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*Dr. Diana Bajrami, College of Alameda Acting President*

## President's Corner: Strength in Our Community

Recently I have had the pleasure of attending several community events; most often with my esteemed CoA and PCCD colleagues. In early March, I joined Chancellor **Jannett Jackson** and Director of Workforce Systems **Stephanie Bradshaw** at a High Tea celebrating Alameda Island Women Leaders, organized by the Alameda Chamber and Economic Alliance. Women leaders at the event, including **Alameda Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft** and many others, discussed collaboration and partnerships on several important community issues, including sustainability, internships, talent search and development, and entrepreneurship.

On March 30, 2023, another contingent of colleagues, including PCCD Trustee **Bill Withrow**, Professor **Andrew Park**, Dean **Eva Jennings**, Director **Stefanie Bradshaw**, President's Office Staff Services Specialist **Chungwai Chum**, and I attended Mayor Ashcraft's State of the City address aboard the USS Hornet. Most recently, I was invited by the Alameda Chamber and Economic Alliance to present a public seminar to Chamber and community members about College of Alameda's role in addressing the workforce needs of local businesses.

Strong communities are important for so many reasons. They help ensure public safety, well-being, resiliency, and connection. As an open access community college, the College of Alameda has been a main entry point to higher education for over 50 years for many in our diverse community, including under-served

student populations. At College of Alameda, we offer communities within communities, from our classroom communities to our student clubs, and from our student services to our student organizations. Community building is the work that we do here every day to support our students in reaching their goals. Thank you for helping make our community stronger!

Warmly,

Dr. Diana Bajrami  
College of Alameda Acting President



*Photo from left: Acting President Diana Bajrami, Alameda Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, and PCCD Chancellor Jannett Jackson.*

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## High Tea Celebrates Alameda Island Women Leaders

PCCD Chancellor **Jannett Jackson**, CoA Acting President **Diana Bajrami**, and Director of Workforce Systems **Stephanie Bradshaw** were invited to a High Tea celebrating Alameda Island Women Leaders organized by the Alameda Chamber and Economic Alliance. Women leaders discussed collaboration and partnerships on several important community issues, including sustainability, internships, talent search and development, and entrepreneurship.



## Puente Celebrates Annual Mentor and Mentee Mixer

College of Alameda's (CoA) Puente Program held its annual Puente Mentor and Mentee Mixer on Thursday, March 16, 2023, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. This was Puente's first in-person Mentor and Mentee Mixer. Puente students and their mentors networked through a series of icebreaker activities and enjoyed pan dulce and chocolate. Mentors are a key component to accomplishing the mission and goals of the Puente Program; they offer insight, provide guidance, and share their experiences in college and on their chosen career path. The Puente team extends a special thank you to Peralta Board of Trustees President **Dyana Delfín Polk**, Trustee **Paulina Gonzalez-Brito**, Acting President **Diana Bajrami**, Acting Vice President **Maurice Jones**, Dean **Lilia Celhay**, and Dean **Shalomon Duke** for participating in this event.

## CoA Hosts Annual High School Partners Breakfast

In early March 2023, College of Alameda Student Services hosted its Annual High School Partners Breakfast. Over 60 participants representing 29 high schools and pre-college programs across five school districts attended the event. CoA's Annual High School Partners Breakfast brings together school counselors, advisors, and other education professionals who provide direct services to high school students. Morning presentations focused on introducing new partners to the College's various programs and services, including the expansion of CoA's upcoming Summer Bridge program and the introduction of CoA's new [SALAAM Learning Community](#). Partners also met with representatives from the College's various support services, including Equal Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS), Student Accessibility Services (SAS), Puente, Math Engineering Science Achievement (MESA), and Financial Aid among others. Later in the morning, participants heard first-hand testimonials by CoA students. The morning concluded with a campus tour organized by Hispanic Serving Institution Grant Director **Horacio Corona-Lira**. Thanks to all of the students, faculty, and staff who participated in and helped organize the event, and to Director of Student Life and Activities **Natalie Rodriquez** for coordinating the student panel. The Annual Partner Breakfast kicks off CoA's signature outreach Mobile CoA program. Mobile CoA helps remove enrollment barriers by bringing application, academic counseling, and registration services to local high schools.



*Photo far right: College of Alameda's Learning Resource Center Coordinator, Johanna Carranza, and Director of Hispanic Serving Institutions Grant, Horacio Corona Lira, presented a workshop during the 15th Annual Alliance of Hispanic Serving Institution Educators (AHSIE) Best Practices Conference on March 13, in San Francisco.*

## CoA Representatives Present Workshop at Annual AHSIE

College of Alameda's Learning Resource Center Coordinator **Johanna Carranza**, and Director of Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) Grant **Horacio Corona Lira**, presented a workshop during the 15th Annual Alliance of Hispanic Serving Institution Educators (AHSIE) Best Practices Conference on March 13, 2023, in San Francisco, California. Their workshop titled, "CoA's Puente Summer Bridge: Enhancing the Puente Student Transition to Community College," highlights the implementation of a Puente summer bridge program to enhance student retention, academic success, and sense of community. College of Alameda's Puente Summer Bridge Program is a four-week, non-credit course taught in collaboration with CoA's Learning Resources Center. In this course, students learn about campus resources, student services, how to navigate system tools, like student portal and Canvas, and complete their enrollment in 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.

## CoA Guided Pathways Team Attends Statewide Conference

California Guided Pathways organized a conference with the theme of California Guided Pathways, from March 22, 2023, to March 24, 2023. President **Dr. Diana Bajrami**, Vice President of Instruction **Maurice Jones**, Vice President of Student Services **Mildred Lewis**, Counseling & Special Programs Dean **Dr. Shalamon Duke**, Classified Senate President **Louie Martinez y McFarland**, LRC Director **Anna O'Neal** and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Faculty/Co-chair **Didem Ekici** represented College of Alameda at the conference. The three-day conference focused on addressing obstacles to equitable practices in community colleges and developing strategies to promote student success and engagement. The event started with a student panel where students shared their concerns and insights on equity, and it continued with various panels, workshops, and college team strategy sessions that provided opportunities for participants to reflect on the things they learned during the sessions and develop strategies for their institutions for equitable practices.



# SUMMER & FALL 2023



## SUMMER SESSIONS 2023

Six-week Session: June 20 - July 27

Eight-week: June 20 - August 10

Four-week: July 3 - July 27

## FALL SEMESTER 2023

August 21 - December 16



**Summer Term Begins  
Saturday June 17**



**Fall Term Begins  
Monday August 21**

Version 1, Published March 2023

## Summer/Fall Class Schedule Is Now Online!

Check out College of Alameda's great selection of summer and fall courses and enroll early for your first choice of classes! [Click here for class listings.](#)

*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.*



## WorkAbility III Supports Students with Disabilities

WorkAbility III, supports students with disabilities to develop their work readiness skills by learning effective job search techniques, and workplace professionalism.

The program provides comprehensive job-related preparation services to students with disabilities whose goals include obtaining and retaining employment. We help students with disabilities overcome barriers to employment to find, apply for, get, and keep meaningful jobs. Students can be referred to the program by counselors, instructors, or staff members at College of Alameda, Laney College, Merritt College, Berkeley City College.

Workability services include:

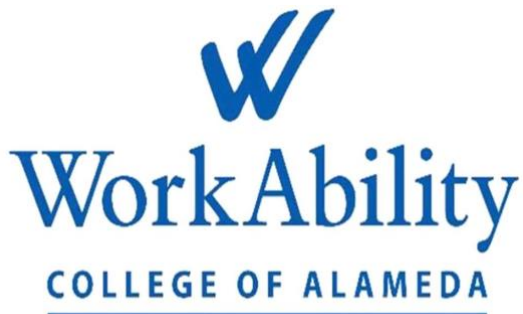
- Job search skill building and practice
- Campus internship opportunities
- Referrals to employment and job sources
- Transition to work and worksite support
- Employer education and resources



For more information call (510) 543-2476 or email [nagarwal@peralta.edu](mailto:nagarwal@peralta.edu)

<https://alameda.edu/students/student-accessibility-services-sas/workability-iii/>

*Submitted by Program Coordinator Neelam Agarwal*



Are you looking for work in your field or in need of a job? We can assist you now!

Join In person or on zoom meetings!

- Job Search Skill Building Workshops
- Resume and Cover Letters Development
- Personal Goal Setting & Self-Advocacy
- Individualized job recommendations
- Virtual Application and Computer Lab
- Mock Interview Practice & Follow-up
- Apply to Internships, Full or Part-time jobs
- Referral to Employers, & Job Fairs
- Workplace disability disclosure and job accommodations

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#### Who We Are –

WorkAbility is a cooperative program between College of Alameda and the State Department of Rehabilitation.

Individuals who receive services are participants of the State Department of Rehabilitation.

To learn more, visit our website- Scan the QR code and complete an interest form and we will contact you!





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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Spring Intersession**

[Three-Week Online Session](#)

May 30, 2023 to June 16, 2023

### **Commencement**

May 26, 2023

2:00 PM

College of Alameda

Soccer Field

### **SUMMER SESSIONS 2023**

Earn full term credit in as little as 4-, 6-, or 8-weeks this summer at College of Alameda!

Six-week Session: June 20, 2023–July 27, 2023

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### **FALL SEMESTER 2023**

Fall 2023 Classes are FREE!

August 21, 2023–December 16, 2023



*Rooted in Community Collaborative*  
 GATHERING FOR PERALTA AAPI EMPLOYEES

**RELAUNCH OUR PERALTA  
 AAPI COMMUNITY TO  
 SUPPORT OURSELVES AND  
 OUR STUDENTS**

*Please Join Us*

**WHEN: MONDAY, 5/1/2023**  
**TIME: 2PM-4PM**  
**LOCATION: DISTRICT ATRIUM**

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**COFFEE/TEA/SNACKS WILL BE SERVED!**

**CLICK HERE TO RSVP!**  
**RSVP BY APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>**

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## Celebrate Asian Heritage Month

In celebration of the May Asian Heritage Month, we invite all Peralta AAPI faculty, staff, administrators, and allies to gather at the District Atrium on Monday, May 1, 2023, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please [RSVP](#) by 04/17/2023 so we prepare enough snacks.



# SAVE THE DATE

## EMERITUS LUNCHEON

JOIN US FOR A LUNCHEON TO  
HONOR OUR 2022-2023 FACULTY  
RETIREES!

LIST OF RETIREES AND RSVP  
INFORMATION COMING SOON

Friday May 12, 2023 | 12 PM to 2PM

Encinal Yacht Club  
1251 Pacific Marina  
Alameda, CA 94501

Hosted Jointly by the College of Alameda  
Academic Senate & Office of the President



*Class Of 2023*  
**COMMENCEMENT**



*Save the Date*

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**May 26, 2023  
2:00 PM  
College of Alameda  
Soccer Field**



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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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