

LANEY COLLEGE

President's Report to the PCCD Board of Trustees



October 13, 2026

Dr. Rebecca Opsata, President

Laney College Recognized For Lake Merritt Station Area Plan Implementation

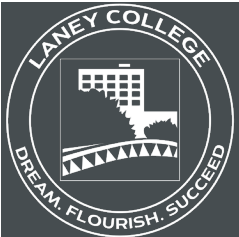


Laney College was among the partners honored by the American Planning Association California Northern Section with a 2026 Merit Award for Implementation for the Lake Merritt Station Area Plan.

The award recognizes the collaborative work of Laney College, the City of Oakland, BART, Alameda County, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Association of Bay Area Governments, Alameda County Transportation Commission, Caltrans, Oakland Housing Authority, East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation, and Strada Investment Group.

The Lake Merritt Station Area Plan implementation represents years of coordinated planning and investment in the area surrounding Laney College, with a focus on transportation, housing, development, and connections within the greater Lake Merritt community. The award was celebrated at the APA Northern Section's 2026 Awards Gala on September 17 in Oakland.

Congratulations and thank you to Laney employees and our many community and regional partners whose collaboration contributed to this recognition.



Laney Joins Regional Network To Strengthen Education Career Pathways



Laney College has joined the newly established East Bay Early Childhood Education and Education (ECE/EDU) Regional Network, a two-year initiative bringing together community colleges, universities, workforce organizations, employers, county offices of education, and community partners across Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Led by Berkeley City College in partnership with the Bay Area Community College Consortium, the network will strengthen pathways into early childhood education, teaching, and related careers. The initiative will focus on improving student navigation, expanding apprenticeship opportunities, strengthening transfer and educator preparation pathways, and creating stronger connections between students and employers.

Supported by Strong Workforce Program Regional funding, implementation begins this fall. Laney's participation will help connect students with more seamless pathways from college to credentials, transfer, apprenticeships, and employment while addressing the East Bay's need for a strong educator workforce.

Laney Football Alumni Night Celebrates Eagles Past & Present

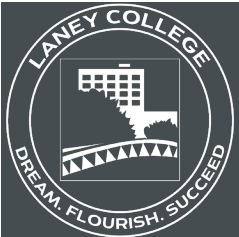


Laney Football welcomed former Eagles back to campus for Alumni Night on September 25 as the team faced San Jose City College.

Alumni turned out to reconnect with the program, support current student-athletes, and cheer on the Eagles.

Laney delivered a dominant performance, defeating San Jose City 43-7 and giving returning alumni plenty to celebrate.

Special thanks to Head Coach Josh Ramos, Offensive Coordinator Jeff Haagenson, Defensive Coordinator Robert Crowley, and the entire football program for bringing together generations of Laney Eagles.



Laney Bistro Reopens With New Visitor Resources

**Made At
Laney**

Opening Night At
The Bistro



The Laney Bistro is officially open for the Fall semester, giving Culinary Arts students the opportunity to put their skills into practice while serving the campus and broader community. The student-run Bistro offers dinner every Wednesday and Thursday from 5:00–6:30 p.m., with a new menu each week.

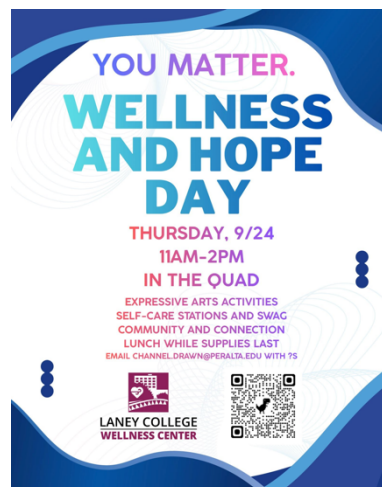


To make the Bistro easier for community members to find and visit, employees across Laney and PCCD collaborated to create a new wayfinding video and map and establish designated free Bistro parking in the 7th Street lot. The effort was coordinated by Laney Web Content Developer Chanda Brewer, who also stepped in as the wayfinding video's on-camera guide.

Special thanks to Abdul Pridgen from Security for helping coordinate parking; Amy Marshall from PCCD Facilities for supporting the parking arrangements and path clean up; Judy Mei for printing and installing the parking signs; PCCD Graphic Designer Marcus Creel for creating the new Bistro map; and PCCD Videographer Faiza Ali for producing the wayfinding video.

This cross-department collaboration makes it easier for visitors to navigate campus, enjoy the Bistro, and support Laney's Culinary Arts students.

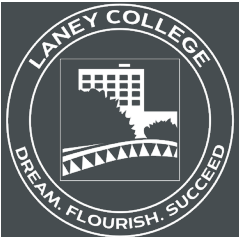
Wellness & Hope Day Promotes Connection & Self-Care



In recognition of Suicide Prevention Month, Laney College's Wellness Center hosted Wellness & Hope Day on September 24 in the Laney Quad.

Led by Wellness Center Director Susan Yee and her team, the event created a welcoming space focused on mental health, self-care, hope, and community connection.

Students enjoyed expressive arts activities, self-care stations, giveaways, lunch, and opportunities to connect with campus resources.



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Laney Journalism Student Selected for NLGJA CONNECT Program



Laney College journalism student Eliot Faine participated as a fellow in NLGJA: The Association of LGBTQ+ Journalists' CONNECT Program during the organization's return to San Francisco nearly 35 years after its first national convention.

The CONNECT Program provides student journalists with hands-on training, mentorship, and opportunities to learn directly from LGBTQ+ media professionals. Eliot was also featured in coverage of the convention, sharing how seeing professionals with similar experiences helped him envision his own future in journalism.

The opportunity highlights the strength of Laney's Journalism program and the value of connecting students with professional networks and real-world experiences.

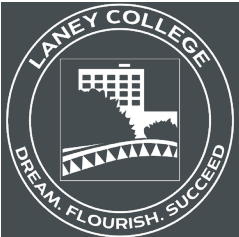
Transfer Day Connects Students with Four-Year Universities



Laney College hosted Transfer Day 2026 on October 6, bringing representatives from more than 30 universities to the Laney Quad.

Students had the opportunity to explore four-year colleges and universities, ask questions, and begin planning their next steps toward transfer.

Special thanks to Cynthia Taing, Counselor in the General Counseling Department, who helps lead Laney's Transfer Center and supports students as they navigate the transfer process.



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Other Events At Laney College

Queer Community Center Presents

Thursday's Crochet Club

Every Thursday, 12:00–2:00 PM. All materials provided—no experience needed. Just bring yourself and your creativity!

AT QCC STUDENT CENTER RM 300

If you have any questions, please contact laneyqcc@peralta.edu

Roc Stars Rising
Restoring Our Communities

WACKY HAT DAY

Let Your Creativity Show!

Monday, September 14
12:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Laney College Quad

Hats Bring People Together!

Dominoes

Double Dutch

Music

African Heritage, Latinx, Western, American, European, Asian, South Asian, Pacific Islander

Different Hats. Same Goals. A Stronger Laney!

Different People. One Campus. Stronger Together!

Fun Hats. Good Vibes. Stronger Community!

All Are Welcome!

Queer Community Center Presents

QUEER COMMUNITY CENTER

ARTS & GAMES MONDAY

11-2PM

EVERY MONDAY: COME ANYTIME TO ENJOY CREATIVE ARTS AND BOARD GAMES WHILE CONNECTING WITH PEERS IN A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY.

LOCATION: STUDENT CENTER 300, QUEER COMMUNITY CENTER

If you have any questions, please contact laneyqcc@peralta.edu

Queer Community Center Presents

SING OUTLOUD HOUR

EVERY FIRST WED
11:30-1PM
AT QCC

Join us for an hour of music and community! Whether you're a confident singer or just want to have fun, come sing your favorite songs with other students—no auditions, no judgment, just good vibes and voices.

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LANEY COLLEGE WELLNESS CENTER

Wellness Wednesdays

from 12:30–1:15
Tower, 2nd Floor

Join us for a mini mental health workshop, snacks and community!

Come to 4 events and get a Self-Care Swag Bag!

Work-Life-School Balance - Get Organized!

Overcoming Procrastination

Stress Management

Mental Health 101

Mood Disorders: Depression, Anxiety, Bipolar

Neurodivergence

Trauma and Healing

BE KIND TO YOUR MIND