be offering free classes and \$500 on Us grants to qualified students for Spring 2023 semester. For details at <https://alameda.edu/FreeSpringPlus500OnUs/>. For more information students may call (510) 295-073, email [COA500@peralta.edu](mailto:COA500@peralta.edu), or visit the Virtual Welcome Center Mondays from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Tuesdays through Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/my/coa500>.



*College of Alameda faculty, staff, and administrators kick off the holiday season at an on-campus luncheon on December 7, 2022, Building H*

# Wishing You and Your Loved Ones a Happy Holidays!



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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.

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## Have a safe and happy holiday season!

The next edition of *Splash* will be published in February 2023.