



President's Report to the PCCD Board of Trustees



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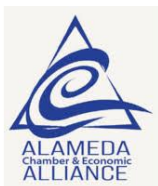
President Melanie Dixon

Northern California Regional playoffs



The Men's Basketball Team delivered an electrifying season, demonstrating relentless dedication both on and off the court. Competing in the fiercely competitive Bay Valley Conference, the College of Alameda secured an impressive #24 seed, facing off against College of the Redwoods in the playoffs before advancing to battle San Jose. While the journey didn't culminate in a State Championship victory, we couldn't be **prouder** of our exceptional student-athletes. Beyond their achievements on the court, the team also scored a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit Google, where they met the CEO and explored exciting career pathways. We extend our deepest gratitude to Coach Payton and Coach Moses for their outstanding leadership and for emphasizing the importance of academic and professional success. Thanks to their dedication, we are committed to forging internship opportunities with Google, ensuring our students continue to thrive both in athletics and beyond.

Hosting Alameda Chamber of Commerce



As we strengthen our community partnerships, the Alameda Chamber of Commerce has proven to be an invaluable asset in fostering meaningful connections. On Friday, March 14, 2025, College of Alameda leadership will proudly showcase our dynamic programs, stunning campus, and exciting opportunities for collaboration. We are thrilled to welcome the esteemed participants of the 2024-25 Leadership Program and look forward to an inspiring day of engagement, innovation, and shared vision for the future!

Learning from a Prominent Leader



ADAM Advisory Board member and Levi Strauss Fit Development Manager Sylvaine Guille delivered an inspiring seminar for ADAM students, offering invaluable guidance on their projects and career paths. With passion and expertise, she emphasized the critical role of education and training in achieving success, applauding ADAM's commitment to teamwork and collaboration.

Drawing from her extensive experience as an East Bay small business owner and a designer dedicated to social good, Sylvaine shared powerful insights. She highlighted her impactful work training Latina women for careers in the local fashion industry and her efforts in Kenya, where she taught refugee women advanced design and product development skills—empowering them with new opportunities.

Taking a hands-on approach, Sylvaine conducted live fitting demonstrations on students' designs, offering expert feedback on fit, construction, and overall design. She was deeply impressed by the students' collections and provided thoughtful suggestions for refinement. Her visit was both educational and inspiring, leaving a lasting impact on the students.

Thank you to Professors Piazza and Roundtree for organizing this incredible and transformative seminar!

Career Workshop: African Americans and Labor



Celebrating the historical impact and remarkable achievements of African Americans in labor, the College of Alameda proudly hosted a dynamic **Career Information and Education Workshop** in the Student Center. This inspiring event brought together CoA students, faculty, classified professionals, and administrators, along with students and faculty from the Treasure Island Job Corps, fostering a powerful exchange of knowledge and career development opportunities.

With a mission to ignite career aspirations and equip students with the skills, insights, and connections necessary for success, the workshop featured engaging presentations from esteemed faculty, dedicated classified professionals, and experienced administrators. Through these discussions, students gained a deeper understanding of workplace culture while exploring essential topics such as academics, life skills, communication, and problem-solving—critical tools for navigating and excelling in their chosen career paths.

A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to Professor Rochelle Olive, Professor Jody Campbell, Professor Carla Pegues, Lashawn Brumfield, the Custodial Team, Treasure Island Job Corps, and all the incredible CoA presenters who made this event a resounding success! Your dedication and expertise continue to inspire and empower our students on their journey toward a bright and fulfilling future.