



College of Alameda President's Report February 15, 2011



Black History Month Finale – February 22nd, 12:30-2:00pm

featuring a Panelist Exchange on the theme: “Believe, Achieve, Succeed”. The panelist include: COA President Dr Jannett Jackson & President Emeritus Dr George Herring, COA Student Graduates Jamar Mears & Sophia Omar Allen and Former Peralta Board of Trustees’ President Lin Baranco. Everyone is encouraged to attend and share in the final activity for the month which will end with

recognition of our alumni and retirees; and music instructor Glenn Pearson will provide musical selections.

40th Anniversary Dinner Dance.

Save the date, Friday, April 8th, at Rockwall/Rosenblum’s Winery at Alameda Point (formerly the Naval base) in Alameda for a dinner dance as part of our 40th Anniversary celebration. This theme of this event will be “Honoring our Retirees: Past & Present”. More information will be forthcoming as we draw nearer to the event.



APAHE – Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education Conference, Feb 14-16, 2011

Faculty involved in College of Alameda’s Learning Communities project will present at the APAHE Conference in San Francisco, Feb 15th. Learning Communities classes are linked so that a cohort of students can take classes together and faculty from both classes (English 269-Reading & Writing and Counseling 224-College Success) work together to provide students with the necessary knowledge and self-confidence to succeed. The workshop is entitled: “Building Bridges, Creating Learning Communities to Serve Students of Color”.

Presenters include Edy Chan, Debbie Green and Christa Ferrero-Castenada, the initial faculty launchers of the colleges’ three Learning Communities Program. Faculty leaders in each of the three cohorts: APASS-Asian Pacific American Student Success (focus on Asian Pacific culture); AMANLA (African American focus) and ADELANTE (focus on Latino culture) will also be part of the presentation. This project has been extremely successful in

increasing student retention and persistence due in part to the collaborative efforts of the teaching faculty: Darlene Elasiague, Vanessa Lewis, Adan Olmedo, and Marissa Nakano. Although each learning community has a unique flavor, all three contribute to a culture of caring through shared space, training, curriculum design, field trips and cultural events.

Accreditation Update

College of Alameda received the official notification from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), January 31, 2011, indicating that they have decided to “**continue** all four Peralta Colleges on **Probation** for the district issues which remain unresolved”. However, College of Alameda was commended for the substantial work to successfully resolve the one recommendation on its comprehensive and integrated strategic planning process. A follow-up report on the district recommendations is due to the Commission by March 15th of this year, with a midterm report due next year by March 15, 2012.

Campus Forum: Chancellors’ Budget Update

Chancellor Wise Allen will conduct an open forum at College of Alameda on Wednesday, February 23rd at 12:30 – 1:30pm in D-119. All faculty staff and students are encouraged to attend as College of Alameda will be the first campus to be visited by the Chancellor. His next visit will be at Berkeley City College and Merritt College the first week of March; with his final visit at Laney College.

