

President's Report to the PCCD Board of Trustees

Dr. Rudy Besikof, President

#### Laney Women's Basketball Garners Awards, Competes in Elite 8 CCAAA Playoffs

With integrity-filled spirit, effort and toughness reminiscent of the "My Team's on the Floor!" moment in the classic movie Hoosiers (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITGwzan\_OFY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITGwzan\_OFY</a>), the Laney College, the six-member Laney College Women's Basketball team played its collective heart out before falling to Moorpark College by a mere 3 points in the quarterfinal portion of the women's state basketball championship for California community colleges. Prior to the contest, the team was honored, with Laney's own Jada Hunter co-awarded Player of the Year. Photos below include not only the team photo of this resilient group of student athletes, but also highlights of the awards the team garnered for making it to tournament weekend at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, California.

In addition to commending Ms. Hunter and teammates Alayah Flucus, Adrianne Blackwell, Tali Fa'i, Gianna Ghio and Lenyah Fulsome, Laney is so proud of Head Coach Ramaundo Vaughn, Assistant coaches Bryan Gardere, Matthew Johnson, Brandon Thomas, and Trainer Rick Becker for representing our campus so nobly throughout the Bay Valley Conference as co-champs and our great state!









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#### Laney College Eagle's Nest Addresses Clothing Insecurity with March 20 Popup event



On March 20, 2024, in the Laney College Student Center, the Laney College Eagle's Nest, which is the College's Basic Needs Center, hosted a "pop-up" style event focusing on giving away clothing to students in need. All items were free, gently worn items, including shoes, for women, men, and children. In addition to these much needed resources for students, students were also offered hygiene kits and other basic needs resources.

In total, 50 students received free clothing and toiletry items. As always, kudos go to the staff in the Eagle's Nest, especially coordinator Katrina Santos and Director of Campus Activities Atiya Rashada.





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#### **Art Gallery Hosts Yet More Amazing Exhibitions in Spring 2024**

#### **JUNE STEINGART LANEY GALLERY COLLEGE**



There has been so much amazing energy in the campus gallery this semester, with details always available on Instagram and Twitter @laneyartgallery. Hours are Monday through Thursday each week during exhibitions, with the latest offering kicking off on March 18, it being a feature of the work of students and community members from Wood Technology, FabLab, and other CTE departments. Visitors to Laney may find the Gallery on the ground floor of the Tower Building, just across from the lobby reception desk. The event is the perfect precursor to the April 27 CTE Open House, which will be on various parts of campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with an invitation to all the greater Oakland community.





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#### Women Leaders on Campus, in Community Host March 20 Panel Discussion on STEM



The Laney College engineering department hosted a Women in STEM panel on March 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm-5:00 pm. Panelists discussed their experiences as women working in STEM fields and included the following Panelists:

- -Kyla Oh Math instructor at Laney College and former patent and trademark attorney
- -Rachel Walker Senior Software Engineer at Binti Inc
- Maria Padilla Engineer for the County of Marin @marincountygov and former Laney College student
- Staci Lewis Marine Protected Area Network Manager at the California Ocean Protection Council @opc california





