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*College of Alameda Acting
President Dr. Diana Bajrami*

President's Corner: The Treasure Within

It's hard to believe that we are already half way through March and that spring recess is right around the corner. This week the College held an exceptional Spring Flex Day that focused on the treasure of who we are as a college.

I want to thank Chair and Professor **Drew Burgess**, members of CoA's Professional Development Committee, and all of our wonderful College presenters for an excellent and inspiring Flex day.

Special thanks to **Danny Nguyen** and the College of Alameda Dance Department for their wonderful performance and to Puente STEM Community College Coordinator **Melva Alvarez** for her presentation titled "Reclaiming STEM Legacy: Understanding & Nurturing Belonging in STEM for Historically Marginalized Students."

I believe that CoA's greatest treasure truly is all of you, our very talented faculty and staff; along with the hope and aspirations that our students bring to us every day.

Warmly,

Dr. Diana Bajrami
College of Alameda Acting President



CoA Faculty Umoja Counselor Valarie Carey, Student / Hourly Patrice Rankin, Student Destiny Brown, Student Ruth Harper, and Student/ CoA Basketball Athlete Saji Muanza

Umoja Team Attends the Black College Expo

College of Alameda Umoja program faculty and students, including CoA Faculty Umoja Counselor **Valarie Carey**, Student / Hourly **Patrice Rankin**, Student **Destiny Brown**, Student **Ruth Harper**, and Student/ CoA Basketball Athlete **Saji Muanza**, attended the Black College Expo Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) event at the Oakland Marriott Hotel. CoA students met with over 40 HBCUs and over 150 Colleges /Universities. This was a great opportunity for our students to meet with university representatives, to ask questions regarding transfer, and build real relationships. Students were also given opportunities to be accepted on the spot for admissions to various HBCUs. Several expressed that they were excited to be present in moment and will always be grateful to this new and true experience.



Umoja Grams: an Innovative Celebration of Black History Month

In celebration of Black History Month (BHM) on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2023, Umoja set up a special Umoja Gram table for students to learn more about Umoja and BHM.

The Umoja Gram idea was the inspiration of CoA Umoja Adjunct Counselor **Valarie Carey**, with support from Dean Dr. **Shalamon Duke**, and the Umoja Community.



CoA Coach Lauren Nieraeth

CoA Welcomes New Head Coach

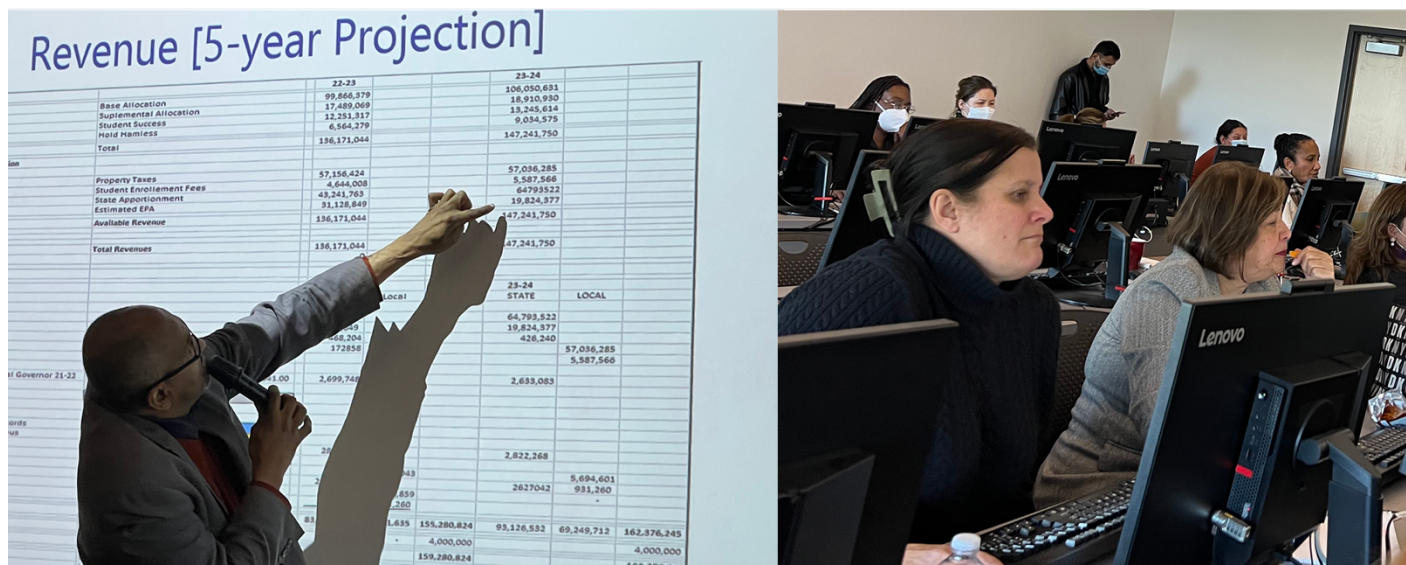
Lauren Nieraeth is CoA's new head women's volleyball coach. Nieraeth is well-versed in coaching California Community College student-athletes. Most recently she was the assistant coach, under **Katelyn Roberts** at Riverside City College with the women's beach volleyball program. She was also assistant coach for women's volleyball, under Suzie Witmer, at her alma mater Long Beach City College (LBCC). Prior to coaching, Nieraeth was a two-sport athlete at Mayfair High School in Lakewood, CA, playing volleyball and soccer. She continued her athletic career at LBCC where she was co-captain of the volleyball team her second year. From LBCC, Nieraeth transferred to

Temple University in Philadelphia, PA, where she coached and played women's club volleyball. Coach Nieraeth earned her Bachelor of Science in Tourism and Hospitality Management at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is currently earning her master's degree at San Francisco State University with a specialization in college counseling and emphases in clinical mental health counseling and career counseling. She is passionate about enhancing the mindset and skills of student athletes, while mentoring them to strive for success beyond their sport.



Puente Team Attends 40th Anniversary Statewide Conference

College of Alameda's Puente team attended Puente's 40th Anniversary Statewide Conference: *Healing & Justice in Education* from March 1, 2023, to March 3, 2023, at the Riverside Convention Center, in Riverside Ca. This conference brings together Puente college and secondary practitioners from California, Texas, and Washington States. Puente practitioners had the opportunity to network, hear from leaders in educational equity and justice, deepen their instructional and advising equity practices, and engage with Puente's new Equity Framework and Anthology. The CoA Puente team includes Puente Counselor **Danna Chavez Baquero**, Student Services Specialist **Alejandro Gonzalez**, English Professor **Sandra Vaughn**, and Director **Horacio Corona Lira**. A special shout out to Puente counselor Baquero, who was recognized during the conference for having completed the 2022 Puente Summer Institute training. This professional development opportunity was sponsored by the Puente State Office.



Photos from left: Associate Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration Adil Ahmed presents at February 24, 2023, Districtwide Finance HyFlex Training. Finance training participants.

CoA Hosts District-wide Finance Training Workshops

The Peralta Community College District Finance and Administration Department is holding a series of five Districtwide Finance HyFlex Trainings in February, March, and April 2023. These in-person and virtual training sessions are being held in-person at the College of Alameda campus in Room H108, with remote access also available by Zoom. The first training session, held on Friday, February 24, 2023, focused on budget, purchasing and payments, additional trainings held in March 2023 included an overview of fiscal management, and internal controls and reporting. The workshops have been created by Acting Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration Dr. **Nathaniel Jones III** and Associate Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration **Adil Ahmed**. CoA Vice President, Business and Administrative Services **Augustine Gill** has helped plan and coordinate the campus trainings, which were designed to ensure that districtwide faculty, staff, and administrators at all PCCD colleges understand how to use financial planning tools.

Submitted by Vice President, Business and Administrative Services Augustine Gill

Upcoming Events

CoA presents: Pathways to Financial Empowerment

Tuesday, March 21

Noon-1 p.m.

F Building Level 1

RSVP with this link: tinyurl.com/COAMAF23

Blood Drive

Tuesday, April 18

Quad Area

Make appointment to donate by clicking [here](#)

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COA PRESENTS

Pathways

TO FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT

WITH MISSION ASSET FUND (MAF)

BUILD YOUR SAVINGS . BUILD CREDIT. LEAD A FINANCIALLY EMPOWERED LIFE.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A WORKSHOP

TUESDAY MARCH 21ST , 2023

12-1PM F BUILDING LEVEL 1

Learn about Mission Asset Fund's (MAF) financial programs that have helped underrepresented communities across the Bay Area gain access to understanding and building credit with or w/o SSN, learn helpful saving practices to build personal wealth, and overall gain financial power over their lives.

Free food through Tasty Tuesdays 11:30-1:30pm, bring Student ID

RSVP HERE

OR RSVP WITH THIS LINK: [TINYURL.COM/COAMAF23](https://tinyurl.com/COAMAF23)



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is a gift of life.

BLOOD DRIVE 2023

Vitalant mobile blood donation clinic

College of Alameda Quad

**TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023
12:00P.M. - 4:30P.M.**



Please [click here](#) or scan the QR code to
schedule an appointment to donate blood.
For more information, go to vitalant.org.

Any questions? Call Lisa Sawadogo, Health Services Coordinator #510-748-2320
lisasawadogo@peralta.edu

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Priority Registration



Go to Peralta Campus Solutions
to confirm your registration date:

Summer/Fall 2023 Registration Dates

Students on academic or progress probation for two consecutive terms or who have earned 100 or more degree-applicable semester units at the district will lose enrollment priority (PCCD AP 5055)

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Student Group	Registration Date
CalWorks & Foster Youth	Mon, 04/10/2023
CAFYES (Next Up)	
SAS (Formerly DSPS)	
Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS/Care)	
Veterans	Wed, 04/12/2023
Umoja , Puente & Mesa	
ACCESSO	
Alameda & Oakland Promise	
Ambassadors	
Athletes	Fri, 04/14/2023
Alameda Science & Tech Institute (ASTI)	
Matriculating & Exempt Programs	Fri, 04/14/2023
No Priority -100+Units	Mon, 04/17/2023
No priority -Probation	
High School Concurrent Students	Mon, 04/17/2023



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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