

President's Report to the PCCD Board of Trustees

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President Melanie Dixon

Alameda Economic Forecast Event

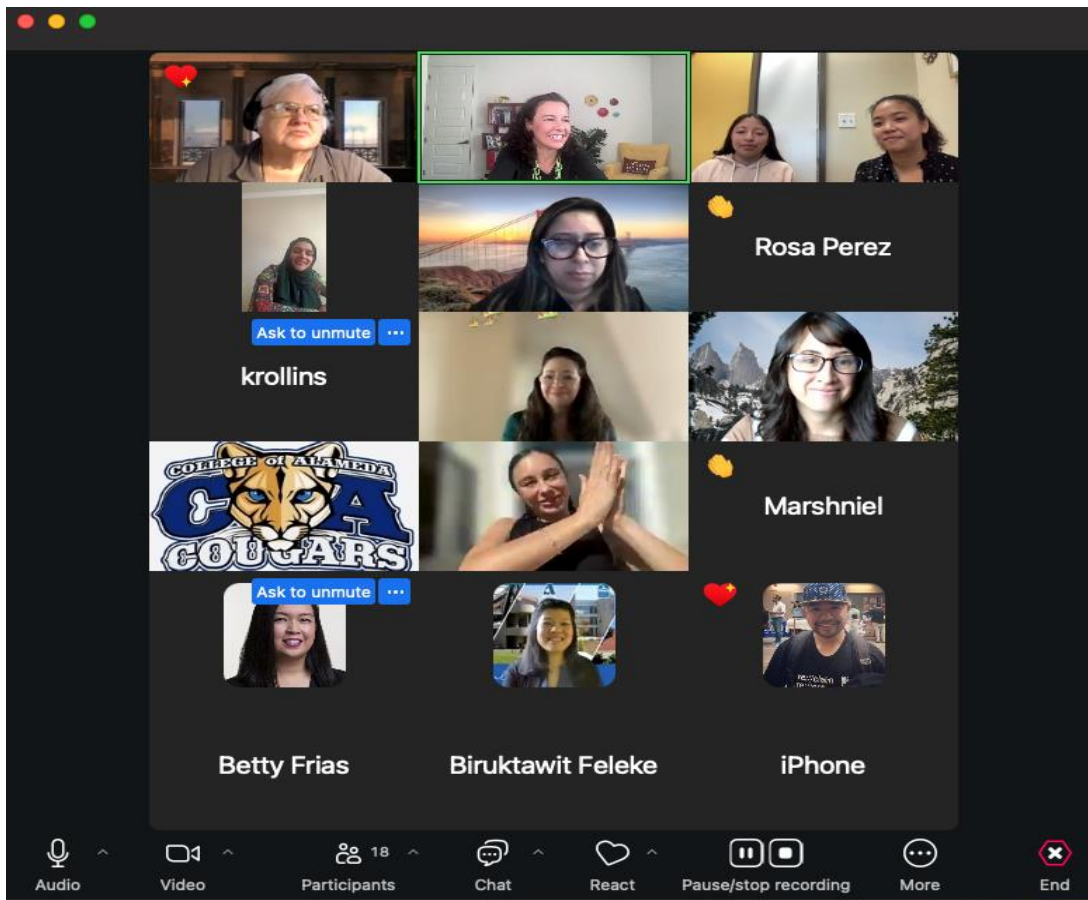


On September 26th, CoA Administrators, Faculty, and Staff participated in the Alameda Economic Forecast Event, where leaders from various industries shared valuable insights on the region's economic climate, recent changes, and necessary steps for future growth. Chancellor Gilkerson represented the Peralta District on the panel, delivering an impactful message on the necessity for sustained collaboration between local industries and Community Colleges. She noted partnership as essential for developing programs that align with workforce needs and effectively support our community.

The team also heard from State Treasurer Fiona Ma and State Controller Malia Cohen, who shared their perspectives on the state's fiscal health. Their expertise added depth to the discussion and highlighted the importance of a robust economic framework for Alameda's future. CoA is looking forward to engaging our industry, governmental and educational partners to prepare students for jobs of the future.

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.

Students Shaping the Future of CoA



On Friday, September 27, 2024, the Guided Pathways Brown Bag Meeting hosted a panel of students who shared their onboarding experiences, motivations, favorite aspects of CoA, areas for improvement, and the support necessary after graduation. The panel featured five stellar students:

- Rosa Perez, Chemistry
- (Julie) Pich Hatha Deap, Business Administration – Economics
- Antwa Rodriguez, Aviation Maintenance Technology
- Elisa Bautista, Animal Science
- Nadia Safi, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

The meeting attracted faculty and staff interested in learning from our students. The panel provided great insight and fostered valuable discussions about student needs and experiences. We extend gratitude to our faculty Didem Ekici and Cynthia Haro who coordinated this wonderful opportunity. Please enjoy [the recording](#) of the Student Panel.

CoA is excited to announce the election of ten new ASCOA senators, who will be sworn in on Thursday, October 10, 2024. Our newly elected senators are: Shemicka Johnson, Abigail Yu, Anne Gormley, Erson Payopay, Pich Hatha Deap, Khadiga Zaabal, Carlene Beck, Jubilee Lew, Jane Outlaw, and Cristiana Gomez. We congratulate these rising leaders as they assume their seats.

On Friday, October 11, 2024, our Student Trustees Sophia Parmigiani, and Pierce Byrne will host the Peralta District-Wide Student Government Retreat at CoA. The retreat will provide our new leaders the opportunity to collaborate with student leaders across the district and learn about the role of the board. Most importantly the retreat will emphasize the power of student voice and perspective on all educational matters.

Celebrating the Arts and Culture

- ❖ CoA's Dance Department will proudly participate in the 58th Annual United Nations Flag Raising Day Celebration! Professor Danny Nguyen and a talented group of students will perform at this festive event. Event Details: Saturday, October 12, 2024, at Jack London Square from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

- ❖ The ADAM Department is also excited to host a fashion show at the College of Alameda, showcasing the creative designs of our students in a format inspired by the TV series "Project Runway." Event Details: Thursday, October 17, 2024, in the H-Building Atrium from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM.

- ❖ In celebration of Latinx Heritage Month, the Office of Student Activities & Campus Life, in collaboration with the CoA Latinx Committee, has organized a variety of engaging events. Upcoming Activities:
 - La Mezcla: CoA Latinx Meet & Greet, Monday, October 7, 2024, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

 - Cumbiation: Learn how to dance Cumbia and explore its history, Tuesday, October 8, 2024, from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

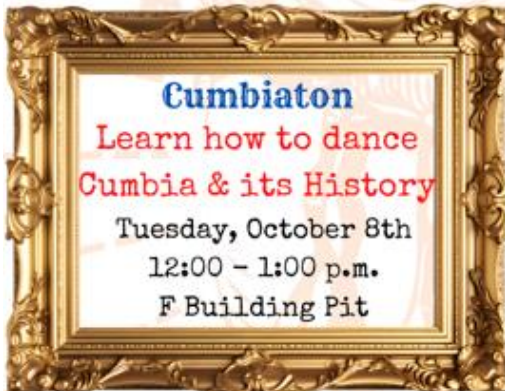
 - La Carne Asada: A collaboration with Undocumented Student Action Week, Tuesday, October 15, 2024, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

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