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*College of Alameda Acting
President Dr. Diana Bajrami*

President's Corner: Educational Master Plan Update

Once again, I want to thank you for your robust participation and discussion on the College's 2023-2028 Educational Master Plan (EMP). Your feedback, recommendations and suggestions have been inspiring the EMP teams to move forward with this important work. In the event that you missed my earlier email, the following is an update of our EMP activities and accomplishments.

We are so happy to announce that Professor **Jody Campbell** will be the writer of the Educational Master Plan. He has already been working to capture all the nuances and the recommendations and to create a product that reflects our collective work and the caring CoA spirit.

Several teams worked during the Winter break to research, analyze the Environmental Scan Analysis prepared and presented by the West Ed team, the completed Student Equity and Achievement (SEA) Plan, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) analysis data and other planning documents. The teams presented their work during the well-attended January Flex Day and continue work weekly to refine the findings, identified main priorities, and strategic goals for our college community.

Key leaders from each of the teams listed below are meeting weekly during the College Hour in room H 280 and virtually in Zoom to continue the work with the goal of completing the EMP by March. The weekly work will continue till the end of May so that we start the work on the strategic goals and have this document be a guiding framework for everything that we do.

The West Ed Team is meeting with the Presidents semiweekly to guide and provide feedback. Our own Professor **Rachel Antrobus** is our dedicated West Ed team member, and has been providing guidance to all groups and the entire team.

EMP Teams			
Mission, Goals, & Values	Enrollment & Retention	Student Equity & Campus Culture	Teaching & Learning
Dean Shalamon Duke	Dean Amy Lee	Dean Eva Jennings	Dean Lilia Celhay
Natalie Rodriguez	Stefanie Bradshaw	Horacio Corona Lira	Dean Reza Majlesi
Kawanna Rollins	Min Wu	Kawanna Rollins	Dave Nguyen
Selwyn Montgomery	Marcean Bryant	Chevonn Herbert	Anna O'Neal
Linda Dewrance	Olga Fish	Didem Ekici	Louie Martinez y McFarland
Hilary Walker	Jacob Schlegel	Jody Campbell	Sue Altenbach
		Mitch Wu	Andrew Park

The District's role in our work is to support us in our efforts, and this work will be reflected in the CoA EMP. As we move forward and identify clear goals, District Team will be invited to participate in our weekly meetings.

Mr. **Shane Williams** is coordinating EMP efforts and updating the Teams and the Web site weekly. He is sending weekly reminders to the leaders of each

team and to the entire college community.

Members of the CoA Community are invited to provide feedback to the teams, to Professor **Jody Campbell**, to the VPs or to participate in the weekly meeting.

The College Council is the Steering Committee for the EMP, and I would like to encourage each committee to also contribute to this essential work. We will provide different drafts to each committee as they become available. As always, please feel free to reach out with additional feedback and recommendations to every team, to each VP, Jody or to me.

Black History Month at CoA

College of Alameda is celebrating Black History Month (BHM) with a robust series of events focusing on Black Art, Black Love, Black Freedom, Science, Black History, and Black Food. Please share the schedule of events ([below](#)) with your students and join us at an upcoming BHM celebration! Special thanks to Math Department Instructor and Co-Chair **Dr. Khalilah Beal-Urbe** and African Diaspora Studies Instructor **Jody Campbell** for their contributions to the series.

Warmly,

Dr. Diana Bajrami
College of Alameda Acting President



CoA Partners with A Better Chance (ABC)

On Saturday, February 4, 2023, the College of Alameda EOPS/CARE/Cal WORKs/ Next Up Program, SALAAM Learning Community, and A Better Chance (ABC) held a joint event introducing an exciting new partnership between the College of Alameda (CoA) and ABC. This partnership will help promote concurrent enrollment at CoA to prospective students affiliated with ABC, a national nonprofit organization.

Despite the rain, over 100 people and their extended families attended the two-part event. Many participants came from Oakland, Alameda, Marin, Walnut Creek, Berkeley, or San Leandro.

CoA held a special session introducing families to the College's robust concurrent enrollment opportunities and special support services for high school students, including EOPS/CARE/Cal WORKs/ Next Up, SALAAM Learning Community, Adult Education, ESOL Classes, and Career Technical Education programs. CoA counselors also provided registration assistance and counseling. Later in the afternoon, ABC held a Bay Area alumni reception, attended by 50 ABC alumni, where alumni also were introduced to CoA's various programs and services.

Since 1963, the ABC program has been the preeminent resource for identifying, recruiting and developing leaders among underrepresented young people of color throughout the United States. The oldest and only national organization of its kind, ABC selects, prepares, places, and supports high-performing middle and high school students of color in some of the most rigorous and prestigious independent day schools, boarding schools and public schools in the country.

Submitted by Project Manager for EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs/Next UP Programs and SALAAM Learning Community Louie Martinez y McFarland



Photo 1 from left: CoA Director of Workforce Systems Stephanie Bradshaw, Raymond Lankford- the new CEO of the Oakland Private Industry Council, Javier Contreas- Alameda County Workforce Development Board, Charles Turner- Alameda County Workforce Development. Photo 2 students and Director Bradshaw.

Career & Employment Center Participates in City Job Fair

The College of Alameda Career & Employment Center hosted a table at the City to City Job Fair and Resource Expo on January 31, 2023. The event took place at the Oakland Coliseum and included over 60 employers and partner agencies. The CoA Career Center team, led by Director Stefanie Bradshaw, promoted the College Spring is Free and \$500 on Us campaigns and also enrollment in the CoA free career services program.

The CoA Career Center is funded by the Alameda County Workforce Development Board to serve dislocated workers and job seekers in Alameda County. At the event, Director Bradshaw had an opportunity to connect with several area employers and other partner agencies and discuss how to improve wrap around and employment services for CoA students and for members of the extended community.

Submitted by Director of Workforce Systems Stefanie Bradshaw



Delighted College of Alameda Promise Students show off the new backpacks that they received at the recent Financial Aid Workshop

CoA Promise Program Hosts a Financial Aid Workshop

CoA's College Promise Program hosted a workshop on financial aid in collaboration with the Financial Aid Office on Tuesday, February 7, 2023. The event was held in-person at the new Liberal Arts Building. Promise counselors **Cynthia Haro** and **Cynthia Lopez** welcomed students with free backpacks, school supplies, and lunch prepared by Laney Catering. During the event, students had the opportunity to build community, enjoy their lunch, and learn about the different types of aid available. Throughout the year, the College Promise Program hosts various workshops to empower students to reach their personal and academic goals.

Submitted by Promise Counselor Cynthia Haro

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



CoA President Diana Bajrami welcomes students at ESOL Orientation

ESOL Holds Its First In-Person Student Orientation

ESOL Department had its first in-person student orientation after the COVID-19 pandemic sponsored by SALAAM and EOPS. Almost 100 students joined the orientation and enjoyed the lunch as they were receiving the presents and freebies from EOPS, Financial Aid office and EOPS. **Laura Aguilar** from the Financial Aid Office, **Lisa Sawadogo** from Mental Health and Wellness Services, **Horacio Corona Lira** from ACCESO/Puente Programs, and Louie Martirez y McFarland from EOPS /CARE /CalWORKs/ NextUp Programs & SALAAM Learning Community, and the CoA President **Diana Bajrami** honored the ESOL student orientation with their presence. Special thanks to **Louie Martirez y McFarland** and **Malik Shabazz** for their tremendous work and efforts to make this happen.

Submitted by CoA ESOL Department, Co-chair/Faculty, PCCD Distance Ed Coordinator Didem Ekici, Ed.D.



Welcome Week Kicks Off Spring Semester with Style

College of Alameda kicked off Spring Semester 2023 with a series of informative and inviting Welcome Week activities. The series of events was a team effort with many departments pitching in to provide support and resources, including Financial Aid, Admissions and Records, Puente, Associated Students of CoA (ASCOA), UMOJA, SALAAM, ACCESO, Health Services, the Library, and Learning Resources.

Welcome Week CoA started on January 23, 2023, with a free coffee bar and a Rock EnRoll event designed to support new and continuing students registering for classes and financial aid. On Tuesday, January 24,

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2023, participants were treated to free lunch, a free produce market, Cougar Closet for free personal items, and a fun and informative ASCOA Bingo game to help orient them to the campus environment. On Wednesday, students met with department representatives to learn more about the variety of free services available to them, including health, tutoring, and special programs like UMOJA or SALAAM among others. On Thursday, January 26, 2023, students were invited by Acting College President **Dr. Diana Bajrami** to a special free pancake brunch. Special thanks to all of the departments, faculty, and staff that contributed to Welcome Week activities and made it such a great success, and to the Enrollment Services team, under the direction of Dean **Dr. Amy Lee**, and the Office Student Activities and Campus Life under the Direction of **Natalie Rodriguez**.

Celebrate and Elevate



Freedom, Resistance and the Journey Toward Equality

Thu 02/16, 12-1pm

We elevate expressions of Black Art with both professional and budding professional fashion and art showcases. There will also be a hands-on canvas painting activity (Sip n' Paint) led by Alana.

H Building Lobby; Grab & Go snacks provided

Tue 02/21, 12-1pm

Panel Discussion: What is the State of the Black Freedom Struggle?
Where are we in the Journey toward Equality?

Room H154 & Virtual; Tasty Tuesday Soul Food Fried Chicken Lunch provided

Thu 02/23, 12-1pm

Freedom, Resistance and Equality Keynote Speaker: Faculty Emeritus Sherrone Smith

Room H154 & Virtual; Grab & Go Snacks provided

Mon 02/27, 1:30-3pm

Come learn about Henrietta Lacks and her story, explore questions of ethics, race, and genetics that lie at the heart of her story, and investigate the biological impact of the HeLa cell line.

Science Annex (ATLAN): Lunch in MESA Student Lounge and Talk to Follow in Room 100

Tue 02/28, 12:30-2pm

The Grand Finale Sunday Dinner: Join us in this culminating cultural event featuring hot soul food and a dessert buffet.

H Building Lobby



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Register here for virtual access & zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/5n7tptxp>

Sponsors: Basic Needs, ASCOA, Student Equity & PAAAA





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The celebrations started on February 2, 2023, with both in-person and virtual orientations to Black History Month at CoA. On Valentine's Day, February 14, 2023, CoA offered a musical Celebration of Black Love, featuring the talented **Black Excellence Band**, and a free Soul Food Barbeque lunch.

Upcoming BHM events include:

Thursday, February 16, 2023, noon-1 p.m. — Black Art showcasing professional and budding professional fashion and art showcases, a hands-on painting activity (Sip n' Paint) led by the artist **Alana**, and free snacks in the H Building Lobby.

Tuesday, February 21, 2023, noon-1 p.m.—Panel Discussion: What is the State of the Black Freedom Struggle? Where are we in the Journey toward Equality? Room H154 & Virtual; Tasty Tuesday Soul Food Fried Chicken Lunch provided

Thursday, February 23, 2023, noon-1 p.m. — Freedom, Resistance and Equality Keynote Speaker: Faculty Emeritus **Sherrone Smith**, in Room H154 and also by Zoom, with free snacks.

Monday, February 27, 2023, 1:30- 3 p.m. —Special science presentation about Henrietta Lacks and an exploration of medical ethics, race, and genetics that lie at the heart of her story, and the impact of the HeLa cell line. Events take place in the Science Annex (ATLAN), with free lunch in the MESA Student Lounge, and follow up discussion in Room 100.

Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 12:30-2 p.m.—BHM events culminate in a long standing CoA tradition of The Grand Finale Sunday Dinner, featuring hot soul food and a delicious dessert buffet in the H Building Lobby.

Submitted by Math Department Instructor and Co-Chair Khalilah Beal-Urbe, PhD

CoA's Art Department Offers an Inspiring Array of Courses



The [College of Alameda Art Department](#) welcomes students with robust courses in drawing and painting. This semester art instructor **Cate Nelson** offers inspired hybrid studio courses with in-person collaboration. Art instructors **Gabriel Navar** and **Drew Burgess** are engaging students with wonderful fully online and hybrid art history courses. The department welcomes all with creative hope!

Submitted by Art Professor Drew Burgess



Flexible Start Dates

10 week classes
Start March 13

8 week classes
Start March 20

Earn full-term course credit in less time & graduate faster!

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Enroll in 6 units for **\$500** on Us

New students apply and enroll now:
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AMT Alumnus Robert Platt

CoA Testimonial: Aviation Alumnus Robert Platt

“Aviation has been my dream for many years and that dream finally became a reality after I joined the Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) program at College of Alameda. I'm a California and Bay Area native and have had an admiration about airplanes and that feeling has not changed. This program in Alameda has been the best structure and support system that has made me into the successful mechanic I am today.

I started the AMT program in spring time of 2018 and it took me a little longer than expected when Covid 19 hit the Bay Area and all the states, in the United States, and around the world. I toughened it out and came back to finish the aircraft mechanic program thanks to the help and support of all the instructors and counselors at College of Alameda.

The AMT or aviation maintenance and technology program at the college of Alameda is two years and consists of two spring semesters, two fall semesters, and one summer course which will finish you as a student and start your career in the aviation industry just after two years.

*Mr. Ko, Esther Che, George Cruz, and Bruce Pettyjohn were the instructors while I attended the program at Alameda and all had a major impact on my life with providing me the experience and knowledge I needed to succeed. Even though the school wasn't really heard of at the college of Alameda since it wasn't at the main campus **Esther Cheng** was a major help in ensuring that all the students were beyond taken care of with not only their academic needs but setting us up with job opportunities and path options that were.”*



Zither



Dance



Drama

Featured Performers:

Su Viet Zithers Ensemble
(Nhóm Đàn Tranh Âu Cơ)

Cải Lương "Folklore"
Khôi Nguyên & Kim Chi

Nguyen Dance Company and College of Alameda

The Blood Moon Orchestra
Jimi Nakagawa, Joel Davel, DEM ONE, TUNJI, Van Anh Vo

Dance Department Invited to Perform at the Legion of Honor

The CoA Dance Department, under the direction of Dance Professor **Danny Nguyen**, has been invited to perform at the 10th Annual Vietnamese Arts & History Show, which will be held at the California Palace of

the Legion of Honor – Gunn Theater, on Sunday, March 19, 2023. A special piece will be choreographed by Professor Nguyen and performed by a mixed level of CoA dance students.

10th Annual Vietnamese Arts & History Show

This year's theme: "Motherland - Mẹ và Quê Hương"

Sunday, March 19, 2023

1:30 - 3:30 P.M.

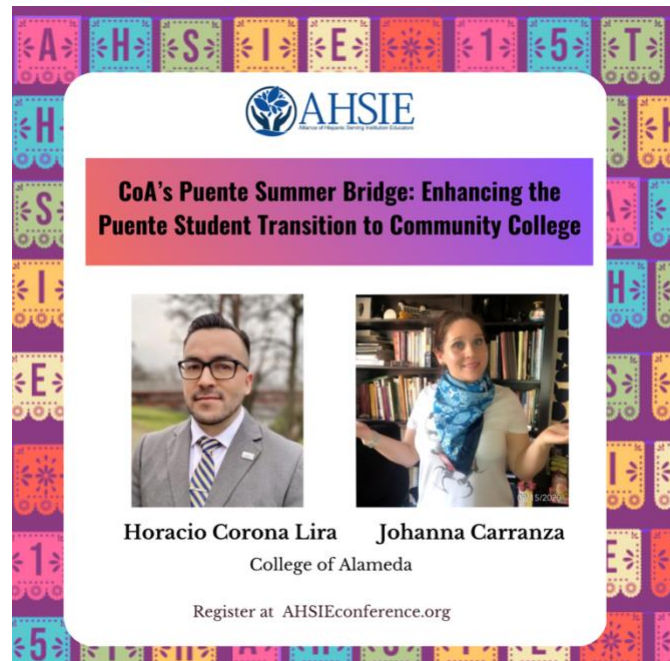
California Palace of the Legion of Honor – Gunn Theater

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Ticket Prices: Adult: \$35 • Children / Senior / Student: \$15

Purchase Tickets here: www.aucocenter.org/tickets

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The poster features a colorful border with the letters A, H, S, I, E and numbers 1, 5, T. At the top is the AHSIE logo. Below it, a purple banner reads "CoA's Puente Summer Bridge: Enhancing the Puente Student Transition to Community College". Two photos are shown: Horacio Corona Lira, a man in a suit and glasses, and Johanna Carranza, a woman in a white shirt and blue scarf. Below the photos are their names and "College of Alameda". At the bottom, it says "Register at AHSIEconference.org".

Summer Bridge Program to Present at AHSIE Conference

ESOL Instructor **Johanna Carranza** and Hispanic Serving Institution Grant and ACCESO/Puente Programs Director **Horacio Corona Lira** have been invited to present at the Annual Alliance of Hispanic Serving Institution Educators (AHSIE) Best Practices Conference. The conference takes place starting on Sunday, March 12, 2023 through Wednesday, March 15, 2023, in San Francisco, California. The presentation will highlight the implementation of a summer bridge program in CoA's Puente Project designed to enhance student retention, academic success, and a sense of community.

CoA's Puente Summer Bridge is a four-week non-credit course taught in collaboration with the Learning Resource Center. In this course, students learn about campus resources, student services, how to navigate system tools, like student portal and Canvas, and completed their enrollment to fall semester courses. The Puente Summer Bridge program was developed as a strategic response, informed by student surveys, student interviews, and data analysis, that determined a need for stronger retention and inclusion efforts.

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Wanda's Picks presents: The 33rd Annual Celebration of African American Poets and Their Poetry

This is an annual poetry reading in the East Bay, formerly hosted by the West Oakland Library. Each year for the past 11 or so years we have adopted the yearly theme selected by Association of African American Life and History ([ASALH](#), founded by Dr. Carter G. Woodson). This year the theme is Black Resistance. The poetry reading is

Sat., Feb. 25, 2023, from 10 AM PT to 1 PM PT.

KUDOS: CoA Professor Wanda Sabir to Host the 33rd Annual African American Celebration Through Poetry Event

This year the 33rd Annual African American Celebration Through Poetry will be hosted by CoA English Professor and Writer **Wanda Sabir**. The poetry reading will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The program will be accessible online at: <https://www.facebook.com/wandaspicksradio>

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The event will feature two outstanding Black women writers, including Author and Oakland Poet Laureate **Ayodele “Word Slinger” Nzinga**, MFA, Ph.D., and Multi-percussionist, Poet, Playwright, Radio Host and Teacher **Avotcja**. For more information contact: info@wandaspicks.com

Submitted by English Professor Wanda Sabir

Learning Resource Center

FEB 14-24

WORKSHOPS

Spring 2023



TUE	11 AM - 12 PM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculators (ti/83-84) (Stats) (IN-PERSON) Convert Angle to Radian (IN-PERSON) ESOL Writing Workshop: Paragraph - Level 1 (ONLINE) How to record videos or voice on Canvas? (IN-PERSON, Feb 21) Essay writing workshop (ONLINE, Feb 21) Supply and Demand (ONLINE, Feb 21)
	12 PM - 1 PM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to navigate Canvas? (IN-PERSON) How to write a book review (humanities classes); (ONLINE)
	1 PM - 2 PM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to record your screen from your computer? (IN-PERSON) Integration - Math 3B; (IN-PERSON, Feb 21)
	4 PM - 5 PM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note taking & time management; (ONLINE)

WED	11 AM - 12 PM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> StatsCrunch; (IN-PERSON) How to upload a video on a canvas assignment? (IN-PERSON) Understanding Limit Definition and Limit Laws; (IN-PERSON) ESOL Writing Workshop: 5 paragraph Essay- Level 2; (ONLINE, Feb 22)
	12 PM - 1 PM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solving Word Problems Intermediate Algebra; (IN-PERSON) ESOL Conversation Workshop; (ONLINE)
	1 PM - 2 PM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to submit an assignment, discussion? (IN-PERSON)

THU	11 AM - 12 PM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compound Interest; (ONLINE) Learn to download Zoom app on computer or phone? (IN-PERSON, Feb 23)
	2 PM - 3 PM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Function review; (IN-PERSON) How to take notes from textbooks? (IN-PERSON, Feb 23)

FRI	11 AM - 12 PM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excell (ONLINE, Feb 24)
	12 PM - 1 PM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit definition of the derivative; (ONLINE, Feb 24) Online Sites: Desmos; (ONLINE, Feb 24) Basic Trigonometry review and some common identities. (ONLINE, Feb 24) Research/databases sources and citations workshop; (ONLINE, Feb 24)



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- Event information.
- Other news.

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