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| **Did you know?**  **One of the first ads for distance education appeared in the Boston Gazette in 1728 for Caleb Phillips’ shorthand course. It read:**  ***“Persons in the country desirous to Learn this Art by having several Lessons sent weekly to them be as perfectly instructed as those that live in Boston.”***  **-Qtd in Robin DeRosa’s keynote “Rethinking Distance Learning”** | | We Got the Grants! Peralta recently received over 1.8 million in competitive grants to improve online and career technical education programs! The grants were awarded by by the California Virtual Campus-Online Education Initiative (CVC-OEI), Improving Online CTE Pathways Grant Program.  Laney received a grant in the amount of $400,370.00 for Improving Online CTE Pathways with a Focus on ESOL and Adult Students. We will be using this award to expand online opportunities in: Business Management and Supervision; Construction Management, California Green, and Sustainable Building Standards; Legal Community Interpreting; and provide wraparound support through counseling and tutoring. Alta Erdenebaatar, who is a Professor of Business, Economics and CIS, will be acting at the Project Coordinator for the grant.  You can read more about the grants [here](https://patch.com/california/piedmont/oakland-community-colleges-receive-grant). Professional Development Corner Now that we are back in the swing of things, here are some ways you can brush up on your distance ed skills this semester.  **Work With Your DE Coordinator**  You can meet Chelsea in her Zoom Room (<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/my/ccohen>) on Tuesdays from 2-3pm.  She is also hosting different workshops this semester. They will take place the following days/times in her Zoom Room:   * How to Teach Online: Thursday, September 19th 12-1pm * What is Regular and Effective Contact? Friday, October 11th 12-1pm * Have Fun with Video in your Online Class: Thursday, October 31st from 12-1pm * The Peralta Equity Rubric: Friday, November 15th from 12-1pm * Spice up Your Online Discussions: Thursday, December 5th from 12-1pm   You can also email Chelsea to set up an appointment ([ccohen@peralta.edu](mailto:ccohen@peralta.edu)).  **Save the Date: Free Online Teaching Conference!**  Mark your calendars! On October 25th, 2019, [Can\*Innovate](https://onlinenetworkofeducators.org/caninnovate19/) will spotlight emerging, creative practices shared by CCC faculty, staff and administrators across our 114 colleges. We will have a viewing room at Laney and some Canvas swag. Stay tuned for more details.    **@ONE Courses and Resources**   * [@ONE Courses](https://onlinenetworkofeducators.org/course-cards/) focus on the fundamentals of course design and the principles of online teaching. They are a wonderful way to get prepped to teach online and you can get graduate units for them! * [Byte-Sized Canvas](https://onlinenetworkofeducators.org/blog/byte-sized-canvas/)–Check out these short videos on how to get creative in Canvas * [Free Self-Paced Courses](https://catalog.onlinenetworkofeducators.org/)–Learn about accessibility, teaching on Canvas, and more through these free courses!   **Canvas Webinar Trainings**  All Peralta faculty are encouraged to [attend free training webinars](https://web.peralta.edu/de/for-faculty-2/canvas-webinar-trainings/)–live, online training sessions conducted using videoconference tools related to Canvas. These webinars will help you learn Canvas features to enhance both your online and face-to-face courses. |