



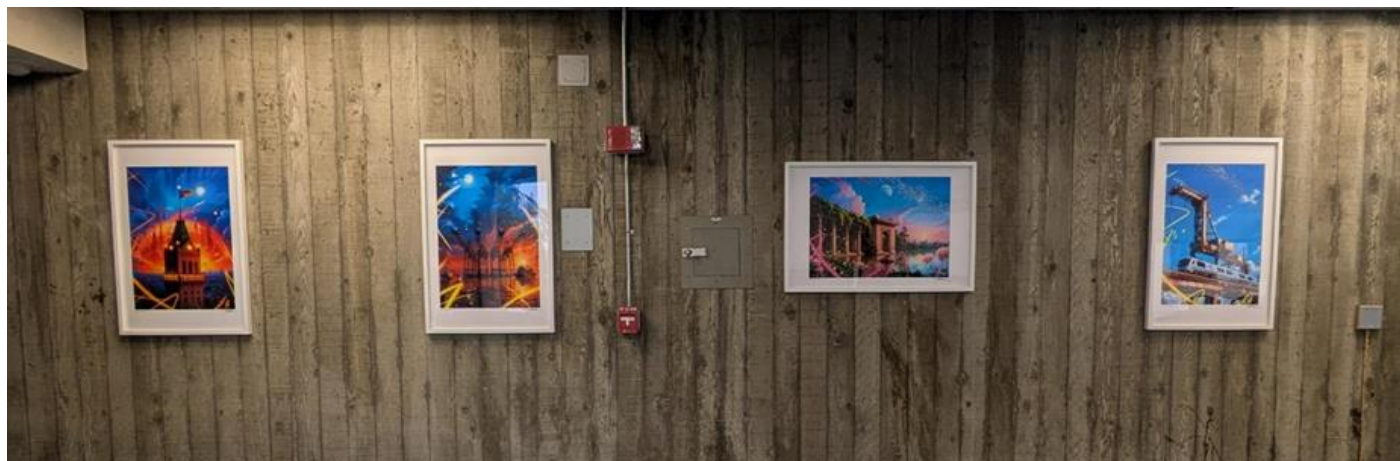
President's Report to the PCCD Board of Trustees



September 9, 2025

President Melanie Dixon

Bay Area Roots, Campus Reflections



The College of Alameda is proud to announce a collaboration with local Bay Area artist, Jorge Bejarano, bringing his unique signature style of artwork to campus, enriching the cultural landscape for students, staff, and the wider community.

The artwork displayed at the student center highlights Alameda landscapes with art pieces of the High Street Bridge, USS Hornet, Alameda Point Jet, and CoA's very own mascot, Cougar.



The collaboration with Bejarano began taking shape in 2023, sparked by an initiative from Associated Students of College of Alameda (ASCOA), who expressed interest in bringing meaningful, community-centered art to campus. The vision behind the initiative was to foster a sense of pride, belonging, and positive representation by highlighting art that reflects the diverse communities of the Bay Area.

The artwork was unveiled on Friday, August 22, as part of Welcome Week and the grand reopening of the Cougar Den. Reflecting on the installation, ASCOA Senator Rosa Perez shared:

“Finally, something local! It makes me proud to be from the place I live in. So many people hate on the Bay Area, so it’s like—finally someone appreciates us!”

Special thanks to ASCOA and the Office of Student Activities for their dedication and hard work in bringing this project to life.

Ribbon Cutting: Transportation Building Grand Opening



We're thrilled to announce the grand opening of our brand-new Transportation Building – the T-Building!

This marks the culmination of years of planning, dedication, and hard work. The T-Building is a state-of-the-art facility that represents a significant leap forward for our students, programs, and the broader community.

This achievement would not have been possible without the extraordinary efforts of our faculty and staff in Diesel Mechanics, Automotive Technology, and Auto Body & Paint, along with the unwavering support of countless colleagues and partners:

Blair Norton, Ruffino Ramos, Richard Greenspan, Peter Ha, John Peterson, Mark Christensen, Wayne Fung, Dr. Eva Jennings, Dr. Nicole Porter, Bala Sampathraj, Saurav Pudsasini, Shawn Foster, Quaran Dixon, Shuntel Nathaniel, Selwyn Montgomery, Greg Nelson, Bc Hoff, Vitus Nnanna, Rodney Lampkin, Amy Marshall, Roebbelen Contracting, and Alten Construction.

A special shoutout goes to Candido Mejia and our phenomenal move team who made the transition seamless.

We are also deeply grateful to our Board of Trustees, our taxpayers, and most importantly, our students. Your vision, commitment, and support made this milestone a reality.

Join us in celebrating this incredible achievement at our official **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Tuesday, September 30 at 1:00 PM**. We encourage the entire college community to come out and join us in honoring this incredible advancement for College of Alameda!

Upcoming

College of Alameda is proud to participate in **Blue Tech Innovation 2025**, a Bay Area event highlighting advancements in marine technology and emerging blue tech industries. Our involvement demonstrates the College's commitment to creating innovative pathways that prepare students for careers in these growing fields.

Get ready to cheer on the Cougars as basketball pre-season tips off! Our **Men's Basketball Team** will represent CoA at the **Pre-Season Basketball Jamboree in Los Angeles, September 19–21**. Let's cheer on our Cougars as they showcase their talent on the court! Stay tuned for game schedules and come out to show your support!

College of Alameda will send a cross-constituency team of eight representatives to attend the **2025 Alameda Economic Forecast & Business Expo**. This strategic participation is essential for gaining valuable insights into emerging economic trends and understanding the future business landscape of Alameda. Attending the event will help the College align its educational programs with local workforce needs, strengthen partnerships with industry and community leaders, and ensure it continues to play a vital role in regional economic development.



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.