CoA Student Services Division

Providing critical student engagement and quality service.

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Division Spotlight: CoA One Stop Student Success

The Challenge

Marcel had been unemployed for over a decade, being challenged by several barriers to employment.

The Solution

What did the One Stop/AJCC provide to help overcome the challenge(s)?

Marcel came into the program after being out of work for well over a decade. He enrolled into the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) services at the Alameda One Stop. Marcel then diligently attended all workshops, followed all of the recommendations given to him, came in for several individual Case Management appointments, where he received vocational counseling, assessment, and additional individualized supports. He spent time working with staff to carefully develop a resume. Prior to a job fair, Marcel also spent significant amounts of time practicing his interview skills one-on-one with his Case Manager, Nia Ford.

Important Dates

Nov 3	**Managing Diabetes Event**
Nov 4	**SS Division Retreat**
Nov 7	**Voter Forum**
Nov 7	**Priority Registration**
Nov 8	**Vote**
Nov 9	**Accreditation Visit**
Nov 9	**Supporting LGBTQ communities**
Nov 10	**Veterans Day Ceremony**
Nov 10	**Continuing Student Registration**

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Maya Angelou

Placement Assessment Update

Starting December 1st, COA students will be assessed for English, Math, and ESL with 4 four new placement instruments.

As the primary method, students who have graduated high school within the last 10 years and have a copy of their high school transcript will be placed via Multiple Measures Assessment Project (MMAP). The MMAP model uses student high school transcript data to provide a more complete picture of student ability. Statewide, the MMAP initiative has provided a way to increase the accuracy of placement-- especially in areas related to reducing under placement.

In addition to MMAP placement, due to the statewide delay in implementing the Common Assessment Initiative and the sun setting of the ACT COMPASS test, the PCCD Colleges will be using the following instruments:

- English
  - CTEP (College Test of English Proficiency)
- Math
  - MDTP (California Mathematics Diagnostic Testing Project)
- ESL
  - CELSA (Combined English Language Skills Assessment)
    AND
  - ESL Writing Sample

COA students will sign up for a MMAP Session OR traditional testing (via CTEP and MDTP) in the Assessment Department. The easiest way for students to sign up for testing is online using the esars Appointment System: http://alameda.peralta.edu/assessment/

COA and the other PCCD colleges will continue to use COMPASS until November 30th.

Health Services Highlight

On October 13th Health Services held a wellness fair with support from over 18 community partners. Over 70 students attended the event where they ate healthy food and identified and connected with community health resources.

This semester health services has visited over 30 classrooms, held a successful blood drive, and provided workshops on healthy eating and stress management. Coming up we have a presentation on preventing and managing diabetes on November 3rd and Understanding and Supporting LGBTQ Communities on November 9th. Beginning November 1st we will have an open enrollment specialist who can assist people in enrolling with covered California and Medi-Cal every Tuesday from 11:30 to 2:30 in the F-building.

Nurse Ranjeet Rajan, continues to go above and beyond in holistically working with students toward overall wellness. He has followed up with all students who had completed our student health survey and has been instrumental in organizing campus events and workshops. Please stop by and say "hi" to him Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

New Student Orientation Update

All new students must complete an Orientation to college.

There are 3 ways to complete Orientation:

1. Online in English, Spanish, or Chinese
2. In-Person
   a. 9am-12pm Monday, December 7, 2016;
   b. 9am-12pm Thursday January 12, 2017
   c. 9am-12pm Wednesday January 18, 2017

3. ESL Orientation
a. Offered by the ESL department-- date TBA

Prior to taking the English or Math assessment (including MMAP sessions), students MUST complete an orientation. To sign up for the in-person Orientation or to take the online Orientation, students can go to the COA Orientation webpage at http://alameda.peralta.edu/orientation/

Alameda Citywide College Night a success!

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Outreach Specialist Ashley Flores and the outreach team, along with the event planning committee within AUSD, worked collaboratively to plan, coordinate, and successfully execute the layout of the night. The outreach team included Denise Burgara, Martinet Phan, Esther Pillitiere, Dyonis Jauregui, Harin Yoon, and Ilse Gonzalez who helped with signage, tabling, greeting, and directions for our guests. Vivian Virkkila Felsch, Jackie Vo, and Harizon Odembo represented CoA well with their helpful workshops on transferring to a 4-year college and financial aid. Set up and clean up would not have been possible without the team effort of Shuntel Nathaniel and the custodial staff, including Shawn Foster.

Outreach Student Workers Harin Yoon and Dyonis Jauregui at Citywide College Night at College of Alameda

Get out and Vote November 8, 2016!

VOTERS FORUM

COA Student Center, F building (Pit Area)
Monday, November 7 | 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Haven't voted yet? Confused about all the different propositions on the local ballot? Come to a nonbiased voters forum right before the November 8th Election day and get educated. This presentation will be hosted by the Oakland League of Women Voters.

College of Alameda's Mission is to serve the educational needs of our diverse community by providing comprehensive and flexible programs and resources that empower student to achieve their goals.

eq·ui·ty *ek-wi-tee*, noun.

Just and fair inclusion. An equitable society is one in which all can participate and prosper. The goals of equity must be to create conditions that allow all to reach their full potential. In short, equity creates a path from hope to change.

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The Outcome

What was the actual result obtained as a result of the services received?

Marcel got a job at Oakmont of Mariner Point, a long term business partner of the College of Alameda One Stop; Oakmont operates an Assisted Living facility right on the local waterfront. They attended a Job Fair at College of Alameda, where they met Marcel, and were significantly impressed with his skills and demeanor. He applied and was granted an interview right at the job fair; soon after he was hired to perform tasks as a provider at the Assisted Living facility.

Marcel did not end his career pathway there; he kept coming back to the One Stop for job retention services, looking for career advancement opportunity. His Case Manager then referred him to another job fair hosted at the College of Alameda, and AEC Living hired him right on the spot! Marcel still sets his sights on further advancement, but in the meantime has requested, negotiated and received a well-deserved raise. Marcel is a testimony to the importance of following through and diligent work.

CoA Halloween~

The College of Alameda was taken over by Student Services Halloween Minions and other magical characters on October 31st. A great show of community spirit!

Fall 2016 BOGG Fee Waiver Update

The Board of Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver is available for eligible students who are attending California community colleges by waiving students' per unit fee. The intent of the waiver is to assist students who want to move into a career pathway or transfer to a four-year university.

As of this Fall 2016 term, when the students qualify for the BOG Fee Waiver, they are required to meet the academic and progress standards in order to avoid losing their BOG Fee Waiver.

Students may lose their fee waiver eligibility:

- Academic -- Cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 for two consecutive primary terms (Fall/Spring).
- Progress -- Cumulative number of units complete is not more than 50% for two primary terms (Fall/Spring).
- Combination of Academic and Progress -- Any combination of two consecutive primary terms (Fall/Spring) of cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 and/or cumulative number of units complete is not more than 50%.

There are three ways that the students can have their BOG Fee Waiver reinstated:

- Improved GPA and/or course completion to meet academic and progress standards.
- Successful approved for BOGW Petition
- Not attending PCCD colleges for two consecutive primary terms (fall/spring)

BOGW Petition process:

- *Step 1*: Students on BOG dismissal will need to create an account on Financial Aid TV (FATV) GetSAP where they will be required to view a series of informational videos. They will be tested on the content and will need to receive an overall passing rate of 80% in order to receive a certificate. These certificates will need to be printed as verification of passing. If students do not pass they will be allowed to retake the test.
- *Step 2*: Students will be required to show a copy of the printed certificate to the financial aid staff in order to receive a BOGW Petition form. (Note: The certificate needs to be submitted along with the BOGW Petition package).
- *Step 3*: Students must make an appointment to see a counselor to develop a Student Education Plan (SEP).
- *Step 4*: Students submit the BOGW Petition package along with the SEP and FATV GetSAP certificate to the Financial Aid Office.
- *Step 5*: The BOG Petition Committee will make a determination and notify the students of their status update via e-mail and letter.