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Career & Technical Education Hosts In-Person Career Expo

On Saturday, April 23, Laney's **Career & Technical Education (CTE)** team hosted its 10th-annual **Career Expo and Open House** with about 375 guests in attendance. This half-day event helped prospective students explore the campus, CTE departments, as well as student services including: registration, counseling, financial aid services and Laney's wonderful learning communities. Attendees were able to visit over 21 departments and gain real-life experience by participating in workshops, demos, tours and hands-on activities.

CTE's theme for this event was ***Growing Our Own*** which showcased entertainment from Laney's music department, food from graduated food entrepreneurs, and lastly, raffle prizes created by our **Woodtech** and **Culinary** students.

Several industry partners were invited to connect with each area to build potential pathways for career exploration. This included companies such as, **East Bay MUD, PG&E, Rainin, Penumbra, Lawrence Livermore National Labs, 360TotalConcept** and more.

Attendees Received:

- Free Lunch
- Career Exploration
- Industry Exhibitions
- Workshops
- Counseling – Academic and Financial Aide
- Tours/Demos
- Laney CTE Program Information



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Laney Hosts Self-Care Fair With Community Support

On Wednesday, April 13, nearly 100 Laney students and staff members gathered in the quad to enjoy the first on-campus **Self-Care Fair** since the campus closed March, 2020. The event was hosted by **Laney Health Services** and was enjoyed by all in attendance. Cosmetology students gave manicures, while licensed acupuncturists from **Berkeley's Acupuncture & Integrative Medicine College** provided needleless acupuncture; both services were free of charge and a major hit!

A handful of community partners and learning communities also tabled the event to provide information and resources to students. While it is safe to say that we all could use some self-care at the moment, the overall goal was to equip Laney College students with the coping mechanisms and mindfulness needed to truly destress and ease anxiety. Goodie bags with tea, coloring books, essential oils and journals were gifted to attendees as a thank you. Laney College is tremendously grateful for the Health Services team, interns **Avalon Mckee, Luc Nguyen** and **Indra Thadani** for facilitating such a thoughtful and much needed event. See below to view the full list of community partners who tabled this event.

- Laney Wellness Center
- Academy of Chinese Culture and Health Sciences
- Alameda County Family Justice Center
- Black Student Union
- Overeaters Anonymous
- Roots Community Health Center
- Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence
- La Clinica
- Laney Cosmetology
- Response & Recovery Team (SARRT)
- Sickle Cell Disease Foundation
- Umoja-UBAKA
- Union Bank
- World System Builder





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Restoring Our Communities (ROC) Receives 3-Year Grant

Laney College and **Restoring our Communities (ROC)** was one of 59 colleges awarded in an initial three-year grant of \$166,000, which will be disbursed each year through the **State Chancellor's Office** to continue the work of supporting the success of system-impacted students. After the third year of the grant, the college will have an opportunity to apply for continuous funding. The College extends its gratitude to **Gary Albury**, Associate Dean, and **Roger Chung**, ROC Faculty Coordinator, for their initial work in applying for the grant. In addition, the College thanks **Vincent Garrett** ROC Student Services Specialist **Cemone Harper**, ROC Counselor for their nonstop work in supporting our students.



Baking & Pastry Graduate Lands Job at Allora

It is no secret that Laney staff members strive to put student success first in all areas, so it is a true delight when former students and graduates reach out to update the team. Last week, **Katerina Balagian**, Baking & Pastry graduate, let us know that she had just been hired at **Allora**, a two-Michelin starred restaurant in **Sacramento**. The pastry chef thanked Laney College for its support and encouragement during her time as a student, and shared kind words for her former instructors, "I loved Laney. Chefs **Lew**, **Raji**, and **Lambert** were amazing inspirations to me. They were supportive of my weird style of baking, which is what got me the three best jobs of my life. I am very thankful for them."

To read Katerina's complete bio on the Italian restaurant's website, [click here](#).



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