



# President's Report to the PCCD Board of Trustees



May 9, 2023

Acting President Dr. Diana Bajrami

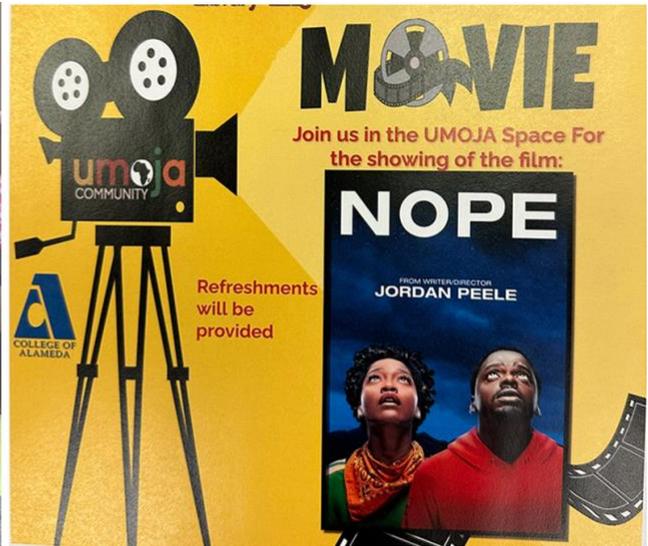


*From Left: Cesley Frost, Bill Withrow, Derek Piazza, Diana Bajrami, Reuben McElligot, Marianne Carter, Felicia Vargas, Richard Watters, Ed Kofman, Shalamon Duke, and Mildred Lewis touring an ADAM Classroom at College of Alameda on April 19, 2023..*

## President's Roundtable Meets for First Time Since Pandemic

The College of Alameda President's Roundtable held its first post-pandemic breakfast meeting on April 19, 2023, at the College's Liberal Arts Center Conference Room. The Roundtable was formed in 2015 to include key individuals from business, industry, government, education, and the philanthropic sector who would serve as the College's strategic advisors and play an important role in helping ensure the success of College programs and students. Roundtable Members also participated in the virtual College's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Online Gala in 2020. The last time that the Roundtable met in person was in October 2019. Participants included: CoA Acting President Diana Bajrami, Alameda Youth Basketball Board Member **Marianne Carter**, Dean **Shalamon Duke**, Alameda County Board of Supervisors District 3 Senior Policy Advisor **Cesley Frost**, Vice President Business Services **Augustine Gil**, Dean **Eva Jennings**, President/Founder Alameda Community Fund **Ed Kofman**, Interim Vice President of Student Services **Mildred Lewis**, Associated Students of College of Alameda Representative **Natay Myers**, Alameda Chamber Ambassador **Reuben McElligot**, Faculty Senate President **Andrew Park**, Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) Superintendent **Pasquale Scuderi**, Marketing and Communications Consultant **Cathy Summa-Wolfe**, AUSD Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway Specialist **Felicia Vargas**, Alameda Boys and Girls Club Chief Executive Officer **Richard Watters**, and Peralta Community College District Trustee **Bill Withrow**.

The agenda featured a brief special presentation by Dr. Bajrami titled "Strengthening Our Community Partnerships to Best Serve the Educational Needs of Our Students and to Align with Community and Industry Labor Needs," followed by a tour of the Apparel Design And Merchandising (ADAM) Program hosted by Department Chair **Derek Piazza**.



## Umoja Students Enjoy Camaraderie and a Movie

Students from the College of Alameda Umoja program come together to create a sense of community and camaraderie on campus while enjoying a movie day. The students loved the event and are looking forward to even more exciting occasions in the future. Food, entertainment, and laughing were all in attendance. The event was organized by Umoja Counselor **Valarie Carey** and attend by students **Saji Muanza, Chanceline Zannou, Muhammad, and Kholood B.**



The CoA Mobile Outreach team and Umoja program representatives visited Island High School on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, to help students with enrollment applications and provide information about matriculating to the College of Alameda. In addition, team members answered inquiries about financial help and continued to establish connections with members of the community. Umoja Counselor Valarie Carey helped spearhead the event, which was staffed by student workers and college staff.

*The mission of the College of Alameda is to serve the educational needs of its diverse community by providing comprehensive and flexible programs and resources to empower students to achieve their goals.*



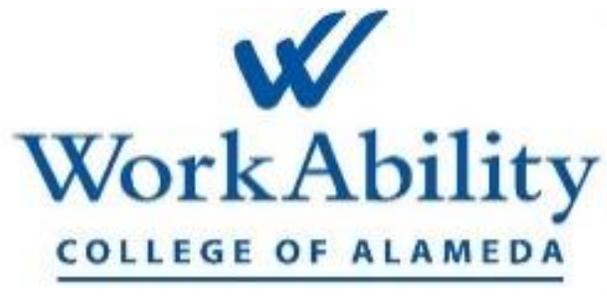
## WorkAbility III Supports Students with Disabilities

WorkAbility III, supports students with disabilities to develop their work readiness skills by learning effective job search techniques, and workplace professionalism.

The program provides comprehensive job-related preparation services to students with disabilities whose goals include obtaining and retaining employment. WorkAbility III helps students with disabilities overcome barriers to employment to find, apply for, get, and keep meaningful jobs. Students can be referred to the program by counselors, instructors, or staff members at College of Alameda, Laney College, Merritt College, Berkeley City College.

Workability services include:

- Job search skill building and practice
- Campus internship opportunities
- Referrals to employment and job sources
- Transition to work and worksite support
- Employer education and resources



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