



President's Report to the PCCD Board of Trustees



May 13, 2025,

President Melanie Dixon

Years of Service Celebration



On Friday, May 2, 2025 the college community came together to celebrate the countless years employees have contributed to the lives of students and the unwavering commitment CoA has to the community. We honored employees with 5+, 10+, 15+ and 20+ years of service to the College or Peralta District. We celebrated over a delicious meal with laughter and joy filling the room.



We gave flowers to those Nickey Heredia and Chungwai Chum for making the day magical. Their tireless efforts made the day a memmroable one for all who attended this first of its kind event. Thank YOU!



We acknowledged employees dedicated to shaping the lives of students in and out of the classroom.



We distributed Excellence Awards to those who personify the CoA spirit through high quality service, academic innovation, and community engagement. Our students voted Jeremiah Potti as the Student Excellence Award winner. Ann Gormley, VP of Operations for Asscoaited Students shared a personal story about how Jeremiah impacted her life by providing support and creating a warm environment making students feel safe and welcomed. Dean Celhay received the Administrator Excellence Award for creating a calm and safe environment during a time of uncertainty. Her leadership and compassion were emphasized in the feedback supporting the nomination.

Our classified professional constituency group selected Selwyn Montgomery as the Classified Professional Excellence Award recipient. One nominator highlighted Selwyn as a bright light and represents the essence of CoA. His willingness to help anyone in need is a great reminder of the importance of showing up for one another in service to students. Our final awardee, OJ Roundtree is a long-time faculty member in the Apparel Design and Merchandising (ADAM) Program. His tenure has influenced the lives of his colleagues, students and community partners. Professor Roundtree is not only a top-notch educator but he is an incredible human being passionate about his craft. It's apropos for the first Faculty Excellence Award to be given to Professor Roundtree. We congratulate all of the Excellence Award winners for modeling excellence and leadership.



We extend gratitude to all employees who attended the Years of Service Celebration:

Alisi Ika
 Andrew Park
 Anne Gormley (Student)
 Ava Lee
 Bala Sampathraj
 Ben Hutchison
 Betty Frias
 Brian Donato
 Carla Pegues
 Chevonn Herbert
 Chungwai Chum
 Cristiana Gomez (Student)
 Cynthia Haro
 Didem Ekici
 Drew Burgess
 Eva Jennings
 Fathia Mohammed
 Hoi Ko
 Jayne Smithson
 Jennifer Fowler
 Jeremiah Poti

Jiayu He
 John Nguyen
 Jubilee Lew (student)
 Juliana Garcia Uribe
 Julie de Guzman
 Julie Pich Deap (student)
 Kawanna Rollins
 LaShawn Brumfield
 Laura Aguilar
 Lilia Celhay
 Marcus Creel
 Margarita Pinilla
 Marissa Nakano
 Marivic Lizardo
 Matthew Goldstein
 Melanie Dixon
 Michelle Chen
 Michelle Custino
 Mildred Lewis
 Min Wu
 Munira Ahmed

Natalie Rodriguez
 Nickey Heredia
 Nicole Porter
 OJ Roundtree
 Pedro De La Rosa
 Rachel Goodwin
 Rhi Follenfant
 Robin "Bernard" Ward
 Rochelle Olive
 Selwyn Montgomery
 Shawn Foster
 Shuntel Nathaniel
 Stephanie Le
 Stephanie Ulrey
 Saurav Pudasaini
 Susanne Altenbach
 Vanson Nguyen
 Vincent Catacutan
 Wanda Lee
 Wendy Odath
 Yolanda Young

College of Alameda Showcase

On Tuesday, April 22, 2025, CoA hosted the Board of Trustees meeting providing a unique opportunity to display academic programs and support services available to our students. Members of the Board of Trustees arrived on campus at 4PM to take a tour of the following areas:

- New Transportation Center - Auto Body/Auto Tech and Diesel Mechanics
- Basic Needs Center and Pantry
- Art Gallery and Department
- Apparel Design and Merchandising Program



We offered two spotlight presentations during the regular session:

- Derek Piazza, Apparel Design and Merchandising (ADAM) Program
- Jeremy Simmons, Basic Needs Center



Both presentations were informative and impactful. Attendees left the meeting inspired and we look forward to the opportunity to highlight other programs and services in the future. We extend a special thanks to Mark Johnson, Faiza Ali, Angel Hunter, Joe Sullivan, Bendi Yilmaz, Marcus Creel, Cecy Vazquez, and Dom Abney.