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Laney Hosts Virtual Flex Day

We had a very successful and inspiring Flex day at Laney last Friday, January 22! **President Rudy Besikof** welcomed the Laney Community and went right into a great training called the RAVEN, with **Dr. Frank Harris** of CORA, on confronting anti-bias and microaggressions. Laney PD was thrilled to be joined by Merritt and BCC faculty and staff at this event! We had over 240 attendees, each of whom had already attended the CORA anti-bias training we had previously brought in the Fall Flex!

Following RAVEN, we had a Suicide Prevention workshop, sessions on the Laney budget, WordPress, Accreditation, Distance Ed individual drop in help, Division meetings, and at the end of the day there was a beautiful memorial for our beloved colleague and friend Steven. Many heartfelt memories were shared, and chemistry puns in honor of Steve's wonderful sense of humor, and two of his former students shared with us all how Steven had deeply touched their lives. It was a beautiful day of community, inspiration and remembrance!

Students Take Advantage of One-Stop Virtual Enrollment Event & Ask Me Sessions

To guarantee a strong start to the semester for our students, faculty and staff members joined together to create two virtual One-Stop Saturday Enrollment Events, January 23rd and 30th, as well as several Ask Me sessions, which took place during Welcome Week. This effort was led by **Vicki Ferguson, Vice President of Student Services**, and was made possible by our innovative and dedicated staff members. The event took place on Zoom, where Laney representatives answered general questions, offered one-on-one support, and referred students out to specific Zoom rooms, hosted by each department. This event was supported with a Google ad, Facebook events, and posts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, as well as a student-wide text message, generating over 4,200 impressions.

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Gateway Student Announced as DREAM Scholar

Jasminh Au is a current senior student for the **Gateway to College Program** at Laney College and has been announced as the program's **2021 DREAM Scholar**. She is an aspiring Oceanography major and is planning to directly transfer from Gateway to the Hawaii Pacific University at Honolulu. She is a resilient, confident and great student leader in the program. **William Ochoa, Director of Gateway to College** says, "to my understanding she is breaking down barriers as to what a dually enrolled student can obtain through her tenure here at our program."

Achieving the Dream's DREAM Scholars program is an experiential learning opportunity for up to eight students from participating Achieving the Dream Institutions designed to enhance key leadership, critical thinking, and networking skills. As a DREAM Scholar, students will engage with community activists, education leaders, peers and DREAM Scholars Alumni. Scholars will receive customized programming and exclusive networking sessions that align with their future goals.

DREAM 2021 will take place February 16-19, 2021.

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Language Arts Professor Publishes Textbook Aimed at Empowering Community College First-Year Teachers

We are pleased to announce the publication of **Empowering the Community College First-Year Composition Teacher: Pedagogies and Policies** edited by **Dr. Meryl Siegal**, Laney College and **Dr. Betsy Gilliland**, The University of Hawaii, Manoa published by the University of Michigan Press this January.

This is Dr. Siegal's third edited volume on the subject of community college composition which includes volumes on multilingual students and gen 1.5; she has published extensively in the fields of education and applied linguistics. The current volume is an inquiry into community college first-year pedagogy and policy at a time when curricular change has not only been called for but also mandated by state legislators. This mandate is reflected in how the book is conceived: the book's chapters focusing on pedagogy and policy are integrated within cohesively themed parts: (1) refining pedagogy; (2) teaching toward acceleration; (3) considering programmatic change; and (4) exploring curriculum through research and policy. The volume concludes with the editors' reflections on the future of community college composition and future research agendas to understand how today's changes in community college students affect tomorrow's transfer students. Further information on the book, as well as the introductory chapter, can be accessed as www.press.umich.edu/elt

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Virtual Community Meet & Greet Part II

To start **Dr. Rudy Besikof's** presidency at Laney College, he hosted a virtual meet and greet with the following API community based organizations:

- City of Oakland
- Oakland Unified School Board
- Asian Health Services
- Oakland Asian Cultural Center
- Filipino Advocates for Justice
- Family Bridges
- California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative
- Friends of Lincoln Square Park
- East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation
- East Bay Asian Youth Center
- Asian Pacific Environmental Network
- The Spot
- Banteay Srei
- Wa Sung Community Service Club
- New Breath Foundation
- Oakland Unified School Board
- Oakland Education Fund
- API Legal Outreach
- Vietnamese Community Center of the East Bay
- Asian Immigrant Women Advocates
- Lao Family Community Development
- OUSD, Asian Pacific Islander Student
- Achievement
- Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce
- LOH Realty
- Metropolitan Bank
- Beneficial State Foundation
- Port of Oakland
- Kitazawa Seed Company
- Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce
- Good Good Eatz
- Oakland Athletics
- Prime Image - Skylink
- State of California
- Alameda County
- League of CA Cities API

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