



College of Alameda President's Report

September 2011

Fall 2011 Fabulous Friday



Counselor, Trudy Thompson, spearheaded the student orientation “Fabulous Friday” event held August 19, 2011. Faculty, staff, students and administrators provided a *New Student Orientation* which was rated outstanding! Over 300 new students signed up for the orientation. As usual, the feedback was positive and the students shared that they enjoyed meeting their instructors, learning more about how to be successful in their classes and hearing about what the college offers in terms of services. It was a wonderful way to start the semester and special thanks go out to the following faculty and staff:

Robert Brem	Toni Cook	Hector Corrales	Esther Guerrero
Carolyn Johnson	Trish Nelson	Rochelle Olive	Patricia Posada
Yvonne Reid	Mike Robertson	OJ Roundtree	Teya Schaffer
Mary Shaughnessy	Sherrone Smith	Manny Uy	

In Memory Of Jepeabo....

College of Alameda administrators, faculty, staff and students are mourning the loss of student leader Jepeabo Wellington, who was murdered the night of August 23, as he was walking home from a Stop the Violence “peace” rally in West Oakland. As he passed the 1000 Block of 10th Street, outside the Acorn Community Center, Jepeabo was asked where he was from. When he responded “East Oakland”, he was shot and killed,



becoming the seventy-seventh homicide in the City of Oakland. Jepeabo, 24, was a student at College of Alameda and scheduled to graduate May 2012. According to his counselor, Douglas Cobb, and friend, Reginald James, Jepeabo hoped to transfer to Howard University in Washington, D.C. In a SF Chronicle article, James described Jepeabo as a young man who “was very inspiring, despite the obstacles that he had in his life. He seemed to always push forward. He was always very sincere” and “very straightforward.”

The College of Alameda community knew Jepeabo very well. He worked in the college book store and library, and had served as a student assistant/peer advisor with the EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs/Foster Youth program. Jepeabo appeared on the front page of the Oakland Post Spring 2011 as he was pictured with a group of College of Alameda students who were enrolled in the grant funded Foster Youth program. In addition, he was among the first group of students who were in the East Bay Career Advancement Academy; and he was the first to help with the organizing of the annual *Save Our Schools* rally. College of Alameda administrators described Jepeabo as “a light on campus” and “our much loved gentle spirit.” Rich Copenhagen, Student Trustee, Peralta Board of Directors, has requested that the entire Board “recognize Jepeabo’s incredible service and dedication to the college and our community.”



Although Jepeabo’s murder was a devastating blow to the college community, EOPS staff, Paula Armstead, EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs/Foster Youth Program Specialist and Toni Cook, EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs/Foster Youth Director, seized the moment and collaborated with faculty member Robert Brem, Coordinator of the Civic Engagement Program, to hold a vigil and balloon release on Thursday, August 25. Students, classified professionals, faculty and administrators attended and shared their love and respect for Jepeabo. Professor Brem later proclaimed “that the vigil was a beginning, not an end, as Jepeabo would have wanted the voices of the community that he loved to continuously proclaim that the violence must stop.” <http://content.postnewsgroup.com/?p=14413>

Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour

The College of Alameda is hosting the nationally acclaimed Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour (www.extremetour.org/alameda) on Friday, October 7, 2011, from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. College students and community members alike will be in attendance to hear the stories and lessons learned from top young entrepreneurs from across the country as well as local entrepreneurs! The idea behind the event is to bring together America's top young entrepreneurs to spread the entrepreneurial mindset to their peers at a grassroots level at colleges nationwide. Speakers are young entrepreneurs under the



age of 30 who've made, earned, and sold their company for millions and made a huge impact on our economy. All students can leverage the entrepreneurial mindset in this increasingly global and automated world.

Direct Support Professionals Career Ladder Training & Employment Program Progress Report

In spring 2011, College of Alameda submitted and received an Economic and Workforce Development/Job Development Incentive Fund (JDIF) grant through the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. The total grant funds requested was \$300,000, with the term of the grant from March 8, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Dick Stein, who has a stellar history working with local non-profits in this area, has been hired as the independent contractor who is acting as the Program Director.

The goal of the JDIF grant is to develop the first steps of a training infrastructure for Direct Support Professionals, who provide care for people with developmental disabilities. These workers support consumers in their own homes, in small residential setting and in integrated day programs. The Project Director will develop a fast-track direct support professional skills training for new job entrants at College of Alameda and implement skills upgrade training for incumbent workers at Las Positas College. The Project Director will also work with faculty teaching the courses to contextualize them, and, together with the Project Support consultant, provide outreach and recruitment, internships and job development to the working poor and CalWORKs recipients to participate in the cohort training programs. At College of Alameda, the 15 month program involves three cohorts of trainee DSPs (90 job entrants), who will receive a 14 unit certificate and be placed into employment (40 welfare recipients or working poor job seekers). At Las Positas College the program includes 40 incumbent workers. What follows is an update on the project's progress to date.

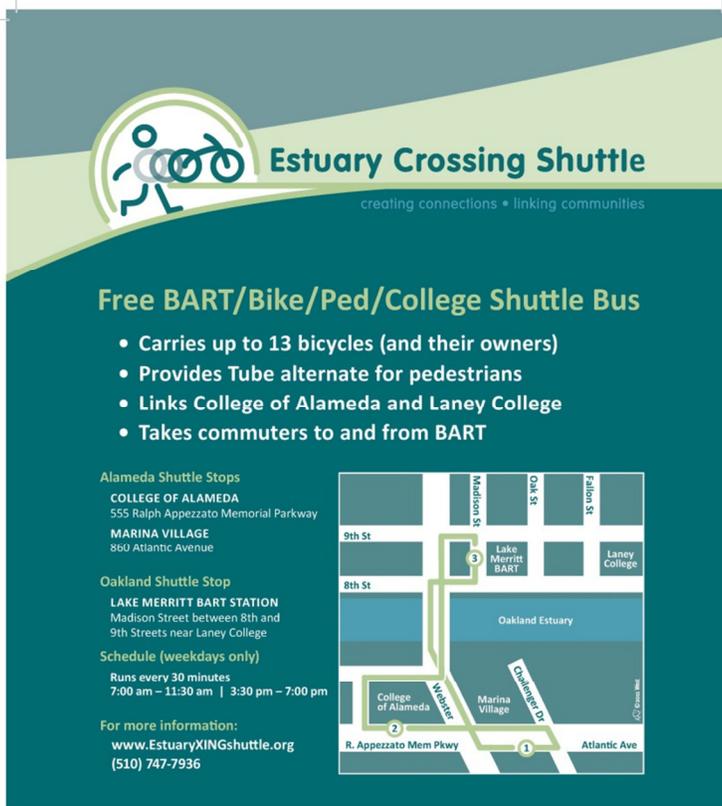
- Classes started on August 22nd.
- Currently there are 24 students enrolled in the program.
- Fingerprint live scans will be conducted September 13th and criminal background reports will be sent to Community Care Licensing and various support agencies who will host an intern.
- Internships are expected to begin on Thursday, October 7th. Interns will work on Thursdays and Fridays only through November 11th. Then, they will work full time until they have completed a total of 150 hours. It is expected that most interns will complete their work by December 9th depending on how many hours a week they work.
- Host agencies will be expected to provide a staff member to mentor and supervise the intern with periodic meetings to discuss performance. .

The following agencies are providing in-kind support and have agreed to host one or more interns! We thank them mightily for helping to make this program a success:

Ala Costa
 Aspiranet
 Castro Valley Adult School
 Cerebral Palsy Center for the Bay Area
 Clausen House
 Community Access Supported Living
 Community Resources Independent Living
 Creative Growth Art Center
 East Bay Innovations

Friends of Children with Special Needs
 Golden House
 Harambee Kinship Center
 NIAD Art Center
 Over 21
 Stepping Stones Growth Center
 The Arc of Alameda County
 Thrive Support Services
 Toolworks

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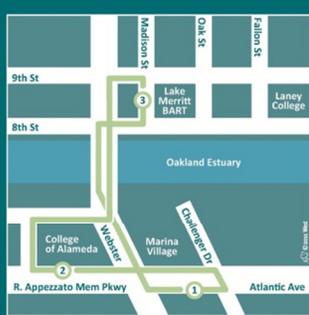
- Carries up to 13 bicycles (and their owners)
- Provides Tube alternate for pedestrians
- Links College of Alameda and Laney College
- Takes commuters to and from BART

Alameda Shuttle Stops
COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA
 555 Ralph Appenzato Memorial Parkway
MARINA VILLAGE
 860 Atlantic Avenue

Oakland Shuttle Stop
LAKE MERRITT BART STATION
 Madison Street between 8th and 9th Streets near Laney College

Schedule (weekdays only)
 Runs every 30 minutes
 7:00 am – 11:30 am | 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm

For more information:
www.EstuaryXINGshuttle.org
 (510) 747-7936



The map shows the shuttle route starting at Lake Merritt BART station (stop 3), heading south to the College of Alameda (stop 2), then east to Marina Village, and finally south to Atlantic Ave (stop 1). The route crosses the Oakland Estuary.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on August 15th to unveil the free estuary shuttle bus service at the College of Alameda. The shuttle bus links Laney College to the College of Alameda and has three stops: Lake Merritt BART station, the College of Alameda and Marina Village (an Alameda satellite campus), doing so about every 30 minutes.

Working with the City of Alameda, a one-year grant from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District was awarded to provide the shuttle service. The entire community, including bicyclists, people with disabilities, Laney and College of Alameda students will benefit from the free shuttle service which began on August 15.

Further information about the shuttle can be found at

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