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## Peralta Colleges Partner w/ Eat Learn Play & World Central Kitchen to Provide Free Meals

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- ✔ Laney College Lunch & Produce is available on Mondays and Wednesdays from Noon to 2pm with drive thru pickup available at 900 Fallon Street.
- ✔ College of Alameda "Grab-N-Go Free Lunch" is available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30am to 1:30pm with drive thru pickup available at 555 Ralph Appezato Memorial Parkway.
- ✔ Merritt College begins "Grab & Go Free Lunch" on Thursday, May 28 from Noon to 2pm. The pickup is located off-campus at the David E. Glover Education and Technology Center located at 6948 Foothill Blvd, Oakland.
- ✔ The Berkeley City College service with World Food Kitchen and Eat. Learn. Play. is being finalized and will begin soon.

Read the press release [here](#) and download the complete report about the programs and distribution at each college as presented to the Board of Trustees on May 26, 2020 [here](#).

Tags: Merritt College, College of Alameda, Laney College, Berkeley City College

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## [Peralta Community College District Partners with Local Nonprofits to Provide Thousands of Meals to Students](#)

Eat. Learn. Play. Foundation *and* World Central Kitchen *provide resources and logistics to offer meals at three PCCD colleges*

**OAKLAND, CA** – In response to dramatically increased food insecurity from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Peralta Community College District forged a partnership with two nonprofits – Oakland’s [Eat. Learn. Play. Foundation](#) and the [World Central Kitchen](#) – to provide thousands of meals to students at three of its four campus locations. The Eat. Learn. Play. Foundation underwrites the cost of the meals, while the World Central Kitchen helps provide food delivery and distribution logistics.

While the District’s four colleges, [College of Alameda](#), [Berkeley City College](#), [Laney College](#) and [Merritt College](#), have long offered food assistance programs, the District recognized the need to quickly ramp up its capacity to address the growing need of its student population.

“It became clear early on that some people in our community might need additional support to weather this difficult time,” said Chancellor Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud. “Thanks to the Eat. Learn. Play. Foundation and the World Central Kitchen, we have been able to bring in the additional resources to keep our community fed. I’d like to give special thanks to [Peralta Colleges Foundation](#) Executive Director LaNiece Jones for helping make this new venture possible.”

Laney College and the College of Alameda launched their partnerships with both organizations this past April. Merritt College will launch its food pantry this coming Thursday (May 28), and discussions are currently underway for a partnership at the District’s Berkeley City College.

“We are so grateful to the Eat. Learn. Play. Foundation and the World Central Kitchen for the work they are doing to keep our community from going hungry,” said Peralta Colleges Foundation Executive Director LaNiece Jones. “I’d also like to thank all of the District staff at the colleges who are working hard every day to ensure these meals are distributed to students.”

According to Jose Corona, who heads Programs & Partnerships for Eat. Learn. Play. Foundation, “The Peralta District does an amazing job of serving young adults, and we want to make sure that we do our part in supporting their students and families during this unprecedented time.”

The Eat. Learn. Play. Foundation was founded by Stephen and Ayesha Curry to end childhood and family hunger in Oakland, and provides critical funding to a variety of local organizations that provide food and distribution logistics, including the World Central Kitchen. Celebrity chef José Andrés founded World Central Kitchen in 2010 to provide meals in response to natural disasters, and has served 19 million meals since its founding.

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### **Congresswoman Barbara Lee Commends Tina Vasconcellos & COA for Free Food Program**

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College of Alameda Vice President of Student Services Dr. Tina Vasconcellos will receive a commendation letter and presentation for the partnership she secured with World Central Kitchen and Eat.Learn.Play. on behalf of College of Alameda and our students. To date the program at College of Alameda has distributed 67,200 hot meals, 4,680 produce boxes and raised \$722,800 for members of our community.

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Congresswoman Barbara Lee (if available due to session) and her team will come to campus on October 23, 2020 at 10:30am (before food distribution begins at 11:30) to take a photo and present a letter. We wanted to let the Peralta Community know as soon as possible so we save the date and hopefully attend; as more details from the Congresswoman's office become available we will share them.

From Dr. Vasconcellos:

"I am excited College of Alameda will be recognized! Our partners from World Central Kitchen and Eat.Learn.Play. will also be present. I have to say this partnership really came out of my frustration in not being able to meet the basic needs of our students. It has turned into an amazing partnership and I am just so thankful for our entire team of college volunteers! It is truly a College effort!!!"



Read more about the program in these other Peralta Gems

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[All Four Colleges Now Offering Free Meals](#)

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