

# Laney College

## The Laney Newsletter

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# FabLab

## Laney's FabLab Receives CCC Maker Grant

In August, Laney College's FabLab was one of 24 community colleges in the state to receive the CCC Maker Grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to establish "makerspaces programs" that foster student innovation and entrepreneurial skills.

Makerspaces are do-it-yourself centers where people get together to learn and invent using technology such as 3-D printers and computer-aided design (CAD) software that might otherwise be unaffordable for an individual to purchase. The FabLab received seed money in January to develop a makerspace plan that was submitted in June. According to CTE's Kim Gonzalez, the award received was for \$250,000, which could be increased by an additional \$100,000 next year.

Grants awarded to the 24 community colleges are funded through the California Community College CCC Maker initiative, which is aimed at inspiring learning by doing, teaching in-demand skills, engaging employers, introducing students to dynamic careers and encouraging collaboration among multiple disciplines and colleges to deliver innovative education that strengthen the workforce.

"These 24 colleges have demonstrated their commitment to establishing makerspaces, placing students in internships, developing curriculum that prepares students with 21st century skills and participating in a statewide network of college makerspaces that are tailored to meet the needs of regional economies," said Van Ton-Quinlivan, California Community Colleges Vice Chancellor of Workforce & Economic Development.

The grant also includes funding to compensate faculty who want to work in the FabLab and can integrate it into their existing curriculum or new courses. Priority will be given to those who are already working with the FabLab, but new faculty are invited to participate as well. Information sessions will be held in mid-October for those interested. If you'd like more information, please contact Danny Beesley at [dannybeesley@peralta.edu](mailto:dannybeesley@peralta.edu).

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

### PROFILE: Keith Welch Associated Students of Laney College President

Keith Welch was elected president of the Associated Students of Laney College (ASLC) last spring. He also completed his studies in the Culinary Arts that same semester.

A native of Louisiana who moved to Oakland in 1992, Welch is currently taking classes towards an associate degree in science. He says that being in school motivates him to get up early in the morning, study, and accomplish more for himself.

Though his focus is now in the social sciences, Welch's number one love is still cooking. Last semester, he began "Green Mondays" in the campus' cafeteria where he prepares vegetarian and vegan options for students.

Welch has also been active with Laney's food pantry which provides groceries to students in need. As president, Welch says that he'll focus on having more activities for students on campus and also informing them about events taking place. He's also committed to being a 9 to 5 president, someone who can be accessible to his constituents as anyone with a full-time job would.



## CONNECTING STUDENTS

### LANEY TO HELP SPONSOR THE BAY AREA YOUNG MEN OF COLOR EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP(BAYEP) HIRING SUMMIT

Over 20 top employers will be hiring on-the-spot at the BAYEP Career Pathway Summit - a free event that is open to student job seekers, with a focus on connecting young men of color (YMoC) ages 18 to 29 to career opportunities.

The hiring summit will also feature guest speakers, community resources, give-away items, and much more!

The event will be held Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Marriott City Center.

On Sept. 29, Laney will be hosting an interview and resume training to prepare students for the summit.

Laney College has partnered with LeadersUp to hold the event this year. The organization is one of BAYEP's founding organizations which helped connect over 375 young adults to career opportunities in 2016.

If you'd like more information about this event, visit [BAYEP.org](http://BAYEP.org).



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

### PROFILE: Joseph Koroma, Ph.D., Financial Aid Supervisor at Laney College

Joseph Koroma, also known as “Dr. J” by colleagues, joined Laney College in early 2015.

Originally from Sierra Leone, Koroma left his home country in the 1990s due to a civil war that lasted 11 years.

He eventually settled in the Midwest where he attended school and earned two undergraduate degrees from Manchester University and two graduate degrees from Indiana State University.

During his career, Koroma has done a little bit of everything in academia – he taught geography as part-time faculty in community and four-year institutions; he’s also served as associate dean, and directed the financial aid departments of colleges in Indiana, Washington, and California.

At Laney, Koroma has accomplished a lot in the financial aid department, including developing a mission statement which was reviewed and approved through the participatory governance process in the summer of 2015. He believed it was important that having a mission statement to focus on would help serve students better.

There are also several other special projects and achievements that come to mind, including reorganizing processes and continuing to refine improvements in the department. Here is short list of other accomplishments:

-Set-up of a new filing and record retention system



-Development of a Financial Aid Tech Center for students to complete their electronic processes and to conduct workshops

-Purchase of more tools for staff for effectiveness processing

-Enhanced professional development and training for staff

-Introduction of a new check-in systems in the financial aid lobby area using SARs

-The publication of a regular newsletter of financial aid activities

-Enrollment in FA TV (still in progress)

In October, Koroma’s department will be hosting an open house for the campus community to stop by and check out the new tech center which was completed in June and is equipped with a smart board, laptops, desktops, and printers.

Despite the great responsibilities that come with the job, Dr. J still tries to find time for his favorite leisure activities – reading, travelling, and dancing. When asked about his favorite thing about Laney, Dr. J says that it’s the diversity on campus and its location in Oakland.

# FALL 2017 FLEX DAY

Laney College held its fall 2017 Flex Day on Friday, Aug. 18 at the Laney Theatre.

The event was coordinated by English faculty co-chair Chris Weidenbach, and featured several presenters, including Laney President Tammeil Gilkerson; District and Laney Distance Education Coordinators Inger Stark and Chelsea Cohen; Senate Faculty President Donald Moore, and Classified President Brandi Howard. Suniya Malhotra of the Steinberg Group also unveiled drafts of the 2017 Laney Facilities Master Plan.

# LANEY EAGLES

## 2017 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Download 2017 Football schedule

\* - Conference Game

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME/RESULT
Sat 9/2	@ City College of San Francisco	San Francisco	W 17-14
Fri 9/8	Butte College	Oakland	L 31-21
Sat 9/16	@ Feather River College	Quincy	5:00pm
Fri 9/22	De Anza College (Alumni Night)	Oakland	7:00pm
Fri 9/29	Contra Costa College	Oakland	7:00pm
Sat 10/14	@ San Joaquin Delta College*	Stockton	1:00pm
Fri 10/20	College of the Sequoias*	Oakland	7:00pm
Sat 10/28	@ Fresno City College*	Fresno	6:00pm
Fri 11/3	Modesto Junior College (Sophomore Night)*	Oakland	7:00pm
Sat 11/11	@ Chabot College*	Hayward	6:00pm

## 2017 FALL BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME/RESULT
Wed 9/13	Blue Jays Scout Team	Oakland	4:55pm
Wed 9/20	City College of San Francisco	Oakland	4:55pm
Sat 9/30	@ Merced College	Merced	11:00am
Sat 10/7	Academy of Art University	Oakland	11:00am
Sat 10/14	Academy of Art University	Oakland	11:00am
Sat 10/21	@ Monterey Peninsula College	Monterey	11:00am
Sat 10/28	@ Chabot College	Hayward	11:00am
Sat 11/4	Diablo Valley College	Oakland	11:00am
Sat 11/11	De Anza College	Oakland	11:00am
Sat 11/18	@ West Valley College	Saratoga	11:00am

## 2017 WATER POLO SCHEDULE

Download 2017 Water Polo Roster

\* - Conference Games

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME/RESULT
Sat 9/16	De Anza Tournament	Cupertino	9:00am/12:00pm
Wed 9/27	De Anza College*	Oakland	3:30pm
Fri 9/29	Cabrillo College*	Oakland	3:30pm
Sat 9/30	College of San Mateo Tournament	San Mateo	TBA
Wed 10/4	@ Ohlone College*	Fremont	4:30pm
Fri 10/6	Foothill College*	Oakland	3:30pm
Wed 10/11	@ City College of San Francisco*	Oakland	3:30pm
Sat 10/14	Big B/Coast Tournament	TBA	TBA
Wed 10/18	@ West Valley College*	Saratoga	3:30pm
Fri 10/20	Las Positas College*	Oakland	3:30pm
Wed 10/25	College of San Mateo*	Oakland	3:30pm
Fri 10/27	@ Merced College*	Merced	4:30pm

## 2017 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

\* - Conference Game

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME/RESULT
Wed 9/13	Yuba College*	Oakland	6:00pm
Fri 9/15	@ Napa valley College*	Napa	6:00pm
Wed 9/20	@ Los Medanos College*	Pittsburg	6:00pm
Fri 9/22	College of Alameda*	Oakland	6:00pm
9/27	@ Mendocino College*	Ukiah	6:00pm
Fri 9/29	Contra Costa College*	Oakland	6:00pm
Wed 10/4	@ Solano Community College*	Fairfield	6:00pm
Wed 10/11	@ College of Marin*	Kentfield	6:00pm
Fri 10/13	@ Yuba College*	Marysville	6:00pm
Wed 10/18	Napa Valley College*	Oakland	6:00pm
Fri 10/20	Los Medanos College*	Oakland	6:00pm
Wed 10/25	@ College of Alameda*	Alameda	6:00pm
Fri 10/27	Mendocino College*	Oakland	6:00pm
Wed 11/1	@ Contra Costa College*	San Pablo	6:00pm
Fri 11/3	Solano Community College*	Oakland	6:00pm
Fri 11/10	College of Marin*	Oakland	6:00pm



## WELCOME TO LANEY

# Campus Welcomes New Faculty

New full-time and part-time faculty received a warm welcome at a reception held on Sept. 4 at the Laney Bistro. The event was attended by current faculty, classified staff, and administrators and was hosted by the Office of the President and the Faculty Senate.

Among new faculty at the event were ESOL faculty Rebecca Clayton and Christina Yanuaria, and English Department faculty Nima Najafi Kianfar.

Present at the event were also Laney President Tammeil Gilkerson and Faculty Senate President Donald Moore who offered welcome remarks.

## STUDENT ROCK STARS

### Graphic Arts Students Win Competition

Three students from Laney's Graphic Arts Department will be completing important internships at the end of September.

Last spring, Laura Zimmerman, Ukari Tanaka, and Paul P. won the "Inspire Oakland" billboard design competition and landed internships with Oakland Digital, an award-winning design studio that bridges the opportunity and digital literacy divide among students and entrepreneurs.

The students' designs placed first place in the city-wide competition and are now on display on billboards and bus stops across Oakland.

"It's extremely valuable for our students to show off their talent and have access to these big companies," Graphic Arts Chair Daniela Nikolaeva Pachtrapanska said. "I'm really proud of them and our department! If you see the colorful billboards, remember that's the incredible work of Laney students."



Top photo (from left): Rebecca Clayton, Laney President Tammeil Gilkerson, Christina Yanuaria, and Nima Najafi Kianfar.



Designs by Laney students are now on display on billboards and bus tops across Oakland.

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