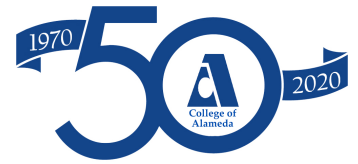




President's Report to the PCCD Board of Trustees



October 13, 2020

Don Miller, Ph.D., Interim President

Accreditation Update

The College has completed the Special Report due to ACCJC on Nov. 1st. We sincerely appreciate the faculty, staff, and administrators that shared content, gave feedback, and helped improve the document all along the way. Campus constituents can be proud of the work that was done to show great aspects of our hard work at the college. A special shoutout goes to our Director of Research and Planning **Dominique Benavides** for the many hours of data collection, research, and evidence review and preparation that went into creating the document.

Under the leadership and writing skills of VPSS Dr. **Tina Vasconcellos**, the Institutional Self Evaluation Report has been completed, and will be making its way through our shared governance and other campus forums for review. Many thanks to the teams that worked hard to provide the content and evidence of college compliance with accreditation standards. We look forward to continued feedback from campus constituents and the Board of Trustees when they begin their review.

COA Library Resources Curbside Pick Up

Since late spring semester when CoA received its first shipment of Chromebooks the library staff and faculty have been working with the administration to check out computers for student use. At the start of the fall semester CoA's library was the first in the district to roll out curbside distribution of library resources. Staff are coming in 3 days a week and we've checked out nearly 100 Chromebooks to students so far. We're also distributing calculators and circulating books. For more details

see <https://alameda.peralta.edu/library/coa-library-curbside-pick-up-and-returns/>. This was a major endeavor and we are so thankful to **Cheryl Peel, Caitlin Gilbert, Glenda Gardner, Lili Tavassoli, Ann Buchalter**, and **Jane McKenna** for all their hard work to make these resources a reality for our students.

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CoA Answers the CCCO's Call to Action

In early summer, in response to the nationwide outcry against the murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Aubrey, Breonna Taylor, and so many others, California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley and system leaders called on us to actively strategize and take action against structural racism. Over the course of the summer CoA campus community members began a variety of conversations around these topics. The CoA President's Office is continuing these conversations with a series of informal virtual meetings. At the most recent campus dialog, on October 8, 2020, participants discussed the CCCO's third Call to Action topic on community colleges auditing classroom climate and creating an action plan to ensure that classrooms are inclusive and that colleges offer anti-racism curriculum. College of Alameda faculty, staff, and administrators have participated in a wide variety of trainings on this subject, most recently with approximately 50 campus community members training at the Equity Institute on creating transformational courses to serve students of color and build anti-racist curriculum, as well as training on counseling in the era of equity. CoA faculty and senate leadership have been active participants and are addressing these issues directly in the classroom. CoA's Call to Action dialogs will continue this month.



Welcome to Our New Financial Aid Director

Angie Harris

Angie Harris has served the higher education community for almost 20 years in the area of financial aid. She began her financial aid career as a work-study student when she attended UC Berkeley as an undergraduate student. After graduating from Berkeley, Angie continued her career in financial aid at Berkeley in various capacities that involved advising, counseling, outreach, and scholarship management. She moved to Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles as the Associate Director of Financial Aid, where she managed the front line advising, counseling, communications, and outreach. She continued her career at Mills College as the Director of Financial Aid. Angie is an Oakland native, and she attended Oakland Unified Schools from kindergarten through 12th grade. After earning a B.A. in Rhetoric from the University of California, Berkeley, she received her Master's Degree in Public Administration from Cal State East-Bay. She has a passion for higher education administration, and her charge has always been to make sure that equity and access are available to all students who want to pursue higher education.

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Welcome Back Myron Jordan

Myron Jordan says that he is excited to return to College of Alameda in the position of Acting Dean of Liberal Studies and Language Arts.

“With over 24 years of combined experience as a faculty member and administrator, my passion for creating an environment where learning is not only equitable, but student centered. Inspiring and motivating both students and faculty to succeed are hallmarks of a successful administrator. My experience, educational and administrative background afforded me the opportunity to make positive efforts in student achievement as part of the College of Alameda Educational Plan. During my academic career at the College I was instrumental in

providing the highest level of academic support for students, faculty, classified staff and administration. I look forward to developing and maintaining a strong working relationship with classified staff, faculty, students and administrators. I recognize the many challenges facing our college and district. However, I also see the opportunity to overcome some of the challenges as we are moving forward.”—Dean Myron Jordan



CoA Latinx Heritage Month Celebrations Continue

EDUCATIONAL JOURNEYS PANEL

Thursday Oct. 15, 11a.m.-12 p.m.

Leaders in higher education will share their educational journey narratives and discuss the Latinx student experience. https://cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qd-qrpj0vH9HzSQ6CtqdI41pI_4QTfYWI

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