



ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT
Palo Alto College



Welcome Back PAC Family

Fall 2019 Convocation

Celebrate & Share PAC Excellence Luncheon

#PACproud

August 19, 2019



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DISTRICT



Malcolm Baldrige
National Quality Award
2018 Award Recipient



Performance Excellence

Highlights – A Year of Excellence

Record number of graduates cross the stage during annual commencement ceremony

Palo Alto College held its 32nd annual Commencement Ceremony where a record **853** students crossed the stage to celebrate earning an associate degree, certificate, or GED.

More than **220** of the graduates were students from five of the College's seven early college high schools.



Highlights – A Year of Excellence



RISING STAR AWARD WINNER



THE ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT WINS 2018 MALCOLM BALDRIGE NATIONAL QUALITY AWARD



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PR wins national awards

Palo Alto College Public Relations earned three awards at the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) Paragon Awards, presented during the NCMPR National Conference held in San Antonio on March 24-26. The team earned gold for the Social Media: Facebook, gold for Communications Success Story (PACfest 2018), and bronze for Social Media: Instagram. NCMPR's prestigious Paragon Awards recognize outstanding achievement in design and communication at community and technical colleges. The 2019 awards drew a total of 1,939 entries from 262 colleges across the country.



4th Annual Agriculture Leadership Conference

Palo Alto College hosted more than 35 Texas high school FFA Chapters in the fourth annual Palo Alto College FFA Leadership Conference on Friday, Nov. 2. More than 330 high school students competed in nine different leadership events promoting leadership, agriculture innovation, and teamwork, including Greenhand chapter conducting; Greenhand quiz; senior chapter conducting; senior quiz; ag advocacy; public relations; radio; and creed. PAC's conference is the largest competition of its kind held in the region for FFA members



Horticulture best among community college programs at national competition

Students in the Landscape and Horticulture program traveled to Fort Collins, CO, to compete in the National Collegiate Landscape Competition at Colorado State University. The team placed 24th out of 64, only six points behind Texas A&M University. The Palo Alto College team placed best among community college programs in Texas, second in the state among all competitors from Texas, and seventh best among community colleges nationally. Additionally, two students from the team were recipients of the 64 national scholarships awarded to students from 28 colleges and universities.



Alamo Colleges Leadership Academy for Success (ALAS) 2018 – 2019 Cohort



Connie Acovio
Dr. John Hernandez
Erron Gonzalez
Geneveva Cruz
Hector Garza
Rose Davis
Shanea Allen
Tyler Archer



Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) 2018 – 2019 Cohort 4



Participant Name	Leading with...
Cynthia Archambault	Leading with Commitment & Integrity
Taylor Coffee	Leading with Positive Attitude
Dora Contreras	Leading with Integrity
Karla Frausto	Leading with Knowledge & Commitment
Mark Garza II	Leading with Support
Caroline Haring	Leading with Collaboration
Alex Hernandez	Leading by Example
Marilyn Hernandez	Leading with Compassion
Doris Herrera	Leading by Example & Dedication
Laura Hogg	Leading by Example
Jennie Huebenthal	Leading with Open-Mindedness
David Mancha	Leading with Compassion
Mandy Martinez	Leading with Open-Mindedness
Patricia H. Montoya	Leading with Motivation & Inspiration
Rosanna Padron	Leading with Encouragement
Isidro Perez	Leading with Assistance & Encouragement
Sera Raney	Leading with Compassion
Katherine G. Salas	Leading by Example
Rafael Sayago	Leading with Optimism



South San Antonio Chamber of Commerce City South Leadership Academy (CSLA) Class of 2019



Jessica Barnes
Jennifer Flores
Tina Mesa



National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Awards 2019 Winners

Excellence for Service to the College
Matilda Staudt, English instructor



Excellence in Teaching
Dr. Stamatis W. Muratidis,
associate professor of chemistry



Excellence by Staff or Administrator
Patricia B. Martinez, administrative services specialist



Excellence in Teaching by an Adjunct Instructor
Dr. Joshua Garcia



Excellence by a Librarian or Advisor
Maria A. Diaz-Viesca, advising team lead, STEM Advising Center



Principal Centered Leadership



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Welcome from SGA

Student Government Association

2019 - 2020 SGA Officers

Dale Sampson, President

Prisilla Lares, Vice President

Shadia Plouch, Business Secretary Of Treasury

Francina Scott, Executive Officer Of Student Life

Vada Graza, Executive Officer Of Senators

Rico Ramon, Executive Officer Public Relations

Elesette Becerra, Executive Officer Of Academic Success

Jacquelyn Martinez, Executive Officer Of Campus Services



STARFISH AWARD FACULTY NOMINEES

Nominated by Students

Agriculture Faculty – Ty Chumbley

Science Faculty – Robert Miranda

Humanities Faculty – Dr. Lori Rodriguez

Sociology Faculty –Aurora Yanez

History Faculty – Joe Alvarez

English Faculty – Jenny Scheidt

Logistics Faculty – Ronnie Brannon

Political Science Faculty –Joseph Fonseca



2019-2020

Starfish Award Recipients

Ty Chumbley, Agriculture Faculty

Jenny Scheidt, English Faculty

Welcome from Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Officers

Tony Villanueva, President

Amanda Salinas, Vice President

Aurora Yanez, Treasurer

Lance Sandberg, Secretary

Vicente Guillot, Parliamentarian



Minnie Stevens Piper Award Nominee



2019 – 2020

Minnie Stevens Piper Award Recipient

Nicolás Castanon, Instructor of Drama

Welcome from Staff Senate

2019 – 2020 Staff Senate

**PAC Staff Senate hopes
Jubilee Academy has a
WONDERFUL Year!**



Incoming Members

Jamie Sarmiento
Adam Rodriguez
Helena Fischer
Connie Acovio
Priscilla Lopez
Isaac Salazar
Estela Marin
Nathalie Riojas
Caroline Haring
Pamela Foster

Officers

Helena Fischer, President
Priscilla Lopez, Vice President

Returning Members (through Aug. 31, 2020)

Delilah Marquez
Julian Ledesma
Edward Moreno
Destiny Castaneda Moreno
Mandy Martinez

Outgoing Members

Tyler Archer
Carlos Cruz
David Mancha
Cindy Morgan
Erica Munoz
Malorie Vallejo
Anna Villarreal
Jennifer Mejia
Anthony Perez





STAFF MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

2019

- January:** Jessica Barnes, College Events Coordinator, College Services
- February:** Pamela Foster, Coordinator of High School Programs
- March:** Kathy Salas, Administrative Service Specialist, Library
- April:** Michael Ximenez, Director of Advising
- May:** Sabina Garcia, Administrative Services Specialist
English, Communication, Foreign Languages, INRW
- June:** Nicholas Blakeney, Director of Information Technology
- August:** Cynthia Archambault, Science Lab Technician



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Achieving the Dream
LEADER COLLEGE



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**STAFF MEMBER
OF THE MONTH**
January 2019

*Jessica
Barnes*



**STAFF MEMBER
OF THE MONTH**
February 2019

*Pamela
Foster*



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STAFF MEMBERS OF THE MONTH




**STAFF MEMBER
OF THE MONTH**
March 2019

*Kathy
Salas*

A portrait of Kathy Salas, a woman with long, wavy brown hair and bangs, smiling. She is wearing a black turtleneck top with a white chain necklace. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with a red structure.


**STAFF MEMBER
OF THE MONTH**
April 2019

*Michael
Ximenez*

A portrait of Michael Ximenez, a man with short hair and glasses, smiling. He is wearing a blue and white striped button-down shirt. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage.



STAFF MEMBERS OF THE MONTH



**STAFF MEMBER
OF THE MONTH**

May 2019

*Sabina
Garcia*



**STAFF MEMBER
OF THE MONTH**

June 2019

*Nicholas
Blakeney*



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PALO ALTO COLLEGE SERVICE AWARDS

These individuals are celebrating milestone anniversaries of service to the Alamo Colleges District between Jan. 1, 2019 and Dec. 31, 2019.

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Fernando Acevedo
Rodolfo Alba
Dr. Ronald Brown
Selso Casares
Tosca Gonsalves
Vicente Guillot Caro
Priscilla Lopez
Erica Munoz
Adam Rodriguez
Richard Rodriguez
Patricia Roth-Tellez
William Rowsey



10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Monica Boyd
Leticia De La Rosa
Fernando Hernandez
Laurie Medina
Linda Plevak
Gabriela Rangel
Alma Segovia
Matilda Staudt
Jose Vega



15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Christina Barrera
Anna Lisa Fernandez
Ruben Flores
Nicholas Lopez
Patricia Martinez
Paulina Ortiz



20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Dr. Denise Barkis-Richter
Ramon Hernandez
Ernestina Mesa
Geraldine Reynolds
Jennifer Scheidt
Lloyd Walsh



25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mary Apolinar
Cakky Brawley
Mark Hogensen
Oliver Jones
Sylvia Martinez
Diana Rangel



30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Alfred Alvarez
Ismael Dovalina
Rex Field
Peter Hernandez
Virginia (Ginny) Stowitts Traina



35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Santiago Urdiales



40 YEARS OF SERVICE

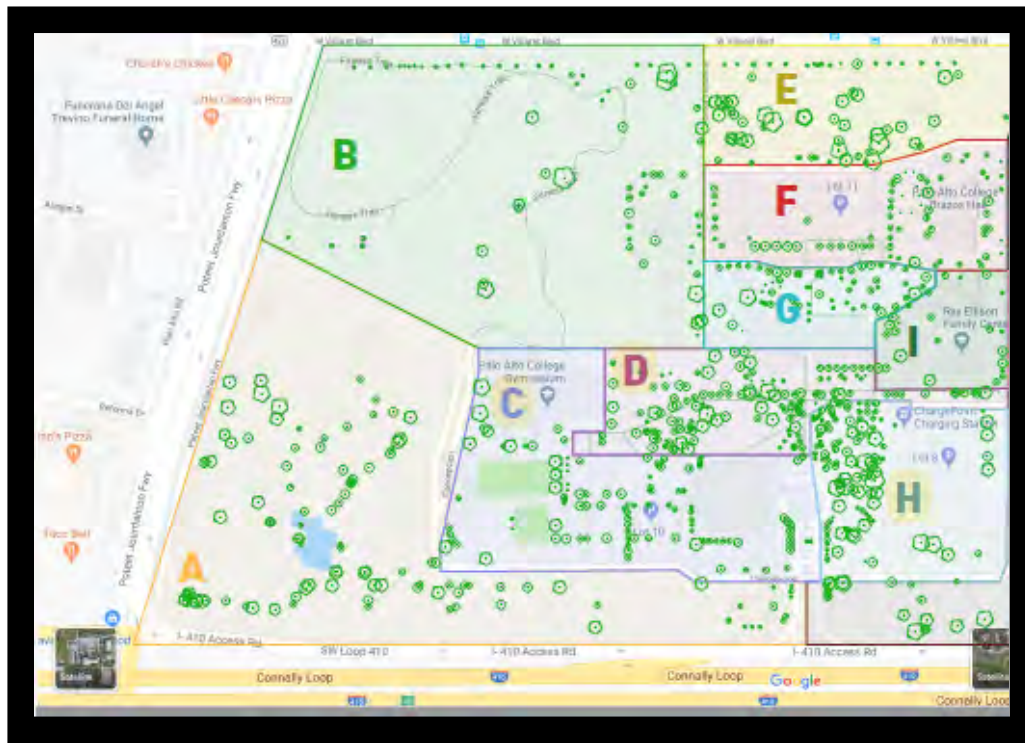
William Vasquez



OVERVIEW YEARS OF SERVICE

15 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH PALO ALTO COLLEGE & 5 OR MORE YEARS AT DSO OR OUR SISTER COLLEGES FOR A CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF 20 YEARS or MORE!

20 Years of Service or more to Palo Alto College – ceremony forthcoming!



Student Success



Student Success

Staff New Roles

Carlos E. Cruz – Interim Dean of Student Success

Tyler Alyse Archer – Director of Student Conduct

Jennifer Flores – Interim Director of Student Success – Student Life

Nidia C. Lopez – Advising Team Leader – SEED Advising

David Mancha – Certified Advisor – SEED Advising

Rosanna Padron – Interim Coordinator, Child Development Center - REFC

Alexandro Luna – Administrative Services Specialist – SHARE Center

Maria Ortiz – Senior Specialist – Admissions and Records

New Employees

Adriana Sanchez – Project Director – TRIO Upward Bound

Maria De La Cruz – AMERICORPS Vista – SHARE Center

Luz A. Hernandez – Coordinator, Student Success – Admissions & Records



Student Success

Retiring Staff

Leandro Esparza – Coordinator, Student Success – Welcome Center
(Retiring Aug. 31. Last day at PAC Aug. 16)

Degrees Earned

- Alexandro Luna**, Student Life – Bachelors of Arts in Communication
(Texas A&M San Antonio University)
- Albert Aguilar**, SHARE Center – Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering
(St. Mary's University)
- David Mancha**, SEED Advising – Master of Business Administration
(Texas A&M San Antonio University)
- Amanda Morales**, SEED Advising – Master of Arts in Communication
(St. Mary's University)
- Malorie Vallejo**, STEM Advising – Master of Education in Adult and Higher Education –
(The University of Houston-Victoria)
- Adam Rodriguez**, STEM Advising – Master of Education in Higher Education Administration
(The University of Texas at San Antonio)



Academic Success



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Faculty Promotion

Dr. Anna Bustamante – Professor of Kinesiology – Fall 2019

New Faculty

Aaron Dilday - Instructor of History

Nicolás Castanon – Instructor of Drama

Rita Ortiz - Instructor of English

Linda Plevak - Instructor/Faculty Librarian

Carmen Torres – Instructor of English

Iram Yusuf - Instructor of Government

Staff New Roles

Julie McDevitt - Academic Program Director

Jennifer Rivera – Coordinator of High School Programs



Academic Success

New Staff

Amber Aguilera - Academic Lab Technician – Veterinary Technology

Omar Chavira - Coordinator of Student Success – Professional & Technical Education Division

David Coffee - Academic Lab Technician – Advanced Manufacturing & Logistics Technology Department

Jennifer Ellison - Director of High School Programs – High School Programs Division

Elise Garcia – Library Assistant III - Library

Blanca Hurley – PT Library Assistant III - Library

Edgar E. Nandin - Academic Program Specialists – Community Programs

Anne Simmons - Academic Lab Technician – Science Department

Skye Starbuck – Academic Lab Technician – Veterinary Technology

Elena Tijerina - PT Administrative Services Specialist – Professional & Technical Education Division

Fabian Villalobos – Senior Advisor - Dual Credit



Academic Success

Department Chairs – NEW

Joseph Coppola - Chair of Business Management, Administrative Technology & Computer Information Systems/Computer Science

Hector Garza - Chair of Fine & Performing Arts/Speech Communication

Dr. Sitakanta Mohanty - Chair of Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering & Logistics Technology

Dr. Severo Rodriguez – Interim Chair of Agriculture, Horticulture, Cosmetology, Healthcare Administration & Veterinary Technology

Jennifer Scheidt - Interim Chair of English, Communications, Foreign Languages & INRW

Sara Wilkins - Chair of Sciences & Kinesiology

Department Chairs – EXISTING

Dr. John Hernandez - Chair of Behavioral Sciences

Brian Hons -Interim Chair of Mathematics & Accounting

Virginia (Ginny) Stowitts Traina - Chair of Social Sciences



Academic Success

Faculty Emeritus Designation for 2018 – 2019

Mariana Ornelas – Awarded Posthumously – January 2019

Retiring Faculty & Staff

Ellen Shull – Professor of English (May 2019)

Sylvia De Hoyos – Assistant Professor of Administrative Computer Technology (October 2019)

Degrees Earned

Andria Chavarria - Masters of Business Administration – Texas A&M Corpus Christi – Summer 2019

Julie McDevitt - Graduate Certificate in Higher Education Assessment

James Madison University – Harrisonburg, VA – Spring 2019



College Services



College Services

Degree Earned

Mark Garza, Associates in Arts, Palo Alto College



Palo Alto College Upcoming Events

College Events Highlights:

September 6th – Advocacy Health and Wellness Summit *Sign-up Today!*

October 31st – Paloween

November 6th – First Generation Day

November 8th – Celebración

November 11th – Veteran's Day Ceremony

November 21st – Honors Ceremony

November 22nd – Discover PAC





PALO ALTO COLLEGE

ADVOCACY SUMMIT

Understand the Landscape of Students to Recognize,
Address, and Support Their Needs

Palo Alto College Upcoming Events

*Check our full calendar for
upcoming events at*
[PAC Calendar](#)

**Palo Alto College
Wayland Baptist Announcement
Monday, Aug. 19, 2019 | 2:00 p.m. | Legacy Room
(Ozuna 101)**





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2019 Employee Giving Back Campaign



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