

Dr.. Diana Bajrami Acting President College of Alameda

## WELCOME FROM THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Dear Esteemed Students,

I extend my warmest congratulations to each and every one of you for embarking on a new chapter of your academic journey here at College of Alameda. Your decision to join our vibrant community marks the first step towards realizing your academic and career aspirations.

As the Acting President of College of Alameda, it is my distinct honor to welcome both our new faces and familiar ones back to campus for the Fall 2023 semester. Our college, though small in size, brims with an array of opportunities that await your exploration. Whether you're charting a path towards transferring to a four-year college or university, aiming to obtain a Certificate or Associate Degree, or seeking to acquire the skills for gainful employment, we are committed to

supporting you every step of the way.

Our Student Services Division stands ready to be your partner on this transformative journey. From the moment you step onto campus, the Office of Admission and Records, Financial Aid, and the Welcome Center (Counseling) are here to guide your enrollment and provide invaluable assistance. We offer an array of free services for all of our students, including free tutoring in Maths, English, ESOL, Physics, Chemistry, and more. Your success is our priority, and we are dedicated to ensuring a seamless entry into your academic endeavors.

I am also proud to highlight that College of Alameda is home to specialized programs tailored to the unique needs of first-generation college students, including <u>foster youth</u>, <u>Veterans</u>, <u>students</u> <u>with disabilities</u>, and <u>CalWORKs</u> among others. These programs exemplify our dedication to inclusivity and equity.

Engagement beyond the classroom is a cornerstone of the holistic educational experience we offer. Departments such as <u>Student Life</u>, Campus Activities, free <u>Health Services</u>, and <u>Athletics</u> provide you with a multitude of avenues to partake in events and activities that enrich your time and help keep you well here.

Our commitment to your success is deeply reflected in our learning communities, which foster personalized guidance and support. We proudly present <u>UMOJA</u> for African American students, <u>Puente</u> and the <u>ACCESO</u> Center for Latinx students, and <u>Salaam</u> for Arab and Arab American students. These programs, with their dedicated counseling and focused cohort classes, are designed to empower you and propel you toward your goals.

In closing, I want to emphasize that the entire College of Alameda team is here to serve and support you throughout your journey. Your dreams are our collective aspiration, and we are eager to see you flourish within our diverse and nurturing academic environment.

Thank you for entrusting us with your education. Welcome to College of Alameda, where possibilities unfold and futures are forged!

Sincerely,

Dr. Diana Bajrami

President, College of Alameda

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