

## Mills College Joins Alameda Promise

**Alameda – February 1, 2019** – The “Alameda Promise” program, through which Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) graduates are eligible for a free year of tuition at College of Alameda (COA), has now expanded to include scholarship opportunities at Mills College, a nationally renowned independent liberal arts college for women.

The “Alameda Promise” was first offered in 2017 and included a year of free tuition at COA, a voucher for books, academic support, college transfer assistance, and priority registration. As of this year, women and gender non-binary students with a 3.2 GPA can also apply for a + \$7000 Mills-Alameda Promise scholarship.

Eligible students may also transfer from College of Alameda to Mills College through a Joint Admission Guarantee. Those students can begin earning credits towards a Mills College bachelor’s degree while they are working on their community college associate degrees. These students also can receive targeted educational and mentoring services as well as academic and career counseling, financial aid scholarship workshops, tutoring, and other support both during the school year and over the summer.

“We’re excited to increase access to college for all students, especially students from the East Bay, who are bringing their talents, energy, and ideas to our campus,” says Elizabeth L. Hillman, Ed.D., president of Mills College. “These are the kinds of partnerships that enrich campuses and communities alike.”

College of Alameda offers a broad range of academic and Career Technical Education programs, as well as extensive supports for students preparing to enroll in four-year colleges or universities. Mills College offers a liberal arts education with a focus on leadership, preparation for the workforce, and gender and racial justice. Mills also offers accelerated master’s degree programs where students can earn both a BA and MA in five years.

"I am thrilled to see the launch of the Joint Admission Guarantee program," says College of Alameda President Tim Karas, Ed.D.. "This provides a pathway for students to begin their college career at a community college and then transition to a private, four-year college while strengthening ties across our region. It is an amazing opportunity for Alameda students."

All AUSD seniors received information about the opportunities at COA and Mills College in January.

Students interested in enrolling at College of Alameda can enroll in "The Alameda Promise" with College of Alameda [online](#). Students who are interested in Mills College, can apply on their [website](#). There will also be an On-the-Spot Admission Day at Mills College on Saturday, February 9th, 2019 for college preparation workshops and an instant application review.

"AUSD is grateful and thankful for College of Alameda and Mills College stepping up as partners in the Alameda Promise to make college dreams and post-secondary access a reality and more affordable for more students in Alameda," says AUSD Superintendent Sean McPhetridge. "We look forward to more and more students taking advantage of the Alameda Promise in years ahead."