On June 18, the college held a “topping out” ceremony to celebrate the completion of a major milestone in the construction of Building 10N, the Student Center. A large turnout of the college community, including trustees, and contractors were in attendance to sign and observe the last beam to be placed on the structure. Following the signing, the crowd moved from the construction site to the Softball Plaza for the program which included remarks by representatives of the college, district and construction companies. For the finale, a crane lifted the beam to the top of the structure where it was secured in place. Topping out is one of the oldest traditions in the construction industry, and, for Building 10, it signifies that 90 percent of the steel and 28 percent of the overall building construction work has been accomplished. McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., the design-build contractor for the project, hosted the event which included a catered lunch.
MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS 11TH GRADUATION CEREMONY

In early June, San Mateo Middle College High School (SMMCHS) held its 11th graduation ceremony which included a number of former graduates in attendance to honor the class of 2009. This year’s graduating class of 29 students was celebrated by SMMCHS alumni Alon Gotesman and Sergi Goldman-Hull (1999) and Maria Varelas (2004), now a science teacher at San Leandro High School. One of this year’s graduates, Oren Gotesman, was the third member of his family to graduate from SMMCHS. In addition, 2009 graduate Devin Dee, who will be attending MIT in the fall, was presented with a NROTC Scholarship. NROTC scholarships are awarded through a highly competitive national selection process and pay for tuition and other financial benefits up to as much as $80,000 at many of the leading colleges and universities in the nation.

COLLEGE FOR KIDS WRAPS UP ITS 17TH YEAR

College for Kids celebrated its 17th year this summer holding programs on all three campuses. With staggered sessions, College for Kids was held at Cañada and Skyline from mid-June through early July while the CSM program began on July 6 and wraps up on July 23. This year, enrollment at CSM’s camp peaked at 328, the highest in more than 10 years. Thirty different classes were offered in various areas of the curriculum: language arts, math and science, creative arts and multimedia, computer skills and physical education. A sample of some of the offerings include Sushi, Manga and Japanese; A wesome A stronomy; CS I D etective L ab; O oey G oey S cience L ab; 2-D A nimation; T he Joys of K nitting; T elevision N ewscasting; V irtual W orld D iscovery; and T ennis A nyone?

The districtwide program was recently voted the “2009 Best After-School Enrichment Program” and the “Enrichment Program That Most Inspired My Child” by readers of Bay A rea Parent Magazine. Student and family testimonials about the program are posted on the Community Education website: http://www.smccd.net/ cce/ kids/ testimonials.asp
**ASCSM Leaders Get Organized for 2009-20**

In spring elections, the Associated Students of CSM elected Steffi Santana as student body president and George Frias as vice president for the 2009-10 academic year. Student senators include Jennifer Atherton, Ho Long Fung, Jose Gomez, Natassia Kapuniai, Xiaoyan Li, Giamaria Powel, Ihor Proskurin, Alex Quintana, Kiana Rezaei and Jade Nichole Zoghbi.

Earlier this summer, the students attended a leadership retreat at the Monte Toyon Camp and Conference Center in Aptos. Students participated in team building, leadership development and communication activities. On the final day, they took part in a ropes challenge course (photo), an activity based on team building with the overall goal of improving one's self-concept.

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**A Celebration of Classified Staff**

On June 1, CSM officially welcomed summer by celebrating Classified Appreciation Day in the newly renovated Fine Arts Courtyard. This year's event featured a "green" theme with recycled paper products, decorations, educational materials provided by Sustainable San Mateo County, green tunes. It also included a delicious lunch was catered by our own Pacific Café and served by the managers. President Mike Claire emceed the annual awards ceremony honoring 10 employees celebrating 10, 15 and 20 years of service to the district. This year's honorees included: Jacqueline Collado, Bookstore; Sinclair Crockett, KCSM; Russell Cunningham, Business; Ulysses Guadamuz, Security; Michele Muller, KCSM; Theresa Vigilia, Library; Melanie Berzon, KCSM; Bryan Gerbig, Library; Maggie Skaff, Student Services; and Jane Wong, Business Services. Karen Schwarz, president of the Board of Trustees, attended on behalf of the Board. Live entertainment was provided by the CSM Bulldawg Band featuring Virgil Stanford, Helen Souranoff, Sam Hau, Rudy Ramirez and Dave Parkinson.

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**CSM Plays the County Fair**

On August 16 and 22, CSM will once again participate in the San Mateo County Fair with an information booth located near the "Brews and Blues" stage. In addition, the college will be providing some of the musical talent on the stage, including the all-employee CSM Bulldawg Band. Also, Chris Cortez (Native Elements) and Sam Hau (Luvhed) of KCSM and instructor Rudy Ramirez (Thrill Seekers) will play with their bands. Mike Claire (Along for the Ride) and present and former students (Rock Candy and San Franz) will perform. Our booth will feature the bulldog mascot, available for photo opportunities, complimentary CSM balloons for the kids and several free drawings. Faculty, staff, students and board members are invited to come out and support CSM; the booth is open from 11:30am-5pm on both days. The PR & Marketing Office is coordinating this activity. Thanks to Helen Souranoff, theatre events manager, for assisting with our "CSM Presents" program.
Horticulture Students Design Plantscape for Administration Building

Students in Instructor Lin Bowie's spring Horticulture 325 (Interior Plantscaping) took on a campus-based class project which involved creating a plantscape in the lobby of CSM's Administration Building and the President's Office. Following an assessment of the areas and consultation with staff, the students proposed a design that would not only enhance the areas but require minimal maintenance. The project was completed toward the end of the semester and it provides a welcoming fresh look to the spaces. CSM graduate Carol Peterson-Webber who now has her own interior landscape design business, donated most of the materials.

Kudos

Adjunct professor of music Shulamit Hoffmann conducted a performance of Vivaldi’s Gloria, for orchestra, choir and soloists at Carnegie Hall in New York. In a communication to the college, she commented that, “My Carnegie conducting debut was a fabulous, rich, profoundly fulfilling experience.” The New England Symphonic Ensemble and soloists Patricia Johnson, Soprano, and Gabriella Garcia, mezzo-soprano, were joined by a 175-voice massed choir comprised of 7 ensembles. Four ensembles hail from the Bay Area: Viva la Musica, the community choir of which Shulamit is founder and artistic director, Los Altos United Methodist Church, of which Shulamit is also director, West Valley College Chorale, Lou de la Rosa, director, and Hillsdale High School Chamber Singers, Mark Fish, director. Shulamit, who teaches fall and spring semesters at CSM, is in New York for the summer, pursuing a doctoral degree in music and music education at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Three CSM students were recently honored with scholarships by Soroptimist International of Burlingame, San Mateo and the Mid-Peninsula at the group’s 23rd annual awards ceremony. Honored for outstanding achievement in community service were Luis Enrique Carrillo of Half Moon Bay received the Ada R. Beveridge Award; Sherri Swanson, a single parent from Burlingame, won the Anne Brubaker Award; and Michelle Periera, a resident of Burlingame, won the Ruth H. Weston Award.

Tom Martinez (photo), retired professor of physical education and athletics and coach extraordinary, has received yet another career honor. At the end of May, he was inducted into the California Community College Softball Hall of Fame; the award was presented at the state softball finals. With more than 1100 career wins in the three sports he coached, more than half of his victories (563) were in softball.
Former CSM baseball player **Tyler Heil**, a transfer student to San Jose State University, was recipient of the university’s first ever Leona Menges Award. Heil originally played third base and shortstop but accepted a midyear invitation to pitch. He made a seamless transition and pitched in several clutch situations that assisted the team in post season play. He posted a 4-2 record in 10 pitching appearances with 26 strikeouts in 35 innings. The Menges Award is named in honor of the late wife of SJSU’s legendary head baseball coach Gene Menges. Heil played at CSM from 2006-07 and received a baseball scholarship to SJSU.

**Tyler Heil**

CSM offensive lineman **Jacob Orth** has accepted an offer from San Jose State University as a preferred walk-on. A preferred walk-on means that Orth has been invited to join the Spartan football team now, with the possibility of earning scholarship at a later date. He will join his younger brother, James, an incoming freshman safety, on the team.

**Jacob Orth**

Former alum **Ryan Scoma**, who played baseball for CSM during the 2006 and 2007 seasons before transferring to UC Davis, was drafted by the San Francisco Giants in the Major League Baseball Draft in the 36th round. It seems that Scoma’s timing couldn’t be better: the call from the majors came as he was finishing his senior year of college. A centerfielder, Scoma had standout years at Carlmont High School, CSM and Davis. During his days a bulldog, he was part of teams that won two conference titles and he took All-Conference honors in 2007. For the UC Davis Aggies, Scoma’s battering average was .358 in 54 games.

**Ryan Scoma**

Craig Gianinno (photo), an assistant baseball coach at CSM since 2003, has been named head baseball coach at Serra High School. Gianinno takes the helm of the Padres team replacing **Pete Jensen** (CSM alum and former baseball coach), who retired after 23 years at Serra. Gianinno also serves as camp director of the Preparing Legends Baseball Camp held each summer at CSM and he is a motivational speaker and team consultant.
CSM WELCOMES SUPER BOWL CHAMP GUY MCINTYRE

Former San Francisco 49er right guard Guy McIntyre paid a recent visit to CSM to speak with the two sports learning communities, How Sports Explain the World (English and Ethnic Studies learning community) and Writing in the End Zone II. During his presentations, McIntyre discussed the keys to achieving success in football, both on and off the field, as well as obstacles and pitfalls that many professional athletes face. He encouraged students to focus on developing academic skills because one day, “football will be over.” Assistant Professor of English Jon Kitamura commented: “My students found his lecture to be very inspiring.”

As a member of the 49ers (1984-93), McIntyre played in three winning Superbowl games and on five Pro Bowl teams. During his tenure with San Francisco, McIntyre enrolled in classes at CSM and eventually earned his bachelor’s degree from Menlo College. Coach Larry Owens, who got to know McIntyre when he attended CSM, extended the invitation for the visit. The former lineman currently serves as director for player development for the 49ers, assisting players in expanding their lives and skills beyond the football field.

Top photo: McIntyre, center, surrounded by CSM faculty and staff; bottom photo: McIntyre, Jon Kitamura and Coach Larry Owens.

RICHAELE YOUNG AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP

Former student trustee and CSM study body president Richael Young has been named as a recipient of the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation’s Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. Richael was awarded the honor based on high academic achievement and contributions made to the college, district and at the state level. She is one of only 50 community college transfer students to receive the 2009 award which provides $30,000 annually for two years. In addition to the student leadership positions she held in the district, Richael also served as the statewide president of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges. Richael will be continuing her studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where she will major in environmental engineering with an emphasis in hydrology. She will also be the student speaker at CSM’s commencement on May 29.

Richael (left) and her family
**MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MIT-BOUND**

Devin Dee, a senior in San Mateo Middle College High School (MCHS) who played a key role in Burlingame High School basketball team’s stellar season (26-6), has not only been accepted to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology but has also earned a spot on MIT’s basketball team. In addition to taking his required high school classes, Devin, at his choosing, opted for college classes in physics, calculus, multi-variable calculus, linear algebra and engineering design.

According to Greg Quigley, principal of MCHS, this year’s senior class was very strong. Their college acceptances include University of California campuses at Berkeley, Los Angeles, San Diego and Irvine; California State Universities: San Francisco, Humboldt and San Jose; Seton Hall; and CSM and Skyline.

**KCSM COMPETITION HONORS HIGH SCHOOL FILMMAKERS**

Seven of the Bay Area’s most promising young local filmmakers were honored at the third annual Spotlight! High School Video Competition Awards presentation sponsored by the college and KCSM. Out of 81 entries, the seven students from six local high schools picked up awards in nine categories. This year’s winners (photo) are: Nicholas Dobkin, Jordan Velasco, Daniel Breshahan, Will Ilgen, T J Barber, Cameron Vaughn, and Melody Miller, who took home three awards (including Best in Show) for her film, Permanent Marker, won the ‘Best of Show’ prize, accepted a $1,500 cash award, courtesy of ALL CAR Paint and Body Shop in San Mateo. “This is very exciting for me,” she said. “I love making films.” Several of the winners will also participate in KCSM’s Spotlight! series – an innovative on-air pairing of high school filmmakers with working film professionals that also allows the young cineastes to showcase their work to thousands of Bay Area TV viewers starting in October.

**STANDING ROOM ONLY FOR DSPS ORIENTATION**

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) recently held its annual New Student Orientation to a full house. The event began with a tour of the campus followed by lunch provided by the Associated Students. Students received an overview of the various DSPS units and services and heard from a student panel. At the end of the day, students had the opportunity to complete applications and schedule assessment and counseling appointments. There were 104 attendees, including high school students, their chaperones and parents.
**EOPS Students Tour So. Cal Universities**

During spring break, EOPS staff accompanied 37 CSM students on a Southern California university tour which included stops at UC Santa Barbara, Riverside and Los Angeles, in addition to CSU Lost Angeles and University of Southern California. Students toured campuses and attended presentations about transferring, financial aid, student services and heard first-hand about making the transition from a community college. Student evaluations of the tour were extremely positive.

*CSM’s EOPS students and staff*

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**Career Fair Attracts Record Number of Job Seekers**

The college held its annual Get Linked Career Fair which was well attended by students and members of the community. Although the number of employers was down 75 percent over last year, it’s not surprising that this year’s turnout of 350 job seekers surpassed that of previous years, given the current employment climate. The college was especially pleased that it had sufficient employer participation, especially since other colleges in the area have had extremely low employer turnout or have had to cancel events altogether. The fair provided valuable opportunities for students to meet one-on-one with potential employers. CSM students were encouraged to dress professionally, bring updated resumes and be prepared to discuss their qualifications and skills with employers. *Eileen O’Brien, Jeanne Stalker and Sandra Rivera* of the Career Services Center coordinated the event.

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**Students Honored at Scholarship Reception**

More than 350 students and members of the college community, including members of the Board of Trustees and SMCCC Foundation, attended CSM's annual Scholarship Awards Reception held last week. According to the coordinator of the event, *Nancy Pendergast*, of the Scholarship Office, 169 CSM students and 37 high school students received 315 scholarship awards totaling $237,050. Many donors were in the audience to meet and congratulate the recipients on their scholarships. Following the ceremony, guests enjoyed a wonderful buffet provided by Pacific Dining.
CONNECT TO COLLEGE DRAWS A CROWD
On April 23, CSM hosted Connect to College, A Night of Information for High School Seniors and Parents. Approximately 250 people attended this annual event which featured presentations and perspectives by students, faculty and staff about transfer programs, financial aid and scholarships, career and vocational programs, academic, A.S./A.S. and certificate programs, student services and student life. The event is coordinated by the PR & Marketing Office.

KUDOS
★ Two students in Instructor Claudia Steenberg’s Graphics 235 Theory and Application class have won statewide 2009 Media Arts awards, sponsored by the Multimedia & Entertainment Initiative of the California Community Colleges Economic & Workforce Development Program. Susan Melanson was category winner in the Packaging category and Laura Dunbar received merit awards in both the Packaging category and the Identity category.

Susan Melanson, Claudia Steenberg, Laura Dunbar

★ Yovanka Crossley, child development center aid at CSM, was one of 12 early care and education professionals in the County honored by the San Mateo Association for the Education of Young Children (SMAEYC). She received her honor at a SMAEYC recognition dinner and was joined by the entire staff from the Mary Meta Lazarus Child Development Center and members of her family. The SMAEYC board members read a short tribute to Yovanka for her fine work on behalf of the children and families of the Child Development Center.
CSM’s public relations efforts were honored with three Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO) awards at the spring state conference. The college captured a first place award for CSM’s website; entries were judged on appearance, organization, comprehensive content and ease of use. In addition, CSM also received second place in the Low Budget Wonder category for a dental assisting flyer and third place in the Viewbook/Student Recruitment Book category for the view brochure. Kudos to the staff in CSM’s Public Relations & Marketing Office.

Admissions and Records staff that provides veterans’ assistance have been busy working on enhancing services for our student veterans. In April, Mario Mihelcic and Jeremy Mileo volunteered at the annual Veterans and Their Families Resource Fair in San Jose, making contact with a number of college bound veterans. Mario, Jeremy and Dean Henry Villareal were presenters at the California Association of Community College Registrars and Admissions Officers Conference about the new Post 9/11 GI Bill. Last weekend, the team also spoke to veterans at Congresswoman Jackie Speier’s event (photo) that promoted the new GI Bill. A&R staff recently implemented a new veterans’ service that allows vets to schedule counseling appointments with a CSM certifying official and receive live assistance through Meebo chat services on CSM’s veterans’ website. CSM’s Veterans’ Student Alliance has had an active semester under the tutelage of club advisor Kevin Sinarle, the club has participated in Spring Fling and secured funding for a CSM veterans t-shirt.

Dean of Enrollment Services Henry Villareal (photo) has been elected to the 2009-10 National Council of Student Development (NCSD) Executive Board. He will serve as board’s treasurer. NCSD is an affiliate council of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and the nation's primary voice for sharing knowledge, expertise, professional development and student advocacy for community college student development professionals.

At the Coast Conference Track and Field Championships held at the college in April, CSM athletes captured a number of titles. Sophomore Kelly Young swept all four throwing events (hammer, javelin, shot put and discus) including setting a conference record in the hammer throw and out throwing her closest rivals in the shot by nearly five feet and in the discus by more than eight feet. Runner Brandon Becerra took the 1,500 meter title with a time that was 18 seconds ahead of the runner up. In addition, freshman Mykel Block finished second in the men’s 110-meter hurdles, thrower James Aubrey finished second in the shot put and discus and Danielle Donohue finished second in the 10,000 meters setting a new CSM record with her time.
CSM alum **Ryan Boschetti** who has played professional football for the past six years with the Washington Redskins heads home to the Bay Area to play for the Oakland Raiders. The defensive end played at CSM in 1999-2001 before transferring to UCLA. *SF Gate* recently featured an interview with Boschetti about his signing with the Raiders and his days of playing at CSM and UCLA.

**Former CSM quarterback Julian Edelman** (photo), who has been a standout at Kent State University, has been selected in the seventh round of the NFL draft by the New England Patriots. It is likely that Edelman will be used as a wide receiver/special team/ “wildcat” quarterback. Among his teammates on the Patriots is another San Mateo County prep football player, quarterback Tom Brady.

**CSM’s baseball team** wrapped up its regular season by clinching its 8th consecutive league title. The Bulldogs (30-11 overall and 18-7 in conference play) went into the Coast Golden Gate Conference tournament as the number one seed in the playoffs and ranked number four in Northern California playoffs. After winning in the first round, they advance to the next bracket to face Delta College of May 15-16 in the Elite 8 Tournament. More good news for CSM baseball: **Coach Doug Williams** has been named Coach of the Year by the Conference for the second consecutive year and the seventh time he has received the honor.

**Associated Students of CSM** are generously funding extended library hours during finals week, providing students with a quiet place to study. This is the third year that the ASCSM has supported the extended hours.

**Janet Muirragui**, a graduate of CSM’s fire academy, was named Antioch Unified School District’s Teacher of the Year. She teaches law, marketing and computer classes at Deer Valley High School and was selected for the honor largely for her work to launch the Deer Valley Law Academy – a specialized school within the high school that will enroll its first class of 100 freshmen this fall.

**CSM’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program** recently completed a successful second year of offering free tax preparation assistance. This year, student volunteers submitted 230 returns (up from last year’s 102) on behalf of clients from the college and larger community. The volunteers received valuable, hands-on work experience that will prepare them for careers in the industry. **Donna Marcus**, the VITA site coordinator and **Gordon Lunn**, accounting instructor trained and supervised 30 student volunteers. According to Professor of Accounting **Bruce Maule**, “CSM is the only community college in the area, and possibly one of the few in the country, with its own VITA training program.”

*Photo: left to right: Students Pina Gil and Quynh Le prepare a tax return for client Jeff Day.*
EVENTS

On multiple dates in April and May, CSM’s Office of Counseling Services is hosting Priority Enrollment Program (PEP) for high school seniors. This activity is designed to provide an easy transition from high school to college, as well as guaranteed priority enrollment for the upcoming fall semester classes. Students finishing their senior year of high school are strongly encouraged to sign up now and participate in this special offering.

CSM celebrates Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month with several special events throughout the month May. Last week’s kickoff event was featured film and discussion of “a.k.a. Don Bonus,” a video diary that follows the life of Sokly “Don Bonus,” an 18 year old Cambodian refugee in the San Francisco’s Tenderloin who struggles with family, school and finding his place in an adopted homeland. Additional activities include an Asian/Pacific Islanders in the Workplace Panel and a community reception featuring Dean Ito-Taylor, director of API legal Outreach, as keynote speaker. The month’s events will culminate in CSM’s commencement exercises on May 29 with California Assemblyman Warren Furutani as the commencement speaker and a ceremony to grant honorary degrees to Japanese American students who were interned during World War II and unable to finish their studies at CSM. Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month was sponsored by the Diversity in Action Group, the Multicultural Center and the Associated Students of CSM.

- CSM Jazz Ensemble Performance - May 11, 7:30 pm in the Theatre.
- Spring Dance Concert and Competitive Dance Battle, May 14, 3-5pm in the Gymnasium
- Piano and Harmony Recital – May 16, 7 pm in the Choral Room.
- CPA and Enrolled Agent Information Night – May 18, 5-7 pm in the Theatre.
- Symphonic Band Concert – May 19, 7:30 pm in the Theatre
- Spring Electronic Music Concert – May 21, 7pm in the Theatre.
- CSM Commencement - May 29, 6:30 pm in the Gymnasium
- Jazz Under the Stars, May 30, 8pm in Building 36, Rooftop Observatory
- Masterworks chorale and Orchestra present Sorrowing Mother/Eternal Light” on May 30, 8pm and May 31, 4 pm at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1105 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Carlos. Tickets are available online www.masterworks.org
CSM COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER ANNOUNCED

Assemblyperson Warren Furutani will serve as graduation speaker for CSM’s 87th commencement ceremony on Friday, May 29. He is a CSM alum currently serving his first full term in the California Assembly. Assemblyperson Furutani represents California’s 55th District, an area that includes Carson, Lakewood, Long Beach, Harbor City, the Harbor Gateway and Wilmington. His career includes 40 years of experience and involvement in education and public service, both as an elected official and a community organizer. As a member of the Assembly, he is the founder and chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Career Technical Education and Workforce Development and also serves as chair of the Committee on Elections and Redistricting; he also serves on a number of Assembly Standing Committees for Transportation; Utilities and Commerce; Labor and Employment; and Public Safety.

Assemblmee Furutani has the distinction of being the only person to have been elected and reelected to the boards of the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles Community College District. He attended CSM in the late 1960’s and holds a bachelor’s degree from Antioch University.

CSM FACULTY MENTOR STANFORD FELLOWS

Ten CSM faculty members recently participated as mentors in Stanford University’s DARE (Diversifying Academic, Recruiting Excellence) Fellowship Program. CSM faculty that were paired with Stanford fellows were: Laura Demsetz (engineering, CIS), Kathy Diamond (biology), Huy Tran (biology), James Clifford (psychology), James Carranza (English), Yin Mei Lawrence (chemistry) Minu Mathur (sociology) Jeremy Ball (philosophy), Jeff Flowers (chemistry), and Barbara Uchida (physics). The program serves graduate students in the final two years of their doctoral studies who are interested in pursuing academic careers and whose presence will help diversify the professorial ranks. DARE is designed to prepare Stanford Ph.D. students from diverse backgrounds for successful faculty careers and to contribute to the richness of the educational environment at Stanford. A group of 12 Stanford fellows spent the day at CSM, meeting with President’s Cabinet and Governing Council of the Academic Senate to learn about various aspects of teaching and learning in a community college. They had conversations with faculty, visited classes, toured the campus and heard a student panel.
CSM Construction Sites Provide Living Lab for Engineering Students

Students in CSM’s Engineering Graphics (ENGR210) class got a first-hand demonstration of state-of-the-art engineering drawings and their implementation thanks to a field trip hosted by Andy Holst, project manager with McCarthy Building Companies. The class first went on a computer-based “walk through” of Buildings 10N and 5N using the 3-D Building Information Model (BIM) that McCarthy put together to coordinate the projects. BIM software is an extension of the more basic tools covered in ENGR210. On an actual walk through of the site, Andy explained the foundation and utilities work in progress on Building 10N. At Building 5N, students got a close-up look at the building structure and mechanical systems that they had seen in software. “There’s nothing like being on a construction site to make the architecture, engineering and construction process come to life,” says Laura Demsetz, professor of engineering. Construction work on the CSM campus will continue to provide a living lab for engineering and architecture students through the next several semesters.

Dr. Paul Ehrlich Returns to CSM

Paul Ehrlich, noted author of The Population Bomb and president of the Center for Conservation Biology and Bing professor of population studies at Stanford University, made a return visit to CSM as speaker for the President’s Lecture Series. The topic of his presentation was “The Dominant Animal: Human Evolution and the Environment.” Dr. Ehrlich is the co-founder of the field of co-evolution and he has pursued long-term studies of the structure, dynamics and genetics of natural butterfly populations. He has also been a pioneer in alerting the public to the problems of overpopulation, and in raising issues of population, resources and the environment as matters of public policy. Professor Ehrlich is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Philosophical Society and a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

CSM Grad Meets the President

CSM graduate Rebecca Hare Cokley, now a resident of Washington, D.C., shared with her friends at CSM a special photo taken with President Obama. She was invited to a meeting of the Obama administration by Kareem Dale, the special assistant to the president for disability policy. Rebecca currently works for a nonprofit organization that advocates for children with disabilities.
**CSM Prepares Students for “Green” Industries**

As the “green movement” has continued to gain momentum, CSM Professor of Electronics Tom Diskin recognized the need for a course in the area of solar energy technology. With the idea of attracting new students to the electronics program, he developed a lecture/demonstration course, Alternative Energy for Home and Business, that was first offered in Fall 2005. Since its inception, the course has grown in popularity with 48 students currently enrolled; it has become the foundation for an expanded curriculum offering in renewable energy. In fall 2009, the initial course, renamed Solar Energy Fundamentals, was converted to a permanent course and an intense comprehensive lab section was added. Recently, CSM has become an “authorized provider” of North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners’ (NABCEP) Entry Level Solar Photovoltaic Certificate of Knowledge, allowing graduates of the course to take the certification exam. This certificate is recognized as a national and even international standard of achievement in the solar energy profession. Currently, Professor Diskin is in the process of expanding the curriculum to a certificate program which will provide students with a variety of options in “green” industries. Four new courses recently approved by the Committee on Instruction will become part of this focused certificate program: Wind, Hydro-Geothermal Systems; Renewable Energy for Transportation; Power for the Future; and Sustainability and Green Building Design. The “green building design class will prepare students to become certified in LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

**In Memoriam: Jean Cloud, CSM Class of ‘26**

CSM has lost one of its longest surviving students, Jean Cloud (photo), class of 1926. She passed away March 19 in Redwood City at the age of 102. Mrs. Cloud was encouraged to attend CSM by Roy Cloud, who would become her husband (his father was San Mateo County’s superintendent of schools). Her memories of CSM in the 1920’s were documented in "Class Act," by Michael Svanevik and Shirley Burgett. Mrs. Cloud went on to San Jose State where she earned her bachelor's degree in education and taught elementary school for a number of years. She was active in school and community groups. In 1984, Mrs. Cloud became a member of Redwood City's Historic Resources Advisory Committee and spent two decades working on relocating the historic Lathrop House and as a founder of the city's library archives committee. She was also instrumental in saving Redwood City's historic Union Cemetery, the oldest cemetery in the County, by raising money to restore much of the cemetery grounds and monuments. Throughout the years, she participated in a number of CSM events, including the college's 75th anniversary celebration and helped to staff CSM information tables at events in the community.

**CSM Filmmaker Produces Second Musical**

CSM graduate and independent filmmaker H.P. Mendoza (photo) scored a hit with his script and songwriting for the movie, “Colma: the Musical,” in 2006. Now he returns with a second film, “Fruit Fly,” which premiered and was awarded Best Narrative Feature at the San Francisco International Film Festival. Shot in San Francisco’s Castro and Mission districts, Mendoza directed and composed the film’s 19 original musical numbers. “Fruit Fly” tells the story of a Filipina performance artist searching for her identity and struggling to establish her career. The story is told through conversations that occur in the movie’s songs. Mendoza’s next project is a non-musical satire about Proposition 8.

**Child Development Center Presents “Our Children of the Jellyfish”**
Earlier this week, the Mary Meta Lazarus Child Development Center sponsored "Our Children of the Jellyfish" as part of the celebration of Week of the Young Child. The show featured childhood movement set within a backdrop of swimming jellyfish. Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families, particularly the need for high-quality early childhood education programs.

"Celebration of Art and Music" for Renovated Fine Arts Complex
The Creative Arts and Social Science Division recently held a “Celebration of Art and Music,” an open house to showcase the newly renovated facilities in Buildings 2 and 4. Art and music faculty coordinated the event which featured live music in the Fine Arts Courtyard, student art exhibits, tours of the remodeled facilities and refreshments.

Upcoming Events
- On Thursday, April 23 from 6-8:30 pm, CSM hosts Connect to College, A Night of Information for High School Seniors and Parents, held in the Theatre. The event will feature presentations and perspectives by students, faculty and staff about transfer programs, financial aid and scholarships, career and vocational programs, academic, A.S./A.S. and certificate programs, and student life.

- CSM’s annual Get Linked Career Fair has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 29 from 9:30 am-1 pm in Building 12, Room 170. The fair brings together job seekers and employers. Students are encouraged to bring their resumes, dress professionally and be prepared to talk to about qualifications with employers.

- On Thursday, April 30, from 2-6 pm, in 8-203, CSM’s Performance Dance Ensemble presents A Day of Dance. The event includes modern, hip hop, break and jazz dance classes.

- EOPS Preview Day on April 22 is an event for high schools students who may be EOPS-eligible to visit the college and preview college life. Students are able to shadow a CSM student, attend classes and tour the college.

- On April 22, DSPS sponsored its final Brown Bag Seminar of the spring 2009 semester, “Americans with Disabilities Amendment Act: What does it mean for education?” The seminar was presented by David LaDue, civil rights attorney with the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights in San Francisco.

- The college will host its annual Scholarship Convocation Ceremony on Thursday, May 7, at 3 pm in the Theatre. A reception with light refreshments will follow the ceremony.

- On multiple dates in April and May, CSM’s Office of Counseling Services is hosting Priority Enrollment Program (PEP) for high school seniors. This activity is designed to provide an easy transition from high school to college, as well as guaranteed priority enrollment for the upcoming fall semester classes. Students finishing their senior year of high school are strongly encouraged to sign up now and participate in this special offering. Free and open to high school seniors.
On March 5, the college held a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the construction of Buildings 10N and 5N. The program included brief remarks by Trustee Dave Mandelkern, President Mike Claire, Chancellor Ron Galatolo, Academic Senate President Diana Bennett and Dental Assisting student Kortni Scott. In addition, Frances Choun, vice president of business development with McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., and a CSM alum, also spoke. Officials donned hard hats and wielded shovels for the symbolic groundbreaking ceremony. Following this event, attendees enjoyed refreshments and toured newly renovated building 14.
**PRESIDENT’S LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES**

The college hosted author **Harriet Chessman** (photo) as the featured speaker today during the President’s Lecture Series: Diverse Voices in Writing. Ms. Chessman is the author of three acclaimed novels: *Lydia Cassatt Reading the Morning Paper*, published in eight foreign countries and chosen as a #1 Booksense Pick in 2001; *Someone Not Really Her Mother*, a Good Morning America *Read This!* book club pick, translated into Japanese and Dutch, and voted one of the *San Francisco Chronicle*’s Best Books of 2004; and *Ohio Angels*, called "a poetic and moving first novel, a lyrical debut." Two of her children's stories have been published in *Ladybug* and *Spider*. Before becoming a fiction writer, she taught English and American literature at Yale University and published *The Public Is Invited to Dance*, an interpretation of Gertrude Stein's experimental writings.

The final author of the spring semester is **Paul Ehrlich**, president of the Center for Conservation Biology and Bing professor of population studies at Stanford University; he will be the featured speaker on April 22.

**JAPANESE EDUCATORS VISIT CSM**

CSM recently hosted a group of faculty and staff representing a consortium of 50 universities in the Kyoto, Japan, area. The group, formally known as the Consortium of Universities in Kyoto, attended a conference at Stanford University to develop a program to support faculty development. The U.S.-Japan coordinator at Stanford, **Yoko Kanamatsu**, is a CSM alum, and she wanted them to experience a community college. According to **Martin Bednarek**, international students counselor, the group was interested in learning about how the community college system fits into the higher education system. They were also interested in CSM’s faculty development program and our Center for Teaching and Learning, local consortiums and integrated learning programs.

**KUDOS**

★ Former NFL player **Bill Ring** (photo) was recently inducted into the California Community College Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Ring played for CSM in 1975-76 before transferring to Brigham Young University. He played for the San Francisco 49ers from 1981-86 and has two Super Bowl rings and was the recipient of the team's top honor in 1983, the Len Eshmont Award. He is one of seven former CSM players or coaches who collectively have 16 Super Bowl rings! He currently serves on the board of directors of four charities, including the athletic foundation for his former alma mater, Carlmont High School. His son, **Bill Ring, Jr.**, also played for CSM (2005-07) and is currently a safety at San Jose State University.
KCSM-TV's original, locally-produced public television series, "Spotlight!," which debuted in October 2008, has been awarded the prestigious Telly Award (photo). The Telly honors the very best local, regional and cable television productions. Judges are top production professionals and past Telly winners with an interest in upholding the historical standard of excellence that the Telly represents. According to a previous award winner, "Winning a Telly Award is a tremendous honor. We like to call it the Oscar for our industry." Each "Spotlight!" episode showcases the work of two aspiring high school movie-makers. Also included is an interview with an adult mentor, a Bay Area film-making professional who provides insight and encourages students to continue their studies in college. The students' movies are entries in CSM's Annual High School Film Festival, also called "Spotlight!." Festival winners are awarded prizes and scholarships to study at CSM and their movies are broadcast on KCSM-TV as part of the television.

★ Professor of Speech Communication Kate Motoyama has been elected to serve as president of the San Mateo Japanese American Citizens League (JACL).

★ Adjunct faculty member Erin Scholnick and her father, along with six CSM students and CSM President Mike Claire, volunteered on the Redwood City Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco project that will have its grand opening on May 5. The CSM contingent painted and built overhangs shelving and a fence over the course of eight hours. The project is a community of eight townhomes, all of which employ green building practices and integrate solar electric panels on the roofs to generate renewable electric energy. Upon completion of this development in 2009, Habitat Greater San Francisco will have built a total of 51 affordable ownership homes in Redwood City.

★ CSM’s International Students Program has published its Spring 2009 newsletter. This issue features helpful information and photos of recent events. It can be viewed at http://www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/international/

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**College Undergoes Emergency Preparedness Training**

On March 18 and 19, dozens of college employees participated in emergency preparedness training that included four hours of classroom instruction about the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) followed by a two and a half hour EOC exercise which was based on damages and injuries sustained from a 7.1 earthquake scenario. The training is designed to prepare college staff to respond quickly and effectively to a major emergency. Emergency Management Consultants provided the training. Dean of Administrative Services Virgil Stanford and his staff coordinated the training.

Planning Section Chief Susan Estes updates the EOC team
**CLASSIFIED STAFF BAKE TO FUND SCHOLARSHIP**

The 2009 Classified Staff Bake Sale was a big success, raising $250 for student scholarships. Facilities Manager Diane Martinez (photo) received a special recognition for her popular baked goods that were not only delicious but professionally gift-ready as well. Diane was voted the 2009 Top Baker of the Classified Staff Student Scholarship Bake Sale. Special thanks also go to the crew at KCSM who had a wonderful variety of not only baked goods, but fruit and pizza.

**PROJECT EAGLE TAKES FLIGHT**

CSM's Health Center is sponsoring a new internship for students made available through a grant funded opportunity called Project EAGLE (Equal Access Galvanized Learning Empowerment). This is a peer education-based program designed to educate CSM's students, faculty and staff on prevention and reduction of alcohol, tobacco and drug use related substances and supporting community resources. The project is currently seeking 10 Healthy Lifestyles Education interns and one program assistant who will implement and collect data for a student health needs survey which will analyze intervention programming on campus. The program is an excellent service learning experience, particularly for those in health and social services majors. It is coordinated by Jason Nery, health educator.

**EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS**

- CSM and the San Mateo County Astronomical Society will co-host Astronomy Family Fun Day on Saturday, April 4 from 4-11 pm. Activities include planetarium shows, demonstrations, displays, evening observing and “Jazz Under the Stars” with music provided by KCSM.

- On April 16, from 2-4pm, CSM’s art and music faculty are hosting an open house “Celebration of Art and Music,” to showcase the renovation in Buildings 2 & 4. The event will feature live music and a display of student artwork.

- Priority Enrollment Program (PEP) Workshop will be held on a variety of days in April and May. PEP provides a unique half-day program for high school seniors to provide an easy transition from high school to college and guaranteed priority enrollment for the fall semester.

- CSM’s DSPS is hosting a Brown Bag Lunch Forum during the spring semester for members of the college community to learn about various topics related to disability, ask questions in an open and safe environment and work together to make CSM a more accessible place for students with disabilities. The February forum, "Beyond PTSD: Understanding and Coping with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, " was presented by Nancy Grover from the Veteran's Administration Palo Alto Health Care System.

- The final Integrate Planning Workshop of the spring semester will be held on April 13 from 2:15-4pm. The workshop features a discussion and review of this academic year’s Educational Master Plan, facilitated by Diana Bennett, Academic Senate president and Susan Estes, vice president for instruction.

- On April 15 from 9:30am – 1:30 pm, CSM’s Career Services will sponsor the annual and very popular Get Linked Career Fair. The event brings together employers and job seekers to match skills with employer needs.

- CSM’s Latinos Unidos Club will present a number of events to honor the life and accomplishments of Cesar Chavez. Upcoming events include a reading and sing-along of “DeColores” with instructor Rudy Ramirez on guitar on March 26; a potluck celebration including music, art and personal readings on March 31; and Cesar Chavez Holiday Parade and Festival 2009 which takes place in San Francisco’s Mission District on April 4.
BUILDING 5N REACHES CONSTRUCTION MILESTONE

On February 6, the college held a “topping out” ceremony to celebrate the completion of a major milestone in the construction of Building 5N. Despite the rain, many members of the college community were on hand to sign the last beam to be placed on the structure. Following the signing, a crane lifted the beam to the top of the structure where it was secured in place. Topping out is one of the oldest traditions in the construction industry, and, for Building 5N, it signifies that 30% of the construction work has been accomplished. McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., the design–build contractor for the project, generously hosted a lunch for the attendees.
NURSING PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT FROM HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

CSM's nursing program was one of nine San Mateo County groups to receive grant funding from the Peninsula Health Care District. During the health care district’s 2009 awards ceremony, it was announced that the nursing program would be receiving $370,273 for 2009-2011. This latest grant brings the health care district’s total investment in the program to more than $2 million over a 10-year period. Jane McAteer, CSM’s director of nursing, and the nursing faculty staff were recognized for their efforts in producing competent care givers to address the health needs of the community. The awards ceremony was attended by Congresswoman Jackie Speier, Assemblyman Jerry Hill and Supervisor Carole Groom, who were also recognized for their ongoing support of community health.

CSM BULLDOGS SCORE ACADEMICALLY AND ATHLETICALLY

CSM football players have received numerous honors for talents both on and off the field. Four bulldogs earned places on the 2008 national JC Grid-Wire Academic Honor Roll:

Wes Price, quarterback & team captain, engineering major (3.62 GPA)
Jack Orth, offensive lineman, business major (3.81 GPA)
Mateus Porter, defensive linebacker, business major (3.38 GPA)
Dajon Green, defensive back, liberal studies (3.35 GPA)

The student-athletes were nominated by CSM Head Football Coach Larry Owens.

The NorCal Conference has named its All-Conference athletes for 2008 which includes three CSM students: Daniel Porter, Mike Dorricott and Eddie Elder. Additional honors went to Eric Roberson and Jamie Fehoko who were named All-State and Matt Taufoou received All-American honors, by the California Community College Coaches Association All-State All-American.

CSM coaches Larry Owens and Bret Pollack recently announced that several players have signed letters of intent with 4-year colleges and universities: David Hafoka, University of Hawaii; Mateus Porter, Old Dominion University; Warren Zeigler, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Tevita Halaholo, University of Idaho; and Ernesto Lacayo, Hastings College.

CSM AND US CENSUS BUREAU JOIN FORCES

As the U.S. Census Bureau prepares for the 2010 census, CSM will serve as the primary venue in San Mateo for the information and testing sessions that the bureau will hold over the next several months. This team effort will provide many part-time job opportunities for CSM students to work as census takers, leaders, leader assistants and field operations supervisors. CSM’s Career Services is assisting to coordinate the college’s participation.
KUDOS

★ CSM alum and retiree and former San Mateo mayor and city council member Claire Mack (photo) can now add author to her long list of accomplishments. Mack has recently published a novel, “Imitation of Life: The Next Millennium.” Her story is set in San Mateo, and, although it is a work of fiction, it is loosely based on a combination of her own life and the 1939 movie, *Imitation of Life*. In an article in the Daily Journal on February 9, Mack says that she hopes her book will help people not only live better lives but realize what a great city San Mateo is. In 2005 she was selected as a recipient of the California Community College Distinguished Alumni Award. The article can be viewed online:


★ A group of CSM football players, in adjunct Assistant Professor of Political Science Erin Scholnick’s American Government class, in conjunction with Phi Theta Kappa honors students, collected 3,600 books from students and faculty during the fall 2008 semester for the Books for Africa campaign. CSM’s collection will be sold by Better World Books to funds to ship books collected by other groups to various locations in Africa. According to Scholnick, it currently costs $9,500 to ship a sea container of books and computers to Africa.

★ The fall 2008 issue of AACU’s *Peer Review Magazine* includes an article by Professors Jean Mach, Mike Burke and Jeremy Ball titled, “Integrative Learning: A Room with a View.” The article discusses the history of CSM’s learning communities and integrative learning projects, assessment tools that were developed and what was learned along the way.

IN MEMORIAM: CSM ALUM EARNED MEDAL OF HONOR

On January 24, the Los Angeles times carried an article about CSM alum James E. Swett (photo) who passed away on January 18. Swett was a former Marine Corp pilot who was awarded the Medal of Honor, the military’s highest award for valor, Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart and the Air Medal for his military service during World War II. He enrolled at CSM in 1939, attending the college’s Civilian Pilot Training Program and earning a private pilot’s license. Swett enlisted with the U.S Naval Reserve in 1941 where he took flight training and finished in the top 10 percent of his class. He was given the option to choose between a commission in the Navy or Marine Corp and opted to become a Marine. As a 22-year old first lieutenant in 1943, Swett participated in his first combat mission, leading a division of F4F-4 Wildcats over Guadalcanal in the Pacific Theatre. Over the course of the war, Swett took part in more than 100 combat missions which included action at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. On several missions, his aircraft was shot down in the Pacific; in one incident, he spent four days in a rubber life raft, living on coconuts and chocolate bars before being rescued by natives of New Guinea. After being released from active duty following the end of the war, Swett joined the Marine Corp Reserves; in 1970 he retired as a colonel. Medal of Honor is the military’s highest award for valor. (Photo from LA Times, 1/24/2009)
**Events Around Campus**

- On Thursday, March 5 from 2:15-3:30 pm, CSM will host a groundbreaking ceremony to officially celebrate the construction of Buildings 10N and 5N. Rain or shine, the event will take place in the main quad and is open to all members of the college community.

- During the month of February, CSM has been celebrating Black History Month with a series of events sponsored by the Diversity in Action Group (DIAG). The series was launched with a presentation of Teatro Chicana: A Collective Memoir and Selected Plays which featured Laura E. Garcia, Felicitas Nunez, Guadalupe Beltrans and Yolanda Flores. A collective memoir, Teatro Chicana tells the story of a troupe of 17 women who joined the theatre and how it transformed their lives. The performance featured the history and present-day story of each of the main actors and writers, as well as excerpts from the group's materials and seven of their original short scripts.

  Additional events during Black History Month included a showing and discussion of the film “The Great Debaters”; a presentation “Through the Eyes of Elders: The Inauguration of President Barack Obama” and the “Karamu (Feast): Breaking Bread,” to feed the body, mind and spirit.

  DIAG is also sponsoring a Black History Month Student Essay/Presentation Contest open to all registered CSM students and offering monetary prizes for the top three essays. Essays will address the following: With the election of the first African-American president, a new chapter in U.S. history is being written. President Barack Obama challenges us as Americans to contribute to this new chapter. How will you meet the challenge and contribute to this new chapter?

- On February 24, CSM’s Health Center held its annual Health Fair/Mardi Gras Celebration. The event featured thirty booths providing fitness testing, cholesterol and blood sugar testing, massage, reiki (a Japanese technique for stress reduction and relaxation), information tables, food, games and prizes. Playing up the Mardi Gras theme, free beads and masks were distributed. The event was organized by Sharon Bartels, Health Center coordinator and Gloria D’Ambra, Health Center office assistant.

- A group of 19 students from local high schools participating in the San Mateo Chamber of Commerce/Peninsula YMCA Youth Leadership program visited CSM as part of Business-Education Link Day. The day’s activities included a campus tour and planetarium show; a presentation about transfer and career opportunities at CSM and a workshop on successful interviewing. Prior to their visit to CSM, the students made stops at Mollie Stone’s Market in San Mateo to learn about the food industry and Outback Steakhouse at Hillsdale Mall for a glimpse into the restaurant business.

- CSM’s planetarium has resumed offering its monthly planetarium show, The Sky Tonight. Presentations begin at 7:30 pm with a second show (if needed) at 8:20 pm. Upcoming show date are: March 13, August 10, May 8 and June 12. Shows are open to the public and there is no admission charge. Parking is free in lots 7a & 7b. Reservations not required, and seating is on a first come basis.

- As part of its institutional planning process, the college is offering four Integrated Planning Workshops during the spring semester. The schedule includes: Interpersonal Communication facilitated by Martin Bednarek, counselor (2/9); Intercultural Communication facilitated by George Kramm and Yaping Li, professors of speech(3/9); Discussion and Review of this Academic Year’s Educational Master Plan, facilitated by Diana Bennett, professor of multimedia, and Jennifer Hughes, vice president of student services (4/13); and Assessment of CSM’s Integrated Planning Process, facilitated by Diana Bennett and Jennifer Hughes (5/11). All workshops are from 2:15-4 pm and are held in 36-109; they are open to the college community.
On February 27, CSM students interested in transferring to UC Davis (UCD) will participate in a UCD sponsored event which brings students to the Davis campus. During the visit, students will tour the campus, listen to a student panel and meet representatives from Financial Aid, the School of Law, Internship and Career Center and various academic departments. Transportation and lunch was provided by UCD.
Elected Officials Visit Political Science Classes

At the close of the fall semester, newly elected State Assemblyman Jerry Hill and Congresswoman Jackie Speier paid visits to Frank Damon’s National State and Local Government class. During Hill’s visit, students posed a number of questions on a variety of timely topics, including the budget stalemate, the recent election, the selection process for his replacement on the Board of Supervisors, his priorities as a state assemblyman and how he can protect education funding. While Speier was on campus, she fielded questions from students on topics such including federal tax cuts over the past eight years, pork barrel legislation, defense spending, and her appointment to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the new administration.

President’s Lecture Series Announces Spring Speakers

In Spring 2009, the President’s Lecture Series: Diverse Voices in Writing will welcome three notable authors to campus: Andrew Lam, February 19; Harriet Chessman, March 25; and Paul Ehrlich, April 22.

Andrew Lam (left) is a syndicated writer and an editor with the Pacific News Service, a short story writer and commentator on National Public Radio’s “All Things Considered.” He is co-founder of New America Media, an association of over 2000 ethnic media in the U.S. His book, Perfume Dreams: Reflections on the Vietnamese Diaspora, recently won the Pen American Beyond the Margins Award and short listed for the Asian American Literature Award. He was featured in the PBS documentary, “My Journey Home,” where a film crew followed him back to his native Vietnam.

Harriet Chessman (right) is the author of three acclaimed novels: Lydia Cassatt Reading the Morning Paper, published in eight foreign countries and chosen as a #1 Booksense Pick in 2001; Someone Not Really Her Mother, a Good Morning America Read This! book club pick, translated into Japanese and Dutch, and voted one of the San Francisco Chronicle's Best Books of 2004; and Ohio Angels, called "a poetic and moving first novel," "a lyrical debut." Two of her children's stories have been published in Ladybug and Spider. Before becoming a fiction writer, she taught English and American literature at Yale University and published The Public Is Invited to Dance, an interpretation of Gertrude Stein's experimental writings.
Paul Ehrlich (left), president of the Center for Conservation Biology and Bing professor of population studies at Stanford University, will make a return visit to CSM on April 22. Dr. Ehrlich is the co-founder of the field of co-evolution and he has pursued long-term studies of the structure, dynamics and genetics of natural butterfly populations. He has also been a pioneer in alerting the public to the problems of overpopulation and in raising issues of population, resources, and the environment as matters of public policy. Professor Ehrlich is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society and a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

**RENOVATED CAMPUS BUILDINGS REOPEN FOR SPRING**

To coincide with the beginning of the spring semester, Buildings 2, 4, 14 and 16 have reopened for business! Building improvements include new flooring, paint, lighting, electrical and data systems. All existing restrooms have been completely renovated to meet code and be fully accessible. Classrooms in all of these buildings have been updated to include Smart classroom amenities. In Buildings 2 and 4, acoustical treatments were improved to enhance the playing and listening atmosphere while the art facilities feature greatly improved lighting, oriented toward provide a superior environment for the visual arts classes. Building 16 received a new lift, making the 2nd floor accessible to all students; B14; has three greatly modernized computer labs and both 14 and 16 have exciting new break rooms for students.

A member of the fine arts faculty relayed the following message: “Yesterday I saw and taught in the new Creative Art studios. I can't thank you and everyone else involved in this project enough! The facilities are just wonderful. Everything has been so well thought-out. After teaching at CSM for 14 years, I feel reinvigorated and inspired by these new facilities. My students feel the same and asked me to relay this to you. We greatly appreciate the message the college sends with this project that the arts are important and valued.”

**CSM ROLLS OUT OPERATION WELCOME MAT**

Operation Welcome Mat (OWM) has once again been deployed to assist students in navigating the campus during the first week of classes. Since being launched in Fall 2006, OWM volunteers staffing strategically-placed information booths, have literally answered thousands of student questions. The effort is coordinated by the PR & Marketing Office.

**OCTOGENARIAN STUDENT PUBLISHES LIFE STORY**

Eighty-one year old Marion Mostny, a student in Professor Roberta Reynolds’ English class, recently published Conversations with My Children: A Journey Through Three Continents, a book about her immigration experience which began with her escape from Nazi Germany. Mostny enrolled at CSM eight years ago to improve her English so that she could memorialize her life experiences for her family. It was Reynolds who suggested that Mostny put her stories in a book. Her book was recently added to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum’s collection in Washington, D.C. The San Mateo County Times carried an article about Mostny and her book on December 26; it can be viewed at http://www.insidebayarea.com/search/ci_11317428?IADID=Search-www.insidebayarea.com-www.insidebayarea.com
CSM IS SITE OF MULTI AGENCY EMERGENCY EXERCISE

In mid-January, the college collaborated with the Search and Rescue Task Force for the Larger Bay Area and the San Mateo Police and Fire Departments in a 2-day FEMA response mock search and rescue operation held at CSM. The drill simulated a structural collapse with trapped victims, resulting from an 8.2 earthquake. This training activity provided a valuable opportunity to evaluate the readiness of local regional and state/federal urban search and rescue task forces, its ability to mobilize personnel and equipment and respond to a complex rescue operation in actual college buildings. Holding scenario-type training is designed to improve the capability of our public safety agencies in responding to and saving lives and property should there be an actual emergency.

KUDOS

★ Dean of Admissions Henry Villareal (left), as a board member of the National Council of Student Development (NCSD), is participating in a planning group to develop a Welcoming Community Colleges Initiative which focuses on helping community colleges become more aware and responsive to GLBT student issues and concerns. He attended a NCSD conference in New York in which his group conducted a presentation that focused on the purpose and goals of the initiative. They will also present a similar workshop at the American Association of Community Colleges convention in April, 2009.

★ CSM graduate Bill Wagner has been named production manager of the renowned Monterey Jazz Festival. Wagner, who earned his degree from CSM in electronics, has been involved in music performance since an early age, studied several instruments and voice, and has experience in community theatre, lighting, sound staging and special effects. He has served as production manager for the Fox Theatre in Redwood City, Montalvo Arts Center in Saratoga and Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys.

★ Former bulldog Ryan Boschetti (left) earned All American honors during his years as CSM’s defensive tackle and led the college to a Coast Conference Championship in 2001. After signing with UCLA and starting for the Bruins, he signed as a free agent with the Washington Redskins in 2004 where he spent four years as backup defensive lineman until last August when was cut from the team. Since that time, he moved back to his home in Redwood City, continued to work out and audition for several teams on the East Coast. Three months later, Boschetti received good news: the Redskins wanted to resign him.
CSM’s Holiday Reception and Scholarship Auction was a great success. According to Jennifer Hughes, vice president of Student Services, proceeds from the live and silent auctions garnered $3,002, all of which will fund student scholarships. This was the first time the holiday reception and scholarship auction were combined into one event and the hope is to continue the tradition. Last year, student services held the first scholarship auction which raised $2100. It was a festive and entertaining afternoon which included great food, compliments of Pacific Café, live music provided by CSM students, good cheer and a panoramic view of the Bay from our own Library.

EVENTS

- Nearly 150 students from CSM, Diablo Valley College, Santa Rosa Junior College, and Consumnes River College met Saturday for their study abroad departure meeting. This spring these students will spend 10 weeks studying biology, art, music, Italian, and the Italian culture in Florence. By the year’s end, CSM, working with the American Institute of Foreign Studies and the Northern California Study Abroad Consortium, will send students to South Africa, London, and Paris.

- CSM’s Financial Aid Office recently sponsored two Cash for College Workshops at the San Mateo Main Public Library for high school seniors and college students. The workshops were designed to provide assistance in completing the FAFSA form and inform attendees about other sources of available funds to help pay for college. There was also an opportunity for one lucky participant to win a $1,000 scholarship. Complimentary refreshments were included.

- CSM’s Tax Preparation Program is sponsoring free income tax preparation service on Saturdays between February 7 through April 4 (except for February 14). Tax returns are prepared by CSM students as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. This service is available for individuals as well as married couples with incomes of $45,000 or less; it is open to students as well as members of the community. No appointments are necessary. Additional information is available at VITA@smccd.edu.
NOTED AUTHOR VISITS CSM
On November 21, **Sister Helen Prejean**, internationally acclaimed anti-death penalty activist and author, visited campus as part of the President’s Lecture Series. She spoke to a standing-room-only crowd in the gymnasium about the experiences that led her to advocate against the death penalty. Her best-selling book, “Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States,” was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, developed into an Oscar-winning movie and served as the basis of an internationally-acclaimed opera. “The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions” is her second book. In addition to faculty, staff and students from CSM, students from Serra, Notre Dame and Mercy attended the event; the three local high schools recently put on a production of “Dead Man Walking” and many of the student actors were present to hear and meet Sister Prejean. A reception followed the lecture, during which Sister Prejean signed copies of her books and took photos with students. The series is funded by a generous grant from the Lane Family Charitable Trust. (Photo: Sandra Comerford, Sister Prejean, Muriel Brennan and Mike Claire)

MANAGERS ATTEND RETREAT AT COASTSIDE
CSM’s Management Council held a retreat on November 14 at CSM Coastside in Half Moon Bay. Because many of the managers had not visited Coastside, it provided an opportunity to tour the facility and view a video celebrating the opening of the Coastside office. The purpose of the retreat was to continue to build the management team, which is still relatively new, establish goals for the coming year and identify ways in which to move CSM from a “very good” institution to a “great” institution.” The managers worked in small groups to identify barriers that may impede progress to “greatness” and identified strategies for addressing them. The day was interspersed with a variety of team building exercises and a fun rendition of CSM Jeopardy, which provided an avenue for managers to learn more about the history of CSM. The planning committee included **Marsha Ramezane, Sandra Comerford, Marilyn Lawrence, Bev Madden** and **Jennifer Hughes**.
**College Hosts Holiday Reception & Scholarship Auction**

In a departure from tradition, the planners of CSM’s holiday reception have joined forces with Student Services to host a Holiday Reception/Scholarship Auction to be held on Thursday, December 11, from 2-4:30 pm in the Library. This college wide event, open to all faculty, staff and administrators, will celebrate the season and support CSM students. It will include both a live and silent auction; 100% of the proceeds will fund student scholarships. Over the past few weeks, college faculty and staff have donated new and gently used items for the auction. Pacific Dining, our district food service vendor, has generously donated refreshments for this event. The silent auction begins at 2 pm and attendees will be able to preview auction items at that time. The live auction begins at 3 pm. Please join us for an exciting and entertaining holiday event.

**Kudos**

- Scientist and genome pioneer **J. Craig Venter**, who is also a CSM alum, was the subject of a December 1 article appearing in the *San Diego Weekly Reader*, titled “The Incredible Craig Venter.” The lengthy article focuses on Venter’s latest endeavor -- to build a permanent headquarters for his J. Craig Venter Institute as home base for the institute’s controversial plan to create new life using artificial chromosomes. It describes Venter’s early years growing up in Millbrae and serving as a medic in Vietnam, his return to the Peninsula to attend CSM for a year and a half, followed by transfer to the University of California at San Diego where he studied under renowned biochemist Nathan Kaplan. To read the entire article, go to http://www.sandiegoreader.com/news/2008/nov/25/cover/

- For the second time in the last three weeks, former CSM quarterback **Julian Edelman** (photo) was named Mid American Conference (MAC) Player of the Week. Edelman, now Kent State’s senior quarterback, led his team to a 24-21 victory over the MAC East champion State University of New York at Buffalo. He posted his seventh consecutive 100-yard rushing game tallying 167 yards on 19 carries against Buffalo. This is the fourth time Edelman received the MAC honor.

- **CSM’s football team** won its finale over Diablo Valley, 42-23, on November 14. The Bulldogs finished the regular season ranked 13 in Northern CA, 23 in the state. Their overall record was 5-5, however, the five loses were to five of the top seven ranked teams in Northern CA, all of which were in the top 13 in the state. Two of those losses were in overtime and four were by seven points or fewer.

**Upcoming Events**

- December 11, 2-4:30 pm CSM Holiday Reception and Scholarship Auction, CSM Library
- December 12, 7:30 pm “The Sky Tonight” Planetarium Show
- December 10, 8 pm Masterworks Chorale Presents “Holiday Candelight Concert Transfiguration Episcopal Church, San Mateo
- December 13, 8 pm Masterworks Chorale Presents “Messiah Sing-Along/Festival of Carols, Hillsdale High School
- December 14, 2 pm CSM Symphonic Band Concert with Mills High School Symphonic Band, Cañada College Theatre
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KCSM ‘S “SPOTLIGHT” SERIES GETS PRESS
A new television series developed by KCSM-TV was the subject of an article in the San Francisco Chronicle, “Spotlight!” puts teens and their films on TV” (October 9, 2008). The article describes Station Producer Katherine Russell’s efforts in creating the unique “Spotlight!” series which features the work of talented high school filmmakers. The student films were selected at KCSM’s Spotlight High School Film Festival. The show highlights the winning films and includes student-conducted interviews with local film professionals about their careers which are moderated by “Spotlight!” host Angie Coiro. The first episodes of “Spotlight!” were aired in October. The article is available at Spotlight! puts teens and their films on TV.
Jazz Festival Features High School Talent

On Friday, November 14, the college’s Music Department will host the 12th annual CSM Jazz Festival. The festival features performances by 16 high school jazz ensembles from San Mateo, Contra Costa and Santa Clara counties. In addition, each group will receive constructive feedback from adjudicators following each performance. Special guests serving as this year’s adjudicators are Dr. Gregory Yasinitsky from Washington State University (CSM alumnus), Dave Eshelman from California State University East Bay, Fred Berry from Stanford University (CSM professor emeritus) and Frank Sumares from San Jose State University. CSM’s Monday evening jazz ensemble will perform a free concert from 12:15-1pm with special guest artist Wayne Wallace. Wallace is also scheduled to present a clinic on various musical topics at 1 pm. Professor of Music Mike Galisatus is the coordinator of the event.

San Matean Editor Has Opinion Piece Published

Christine Karavas (left), editor of the San Matean had an opinion article printed in the San Francisco Examiner’s “Viewpoint” section on October 29, 2008. The article, “Don’t Fool Yourself: Blogs, Texts are not Journalism,” was originally written for an essay competition for which Christine won Best Opinion Article at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges Norcal 2008 conference held last month at San Jose State University. The students competing in the Best Opinion Article category were given 50 minutes to write their articles. The article can be viewed online:
http://www.sfexaminer.com/opinion/Dont_fool_yourself_Blogs_texts_are_not_journalism.html

Library Launches Newsletter

The Library recently published its introductory issue of The Bulldog's Bookcase newsletter. The fall issue is filled with helpful and interesting articles which will keep the campus community informed about the Library’s events, services and staff. The newsletter was created by Suzie Bahmanyar, a San Jose State University Library School intern, in conjunction with Lorrita Ford, director of library and learning services, and Michele Alaniz, librarian. The newsletter is now available online at

Upcoming Events

November 14 - CSM Planetarium Show, The Sky Tonight, 7:30-8:30 pm
November 17 - Integrated Planning Workshop Series
   Understanding CSM's Budget Planning Process, 2:15-4pm, Bldg. 36, Room 109
November 18 - Accounting & Tax Job Fair, 5-7pm, Bldg. 18, Rm. 206
November 19 - DSPS Brown Bag Lunch Series (Flex Credit)
   “Academic Accommodations Gone Hi-Tech” on November 19, 1-2 pm Bldg. 19, Room 105
November 20 – American Smoke Free Information Day, Upper Campus Quad, 10am-1pm
FIRE ENGINE DONATED TO CSM
The Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department recently donated a 1984 fire engine to CSM’s Fire Technology Program. The engine provides newer technology for students to use and practice their skills. The previous engine that CSM had been using was donated by the South San Francisco Fire Department and has been passed on to City College of San Francisco. A “passing down” ceremony for the newly acquired engine was held as President Mike Claire accepted the donated engine from Fire Chief Doug Fry with firefighters, college faculty and administrators and fire technology students looked on. An article and photo (left), about the donation appeared in the Daily Journal.

Photo by Peter Mootz, Daily Journal

CHILDREN’S ARTWORK GRACES CONSTRUCTION ZONE
Children enrolled in the Mary Meta Lazarus Child Development Center are making their contribution toward improving the aesthetics of our campus. Our youngest students have painted colorful, eye-catching murals that are being displayed on the cyclone fence around Building 5N’s construction zone. All who pass by the area can admire the children’s beautiful artwork which provides a welcoming distraction from the construction site.

CSM INSTRUCTOR HIGHLIGHTED IN CALENDAR
Jane Williams ethnic studies instructor, is one of 12 local women featured in San Mateo County Loves Its Women 2009 Calendar. The calendar highlights messages from each woman about the important role of mammograms as a simple test that saves lives. Also featured in the calendar is San Mateo County Superior Court Judge Rosemary Pfeifer, a CSM alumna. The calendar was a collaborative effort of Mills-Peninsula Health Services, Chambers of Commerce for the San Mateo Area, Foster City, San Bruno, Half Moon Bay and South San Francisco, Downtown San Mateo and Live Work Shop Mateo.
**CSM HOSTS BOOT CAMP FOR HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALISTS**

CSM was the site of the second annual High School Journalism Boot Camp, hosted by the San Francisco Peninsula Press Club and the college. Seventy-five students from Bay Area high schools attended the event which featured workshops on topics such as news writing, sports writing, arts and entertainment, live TV news, newspaper design, online publishing, advertising, digital photography and pod casting. Students were welcomed by Jamie Casini, president of the San Francisco Peninsula Press Club and managing editor of the Palo Alto Daily News. A keynote presentation on the topic of defamation was given by James Wagstaffe, media law professor at San Francisco State University. High school students also attended session in which they could have their school newspapers critiqued by local professional journalists.

**EVENTS ON CAMPUS**

- The 5th Autumn Job Fair, sponsored by the Career Development Center was held on October 15. CSM students and the community-at-large were invited and approximately 275 people attended. Forty-one employers from a wide variety of industries and resources were present looking for interns, part-time, temporary and full-time employees with diverse skill sets. Among the participating employers were: Wells Fargo, California Staffing, Adecco, Allen Lund Co., Bright Horizons Family Solutions, Carney Ed. Services, Radio Shack, Home Depot, Hyatt Regency, Radio Disney, ABACUS, City of Redwood City, Job Train and Circuit City. CSM counselor Eileen O’Brien who coordinated the event also participated in a radio interview about the fair that aired on WILD 94.9, KISS 98.1, KIOI 101.3 and KKSF 103.7 and Green 960.

- CSM’s Library sponsored the CSM Learning 2.0 Kickoff party, an event that encouraged faculty and staff to join the CSM Learning 2.0 community. The goal of the party was to create a fun and interactive online community by learning about blogging, RSS feeds, Flickr, tagging, wikis and podcasting and connecting with the types of software that students are using.

- Earlier today, CSM’s Health Center hosted the 2nd annual Fall Health Fair. This popular event featured free flu shots, blood pressure screening, blood sugar testing, yoga and fitness information, and acupressure and massage demonstrations. The theme for this semester’s fair was Halloween and included free health treats and prizes. It was held in a tent located on the upper quad area. Sharon Bartels and Gloria D’Amбра coordinated the event (photo at right with Dr. Nichols, medical director of the Health Center).

- On October 15, College Council held an All-College meeting devoted to two topics: the draft of the district’s Strategic Plan and an update on college construction activities. The meeting began with a college-wide feedback session on the SMCCCD Strategic Plan which was facilitated by Patty Dilko, district Academic Senate president and co-chair of the district Strategic Planning Committee. This session was followed by a presentation by Construction Planning Department representatives about the latest developments in the construction of Building 5N, modernization of 2, 4, 14 and part of 16 and what the college community can expect when construction is in full swing next year.
**COLLEGE LAUNCHES INTEGRATED PLANNING WORKSHOPS**

The college is offering a series of workshops to facilitate the implementation of its new integrated planning process. The fall offerings, which are currently underway, include: “Program Review and Annual Work Plan,” “Assessment of Tools and Data,” “Student Demographics and Today’s Students,” and “Understanding CSM’s Budget Planning Process.” Four additional workshops are scheduled during the spring semester: “Interpersonal Communication,” “Intercultural Communication,” “Discussion and Review of this Academic Year’s Educational Master Plan,” and Assessment of CSM’s Integration Planning Process. Integrated Planning Workshops are open to all faculty, staff and administrators.

**MASTERWORKS CHORALE IN CONCERT**

On November 8 and 9, Masterworks Chorale presents its fall concert – *Mozart Grand Mass in C Minor* at Trinity Presbyterian Church in San Carlos. Rivaling the *Requiem* for passionate excitement and sheer beauty, the *Grand Mass* fulfills a promise Mozart made to his wife. Combining chorale, orchestra and soloists, this sublime work joins Whitacre’s “Five Hebrew Love Songs” and the premiere of “The Moon and the Sprite” by Bay Area composer Nicholas Carlozzi, commissioned by Masterworks. Performance times are 8-10 pm on Saturday, November 8 and 4-6pm on Sunday, November 9. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 at the door.

**CSM CELEBRATES DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH**

Throughout October, CSM has been celebrating Disability Awareness Month with a number of special events. Highlights include a presentation on living with mental illness by speaker from National Alliance on Mental Illness; a showing of the film “Reign Over Me,” a fundraiser for the Assistive Technology Equipment Scholarship Fund, and a brown bag forum, Academic Accommodations Gone Hi-Tech (coming up on Nov.19).

**KUDOS**

🌟 CSM journalism students captured top honors at a Northern California journalism conference held earlier this month at San Jose State University. The students were honored for their work with a General Excellence award for the web site version of *The San Matean*, and several writing awards. **Christine Karavas** (right), editor of *The San Matean*, was awarded first place for opinion writing in an on-the-spot competition held at the daylong event. Her article addressed the event’s keynote speakers and was written under strict deadline pressure in competition with other students. In the mail-in competition, judging work over the last year, Karavas also earned fourth place news feature honors for her story about changes to language and writing caused by text messaging.

Other San Matean staffers receiving honors included: **Colleen Shjeflo**, Meritorious Award in Enterprise Story/Series category, for her in-depth report about the use of firearms by college security officers; **Peter Jadelrab**, third place in Profile Feature, for his article about an Iraq war veteran returning to college; **Emily Daly**, fourth place in News writing, for her story about the slaying of a Cañada College student; and **Danny Castro**, Honorable Mention in Sports Game Story, for his game coverage. “CSM’s journalism students work hard to excel, so it’s terrific to see their efforts acknowledged by the professionals who judge for the JACC,” said **Ed Remitz**, CSM journalism adviser.

The conference was hosted by the Journalism Association of Community Colleges, a statewide organization. The JACC holds Northern California and Southern California conferences and a larger state conference each spring that brings both regions together. Approximately 225 students from 22 community colleges attended the event, which presented an array of workshops and competitions.
CSM TAKES 1ST PLACE IN STATE COSMETOLOGY CONTEST

CSM Cosmetology students earned first place honors at a California Cosmetology Association student competition held in Riverside at the end of September. CSM’s winning team competed with 25 other teams from the Southern California area; they were the only team representing Northern California and won a first place trophy and cash prize for their work in the nail category. Team members (photo, right) included: Adomeli Matureli, Melanie Meyer, Angel Ortiz and Jenifer Kanemitsu.

CSM alum and former football player Keith Osai is a 2008 graduate of Brigham Young University with a degree in sociology. He has recently been hired by Utah State University (USU) as advisor and academic programs coordinator for Multicultural Student Services. Keith works with new freshmen and transfer students, assists with counseling, scholarships, tutoring, recruiting, advisor to the Polynesian Student Union and he teaches a life skills course. USU’s student newspaper, The Statesman, recently carried a feature article about Osai and ties to CSM and the football program. The article can be read at http://www.utahstatesman.com/contents/campus_news/a_new_mind_for_multicultural_student_services

Professor of Film David Laderman has had a scholarly paper published in an anthology, “Lowering the Boom: Critical Studies in Film Sound,” editors Jay Back and Tony Grajeda, 2008, University of Illinois Press. Laderman’s essay, “(S)lip-Sync: Punk Rock Narrative Film and Postmodern Musicial Performance,” which he used as a dissertation for his PhD, has been expanded to book length and will be published in 2009. The subject of the publication is American and British punk films from the late 1970’s and early 1980’s which Laderman describes as “mostly low budget, sloppy independent films that tried to incorporate punk or reflect punk on some variation on the musical film genre.” He developed the idea for “slip-sync” from punk rockers performing in the films that “slipped out of sync” with the soundtrack.

Makiko Ueda, psychologist with Student Services, coordinated the Japanese Choral Festival which recently took place in the Skyline College Theatre. She also participated in the festival as a singer in two of the six choirs that performed traditional Japanese songs and some American classics. Approximately 150 people attended the event. The program was co-sponsored by CSM’s Diversity In Action Group (DIAG), the Multi-Cultural Center and the Skyline Student Activities Office.
BOY SCOUTS SPRUCE UP CSM PAR COURSE

Over several summer weekends, the 18-station par course on campus was refurbished by a local Boy Scout Troop project under the supervision of its scoutmaster, Hans Ullrich, KCSM broadcast engineer. The work focused on the remaining stations and not replacement of those no longer in existence. The Scouts sanded and refinished all of the sign structures and support posts. In addition, they replaced many of the deteriorating boards, posts and hardware. Steven Arms, the troop project leader, did a fantastic job of devising the project plan, communicating it to the college administration and coordinating the work with the Facilities Department. The successful completion of this project will earn him scouting’s highest rank, Eagle. According to Hans, only 5% of scouts earn this rank. The refurbished stations are now safer and aesthetically pleasing. Many thanks to Troop #44 of San Mateo!

CELEBRATING FACULTY WITH LONG-TERM SERVICE

On Tuesday, September 30, from 12:30-2pm, the college will host the annual Faculty Service Awards Reception honoring faculty with 10, 22, 30 and 40 years of service. This year, the college will celebrate 31 honorees:

10 years: Philip Alves, Jim Clifford, Machiko Conway, Jonathan Hofeld, Stanley Isaacs, Steven Isler, George Khoury, Joyce Luck, Ashok Malik, Siamack Moughadam, Sandra Raeber, Rudy Ramirez, Eugene Shender, Kevin Sinarle, Michelle Warner, Mary Katherine Wilson, Jing Wu

20 years: Thomas Chase, Robert Fisher, Michael Galisatus, Modesta Garcia, Andres Gonzales, Carol Hansen, Ann Longknife, Jane McAteer, Mohammad Roghani

30 years: Kitty Brown, Harry Collis, John Heinbockel, Janice Willis

40 years: Dean Chowenhill

The event is will be held in the SoTL Center, Bldg. 12, 170. Refreshments will be served. The reception is sponsored by the President’s Office. All members of the campus community are invited.
**KARAOKE FOR VETS RAISES $625**
CSM staff and friends turned out to sing (or attempt to sing) at a karaoke fundraiser that netted $625 for a veteran’s scholarship. One hundred percent of the proceeds raised by the event will fund Welcome Home scholarships honoring CSM students who have served or are currently serving in the military. The fundraiser was sponsored by CSM’s Classified Staff Planning Committee with assistance from the Veterans Club and held at the College Vista Clubhouse. Donations to support the scholarship are still being accepted. Please make checks payable to ClaSP Vets Scholarship and send to Mario Mihelcic in the Admissions Office.

**KUDOS**

⭐ The August 2008 issue of *Gentry* magazine included the second part of a feature story about CSM during the Coyote Point years (the first part was published in August 2007) written by historians Michael Svanevik, professor of history and Shirley Burgett. The “Academy” focuses primarily on 1947-1953 when the college was housed in former Maritime Academy buildings at the Coyote Point site. *Gentry* is an upscale magazine covering the mid-peninsula. The article can be viewed at http://digimag.rrd.com/18Media/Peninsula200808

⭐ Jude Pittman (left), associate professor of art, has a collection of her work on display at the Avenue 25 Gallery. Her show, “New Works: Paintings and Giclee Prints by Jude Pittman” is on display now through October 30. Giclee printing creates images generated from high resolution digital scans and printed with special light-fast inks onto various surfaces. Avenue 25 Gallery is located at 32W 25th Avenue in San Mateo.

⭐ Michelle Brown (right), associate professor of broadcasting and electronic media, has recently been accepted by the Academy of TV Arts and Sciences Foundation as a delegate to the annual Faculty Seminar to be held November 11-15 in Los Angeles. She is one of only 20 educators selected to participate in the seminar which will include discussions, presentations and interactions with major studios, production companies, networks and their top production and programming professionals. Participants will also have the opportunity to view behind-the-scenes television production.
The Transfer Center sponsored another very successful Transfer Day event which included representatives from UC, CSU and many private universities in California and from out-of-state. Members of the Associated Students of CSM and Student Senate participated by offering opportunities for transfer bound students to get involved in campus life and student governance which would make them more competitive applicants when applying to highly impacted institutions. The day included free refreshments and raffle prizes. Mike Mitchell (right), transfer services coordinator, was in charge of the event.

Alumni Stars

CSM alum Warren Furutani (left) was elected in a special election to the 55th Assembly District in February 2008, representing the communities of Wilmington, Harbor City, Harbor Gateway, Carson and parts of Long Beach and Lakewood. Assemblyman Furutani recently authored Assembly Joint Resolution 65 which gave formal recognition to the important contributions of Filipino and Filipino Americans to the history and cultural heritage of California; it successfully passed both houses of the Legislature with strong bipartisan support. Furutani has been involved in public service for 35 years. He served three terms as a member of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees and is the only person to have been elected and reelected to the LACCD board and to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board. Furutani was the first Asian Pacific American ever elected to the high school district board. He attended CSM in the late 1960’s and was an activist for equal rights, particularly in the area of education.

Don Hall (right), a CSM graduate and artist, was the subject of an article in the Turlock Journal, featuring an exhibit of his work currently on display in the Turlock City Gallery. Hall received his AA degree in fine art and then transferred to the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland before completing his BA at California State University, Stanislaus. He also obtained a master’s in fine art. Don has taught art in community colleges for more than 20 years, including Merced College, Delta College and currently at Modesto Junior College. His most recent exhibition includes paintings and drawings, however, he works mainly in clay. He creates ceramic sculptures and pottery in his studio and has recently begun writing articles for Pottery Making Illustrated magazine. His ceramics have been on exhibit at art shows around the State. He attended CSM in the 1960’s.

Middle College Visits Stanford

To mark the beginning of the new academic year, CSM’s Middle College High School students participated in a field trip to Stanford University to view outdoor art displays. Prior to the field trip, students spent two days addressing "What is art?" They worked in groups to discuss what forms of art were most meaningful to them. The field trip to Stanford allowed them to visit the Papua New Guinea Sculpture Garden and view sculptures around campus and outside the Cantor Art Center. This year, 58 students from the San Mateo Union High School District and the Cabrillo Unified School District are enrolled in the program.
**CSM Hosts Talking About Teaching Forums**

CSM has recently launched its *Talking About Teaching Forums* for the fall semester. The first event featured a demonstration of “Civic Mirror,” a civic engagement, classroom simulation conducted by Regan Ross from Action-ed, based in Vancouver, BC. Civic Mirror, an innovative learning tool that accompanies classroom lectures and enhances the learning that takes place, offers students the opportunity to practice what they are taught by experiencing governing first hand. It encourages students to actively engage with one another as they create a new national government, elect a president, write a constitution, run an economy and accumulate or lose wealth while trying to support their families. This all takes place in the classroom, without leaving the campus! Political Science Instructor Erin Scholnick arranged the presentation.

Information about this innovative program and comments by many people throughout the world, including the prime minister of Canada, can be viewed at [http://civicmirror.com/](http://civicmirror.com/).

A second, recently held Talking About Teaching Forum was “CSM and Canada Scholars: Infusing Civic Knowledge and Responsibility into the Classroom.” It featured the following faculty members and topics:

**Paul Roscelli**, economics, Cañada: Economic Puzzles as a Teaching and Learning Tool  
**Michelle Brown**, broadcasting and electronic Media, CSM: “Students’ Ethical Understanding and Assessment of GE-SLO #5 – Ethical Responsibility”  
**Anniqua Rana**, ESL, Cañada: “The Impact of Supplemental Instruction on Students’ Learning”  
**Lucia Olson**, English, CSM: “Students’ Understanding of Protest Literature”  
**Lezlee Ware**, political science, Cañada: “The Democratic Process Inside and Outside the Classroom”

**Health Center Introduces Project EAGLE**

CSM's Health Center is sponsoring Project EAGLE, a new, grant funded peer education program designed to promote student health and wellness by reducing harmful effects of substance use. Project EAGLE utilizes an interactive empowerment and education-based approach to reduce the incidence of severe illness/injury or death due to substance use; educate students on co-morbid risks of substance use; identify social issues leading to substance use; promote resistance, resiliency, problem solving and stress management skills; and provide on and off campus health resources. At the request of faculty, project staff are making 15-30 minutes presentations to classes about the program.

**Upcoming Events**

- September 24 – Diabetes Awareness Day, Fiesta de La Salud, featuring health information, food demonstrations and music.
- September 24 - DSPS Brown Bag Lunch Forum: DSPS 101
- September 25 – Accounting & Tax Networking Night – an event for accounting and tax students and members of the community interested in learning more about careers in accounting or tax.
- September 27 – Alumni Football Day, CSM Football Stadium, 1 pm kickoff
- October 2, 2-3:30 pm - Talking About Teaching Forum: “Energizing Learning by Letting the Students Be the Teachers,” featuring Tatiana Isaeff (Nursing, CSM); and “What Students Can Do with Electronic Text,” with Carolyn Fiori (Disabled Students Program, CSM).
- October 10, 2-3:30 pm – Talking About Teaching Forum: “Integrative Learning in a Mathematics Classroom,” featuring Mike Burke (Math, CSM)
AUGUST 13, 2008

The college has been busy gearing up for Opening Day festivities and the beginning of the new semester. On August 15, the college will kick off the semester with a continental breakfast followed by an all-college meeting in the gymnasium. Presentations will include a welcome-back speech by President Mike Claire, with remarks by representatives from the Academic Senate, AFT and CSEA. Following this meeting, faculty will attend department meetings and assessment workshops designed to assist in the assessment of SLOs and the development of departmental assessment calendars.

On August 13, the college rolled out the “blue” carpet and warmly welcomed new students as a prelude to formally beginning their studies at CSM. This new event, appropriately named, Welcome Day, included campus tours, displays of programs and services, lunch and entertainment. Welcome Day was coordinated by Aaron Schaefer and Fauzi Hamadeh of the Student Activities Office.

Beginning on Monday, August 18, the college will deploy dozens of faculty and staff wearing blue CSM t-shirts as part of Operation Welcome Mat, a college wide customer service effort to help students find their way around campus. The “operation” consists of several information stations and volunteers strategically located around campus to help direct students and answer questions. Operation Welcome Mat will serve students throughout the first week of classes.

PRESIDENT’S LECTURE SERIES BEGINS 6TH YEAR

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CSM has Major Presence at County Fair

The college’s participation at the San Mateo County Fair is in full swing through Sunday, August 17. More than 120 CSM volunteers are involved in the college’s many exhibits which are housed in large room in Fiesta Hall. Among this year’s programs and services being exhibited are biology and health, horticulture and floristry, electronic music, ceramics and sculpture, cosmetology, foreign languages, astronomy, CSM Coastside, Community Education, Study Abroad, Financial Aid, EOPS, Financial Aid, Veterans Club and Masterworks Choral. In addition, the college is providing a number of musical performances by CSM’s Jazz Ensemble, Electronic Music Program and the CSM Bulldog Band at an outdoor venue. The college’s presence at the fair is being coordinated by Alex Guiriba, program services coordinator in Student Services and staff from the Public Relations and Marketing Office. According to the San Mateo County Fair website, 150,000 guests are expected to attend this year’s event.

Orientation for New Faculty

New faculty orientation was held last week for newly hired, full-time faculty members. The day’s program included information about the Faculty Handbook, Committee on Instruction, basic Skills Initiative, and renovation and design build. Special presentations included an Astronomy Day pre-show and an interview with World War II survivors by the broadcasting department. The group also enjoyed lunch and participated in a campus tour. CSM’s new full-time faculty members are: Jane Jackson (music), Colleen Kirby-Banas (dental assisting) and Lee Miller (political science). A separate orientation was held for new adjunct faculty.

Kudos

- CSM student Ursula B. Williams was recently honored by the Soroptimist International of Millbrae/San Bruno at its Annual Service Awards Dinner. Williams, a single mother with sole support of a 7-month-old son, and a former heroin addict, won the Women's Opportunity Award, which goes to a woman who is returning to school to better her family circumstances. She expects to graduate with an associate degree from the in December and wants to be an office manager to support her family.

- Fred Baer, CSM sports information director, has covered eight Summer Olympics since 1972 and is currently in Beijing serving as an official at the Pacific Association, a regional arm of the U.S. Track and Field Association. His assignment is to provide coverage of track and field events for a number of media groups. An interview with Baer about his experience as an Olympic journalist was carried in the August 3 edition of the San Francisco Examiner.

- CSM transfer student Rachel Perez (right), recently won a first place award in the 3C Media Solutions Community College Film and Video Festival. She and two other CSM students, Noel Chavez and Leo Medrano, created an AIDS awareness promotion titled, Educate Yourself. Rachel, a broadcasting major, is currently attending San Francisco State University and working at KCSM where she has the opportunity for more hands-on broadcasting experience. 3C Media Solutions delivers media content to the California Community Colleges through television and the internet; it is grant funded through the State Chancellor’s Office.
CSM alum Daniel Zoughbie (left) is the founder of Global Health Micro-Clinics, a series of small clinics that provide communities with a social, educational and clinical network to access information and tests for diabetes. Daniel, who transferred to UC Berkeley, where he received his bachelor’s degree in urban studies, has set up 300 micro-clinics in Amman, Jordan. Over the next two years, he anticipates establishing another 500-1,000 clinics throughout Jordan. Global Health Micro-clinics has received the support of the Jordanian Ministry of Health and Queen Rania’s health organization. While a student at CSM, Daniel volunteered to help Dr. Zelte Crawford, professor emeritus of ethnic studies, with the Twilight Youth Basketball program for underprivileged youth. His work resulted in a successful fundraising campaign, and this experience gave him the confidence and knowledge to pursue his own fund raising and community building for his Global Health initiative. He is a native of Pacifica.

**Upcoming Events**

- **Jazz Under the Stars** - Saturday, September 6, 8-11pm
  (weather permitting)
  Building 36, Rooftop Observatory
  Free and open to the public.

- **Planetarium Show** - Friday, September 12, 7:30pm
  (with a second show at 8:20, if needed)
  Building 36, Planetarium
  Free and open to the public.
CSM’S SCIENCE BUILDING & PLANETARIUM WINS ANOTHER DESIGN BUILD AWARD

CSM’s Science Building and Planetarium has garnered yet another prestigious honor. The Design Build Institute of America Western Pacific Region Awards Committee has selected the Science Building and Planetarium as the winner of the Excellence Award in the second annual “Magic of Design Build” Awards Program. It was highlighted in a special slide show presentation and awards program book presented at the awards ceremony which was held in Newport Beach.

CSM WORKING TO ASSIST RETURNING VETERANS

The Associated Students of CSM are funding an emergency mercy loan program to help student veterans purchase books and supplies. The ASCSM is providing $2,500 toward interest-free loans to qualifying veterans who apply for financial aid and expect to receive GI Bill benefits but don’t begin receiving their monthly stipend in time to purchase books. Mario Mihelcic, admissions and records assistant/certifying specialist for veterans’ benefits, as part of a dedicated veterans team made up of staff, faculty and administrators, was instrumental in working with the students to secure funding for the loan program.

As troops return from Iraq and Afghanistan, CSM is experiencing an increase in the number of veterans enrolling at the college. In spring 2008, CSM certified approximately 90 student veterans. In response to this increase, the college has enhanced services to veterans by providing a dedicated academic counselor, developing an email distribution list to communicate updates and events, and forming a veterans club.

In a related development, CSM has recently announced a new career course which will focus specifically on veterans and will begin in Spring 2009. The course, Planning for Student Success (Career 120), is designed to assist student veterans in their transition to college and their return to civilian life.
**College Prepares for County Fair**

CSM returns to the San Mateo County Fair for the second consecutive year on August 8-10 and 15-17. The college is looking to repeat the success of last year when it provided information to hundreds of fairgoers. After reviewing contact information collected at the fair in 2007, staff learned that a number of visitors to CSM’s exhibits became first-time enrollees at the college in the fall. This year the goal has been to expand the college’s presence with even more exhibits and activities.

Occupying a large room in Fiesta Hall, the lineup of exhibitors will include art, astronomy, broadcasting, ceramics, cosmetology, electronics, horticulture, music, photography and science programs. Student services will also be represented by financial aid and EOPS. Showings of looping DVD’s on the colleges’ programs and services will augment the exhibits. CSM’s participation will also feature performances by the college’s jazz band, its all-employee Bulldog band, its electronic music students and other musical groups associated with CSM. Complimentary popcorn, candy and CSM balloons will be given to visitors. Those participating in games and activities can receive free CSM items such as “logoed” pens. There will also be free raffle drawings for prizes. The bulldog mascot will also make an appearance.

In addition, CSM will be advertising in a special insert section of the *S.F. Examiner* which will be delivered to residences and circulated at the event. Overall distribution is expected at about 77,000 copies.

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**2008-09 Catalog Now Available**

CSM’s 2008-09 Catalog arrived on campus last week, featuring on its cover a rendering of what will be the college’s new Allied Health and Wellness Building. Over the last two years, content, design and layout changes have made the catalog more use-friendly for students, counselors, staff and all who refer to it for important information.
KUDOS

★ CSM alum Nicole Guttormsen (right) has been selected for the USA Athletes International team taking part in the 2008 annual Robur ‘58 Apeldoorn Series, a softball tournament that takes place July 19-28 in Apeldoorn, Netherlands. A 2005 graduate of Half Moon Bay High School, Guttormsen played for two years at CSM where she was an all-conference selection in 2007. From CSM, she transferred to Holy Names University in Oakland where she continued to play; she also had the opportunity to coach the junior varsity team at Skyline High School.

★ CSM student Daniel Nopuente was the recipient of a $1,000 scholarship awarded by the Al Teglia Jobs for Youth Endowment Fund.

★ A total of 23 CSM employees participated in the M.E.E.T. on Common Ground: Speaking Up for Respect in the Workplace workshop held at the college in June.

★ Matt Finch, a CSM chemistry major has jump-started his career as a participant in the SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) Institute’s Astrobiology Research Experience for Undergraduates program (funded by the NSF and NASA). As a result of that experience, Matt was invited to work on a project assisting NASA scientists working on the Mars Phoenix Lander project, which arrived at Mars this past May. Matt is part of a lab team that is testing terrestrial analog soils. They will attempt to duplicate the results from Mars with samples from Earth using the same equipment in the lab that is installed in the Phoenix Lander. The tests might reveal whether there’s life on Mars.
**KCSM Competition Honors High School Filmmakers**

Six Bay Area high school students took home eight CSM scholarships awarded at the second annual KCSM/CSM High School Video Competition held on June 11. Awards were given for directing (Nicholas Dubkin, Homestead High School), audio (James Daggett, Sequoia High School), special effects (James Daggett), editing (Alyssa Royce, San Mateo High School), screenplay or adaptation (Jesse Swatling-Holcomb, Dashiel Nye, Gabriel McDowell, St Joseph Notre Dame) and best-of-show (James Daggett). Winners in all categories were awarded $500 in scholarship money and all participants received valuable filmmaking tools such as Adobe Premiere editing software, Gorilla production management software and Avid Media Composer. The awards program was hosted by Michelle Brown, CSM associate professor of broadcast and electronic arts and Thomas Schulz, a CSM broadcasting student. The competition was open to all high school students in the Bay Area. KCSM viewers will be able to watch the student productions and interviews with the filmmakers as part of the Spotlight! public television series to air on KCSM-TV in the fall. The awards presentation will be televised on KCSM on July at 10 pm. (Photo: Winning filmmakers Swatling-Holcomb, Nye and McDowell receive their award for best original screenplay)

**Classified Staff Appreciation Day Celebrated**

On June 3, CSM welcomed summer as the college celebrated Classified Appreciation Day amid an appropriate construction theme. The event included a barbecue catered by Pacific Café and awards ceremony honoring six employees celebrating 10, 15 and 20 years of service to the district: Katherine Russell, KCSM; Isabelle Dillman, Math/Science, Alisa Clancy, KCSM; Rita Gulli, Corporate and Continuing Education; Jeanne Stalker, Counseling, and Karen Wiggins-Dowler, Child Development Center. Entertainment highlights featured live music provided by the CSM Bulldog Band and an entertaining and creative performance by CSM’s very own Beach Boys, aka President Mike Claire, Vice President of Instruction Susan Estes and Vice President of Student Services Jennifer Hughes. Administrators and classified staff also competed in three-legged races and a hula hoop contest. (Photo: Claire, Estes and Hughes performing for staff)

**English Faculty Present at National Composition Conference**

At the end of the spring semester, three members of the English faculty, James Carranza, Teeka James and John Kitamura, were presenters at the 4C’s Conference on College Composition and Communication, in New Orleans. The conference brings together more than 3,000 community college and university faculty to explore
contemporary issues and practices in the scholarship of teaching composition. The 4C’s is a national organization which presents the most effective theories, research and practices of college composition scholars, courses and programs. Their presentation, “Blending Realities: Creating a Reality of Success for Students of Color,” focused on the problem-solution learning community that Carranza and James developed five years ago and which evolved into “Writing in the End Zone,” a program which fosters student success among CSM’s most at risk student population – African American and Pacific Islander males. Kitamura created two podcasts used in the presentation. One featured an End-Zone student performing a rap tutorial on sentence combining that the faculty share with students, and the second was an archive of student reflection on their experiences in Writing in the End Zone program. Both podcasts are available for download on CSM’s iTunes U page under “Kitamura – English” in the CSM Courses page at [http://www.smccd.edu/itunesu/](http://www.smccd.edu/itunesu/).

**STUDENTS COLLECT BOOKS FOR AFRICA**
The culmination of a spring project undertaken by a group of political science students resulted 220 pounds of books being collected and donated to the nonprofit program, Books for Africa. Books for Africa is largest shipper of donated textbooks to the African continent; its purpose is to collect books and distribute them to low-income children in Africa. In order to raise the money to mail the books, a group of CSM students staffed a booth at the Spring Fling held in May where they accepted donations and had a book drop-off area. The students providing leadership for this effort are enrolled in adjunct assistant professor Erin Scholnick’s Current Political Issues course: John Austin, Brian Bianchi, Nick Aurelio, Kevin Hinsch, and Sean Wilson. Scholnick’s students will continue their commitment to this cause and plan a districtwide event in the fall. The colleges’ Diversity in Action Group assisted in the effort by providing funds to support shipping costs.

**STUDENTS’ MOSAICS GRACE BUILDING 1**
Students in Jude Pittman’s Mosaic Mural II class have created two stunning tile and glass mosaics that have been permanently installed in the lobby of CSM’s Administration Building. The college commissioned Pittman’s students to create the murals and paid for the materials; the students performed the work free-of-charge and have left their visual legacy on exhibit (the pieces contain signatures of the student artists). The plan is for students to create a mural for a space in the community each semester. As with the college, the outside agencies commissioning Pittman’s classes will be required to pay only for materials. The mosaics are made of typical materials such as fragments of glass, metal and tiles as well as more nonconventional items such as pieces of broken dishes, dice and Legos. (*Photo: Pittman and her student artists stand below one of their mosaics on display in the lobby of Building 1.*)

**CSM PARTICIPATES IN UC’S AURORA PROJECT**
CSM has been invited by the University of California Office of the President to join the Aurora Project—the community college component of UC’s Science and Mathematics Initiative, CalTeach. The Aurora Project is a collaboration among UC, California State University and the state’s community college systems to create pathways for community college students to transfer to a UC or CSU campus, complete their degree programs and become high school science and math teachers. To date UC has identified 22 of California’s community colleges to provide science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) transfers to UC campuses. CSM joins with Diablo
College for Kids Kicks Off 16th Year
Community Education will launch the 16th season of College for Kids at CSM on July 7 (it is currently underway at Skyline and begins next week at Cañada.) This year’s program at CSM is offering 29 different classes in language arts, math and science, creative arts and multimedia, computers and physical education. Some of the new classes include Sushi, Origami and Japanese; GPS Adventures; Create and Produce Your Own Music; Online Detectives: Research it Right!; and How Does Your Garden Grow?

CSM Rolls Out Welcome Mat for Summer Students
To assist students find their way around campus this summer, Operation Welcome Mat (OWM) was once again been deployed. Staffed by college volunteers, OWM had three stations, strategically located, to best serve students as they maneuvered their way around campus construction zones. In addition to providing information, the stations were supplied with complimentary water and snacks which were well-received by students. Alex Guiriba from the PR & marketing department coordinated the OWM effort.

Observatory Has Far Reaching Impact
Richard Mullins, a sixth-grade science teacher in Sneads Ferry, North Carolina, sent an email to Professor Mohsen Janatpour, about listening and viewing an astronomy show co-hosted by KSKQ (Oregon) and includes “live” streaming solar images from the CSM observatory on the CSM astronomy website. In his message, Mullins commented that “It’s amazing that living here in a small, semirural, unincorporated coastal village in North Carolina, I can listen to a small town radio show from the other side of the country, and, see, live pictures from an observatory in yet another state.” In his classes, he teaches space exploration and the solar system, with an emphasis on the Sun-Earth-Moon relationship and has a unit on telescopes and how they work.

Kudos
★ CSM student-athlete Kelly Young (far right) scored in all three of her throwing events at the California Community College Athletic Association Track and Field Championships held in Cerritos at the end of May. Young, a Capuchino High School graduate, placed third in the javelin and sixth in both the shot put and hammer throw. Her shot put performance improved upon her previous best. She is nationally ranked among community college athletes in her three events; this year was only her second year of track and field competition. A week prior to the State...
championship meet, she competed in the Northern California Championships in Modesto where she was voted outstanding field event performer.

★ Career Counselor Eileen O’Brien is a recent graduate of the San Mateo Area Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Program.

★ Two former CSM pitchers were selected by major league teams in Major League Baseball’s Draft: Kaimi Mead, left-handed pitcher, was drafted by the Cleveland Indians in the 18th round right-handed pitcher Kyle Woodruff was selected by the San Francisco Giants in the 27th round. Woodruff, had most recently been playing for his transfer institution, California State University, Chico,

★ Floristry students Pico Soriano and Wendy Morck created floral displays for the Mother’s Day Filoli Flower Show, “Country Elegance.” Their creations were prominently displayed throughout the mansion and in the Visitor and Education Center. They are students of Wendy Pine and Margaret Boeddiker. Pine and instructor Yoshiko Williams were among the professional designers who participated with exhibits in this event.

★ Christophser Smith, adjunct instructor, biology, was a presenter at the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology annual meeting held in San Diego. He presented research on podcasting that he conducted at CSM. The research project was an investigation to evaluate the effectiveness of podcasting recorded classroom lectures. His co-authors on the project were Jean Mach, professor of English, Tania Beliz, professor of biology, David Gibbs, librarian, and Theresa Martin, professor of biology.

★ CSM graphics student Yun Ju (Julie) Yeow received a Merit Award in the 2008 Multimedia and Entertainment Initiative’s Media Award Program. The competition received more than 400 entries across 14 categories and includes community colleges throughout the state. Yeow is a student of Claudia Steenberg, graphics instructor.

★ Kevin Chaney, CSM graduate of 1977, was recently hired as assistant women’s basketball coach at University of Minnesota Duluth. His previous positions have included assistant coach of men’s basketball at NCAA Division II Lincoln University in Missouri, assistant coach of women’s basketball at University of Nevada and assistant coach and physical education instructor at Solano College in Fairfield.

**CSM in the Community**

★ Mario Mihelic (right), admissions & records assistant who is responsible for assisting veterans in the matriculation process, participated in a Welcome Home event held recently at Moffett Field. He represented CSM, providing information to approximately 100 people; the event was attended by veterans of different wars as well as multi-generational military persons. Accompanying Mario was Christine Donati, a current CSM student and veteran. She provided information from the student/veteran point of view, including collecting GI Bill benefits and insights into the education process as it relates to collecting GI Bill benefits. An article about the event also appeared in the *San Francisco Chronicle*. 
CSM’s PR & Marketing Department recently held an outreach and recruitment activity at Hillsdale Mall on May 31-June 1. Interested shoppers received information about the upcoming summer session and the fall semester as well as financial aid, counseling and other student services. Six volunteers from CSM staffed the table and spoke with approximately 150 people and some visitors applied on site.

CSM Coastside continues to make connections with the community. Coastside staff recently participated in weekend events, “Rock the Block,” a Chamber of Commerce Event, and the Farmer’s Market. Martha Tilmann, dean of Coastside recruited faculty from several divisions to volunteer their time to staff information tables, including Stacy Grasso (Business and Technology), Tania Beliz (Math/Science), David Danielson (Social Science) and Linton Bowie (Math/Science). Both events attracted many enthusiastic community members and potential students. (Farmer’s Market photo, left to right: Stacey Grasso, Tania Beliz, Martha Tilmann and David Danielson.)

**CSM Commencement Speaker Announced**

The Associated Students of CSM selected a CSM alum to serve as speaker for the college’s 86th commencement. **Michael Collopy** is a notable portrait photographer who has received international recognition for his portraits of public figures. Much of his work has focused on advocates of peace; his portfolio includes portraits of Pope John Paul II, Mikhail Gorbachev, Mother Teresa and Margaret Thatcher, among many others. In 1996, he released his book, “Works of Love are Works of Peace,” a critically acclaimed 15-year photographic documentary; it was conducted with the cooperation of Mother Teresa and profiled the work of the Missionaries of Charity. In 2001, Collopy published his second book, “Architects of Peace,” for which he photographed 75 of the world’s most renowned peacemakers and asked each to write a personal statement on the issue of peace. He established the “Architects of Peace Project” which is dedicated to exploring the lives of people who have devoted themselves to building peace. The project is a permanent exhibit at the National Civil Rights Museum at Marquette University, the Hoover Institute Archives at Stanford University, Anahuac University in Mexico City and Santa Clara University. Collopy attended CSM in the late 1970s and transferred to Saint Mary’s College in Moraga, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in design.

Commencement begins at 6:30 pm in the Gymnasium with a reception to follow in the courtyard of the Theatre.

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**Christine Pelosi Visits CSM**

On May 7, **Christine Pelosi**, daughter of Nancy Pelosi, speaker of the House of Representatives, and author of “Campaign Boot Camp,” was on campus to speak with students about her book. She spent time answering student questions and signed copies of her book. “Campaign Boot Camp” is a guide to techniques in management, message, money and mobilization for campaigns and causes. She is the former executive director and platform chair of the California Democratic Party, Housing and Urban Development special council in the Clinton administration and chief of staff to U.S. Representative John F. Tierney. Pelosi was invited to campus by students in assistant professor of political science Erin Scholnick’s Current Political Issues class. This event was sponsored by the Associated Students of CSM.
**NEWS FROM THE COASTSIDE OFFICE**

With help from a Basic Skills Grant, and the dedicated effort of adjunct instructors **Rosemary Ybarra-Garcia**, **Kristen Casado**, and literacy specialist with the Half Moon Bay Public Library **Linda Roderick** (in the photo, right) CSM Coastside will open a new Basics Skills Center this fall. The goal is to have a seamless pathway from the city’s Adult Education and Library programs to CSM’s courses. The Basic Skills center will also offer computer literacy courses such as Keyboarding, Word, and Introduction to the Internet. In 2009, the Center will focus on integrating a math component. Staff from CSM’s Reading and ESL departments provided critical support in the development of this project.

**LIBRARY HONORS CAMPUS AUTHORS**

On Thursday, May 22, CSM’s Library will host College of San Mateo Faculty and Classified Staff Author Reception and Luncheon, from 12-2 pm in Bldg. 18, Room 206. CSM authors **Susan Petit** (foreign languages), **Lyle Gomes** (photography), **Rebecca Webb** (language arts) and **Theresa Martin** (science) will participate on a panel to speak about how and why they write, discuss how their writing influences their teaching and read from their work. The program will also feature a display of publications by current and former CSM faculty and staff. RSVPs are requested, contact Culverhouse@smccd.edu or 574-6535.

**CSM ALUMS INDUCTED TO SPORTS HALL OF FAME**

Two CSM alums, **Pete Jensen** and **Jacklyn O’Connor Friedland**, will be inducted into the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame during its 20th anniversary banquet on June 19. Pete Jensen, entering his 21st year as head varsity baseball coach at Serra High School, not only attended and played baseball for CSM under the legendary John Noce but he also coached for three seasons at CSM. His teams have collectively won more than 500 ball games. Jacklyn O’Connor Friedland played basketball at CSM and became one of the all-time leading three-point shooters on teams at CSM and University of the Pacific.

**COLLEGE HOSTS PACIFIC ISLANDER CONFERENCE**

CSM recently held the 2nd Annual Pacific Islander High School Conference, titled, “Once Were Warriors II – Past, Present and Future.” This all day event, sponsored by the Tongan Interfaith Council and the college, hosted an audience of approximately 250 students, teachers and representatives from community groups/agencies. The purpose of the conference was to inspire young Pacific Islander students to stay in school and ultimately continue into higher education through learning about their history and to recognize that with the right tools they can overcome barriers. Students that participated in the conference attended schools in the San Mateo Union High School District, Sequoia Union High School District as well as districts in various Bay Area cities. Highlights of the day included keynote presentations by NFL player **Maake Kemoeatu** of the Carolina Panthers who has been working with youth in his community and **Anapesi Kaili**, an educator from Utah with extensive experience developing innovative programs that support Pacific Island students.
STUDENTS HONORED AT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS RECEPTION

More than 300 students and members of the college community, including members of the Board of Trustees and SMCCC Foundation, attended CSM's annual Scholarship Awards Reception held last week. According to Nancy Pendergast in the CSM Scholarship Office, 151 CSM students and 31 high school students received 289 awards from 123 SMCCC Foundation scholarships totaling $216,515. Guests were entertained by the CSM Jazz Combo and enjoyed a wonderful buffet provided by Pacific Dining. Several donors were in the audience to meet and congratulate the recipients on their scholarships.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS INTRODUCE E-NEWSLETTER

The Associated Students have just launched the first issue of Student E-News, a monthly student newsletter. According to the Student Activities Office, Student E-News will be sent to all students with an email address and will report all campus events and activities scheduled for each month.

STUDENTS HOST ANNUAL SPRING FLING

Last week, the Associated Students held Spring Fling, a week-long event that allowed students to relax and have fun before finals. Spring Fling has been a tradition, going back to the 80's. The week included entertainment, food, entertainment, games, contest, vendors and interactive activities. This year’s highlights included the Mr. and Mrs. CSM contest, a three-story rock climbing wall, a mechanical bull, great performances from local musicians and contests with prizes. President Mike Claire and Vice President of Student Services participated in the ever-popular dunk tank and both received thorough soakings!

KUDOS

- Professor of Electronics Tom Diskin is the recipient of a fellowship from the Maricopa Advanced Technology Education Center (MATEC), funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). Tom will attend the Advanced Technological Education Conference in Austin, Texas, this summer. He will serve as moderator for one of the panel discussions and present a paper in one of the session. In addition, Tom has been working with the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (MABCEP) to build CSM’s electronics curricula for the alternative energy program and ultimately have the college approved to be a testing center for people in the industry to take their certification tests. CSM has just received the “entry level” approval and is now linked to the NABCEP website as a testing center. The alternative energy program will launch in spring 2009.

- The prestigious White House News Photographers Association has named a CSM graduate as its 2008 Student Photographer of the Year. Michael Mullady was the spring 2005 photo editor for The San Matean and now attends San Francisco State University. He received the honor for two collections of photos — “Children of Lead,” which chronicled lead pollution in Peru, and “Delicate Strength,” a series that captured the life of a disabled SFSU student. Mullady’s work can be seen at http://www.lightstalkers.org/michael_mullady.
UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16 - Rocket Day; a celebration of CSM ESL student completing the memoir October Sky; includes the launching of model rockets; Noon, Parking Lot 15
May 16 & 17– CSM Students in Concert: a variety of music recitals, Noon (5/16) and 7pm (5/17); Building 2, Room 141
May 18 – Symphonic Band Concert, 2 pm, Theatre
May 19 – Jazz Ensemble Concert, 7:30pm, Theatre
May 22 – 20th Annual EOPS Student Recognition Celebration, 11:30am, Building 20, Lawn
May 22 – Electronic Music Spring Concert, Theatre, 7:30 pm
May 31 & June 1 – Masterworks chorale perform “Crowning Glories,” 8pm (5/31) and 4pm (6/1), Sequoia High School, Carrington Hall
June 3– Classified Appreciation Day, noon-2pm
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COLLEGE CELEBRATES NEW ATHLETIC FACILITIES ON MAY 15TH

On Thursday, May 15, the college will celebrate its new athletic facilities with a ribbon cutting ceremony and reception beginning at 2:15pm at the Softball Plaza. After the ribbon is cut, the ceremonial first pitch(es) will be thrown. Traditional ballpark refreshments will be served: hot dogs, peanuts, popcorn and Cracker Jack©. Come on out to the new ballpark for this festive event! The new facilities include the football field, track, softball and baseball fields.

AGS STUDENT & HONOR SOCIETY RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

CSM student Michelle Fu (in photo at right) was recently named as recipient of the Ed Walsh Award granted by Alpha Gamma Sigma, the California community college scholastic honorary. Michelle, a business major, is vice president of Alpha Gamma Sigma’s Eta Chapter at CSM and also serves as a student senator. At the fall 2007 regional conference of AGS, she was selected as the northern region’s student trustee on AGS’s Board of Trustees. She was of 15 students statewide selected by the honorary’s scholarship committee to receive this award. Michelle will also receive a monetary award that is associated with this honor.

CSM’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has received two very special recognitions from Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two year colleges. The chapter won the International Award for Outstanding Leadership and the regional 2008 Hallmark Leadership Award. Congratulations to the participating students and advisors, Jean Mach, Allison Miller, Jeremy Ball and Minu Mathur, for two outstanding accomplishments!

“LAST LUNCH” IN BUILDING 5 HOSTS RETIREES

On May 2, Mike Claire will host a group of approximately 50 retirees for a “Last Lunch” in Building 5. Over the years, hundreds of faculty and staff have spent endless lunch hours with colleagues in the Staff Dining Room. To celebrate the last days of Building 5, prior to its demolition in early June, retirees will enjoy lunch while they reminisce about earlier days at CSM, take a final tour of the building and listen to a presentation from Mike about construction plans. Following the luncheon, retirees will attend a planetarium show conducted by Professor of Astronomy Mohsen Janatpour.
MIDDLE COLLEGE STUDENTS ATTEND NATIONAL CONFERENCE

From May 7-11, a group of San Mateo Middle College High School students will attend the 16th annual Middle College National Consortium Student Leadership Conference in New Orleans. This year’s theme is “Lighting Your Candle: Community Service in New Orleans.” Prior to the conference, Middle College students will join in online discussions with participants from other middle college programs. In the weeks leading up to the conference, CSM students have been working on a project that they will present at the conference. More than 250 students, chaperones and principals will be attending the conference.

MAY 10 IS CAREER INFORMATION DAY

On Saturday, May 10, from 8:30 am – 3 pm, CSM will host an exciting community event, Career Information Day. This unique, new event is designed for students and members of the public to learn about new job trends, listen to cutting edge experts in their fields and speak with career mentors on an individual basis. The keynote speaker is career author, Dr. Carol McClelland; her keynote presentation is “Strategies to Find Your New Career: Mindsets for Success.” Career Information Day will feature a number of career workshops for those entering or changing careers. The event takes place in the South Cafeteria and the cost for the program and lunch is $10. CSM’s Office of Counseling, Advising and Matriculation will provide free registration to the first 50 students who indicate an interest in attending. This event is sponsored by a Trustees Fund for Program Improvement, Wells Fargo Bank, City of San Mateo, Express Employment Professionals and Notre Dame de Namur University.

FINANCIAL AID EVENT DRAWS A CROWD

Approximately 150 students participated in CSM’s recent Financial Aid Awareness Day, an event which promoted the different types of financial aid available to students. Financial aid personnel staffed tables located near the upper reflecting pool and provided students with worksheets for completing the online FAFSA form. They also provided information about grants, loans and upcoming financial aid workshops. Participating students were eligible for drawings for gift certificates to local merchants. The event included music, pizza, soda and lots of giveaways!

COLLEGE PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

During the week of April 13-19, CSM’s Library celebrated National Library Week with activities that included a trivia contest, gaming night (for students), faculty pizza weeding party and a reception honoring faculty and staff authors. National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country each April.
CSM ALUM RENOWNED AS BIG-BAND MUSICIAN

Former CSM student Fred Radke (in photo at left) has had a distinguished musical career as professional trumpeter, big-band conductor, recording artist and music educator. He has been a member of the Harry James Orchestra as lead trumpet player and more recently, as its musical director. In 1989, Fred was asked by the Harry James Estate and Columbia Artists to lead the Harry James Orchestra for the 50th Anniversary of Harry James, performing 71 concerts in major venues throughout the United States. In 1994-95, Fred led a tribute to Harry James in a battle of the Big Bands on an International Tour. His style of trumpet playing is considered so similar to James that it is often difficult for listeners to discern between the two. His musical aspirations began during his teenage years, when he led the band of a steamship line during ocean crossings and also had opportunities to work with Marlene Dietrich, Burt Bacharach and Johnny Mathis. In early adulthood, Fred attended CSM to further his education. He has won two Telly Awards for his music direction for Apollo 13 (2006) and for the Museum of Flight’s Wings of Heroes (2005). Fred is a full-time member of the music faculty at North Seattle Community College and is also the musical director for the Four Seasons Hotel in Seattle.

TOUR DE CSM FEATURES FUTURE CYCLISTS

On April 25, The Mary Meta Lazarus Child Development Center sponsored the first annual Tour de CSM, which celebrated the children’s newly acquired bicycle skills. Spectators cheered on the cyclists as they rode around the upper reflecting pool. The event was part of a practicum project conducted by a student in Cañada College’s early childhood education program.

KUDOS

★ Janis Ryan, professor of nursing was selected as one of the Mills-Peninsula Health Services African American Community Health Advisory Committee’s (AACHAC) 2008 Hero for Health awardees. The award is given to individuals who have helped the AACHAC advance its mission. Janis was honored for her dedication and participation in the organization’s blood pressure and cholesterol screening program over the past eight years. She will receive her award at a reception on May 16 at the Westin San Francisco Airport Hotel.

★ Director of Nursing Jane McAteer was a contributor to the Peninsula Health Care District’s spring 2008 edition of Health District News. In the column, “Q&A,” Jane responds to questions about the $300,000 grant the CSM nursing program received from the health care district. In it, she described how the funding supports nursing students and faculty.


★ Mike Mitchell, program services coordinator in CSM’s Transfer Center provides on-going “in reach” services to students on campus to publicize transfer opportunities. Each semester, he conducts visits to classes, student organizations and campus clubs. In fall 2007, Mike reached out to 1,300 students with transfer and counseling information.
An exhibit of student artwork has been on display throughout the month of April at the La Di Da Café (see photo at right) on Purisima Street in Half Moon Bay. The student-artists are enrolled in classes taught by Jude Pittman, associate professor of art. Jude organized this informal student show with student assistance in an effort to display CSM student artwork while the college undergoes construction. Work in the show was created by students in oil painting, mosaic mural, watercolor, and the expressive figure drawing classes.

**Upcoming Events**
- Create! Celebrate @ CSM 2008: A Showcase of Student Creativity – May 2, 2pm, Bldg. 12, Room 170
- Spring Fling, Presented by the Associated Students, May 5-8, 10am – 2pm, Upper Reflecting Pool
- The Blues Experience Featuring Rudy Ramirez, Isis and the Cold Truth Band, May 7, 7pm, Theatre
- Scholarship Awards Reception – May 8th, 5:15pm, South Cafeteria
- Planetarium Show, May 9, 7:30 pm, Planetarium
- A Night of Dance, presented by CSM’s Performance Dance Ensemble, May 9 & 10, 8 pm, Theatre
C-SPAN BUS STOPS AT CSM
On March 11, the C-SPAN Election Bus as part of the Road to the White House program, made a visit to CSM to speak with the campus community about the election. The Campaign 2008 Bus, a 45-foot long production studio, parked on the mall in front of the library for a two-hour period, during which time the Bus crew interviewed students, faculty and staff. The goal of C-SPAN’s Election Bus is to raise awareness of key political events as it visits schools and communities. During the 2008 election season, the bus has been traveling throughout the country following candidates on the campaign trail to promote and enhance C-SPAN’s extensive coverage of the presidential race.

LOCAL CANDIDATES VISIT CAMPUS
Students in Frank Damon’s American Politics and California State and Local Government classes recently received a first-hand lesson in the political process when the three democratic candidates for the 19th Assembly district attended an in-class candidate forum. Richard Holober, president of the SMCCCD Board of Trustees; Jerry Hill, member of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors; and Gina Papan, mayor of Millbrae, shared their views on major issues followed by a question and answer period. In addition, Jackie Speier, candidate for the 12th congressional district, visited Damon’s classes earlier in the semester.

FAIR PROMOTES HEALTH & FITNESS
CSM Health Center recently held the 10th annual Health Fair featuring the theme, “Surfin Safari.” This popular event brought together more than 30 exhibitors including chiropractors, acupuncturists, acupressure technicians, and yoga and fitness providers. Attendees participated in health assessments for blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, eye exams, body fat analysis and received educational information on numerous health issues. CSM nursing students conducted vital signs and health risk assessments while dental assisting students provided oral hygiene information. Attendees were treated to free, healthy snacks and had chances to win prizes. The fair was coordinated by Sharon Bartels, RN, and Gloria D’Ambra (in photo, left) from the CSM Health Center.
PRESIDENT’S LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES

Dr. Stephen Bezruchka, a senior lecturer at University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine and emergency room physician, will be the featured speaker for the President’s Lecture Series: Diverse Voices in Writing, on Wednesday, April 23 from 12:10-1pm. Dr. Bezruchka’s particular areas of research are population health and societal hierarchy and its application to health. He is the author of numerous books and articles, including *Altitude Illness: Prevention and Treatment* and *Trekking in Nepal: A Traveler’s Guide*. He was also named Teacher of the Year in 2002 at University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine. Immediately following the lecture, Dr. Bezruchka will conduct a seminar from 1-2 pm in the Choral Room. This series is made possible by a generous grant from the Lane Family Charitable Trust.

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“PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY”

ASSIGNED TO MIDDLE COLLEGE

Rod Hsiao, a member of the San Mateo County Board of Education, recently spent a day at CSM as a participant in the Principal for a Day program. Mr. Hsiao was given the assignment of shadowing San Mateo Middle High School Principal Greg Quigley. While on campus, he visited Middle College classes, spoke with students, toured the campus and met with CSM administrators and staff.

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

› On April 9, from 6:30-8:30pm, CSM will host Connect to College Information Night for high school students and their parents. This event will showcase the college’s transfer, associate degree and certificate programs as well as the comprehensive array of student services. Faculty and administrators will be present to speak individually with prospective students and parents. Throughout the evening, there will be drawings for scholarships and prizes and refreshments will be served. Connect to College was co-sponsored by Student Support and PR& Marketing departments.
On April 10, the college will host “Excitement in Education at CSM,” an informational conference for high school counselors, faculty, student services staff and parent group leaders. Conference highlights will include “Reach for the Stars at CSM,” a live show in the Planetarium, tours of new facilities, presentations of allied health and broadcasting programs and a comprehensive overview of student services. Breakfast is included. The event is sponsored by the Counseling Department.

Priority Enrollment Program (PEP) Days will be held on April 12, 19, 23, 26 and May 3. This unique half-day program is designed to provide an easy transition to college for high school seniors. Participating students will be guaranteed priority enrollment for fall 2008.

Admissions and Records Veterans Certifying Officials, Mario Mihelec and Jeremy Mileo are spearheading efforts to establish a Veterans’ Student Club at CSM. The purpose of the club, in part, is to provide an ongoing support group for the veteran students, promote the GI BILL, financial aid and other benefits for which these students and/or their dependants might be eligible, and to provide information about the array of available CSM services. Several meetings have been held with representatives from the Financial Aid Office and the Peninsula Veteran’s Center presenting information. Along with support from DSPS counselor, Kevin Sinarle, the CSM representatives are seeking to educate the wider CSM community about issues specific to veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. In addition, the group is seeking to have a CSM counselor assigned to working with veteran students. Lastly, starting with the upcoming 2008 summer/fall registration period, veterans will receive first day priority registration.

The Counseling Department sponsored High School Field Trip Career Day on March 12. Approximately 120 students participated in the event which provided the opportunity to learn about and visit the college’s many technical programs and student services. Students were led by CSM student guides on campus tours that included multimedia, graphics, cosmetology, welding, business/accounting, broadcasting, nursing and dental assisting; at the end of the day, students were able to spend in-depth time at the technical program of their choice. The event was open to any student in the San Mateo Union High School District.

CSM Transfer Services recently hosted two Evening Business College Fairs to serve CSM’s evening business students. Representatives from several universities from the Bay Area attended to discuss transfer requirements in the fields of accounting, advertising, business administration, economics, finance, information systems, international business, microcomputer applications, management, marketing, organizational leadership and real estate/escrow.

KUDOS

☆ Dean of Physical Education and Athletics Andreas Wolf was one of five former athletes inducted into the Pacifica Sports Hall of Fame 2008 class by the City of Pacifica Sports Club on February 23. Prior to coming to CSM, Wolf served 10 years as athletic director, head soccer coach and faculty member at Skyline College. During his coaching tenure, he was recognized as Coast Conference Coach of the Year. Wolf was an All-American soccer player at San Francisco State University. His honor included recognitions from California State Assemblyman Gene Mullin and State Senator Leland Yee. Congratulations Andreas!
☆ CSM alum and retiree Claire Mack has been selected by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors as one of the 2008 San Mateo County Women’s Hall of Fame inductees. She is being recognized for her lifelong commitment to improving the quality of life in the local community. Mack has served as mayor and council member for the City of San Mateo and has been a tireless advocate for the community. At CSM’s 2005 commencement ceremony, she was honored with the college’s distinguished alumni award. She worked at KCSM for 29 years as a producer and host of local television and radio shows which aired on KCSM and KGO; she also served as community affairs coordinator. Mack was the founder and former producer of Jazz on the Hill, the fundraising jazz concert that benefited KCSM-FM.

☆ Professor of English and French Susan Petit’s review of Janine Massard’s Le Jardin face à la France has been published in the February 2008 French Review.

☆ On January 25th, Monique van den Berg, adjunct instructor of English, spoke at Colorado State University’s Curfman Gallery in Fort Collins for the opening of an exhibition showing the collaboration of textile artists and poets. Monique had three poems in the exhibit.

☆ Joyce Luck, assistant professor of English, has been honored by Randolph-Macon College as the recipient of this year's Seymour Award, a prestigious award for outstanding female alumni. The review committee wrote: “Based on our review of your accomplishments, there is no doubt about your value to the college and the larger community.”

☆ CSM Music Instructor Shulamit Hoffmann and her choir, Viva la Musica, will be performing at the upcoming memorial service for the late Congressman Tom Lantos, to be held Wednesday, March 26, 7-9 pm, at the South San Francisco Conference Center. “It is a singular privilege to be invited to pay a musical tribute to such a great man. We are honored,” said Hoffmann. Viva will perform “Look to the Light,” a moving piece about the triumph over hatred and injustice and two American spirituals, “Rock my Soul” and “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands.”

☆ Two CSM basketball players have been recognized for outstanding play during the 2008 season: Hazel Mauk and Nancy Chicas. Mauk, a graduate of Mills High School, was selected First Team All-conference; she played guard and averaged 15 points a game. Chicas from George Washington High School in San Francisco, was selected as Honorable Mention. She played point guard and averaged 10 points, 5 assists and 5 rebounds per game,

**SUMMER 2008 SCHEDULE OF CLASSES NOW AVAILABLE**

CSM's summer 2008 Schedule of Classes was mailed earlier this month to more than 100,000 households in the college's service area and is also available on campus, at public libraries and recreational centers in San Mateo County and in public libraries in San Francisco. Additionally, it has been accessible on CSM's Web site. The fall 2008 schedule will be available on campus and online in mid April.
SOTL Honors Faculty Scholars
Earlier this month, the Center for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning hosted a reception honoring and introducing faculty scholars from CSM and Cañada College. During the reception (see photo, left), the scholars presented their proposals for collaborative projects that focus on exploring new ways to engage underprepared students in the learning process. The honored scholars were Michelle Brown (broadcasting and electronic media), CSM; Lucia Olson (English), CSM; Anniqua Rana (English and ESL), Cañada; Paul Roscelli (economics), Cañada; and Lezlee Ware (political science), Cañada. For more information about the scholar program and the scholars’ work, visit the SoTL webpage at http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/csmcstl/index.htm

CSM Selected to Participate in AAC&U Initiative
CSM is one of a select group of colleges invited to participate in the Association of American Colleges and Universities’ (AAC&U) new VALUE-Plus: Rising to the Challenge initiative, funded by the Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE) and the State Farm Companies Foundation. This project will advance the use and development of rubrics for assessing student learning of the Essential Learning Outcomes identified in the report, College Learning for the New Global Century. CSM was invited to participate in the Value-Plus initiative based on the faculty’s work on creating, utilizing and assessing ePortfolios as an approach to demonstrate student learning. The college will receive a $5,000 grant to cover expenses associated with the project and will also be featured as a participant on the AAC&U website.

President’s Lecture Series Presents:
Adrienne Rich
**College Hosts Districtwide SLO Workshop**

On Friday, February 29, CSM will host a districtwide SLO workshop for faculty and staff, “Enhancing the Learning Experience Through Assessment.” The workshop will be presented by Dr. Jerry Rudmann, psychology professor and co-facilitator of assessment of student learning outcomes at Irvine Valley College; he is also the former director of institutional research at Coastline Community College. Highlights of the day include methods that contribute to better assessment, technology aids that contribute to facilitate assessment and motivational factors that promote student success. The event will provide an opportunity for collaboration with colleagues throughout the district.

**More Events on Campus**

- On March 14, the Astronomy Department will host the monthly “Sky Tonight” planetarium and observatory show from 9-11pm. Coming up on March 15, KCSM-FM, the department and the San Mateo county Astronomical society will team up to sponsor the monthly “Jazz Under the Stars” a free monthly “star party” show from 7-11pm on the rooftop observatory. All observatory events are held weather permitting.

- CSM’s Health Center participated in Heart Healthy Month from February 26-28. The event included an information table in Building 5 and free cholesterol testing. Coming up on March 12 is the annual CSM Health Fair.

- Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS) held its first in a series of Brown Bag Lunch Forums earlier this week. The February forum addressed laws affecting services for students, types of services available, DSPS processes, disability etiquette and strategies to increase classroom accessibility to students with disabilities. The March 26 forum will feature information on psychological disabilities and services available at CSM.

- On March 15 and 16, Masterworks Choral will perform “Serenade to Shakespeare” at the Trinity Presbyterian Church in San Carlos. Tickets are available by calling 574-6313, online at [www.masterworks.org](http://www.masterworks.org) or at the door the evenings of the performance.

**Kudos**

☆ On January 31, Modesta Garcia, counselor and professor received “The Outstanding Club and Special Interest Group Contribution Award” from the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) Clubs Committee at the 2008 Alumni Leadership Conference. This worldwide event, held at Harvard University, hosts participating alumni representing 52 domestic and 29 international Clubs. Modesta was nominated by Anne Knight, HAA Northern California regional director and former president of Harvard Club, Silicon Valley. In the nomination, it was cited that “…Modesta has served Harvard in many ways and to an extraordinary degree in each of them... Modesta has uniquely served consecutive terms as president of two alumni clubs, Harvard Club of San Francisco and Harvard Club of Silicon Valley. It is noteworthy that while she could have stayed at Princeton or moved to another Ivy League school, she has elected to return to the community College of San Mateo, where she had first matriculated and from which she can now point the path to Harvard—as she regularly does!”

In 2003, Modesta was one of three inaugural recipients of the Harvard Graduate School of Education “Alumni of Color Achievement Award” for outstanding service and work in the areas of race, class, gender and identity. Congratulations, Modesta!
A book designed by **Stephen Schmidt**, a graduate of CSM's Graphics program, has won a 2008 New York Book Show design award. Stephen will be among those honored at the Book Show gala in New York City in March. Publisher's Weekly also selected the book--*Photo by Sammy Davis, Jr.*--as one of its Best Books of 2007. Stephen's work was also featured in a recently released book by Stephen Heller titled *The Anatomy of Design: Uncovering the Influences and Inspirations in Modern Graphic Design*.

**Tim Stringari**, emeritus professor of human services, is the co-author of a recently published book, *Making the Community Connection: A Guide for Developing Community College Human Services Certificate & Degree Programs*. The publication is a step-by-step guide for communities and their local community colleges to collaboratively develop human services certificate and degree programs to train, retrain and certify local human service workers to meet this mandate. The book was commissioned by the State Department of Mental Health/Department of Rehabilitation Cooperative Unit (DMH/DOR) to aid in state wide mental health workforce development efforts.

**The San Mateo County Times** recently featured an article about Associate Professor of Art **Jude Pittman**’s Mosaic Mural classes and the campus projects her students will be undertaking to enhance the college with colorful, student-created public art. The college has commissioned her students to create a mural for the interior entrance to the Administration Building. The class will perform the work free-of-charge while the college will fund the materials. The plan is to create a mural for the college or in the community each semester; outside agencies commissioning Pittman’s classes will just be required to pay for materials. The mosaics are made of typical materials such as fragments of glass, metal and tiles as well as more nonconventional items such as pieces of broken dishes, dice and Legos.

**Fourteen CSM Football Players University-Bound**
In keeping with CSM’s reputation as one of the top community colleges for combining academic and athletic achievement, the athletic department is proud to announce that 14 members of the Bulldog football team will be transferring to and playing at the university level in 2008-09. The transfers are: **Hanson Sekona**, Kansas State; **Bebe Glaspie**, Sacramento State; **Andre Portis**, Marshall University; **Kurt Filler**, University of Massachusetts; **John Davis**, Grambling; **David Singleton**, Central Missouri; **Vernard Wolfgramm**, Washington State; **Ed Berry**, Northern Arizona University; **Bill Ring Jr.**, San Jose State; and **Rolando Oliver**, Delta State. Congratulations to the student athletes and their coaches, **Larry Owens**, head coach; and **Bret Pollack**, assistant head coach.

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CSM STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

ATHLETE FINDS ACADEMIC SUCCESS IN LEARNING COMMUNITY

CSM student-athlete Andre Portis and the college’s learning community, Writing in the End Zone, were featured in an article that appeared in the San Mateo County Times on January 7, 2008. The article, “Course Makes Studies the End Zone,” illustrated how this innovative learning community, which combines writing, fitness, weight training and other physical education courses, can change a student’s academic performance. Portis, a star linebacker who was struggling academically, credits his participation in this program for helping him to significantly improve his writing skills. At the end of the fall 2007 semester, Portis completed his associate degree at CSM and has received a full-ride football scholarship to Marshall University in West Virginia. In the photo, taken by Butch Patel, Portis (#14) prepares to take a tackle. The complete article can be viewed at http://www.insidebayarea.com/search/ci_7810272?source=email

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT STUDENT HONORED

Jasmine Nachtigall (left), a senior at Hillsdale High School and CSM concurrent enrollment student, is the recipient of The San Francisco Chronicle’s Jefferson Award for her work in the community. Nachtigall, a highly accomplished 17 year-old helped to establish the Best Buddies club at Hillsdale High School; Best Buddies is an international organization designed to enhance the lives of intellectually disabled students by providing one-to-one friendships with mainstream students. She is also the founder of the Hillsdale High School Student Run Volunteer Center and she raised $13,000 for victims of the 2004 tsunami in Sri Lanka and Hurricane Katrina through her participation in the Ms. Teen Chinatown contest. An excellent student, Nachtigall has a 4.5 grade point average and when she graduates from high school this spring, she will also earn her associate’s degree from CSM. She has been accepted into Stanford University’s Early Admissions Program. Nachtigall’s honor was also aired on KPIX, Channel 5. The Jefferson Award is given each week by The Chronicle for individuals who have made a difference in their community. View the full text of The Chronicle article at http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2008/01/06/LVCDU8A0B.DTL
CSM ROLLS OUT “WELCOME MAT”
Dozens of CSM faculty and staff wearing blue CSM t-shirts are participating in “Operation Welcome Mat,” a customer service effort to help students become familiar with the college. The “operation” consists of three information stations and volunteers positioned throughout campus to help direct students and answer questions. Operation Welcome Mat will serve students throughout the first week of classes.

PHONE CAMPAIGN PROVIDES FRIENDLY REMINDER
Beginning on January 10, college staff participated in a phone campaign to contact students and inform them that there was still time to register for classes. Students contacted included those that had taken placement tests but not enrolled for spring, those who completed an application for spring 2008 admission but not enrolled for spring, and first time fall 2007 students enrolled in six units but not for the spring semester. More than 1,000 students were contacted during the two-week period.

ACCOUNTING STUDENTS PROVIDE TAX SERVICE
As part of the Volunteer Income Tax Program, CSM accounting students will be offering income tax preparation, free of charge, for students and the community-at-large with incomes of $42,000 or less. This service will be available from February 23-April 5 on a drop-in basis from 10 am to 2 pm in Building 12, Room 85. More information is available from the CSM Accounting Office at 574-6494 or CSM.VITA@yahoo.com.

YOUTH LEADERS TO VISIT CAMPUS
On Monday, January 28, a group of 24 high school students participating in the San Mateo Chamber of Commerce’s Youth Leadership program will visit CSM as part of “Business-Education Link Day” The day’s activities include a tour of various occupational programs to learn about career opportunities associated with the programs, and presentations on successful interviewing skills and careers in marketing and the retail industry.

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS
► The first installment of the President’s Lecture Series: Diverse Voices in Writing for spring will feature Naomi Helena Quiñonez, poet, educator and American Studies scholar on Wednesday, February 13 at 12:10 pm in the Theatre. Her two books, Hummingbird Dream/Sueño de Colibri and The Smoking Mirror, have received critical acclaim. Her forthcoming book of poetry is entitled The Exiled Moon. She co-edited an award winning anthology Invocation L.A: Urban Multicultural Poetry and a highly regarded critical anthology Decolonial Voices: Chicana and Chicano Studies in 21st Century. Quiñonez received a Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate University in American History. Among her achievements are the American Book Award, the Rockefeller Fellowship and the California Arts Council Award. Her poems and essays have appeared in noteworthy collections such as the Colorado Review, the Encyclopedia of Latinas in the U.S, Under the Fifth Sun, Aztlán and Vietnam, Chicana Creativity and Criticism, Renaming Ecstasy, In Her Own Words, and The Southern California Anthology. An invited writer and speaker, Quiñonez has been featured in many cultural and scholarly programs, including the Latin American Women’s Conference in Madrid, Spain; the Huntington Library’s Women Writers Series; the Miami Book Festival; the San Antonio Book Festival; the Mark Taper Forum; and the Los Angeles Museum of Culture and Art. Currently, Quiñonez is a lecturer in the San Francisco State University College of Ethnic Studies. She resides in San Francisco with her husband John Saenz.
► On February 2, 10:30 am-2 pm and February 6, 5:30-8pm, CSM’s Financial Aid Office will sponsor Cash for College Day for all high school seniors and CSM students. This event will provide personalized assistance completing a 2008-09 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It will feature FAFSA presentations in English and Spanish, a question/answer session and one-on-one assistance. Thanks to the generous support of The College Access Foundation of California, a $1,000 scholarship drawing will be offered for high school seniors at each workshop and the first 50 applicants will receive a prize.

► On February 8 at 7:30 pm, the Astronomy Department will resume hosting its monthly planetarium show, “The Sky Tonight.” In addition to the show, the evening’s event will include sky viewing through telescopes from the rooftop observatory, weather permitting. The planetarium show is held the second Friday of the month.

► Coming up on February 10, 10 am-1 pm, Transfer Services will sponsor Health Services Major Day. This event brings university representatives, administrators and faculty advisors from the UC, CSU and private universities to campus to provide major specific information to students planning on transferring in the field of health services.

**President of PBS Visits KCSM**

Paula Kerger, president of PBS (in photo at left), visited KCSM on January 15. This visit followed her opening remarks at the “Content Summit” where PBS collaborates with independent film makers in new programming ideas as well as how to bring those programs to PBS. During her visit to KCSM, she toured stations’ facilities and spoke to KCSM staff and invited guests about the challenges facing PBS and other media outlets in these changing times. KCSM shared their efforts on “Spotlight,” the high school film festival. Paula was very excited to see that effort, as PBS was just awarded a $1 million grant from Adobe to increase the voices of youth in mainstream media. In fielding questions she spoke about how smaller stations, often college licensees, tended to be the innovators of the PBS system. She also thanked our Board of Trustees for tackling the FCC indecency case.

In additional good news for the stations, KCSM recently received two very generous donations from members of the listening and viewing communities. One gift, in the amount of $24,270 was donated to the FM station while the second, $24,111 will support both the television and radio stations.

**Notable**

Andreas Wolf, CSM dean of physical education and athletics, will be inducted into the City of Pacifica Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday, February 23 at the Grosvenor Hotel in South San Francisco. Cañada President Tom Mohr will serve as master of ceremonies for the event.
HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES AROUND CAMPUS & BEYOND

On December 4, the college held its annual campuswide Holiday Reception. Sponsored by the President’s Office and the Academic Senate, this year’s event featured an array of specialty desserts and holiday beverages. Background music was performed by two CSM music students and floral décor was provided by horticulture students.

The Horticulture and Floristry Departments presented the annual Holiday Plant and Floral Décor Sale featuring wreaths, centerpieces, plants and gift items in a festive holiday atmosphere.

CalWORKS, CARE, the Child Development Center and the EOPS Club are sponsoring the annual Holiday Basket Program to support CSM students and families in need. Donations of gift certificates for Safeway, Target, K-Mart and Toys R Us are made by campus departments or offices and the program staff collects and disburses the gift baskets.

This week, Masterworks Chorale is presenting its holiday program, “Festival of Carols/Festival of Choirs,” which will include familiar tunes, new tunes, some sing-along Messiah, among the other holiday delights. Performances are on December 12 at Transfiguration Episcopal Church in San Mateo and on December 15 at Hillsdale High School Auditorium. At the December 15 performance, the Chorale will be joined by choirs from Aragon, Hillsdale and Serra high schools.

Dance is…, a presentation by CSM’s performance dance program and ensemble, showcased dance by students in CSM’s technique classes. Performances included ballet, modern, jazz, tap, social, belly and hip hop. The college’s cheerleaders also performed. Many of the dances were choreographed by CSM students.

The Symphonic Band performed a concert that included a special guest appearance by the San Mateo High School Symphonic Band.

STUDENTS HOLD MOCK PRIMARY & POLITICAL FORUM

For their honors project, students in instructor Erin Scholnick’s American Politics classes recently coordinated and participated in a mock presidential primary and political forum. Students represented candidates by speaking about their views on education, health care, immigration and the war. They also conducted a mock presidential primary election with a “ranked choice” ballot which resulted in a ranking of candidates. When the votes were tallied, the top five in ranked order were: Clinton Biden, Edwards, Huckabee and Obama. Representatives from the League of Women Voters, Congressman Tom Lantos’s Office and the Democratic Club of San Mateo also participated. The League brought voting machines and allowed people to test them out; the Democratic Club registered new voters and both groups talked to students about volunteering on campaigns. Members of Phi Beta Kappa were available to provide information about the election and conducted a survey to determine political knowledge.
AIDS QUILT DISPLAYED AT CSM
The college celebrated AIDS Awareness Week from December 3-6 with a number of important events including the display of the AIDS memorial quilt in the Staff Dining Room (photo, right). The quilt has evolved into one of the most important tools used in AIDS education. It has helped teach compassion, triumphs over taboo, stigma and phobia, and inspires individuals to take direct responsibility for their own well being and that of others close to them. To accompany the quilt display, Mike Smith, the executive director of the AIDS Emergency Fund and Co-founder of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, presented a keynote speech. John Andrews from the San Mateo County AIDS Program was on hand to provide information and hold information conversations. Free HIV testing was available through the college Health Center and the Asian/Pacific Islander Wellness Center provided AIDS prevention and wellness information. AIDS Awareness Week activities were sponsored by the Diversity In Action Group (DIAG), the Associated Students, Health Center and the Gay Straight Alliance.

ROCKET LAUNCHING MAKES NEWS (& SOME NOISE)
On Nov. 16, ESL students in Brandon Smith and Amy Sobel’s classes participated in an innovative activity to celebrate the completion of reading October Sky – they launched rockets from a campus parking lot. October Sky by Homer Hickam is an inspirational memoir about four boys growing up in a coal mining town in West Virginia and the challenges and growth the boys experience by building rockets. In addition to the students, the audience included a crowd of children from the Child Development Center that was enthralled by the display. Reporters from local newspapers also attended and stories with photos were carried in a number of the dailies. The goal of launching the rockets was to enhance the learning experience and make the book more of a real experience for the students.

JAZZ FESTIVAL ATTRACTS LOCAL TALENT
The music department and Associated Students of CSM recently sponsored the 11th annual CSM Jazz Festival, featuring 14 of the Bay Area’s top high school jazz bands performing. The Festival also included a noon concert by CSM’s Evening Jazz Ensemble with special guest artist John Santos and free clinics for trumpet, trombone, saxophone and rhythm sections. More than four hundred students, parents and staff attended the event.
SPRING 2008 OUTREACH ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY

In a continuing effort to increase enrollment for the spring 2008 semester, the Student Support and the PR/Marketing offices joined forces to staff an information table at Hillsdale Shopping Center (see photo, left) on November 16-18. According to Alex Guiriba, program services coordinator, more than 100 people took time from their holiday shopping to visit the information table.

Additional recent outreach activities include direct visits to Laurelwood and Crystal Springs Shopping Centers and downtown San Mateo to distribute promotional materials and schedules. A CSM banner promoting enrollment for spring 2008 will be prominently displayed in downtown San Mateo (see photo, right) from December 17-January 17.

KUDOS

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS FUND EXTRA LIBRARY HOURS

☆ Thanks to Associated Students and CSM’s Library, students will have a suitable place on campus in the evening to study for finals this semester. The Student Senate met with Director of Library and Learning Resources Lorrita Ford to discuss what it would take to keep the library open for extended hours during the last two weeks of the semester so that students can remain on campus and have an appropriate place to study. As a pilot project, Associated Students will provide the funding to cover staffing expenses for the Library’s longer hours. At the end of the semester, the students and Library staff will evaluate the usage during this time to determine if the project will be repeated.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE HEALTH CENTER

The Health Center has become enrolled as a provider in the Family PACT (Planning, Access, Care and Treatment) Program, part of the State Office of Family Planning. As a provider of this state funded program, our students will be able to receive, free of charge, the following services: comprehensive family planning services to women and men including all FDA approved forms of contraception; emergency contraception; pregnancy testing with counseling; STI testing and treatment; cancer screening; and HIV testing. As a state-funded program, all clients must meet certain eligibility criteria, such as: California residency, income guidelines, and lack of other family planning insurance coverage. The program will be implemented in January 2008.

The Health Center has also enrolled in two other public health programs: the Immunization Registry and the California Health Alert Network. The Immunization Registry is Internet-based and allows CSM to record immunizations that students receive at the Health Center. Additionally, the Health Center can obtain immunizations records from other providers. Currently this is only a county-wide program, but plans are in place to become connected statewide. This program will reduce the duplication of immunizations and costs associated with them. This will be a great benefit for students who are entering allied health professions or transferring to four year colleges. The second program is the California Health Alert Network (CAHAN), designed to notify the college of potential health concerns in our community provide information on how CSM can protect the campus community.
Earlier this year, Professor of Photography Richard Lohmann trekked to China’s Huangshan Mountains for images for his Atmosphere portfolio. Funded by a grant from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, Lohmann traveled with a guide and translator from San Mateo who took him to areas not available to the general public. He spent weeks hiking and exploring the Huangshan Mountains, also known as the Yellow Mountains, with their unique fog and mists. As part of his grant, Lohmann will have an exhibit of his work in the photography department’s Genesis Gallery (Building 4, Room 263) in February and March. To view the blog “Richard Lohmann in China,” visit http://richardstriptochina.blogspot.com/2007_01_01_archive.html

Students in Jude Pittman’s new Mosaic Mural II class will be making a tile and glass mosaic that will be installed on Building 1 in April 2008. Future mosaic mural students will make murals for CSM and the larger community. Watch for these beautiful additions to our campus!

In addition, mosaics from this semester’s Mosaic Mural class as well as ceramics and sculpture by CSM students, will be exhibited in the Coastside Student Invitational exhibit at the Sanchez Art Center, at the Pacifica Center for the Arts, January 11 through January 23. The student show will be held concurrently with the John Toki exhibit, “Echoes of the Earth.” Mr. Toki is an internationally known ceramicist.

CSM’s football team won its third consecutive Bulldog Bowl on November 17, beating Diablo Valley College by two touchdowns for a 28-14 victory. The late season surge catapulted the team in three community college polls. With an overall record of 7-3, CSM ended the season ranked 15th in the nation by J.C. Grid-Wire/JC Football.com. In polls conducted by the California Community Colleges Football Coaches Association, the bulldogs ranked 11th in the state and 7th in Northern California.

More good news followed the bowl triumph when the All NORCAL Conference team was announced. Seven bulldogs were selected to the first team: offensive linemen Tevita Halaholo and Anthony Arellanes; running back Daniel Porter; wide receiver Ed Berry; all purpose player Kevion Jones; defensive lineman Bernard Wolframm; and linebacker Hansen Sekona. Two made the second team: linebacker Andre Portis and quarterback David Singleton. Linebacker Kurt Filler, defensive lineman Chris Havili and defensive back Rolando Oliver made the honorable mention team.
The California Community Colleges Athletic Association (CCCAA), in partnership with the California Community College Sports Information Association (CCCSIA), selected CSM’s cross country runner **Caitlin Roake** as the CCCAA Student Athlete of the Month for October. The announcement was made in mid-November. Roake led CSM’s women cross country team to its first Coast Conference championship in the school’s history on October 24, winning the three-mile cross country race by nearly two minutes to remain undefeated and top-ranked in Northern California. In early November, Roake continued her winning ways by racing to first place in the Northern California Championships and qualified individually for the State Championships.

**Ted Tollner**, head coach of CSM’s football team in the early 1970s, was recently hired as an assistant to the San Francisco 49ers offensive coordinator. The selection proved to be a wise one; in Tollner’s first game with team, the 49ers finally made it into the end zone and ended an eight-game skid in a 37-31 victory over the Arizona Cardinals. Tollner was formerly the 49ers offensive coordinator and served in that same capacity for the San Diego Chargers and Detroit Lions. He was also a college head coach, achieving marked success. At USC, he won a Rose Bowl. While at San Diego State University, he was voted Western Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.
STUDENT JOURNALISTS COLLECT HONORS

The San Matean newspaper and website received top honors at the Northern California section of the Journalism Association of Community Colleges conference recently held at San Jose State University. The San Matean and its online publication each won General Excellence awards in competition among more than 22 community colleges throughout Northern California. The General Excellence awards recognize outstanding overall performance by student journalists. CSM journalism students also won several awards in individual categories. Spring 2007 editor Alex Terrazas received Honorable mention for profile articles, staff writer Chris Godowski won Honorable Mention for sports writing and Fall 2007 editor Danny Castro was honored with a third place award for opinion writing in a contest held at the conference under deadline pressure. Professor of Journalism Ed Remitz is the journalism advisor.

In addition, CSM’s journalism department and the San Francisco Peninsula Press Club co-hosted High School Bootcamp. Thirteen high schools and approximately 120 students from local schools attended the event. Students learned about a variety of journalism topics, including online publishing, digital photography, headline writing and staff motivation; 16 workshops were offered.

EVENTS

► The third installment of the Fall 2007 President’s Lecture Series: Diverse Voices in Writing is scheduled for Friday, November 30, from 12:00-1pm featuring David Mas Masumoto, Mr. Masumoto is an organic peach and grape farmer near Fresno and the author of five books, including the recently published Heirlooms: Letters from a Peach Farmer. His other books include: Letters to the Valley, A Harvest of Memories; Four Seasons in Five Senses; Harvest Son and Epitaph for a Peach. He is currently a columnist for the Fresno Bee and a Kellogg Foundation Food and Society Policy Fellow. His writing awards include Commonwealth Club Silver medal, Julia Child Cookbook award and a finalist in the James Beard Foundation awards. Mr. Masumoto is a current board member of the James Irvine Foundation and has served as chair of the California Council for the Humanities. The lecture takes place in the theatre and will be followed by a book signing in 1-115. The series is generously supported by funds from the Lane Family Charitable Trust.
Upcoming Musical Events
► The 11th annual CSM Jazz Festival will be held on Friday, November 16, from 8am – 5:30pm in the college theatre. This year’s festival will feature 14 of the Bay Area’s top high school jazz bands and a free noon concert by the CSM Jazz Ensemble and special guest John Santos.

► On November 14, “The Roots of Latin Rock” will be presented at 7pm in the theatre. This event, sponsored by the Diversity in Action Group, will include a brief lecture followed by a musical performance by Rudy Ramirez, adjunct instructor. Admission is free and open to the public.

► “Jazz Under the Stars,” CSM’s monthly star party will take place on Saturday, November 17 from 8-11pm, weather permitting. Telescopes will be available for viewing lunar mountains, craters, Jupiter, galaxies and more – all while listening to the sounds of KCSM Jazz 91.1 FM. This is a free event, sponsored by CSM and the San Mateo County Astronomical Society.

► On November 17th CSM will host the 3rd annual Bulldog Bowl in which the Bulldogs will participate for the 3rd time. Kickoff is at 1:00 pm. CSM is 3-0 in the Bulldog Bowl.

► On November 5, approximately 80 members of the college community attended an all-college meeting about the latest developments in the capital improvement program. The firm of McCarthy/LPA/Kwan Henmi unveiled its design-build proposal for two new campus buildings. The plans are on display in the Gallery Room throughout the month of November, during which time employees and students will have the opportunity to give feedback on the designs using an online survey.

► The Autumn Job Fair, sponsored by the Career Development Center and coordinated by Ron Visconti, was held on October 24. CSM students and the community-at-large were invited and approximately 450 people attended. Employers from a wide variety of industries and resources were present looking for interns, part-time, temporary and full-time employees and diverse skill sets. A sample of some of the participating employers included: Comcast (telecommunications); San Mateo Police Department (law enforcement); Radio Disney (media); Macy’s (retail); ChildCare Careers (childcare); SkyWest Airlines (airlines); Fedex Ground (transportation); Community Gatepath (nonprofit); WiLine Networks (broadband); Specialty Cafe Co. Bakery (food service); SolarCity (solar energy) and Covenant Aviation Security (security).

► Halloween was a day of full of festivities and fun around campus. The Associated Students of CSM sponsored a Haunted Gallery (in the Gallery Room) with free admission, free candy and free goose bumps! The students also hosted a costume contest, pumpkin carving competition and games. The Classified Planning Committee held a Halloween party for faculty and staff that included a drawing which raised nearly $300 for the classified staff student scholarship fund.
A&R Sponsors Project Welcome Home
As a growing number of military personnel return home from Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom (OIF/OEF) in which 1.5 million individuals have already served, CSM’s Admissions & Record staff members who certify students for veteran's benefits are developing programs to help transition these students from active duty into college and beyond. One such approach, Project Welcome Home, is designed to help veterans succeed is to tap into an on-campus support network. To launch this effort, A&R staff is creating a directory of faculty and staff who are veterans or family members of veterans, and who are interested in serving as part of the support network for these returning veteran students. Mario Mihelcic, admissions and records assistant, is coordinating the effort.

KUDOS
☆ Assistive Technology Specialist Carolyn Fiori is the 2007 recipient of the Rick Scuderi Service Award from the California Association on Postsecondary Education and Disability (CAPED). The award recognizes exemplary service to CAPED and the students served by its membership.
☆ Joe Mangan, head track and field coach, was named Coast Conference Coach of the Year as voted upon by his peers; Joe also received the Norcal Coach of the Year in cross country. The women’s team also finished first in the Coast Conference and runner up in Northern California. They will travel to Fresno November 17th to compete in the State Championship.
☆ CSM’s student chapter of the American Institute of Floral Designers (SAIFD) participated in the California State Floral Association Student Design Competition in Oakland at the yearly convention. Students Bonnie Britton and Soo Shim were awarded first and second place honors, respectively.
☆ Mike Burke (see photo, left), professor of mathematics and a visiting scholar at the Carnegie Foundation, is the featured author in this month’s Carnegie Perspectives. His article, “A Mathematician’s Proposal,” on the topic of quantitative literacy, can be accessed at carnegiefoundation.org/perspectives/sub.asp?key=245&subkey=2451
☆ The following CSM employees recently participated on the latest District team to experience the Museum of Tolerance training program in Los Angeles: Marilyn Carter, Rudy Ramirez, Marilyn Lawrence, Helia Ying, Mario Mihelcic and Martha Menendez.
☆ CSM alum Erika Paul Carlson, class of 1982 (A.A. in music theory and performance), won a prestigious National Parenting Publications Award (NAPPA) for an interactive CD learning trilogy. Carlson’s award-winning CD, “Scat’s My Bag,” was honored in the music category in the Children’s Products competition. This distinction recognizes her CD as a standout among toys, books, DVD, software and video games available for children today. Carlson continued her education as San Jose State University where she graduated from the first jazz studies program created in the Bay Area. For more than 10 years, she has performed interactive live jazz trio presentations to schools and conducts band and teacher training clinics in Jazz improvisation.
SCIENCE BUILDING & PLANETARIUM HONORED
CSM’s Science Building and Planetarium were selected for an Award of Merit by California Construction magazine’s Best of 2007 awards program. The statewide competition annually recognizes construction and design excellence in Northern and Southern California and is judged by an independent jury of industry experts; CSM was among 41 winners out of 160 projects in a variety of categories that were nominated. CSM’s projects will be featured in the magazine’s December 2007 issue. McCarthy Building Company submitted the college’s nomination. Submitting firms and project teams are invited to attend the awards ceremony in early December in Long Beach.

EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS
► Last week, the college celebrated its eighth annual World Language Week, an on-campus celebration of languages and cultures. This year’s activities included poetry readings, dramatic interpretations, film screenings, musical performances, slide presentations and guest speakers. Nearly all events included traditional foods of the countries represented and all events were free to the campus community. Professor of French and English Susan Petit coordinated the week of events. The photo at right shows one of the many performances featured during World Language Week.

► On October 17, an All-College Meeting was held to inform the campus community about the latest developments in CSM’s Capital Improvement Program (CIPII). The specific intent of this meeting was to present information on the status of the design/build and renovation projects, discuss the next steps and get feedback from the students, staff, faculty and administration with respect to the process. Approximately 75 members of the college community attended.

► Back by popular request: On October 31 from 10am to 2pm, CSM’s Health Center will once again host the Fall Health Fair. The fair will feature more than 30 health services-related booths, many of which will be conducting health assessments. A blood drive will also be held, flu shots will be administered and there will be free, healthy refreshments and prizes.
On Tuesday, October 30, at 11:10 am, the President’s Lecture Series: Diverse Voices in Writing will present author Caille Milner (in photo on right). Milner, who had her first book published at age 16, is the author of a memoir, the Golden Road: Notes on My Gentrification and coauthor of The Promise: How One Woman Made Good on Her Extraordinary Pact to Send a Classroom of First Graders to College. She was named one of Columbia Journalism Review’s Ten Young Writers on the Rise, was the recipient of the Rona Jaffe Fiction Award and earned honors from the National Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts, the National Press Club, the Scripps-Howard Foundation and the Society for Professional Journalism. She is currently on the editorial board of the San Francisco Chronicle; she has also written for Newsweek, Essence and The Washington Post. The lecture takes place in the CSM Theatre with a reception and book signing following the lecture in 1-115.

The Student Chapter of the American Institute of Floral Design Club hosted a campus visit by noted floral industry expert J.M. H. Schwanke; he presented, “Fun with Flowers and J through the Seasons.”

During the week of October 22-25, the Associated Students of CSM is presenting Oktoberfest 2007. The celebration featured food, a car show, live entertainment, games, contests and inflatable activities (obstacle course and rock climbing wall).

Disabled Students Program & Services has sponsored a series of events throughout October in recognition of Disability Awareness Month. The final activity will be a documentary film screening of “Right to Risk – a 15-Day Journey through the Grand Canyon,” which will be shown on Thursday, October 25 from 1 to 3pm in the theatre.

The Career Development Center held an Autumn Job Fair today which included participation by more than 60 local businesses. The event offered opportunities for career exploration, holiday jobs and job market research. Ron Visconti, career counselor, coordinated the job fair.

On October 31, from 11:30am to 1:30pm, the Classified Staff Planning Committee will host a Halloween party, complete with a costume contest, prizes and refreshments. There will also be a drawing for “Employee of the Month Parking Spaces,” the proceeds of which will go to the Classified Staff Student Scholarship fund.

RECOGNITION
The college lost a very good friend, long-time student and generous supporter recently. Ralph Lane passed away at his home in Burlingame on October 9. Ralph was a retired university professor, who had been a student at CSM for the past 17, taking literature and creative writing courses. From Ralph’s experience in CSM’s creative writing classes, he found his voice as a poet, publishing two volumes of his work, Do I Grow Old and Peripeteia. Ralph and his wife, Joan, established the Lane Family Charitable Trust (SMCCC Foundation) that has funded the President’s Lecture Series: Diverse Voices in Writing, for the past five years. Their generosity has made it possible for the college to host a number of notable and prolific speakers, including Khaled Hosseini, Maxine Hong-Kingston, Tobias Wolff, Jeanne Wakatsuki-Houston, Anne Lamott and Paul Ehrlich, among many others. He will be sadly missed by members of the college community who knew him. An exhibit of Ralph’s poetry is currently on display on the Bulldog – The Wall bulletin boards on the 200 level of Building 18.
**NOTABLE**

☆ CSM student-athlete **Caitlin Roake** was the subject of a feature article, “Double Duty,” that ran in the *San Mateo Daily News* on September 28. The article is aptly titled since Roake is also a sophomore at Stanford University. Last year, she tried out as a walk-on for the Cardinal women’s cross country team, but failed to make the cut. Wanting to get back into competitive running, she enrolled at CSM this fall where she has become one of the standouts on the team; in three races to date, she has two first-place finishes and one second place finish. To read the story in its entirety, go to [http://www.sanmateodailynews.com/article/2007-9-28-runner](http://www.sanmateodailynews.com/article/2007-9-28-runner)

☆ **Dean Drumheller**, laboratory technician in the astronomy program, received the Astronomical Association of Northern California’s Special Award for outstanding and continuous support in distinguishing and fostering amateur astronomy at the association’s annual conference earlier this month. Drumheller is in the photo, on the left, receiving his award.

☆ **Louise Pasternack**, reference librarian, has been selected as the learning resource center director for the Scholar Ship, an oceangoing study-abroad program. Although her assignment is work remotely from home, she will travel to Hong Kong and Amsterdam to set up and dismantle the library. During the voyage, she will be a consultant on collection development and a resource for remote research. The Scholar Ship will immerse more than 200 undergraduate and graduate students and staff from 35 countries in an intercultural living and learning environments on an ocean liner specially equipped for the academic program. The program is supported by seven international universities.

☆ **Richard Lohmann**, professor of photography recently exhibited a collection of his work at the Ansel Adams Gallery and Aperture Gallery at the Mumm Napa Valley Winery.
September 26, 2007

**MIDDLE COLLEGE CELEBRATES 10TH YEAR**

Celebrating its 10th year, San Mateo Middle College High School (SMMCHS) welcomed 58 students to the program this semester. Middle College students began with two days of orientation to the campus and prepared for a field trip to Angel Island in San Francisco Bay. The students took tours of the island and engaged in a number of learning activities. When they returned to CSM, they prepared group presentations about possible changes in the use of the island. In the photo on the right, the students are involved in an activity at Angel Island. Earlier this September, SMMCHS held its annual Back-to-School Night.

![SMMCHS students on Angel Island](image)

**PRESIDENT’S LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES**

On Tuesday, October 30, at 11:10 am, the President’s Lecture Series: Diverse Voices in Writing will present author Caille Milner. Milner, who had her first book published at age 16, is the author of a memoir, the Golden Road: Notes on My Gentrification and coauthor of The Promise: How One Woman Made Good on Her Extraordinary Pact to Send a Classroom of First Graders to College. She was named one of Columbia Journalism Review’s Ten Young Writers on the Rise, was the recipient of the Rona Jaffe Fiction Award and earned honors from the National Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts, the National Press Club, the Scripps-Howard Foundation and the Society for Professional Journalism. She is currently on the editorial board of the San Francisco Chronicle; she has also written for Newsweek, Essence and The Washington Post. The lecture takes place in the CSM Theatre with a reception and book signing following the lecture in 1-115.

![Caille Milner](image)

**COLLEGE HOSTS STATEWIDE BASIC SKILLS INITIATIVE WORKSHOP**

On September 28, from 9am-3pm, CSM will host the Statewide Academic Senate’s regional training workshop to assist the California Community Colleges in implementing the Basic Skills Initiative. Nine colleges in our neighboring area have been invited and each college will bring up to 15 representatives, including English, ESL, math and counseling faculty as well as chief student services and instructional officers. During the day, participants will review documents on effective basic skills practices and a self-assessment tool for colleges to use to evaluate the current status of their efforts to address the needs of basic skills students. CSM will follow up by establishing a Basic Skills Task Force to develop a program plan which will be submitted to the Chancellor’s Office next spring.
KUDOS

☆ Bulldog Football Coach Larry Owens began his 18th season at the college by earning his 100th victory. The milestone came in a 34-14 Bulldog victory over American River College. Congratulations Coach Owens!

In other football-related news, Bulldog quarterback David Singleton threw a CSM record six touchdowns against Chabot College in a blowout 49-20 victory on Sept. 8. The CSM Bulldogs were ranked 10th in the state going into the season by the California Community College Football Coaches Association and have since moved up to number four in California and 14th in the nation.

☆ Michelle Brown, associate professor, broadcast and electronic media, has been notified that her cinepoem (poetry with a cinematic treatment), “Slippery Shiny Feathery Things,” is an official selection of the 2007 Berkeley Video and Film Festival. The CSM broadcasting program and Michelle were featured in a recent San Mateo County Times article, “Ready for their Close Up.”

☆ Congratulations to Darryl Stanford, professor of astronomy and physics, and Mohsen Janatpour, professor of astronomy, mathematics and physics, for their enthusiastic participation in Project Star Gaze, the program that brings elementary school students and teachers to CSM for planetarium shows. The project has become so popular among the schools that every Friday of the year is booked with field trips. In addition, the astronomy program will be hosting Fall Astronomy Day on Saturday, September 29

☆ On October 5, Jean Mach, professor of English, Dave Danielson, professor of philosophy, and Cheryl Gregory, professor of mathematics, will be presenting “Alchemy @ CSM: Turning a Basic Skills Initiative into Institutional Student Learning Outcomes Assessment through WAC and ePortfolios,” at the San Jose Student Success Conference. (see related article under “Events on Campus”)

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

› Faculty Services Awards Announced
Fifteen faculty members and two administrators will be honored on October 2 at CSM’s annual Ice Cream Social/Faculty Service Awards Ceremony. The event takes place from 12:30-2pm in the Staff Dining Room; the awards ceremony begins at 1:15pm.

› The International Student Program recently welcomed 30 new students (in photo, left) hailing from 20 different countries during a day of orientation to the college. During the orientation, the new students took placement tests and completed the matriculation process. They also heard presentations from college staff about the many student services available at CSM. The students’ home countries include: Albania, Brazil, Canada, China, El Salvador, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Pakistan, Palestine, Russia, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Tonga, Turkey and the United Kingdom. Martin Bednarek, international student advisor, and Maggie Skaff, program services coordinator, organized the event.
Thanks to the work of Chief of Security John Wells and Dean of Administrative Services Virgil Stanford, the college hosted two “shooter on campus” presentations conducted by Captain Kevin Raffaelli of the San Mateo Police Department for faculty, staff, and administrators. Captain Raffaelli has participated in and been responsible for the deployment of law enforcement resources charged with resolving numerous active shooter incidents; he has brought all of these incidents to successful conclusions. For those unable to attend either of the sessions, arrangements have been made to post the presentation online.

CSM Coastside recently participated in Spanish Parents Night at Half Moon Bay High School, an event designed to inform Spanish-speaking parents about high school requirements and college opportunities. Spanish-speaking Coastside staff made a presentation and distributed information. The event was attended by approximately 175 parents. Photo at left: Spanish Parents Night at Half Moon Bay High School

The new Center for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) is hosting three special events for all faculty, staff and administrators during the fall semester. The first presentation, “Alchemy @ CSM: Alchemy-Turning a Basic Skills Initiative into Institutional Student Learning Outcomes Assessment through WAC and ePortfolios,” was held last week. Coming up on Friday, October 26 will be “ePortfolios for Scholarship @ CSM. The presentations take place in the SoTL Center, Building 12, Room 170, from 2-3:30pm.

The Transfer Center held another very successful Transfer Day event which included representatives from UC, CSU and many private universities in California and from out-of-state. The event included live music, free refreshments and raffle prizes. Mike Mitchell, transfer services coordinator, was in charge of the event.

CSM’s Health Center sponsored the showing of two films that were open to the CSM community, “Influenza 1918: The Worst Epidemic in American History” and “Pandemic Influenza Preparedness for Schools.”

A Chinese delegation of college principals and presidents recently visited the college to learn about CSM’s occupational programs. During the visit, the group sat in on a nursing lecture about cultural differences in non-verbal communication and toured cosmetology, the electronics lab and the science building. The delegation appears with college administrators in the photo on the right.

On October 8th, CSM’s Library will host a book discussion featuring Isabel Allende’s Daughter of Fortune. This is part of the countywide One Book One Community reading program.
CSM is celebrating Disability Awareness Month during October with a number of events and special presentations. On October 3 from 1-2:30pm, the college will welcome Gary Karp (in photo, at right), speaking on, “Modern Disability: The Missing Piece in the Diversity Mosaic.” Mr. Karp is an internationally recognized public speaker, corporate trainer, author and editor who has been living – fully – with a T12 spinal cord injury since 1973 when he was injured in a fall from a tree at age 18. Hosted by the Disabled Students Programs and Services, Disability in Action Group and Multicultural Center, the event takes place in the South Cafeteria and is free and open to CSM and the community. The Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Resource Center helps to sponsor Mr. Karp as he speaks in rehabilitation settings and at colleges. In conjunction with his presentation, there will be a fundraising barbecue, information tables and music near the pond outside Buildings 1 and 5. A number of discussion forums will also be held throughout the month that highlight the college’s disabled programs and services.

Jazz Under the Stars at CSM, the monthly star party, will be held on September 29 from 8 to 11 pm, weather permitting. Through telescopes, attendees can view lunar mountains and craters, Jupiter, galaxies and more – all while listening to the sound of KCSM Jazz 91.1 FM. The event is co-sponsored by CSM and the San Mateo County Astronomical Society. In a related event, also on September 29, CSM and the Astronomical Society will host the Astronomical Association of Northern California’s annual conference. The event will include a number of notable speakers including keynote speaker Imke de Pater who will present “Planet Discoveries,” with images by Christopher Go.

The Diversity in Action Group (DIAG) will be sponsoring a variety of diversity programs and events during the fall semester. In addition to co-sponsoring the Gary Karp presentation (see article above on Disability Awareness Month), DIAG will celebrate National Coming Out Day on October 11 and will sponsor the first installment of its film series on October 12 with a screening of “Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee.”

On September 20, CSM’s managers participated in a very successful college-sponsored Management Retreat at the Mercy Center in Burlingame. During the day-long retreat, the managers examined the college Strategic Objectives and Action Steps for 2007-08 and discussed how the administrative team will address these priorities. Other agenda topics included concurrent enrollment, basic skills/retention and preliminary results of the Students’ Speaks report. Vice Chancellor Jing Luan also attended.
COLLEGE HOSTS OPENING DAY FESTIVITIES
The college’s Opening Day festivities on August 21 began with a continental breakfast and an all-college meeting in the main theatre. Presentations included a welcome-back speech by President Mike Claire, comments on SLOS and assessment by Professor of English Sandra Comerford, and remarks by representatives from the Academic Senate, AFT and CSEA. Following the morning session, faculty and staff met in department meetings to work on course, department and program level SLOs. Lunch was provided for a well-deserved break. Members of the classified staff were invited to a casual gathering during lunch to discuss plans for events and activities for the coming year.

SPIRIT OF CSM AWARD ANNOUNCED
During his Opening Day presentation, President Mike Claire announced that the college will launch the Spirit of CSM, an award that recognizes individuals or groups that are outstanding in exemplifying the values of CSM. Two awards will be made annually, one to a CSM employee or group and one to a member of the community.

In 2006-07, College Council approved the creation of the award and designated a committee comprised of faculty, staff, administrators and students to develop its guidelines. A call for nominations will be underway in the coming weeks. Recipients will be selected by the college president in consultation with members of College Council and it is expected that awards will be presented at CSM’s Opening Day meeting in 2008. A contribution in each recipient’s name will be made to the SMCCC Foundation to support CSM students.

PRESIDENT’S eNEWSLETTER DEBUTS
On August 27, the college will launch the introductory issue of the President’s eNews, an electronic newsletter for faculty and staff. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep the college community informed about important issues, news, events and serve as a means to celebrate accomplishments of faculty, staff and our students. eNews will be produced on a monthly basis and, if news and other developments warrant, more frequently.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!
KCSM-TV, in partnership with the college’s Broadcast and Electronic Media Program is co-sponsoring SPOTLIGHT, an annual film-making festival open to all Bay Area high school students. Awards will be given for Best Sound, Best Editing, Best Original Story or Adaptation, Best Directing and Best Special Effects. KCSM and the broadcasting program will hold a film festival on campus to screen winning entries and announce the awards. Winners will receive scholarships to CSM to advance their production skills with professional equipment in a new state-of-the-art digital facility. They will also be interviewed and have their films broadcast on KCSM-TV.
PRESIDENT’S LECTURE SERIES BEGINS 5TH YEAR
On Thursday, September 13, from 11:10-noon, the President’s Lecture Series: Diverse Voices in Writing, will kick off its fifth season with guest lecturer Yiyun Li. Ms. Li grew up in Beijing, China, and has lived in the United States since 1996. Her debut collection of stories, “A Thousand Years of Good Prayers,” won the Frank O’Connor International Short Story Award, the Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award, the Guardian First Book Award and other prizes. She has received awards and fellowships from Lannan Foundation and Whiting Foundation. Recently, she was chosen by Grantaanta magazine as one of the Best Young American Novelists. The lecture will be held in the theatre and will be followed by a book signing in 1-115. This series is made possible by a generous contribution from the Lane Family Charitable Trust. Photo courtesy of Randi Lynn Beach.

KUDOS
☆ Alisa Clancy, KCSM Operations Manager and DJ for “The Morning Cup of Jazz,” was featured in an article in the July 23rd issue of the Oakland Tribune entitled, “KCSM DJ serves up Ella, Louis and Miles with your joe.”

☆ On July 18th, KGO-TV carried a story about KCSM-FM’s jazz library, which aired that evening on the 6 pm and 11 pm newscasts. The KCSM collection is considered the third largest jazz library in the country, behind the Smithsonian and Rutgers University. The story included interviews with Alisa Clancy, operations manager, and Marilyn Lawrence, general manager; it is available for viewing on KCSM's webpage, http://www.kcsom.org/

☆ In the August 2007 issue of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants Newsletter, CSM’s accounting program and faculty received some notable recognition. The president’s message included the following comment about the faculty, “Their intelligence, commitment, desire, selflessness and continual dedication to their students have brought us many intelligent and amazing students and future members. Professor of Accounting Bruce Maule was recognized for his efforts in helping the Society develop its very successful scholarship program.

☆ Gentry, an upscale magazine of the mid-peninsula, included a five-page, feature article about CSM’s first decade. “The Early Years,” was written by historians Michael Svanevik (also professor of history at the college) and Shirley Burgett. The article can be viewed at http://gentry.bantapubnet.com/peninsula200708/

☆ Mario Mihelecic and Jeremy Mileo, admissions and records assistants, have been named Region 3 representatives to the California Community Colleges State Chancellor’s Office in matters dealing with veterans’ issues.

RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS
¬ In anticipation of the 2007 football season, CSM’s athletic department held a preseason football press conference on August 21 at the college’s Stadium Press Box. On Thursday, August 23, the Bulldogs will host Hartnell College in a scrimmage at 3pm. For the complete 2007 football schedule, visit CSM’s football website at http://www.gocsm.net/football/

¬ CSM’s accreditation self study report has been posted on-line at http://www.smccd.net/accounts/csmaccredit/
New faculty orientation was held last week for the newly hired, full-time faculty members. The day’s program included presentations on the scholarship of teaching and learning, podcasting, a visual communication learning community, statewide basic skills initiative, e-portfolios and campus renovation and construction programs. The group also enjoyed lunch and participated in a campus tour. New full-time faculty members are: Maribek Boosalis-Oler (cosmetology), Tim Maxwell (English), Makiko Ueda (psychological services), Alyssa Wong (math), Shana Young (DSPS) and Frederick Gaines (ethnic studies). A separate orientation was also held for new adjunct faculty.

Last Friday evening, the college held its monthly “Jazz Under the Stars” event from the rooftop observatory of the Science Building. Upcoming dates for the event are: September 29, October 20 and November 17, beginning at 7pm.

**CSM Rolls Out “Welcome Mat”**

Dozens of CSM faculty and staff wearing blue CSM t-shirts participated in “Operation Welcome Mat,” a customer service effort to help students become familiar with the college. The “operation” consists of three information stations and volunteers wandering around campus to help direct students and answer questions. Operation Welcome Mat will serve students throughout the first week of classes.

**College Reaches Out at County Fair**

The college had a significant presence at this year’s San Mateo County Fair. More than 100 volunteers from CSM participated in the event over a six-day period. The college displays were housed in large room which allowed for a number of programs and services to be highlighted. Horticulture, financial aid, math and science technology and cosmetology all had interactive exhibits and there was also a general CSM table. The music department kept the atmosphere lively with performances by three bands. It is estimated that volunteers spoke to more than 400 interested individuals, fielding questions about a wide variety of programs and services. Contact cards were completed by approximately 350 prospective students. Faculty, staff and administrators enjoyed the opportunity to work side-by-side in a casual and fun environment. The college’s presence at the fair was coordinated by Alex Guiriba, program services coordinator in Student Services and staff from the Public Relations and Marketing Office.

*Photos from top: floristry faculty and staff; PR staff; and fair-goers entertained by CSM’s steel drum band.*
**PLANETARIUM IS BACK IN BUSINESS!**

After several months of undergoing repair, the college’s new planetarium reopened in time to welcome students attending the summer session. In July, the college resumed its popular stargazing/planetarium shows, which are free and open to the general public. Dean Charlene Frontiera reported that a crowd of 130 people attended this month’s event. Beginning in August, the San Mateo Astronomical Society will resume holding its monthly meetings in the facility. Finally, astronomy faculty are preparing for a full slate of star shows for elementary school students, teachers and parents held on Fridays throughout the academic year.

*Photo: Astronomy Professor Darryl Stanford conducting the Planetarium Show in July amid a full-house of stargazers. Inset: CSM’s Planetarium at dusk.*

**CSM COASTSIDE FEATURED IN MAGAZINE**

The July 2007 issue of CoastViews Magazine, a real estate publication for the Coastside, features an article on CSM’s new and expanded Coastside facilities. Expanding on the one-stop center the college currently operates on the Coastside, facilities will now include a new computer lab, smart classrooms and a teleconference room which among other functions, will facilitate the various matriculation processes. The article also included a sidebar section encouraging residents to voice their preferences for classes by participating in an online or phone survey.

*CSM’s Coastside Facility*

**SUMMARY OF CSM’S MARKETING, OUTREACH & RECRUITING ACTIVITIES**

Over the past several months, the college has placed a renewed emphasis on marketing, outreach and recruiting, three activities that play critical roles in enrollment management. Following is a summary of the college’s accomplishments and progress to date in those areas.
Strategic Marketing

• A strategic marketing plan based on a target marketing approach is being developed and will be integrated into the college’s strategic planning process.
• The first phase of “Students Speak” – a student focus group effort to better understand target market needs – has been completed.
• Marketing, outreach and recruiting activities have been restructured to improve coordination and cooperation among the various departments responsible for these activities.
• Marketing, recruiting and outreach is now a standing agenda item for Cabinet; the Academic Senate president and other key individuals participate in these sessions.
• An integrated marketing and recruiting calendar is being developed.

High School Relations

• A high school outreach summit was held in March and yielded over 100 suggestions, many of which have been implemented.
• College administrators have met with all principals in the San Mateo Union High School District (SMUHSD). Additional meetings will continue in 2007-08.
• An outreach specialist has been hired to have a regular presence on high school campuses.

On the horizon: a CSM newsletter customized for each high school in the SMUHSD and the formation of a recruiting team for each high school consisting of faculty, staff, administrators and student ambassadors.

Community Presence

• CSM participated in San Mateo’s FESTA ITALIANA.
• CSM will have an exhibit at the San Mateo County Fair.
• Banners will be prominently displayed in the City of San Mateo during the month of August.
• More than 6,000 CSM postcards and promotional materials have been distributed to San Mateo businesses.
• CSM events are listed on the City of San Mateo’s events calendar.
• An aggressive press release campaign has been launched.

On the horizon: a speakers bureau program is planned for implementation in 2007-08.

Advertising

• Advertising on KCSM has been maximized.
• Staff are conducting a review of CSM’s traditional mass media advertising with a possible shift toward web advertising which includes Google search optimization techniques.
• Work is underway to develop a new look for CSM designed to strengthen its image as an institution with high academic standards.
• Work has begun on a complete redesign of the college website and print materials.
• 15,000 emails about the fall 2007 semester were sent to former students
• An aggressive campaign has been launched to capture students who have applied but not yet registered for the fall 2007 semester.

On the horizon: a complete re-engineer of advertising and promotion efforts consistent with CSM’s strategic marketing plan.
KUDOS

☆ The college is pleased to report that student Rocio Montesinos is the recipient of a $1,000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Two Year Colleges Scholarship Program. Rocio is one of 400 recipients nationwide to be honored by the foundation. The scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated a commitment to their academics and to their community. Rocio is a volunteer at Samaritan House Clinic, a health facility that provides medical services to low income families and individuals, where she serves as a doctor’s assistant and an interpreter for doctors and patients. She has been accepted into CSM’s nursing program for fall 2007; her career goal is to become a pediatric nurse.

☆ Ming Ren, adjunct professor of art, has had his book, Poetry in Painting: The Work of Ming Ren, added to the Chinese collection of the Library of Congress. He teaches Chinese brush painting among other classes at CSM.

☆ The Peninsula Association of Contractors and Engineers (PACE) awarded a $1000 scholarship to CSM engineering student Ryan Cooke. PACE has long been a supporter of the engineering program. The award was presented at the April PACE meeting by current PACE President Pete McKean, a former CSM engineering student.

☆ Two CSM floristry students received honors at the American Institution of Floral Designers’ (AIFD) 2007 Student Floral Design Competition held earlier this month in Palm Desert. Kevin Ngwe received the People’s Choice Award for best design as voted by the general public. Larisa Andreev was the recipient of four awards, including a second place in the overall contest, second place in both the “Napkin Flower Décor” and “Sweetheart Table Design” categories and third place in the “Flowers to Carry-Bouquet Design” category.

☆ CSM engineering student Andrew Zubyk received a prestigious Silicon Valley Engineering Council Engineering Education Award which recognizes engineering students for their dedication, focus, and commitment to engineering.

☆ "Colma: The Musical," written and directed by two former CSM film students, H.P. Mendoza and Richard Wong, has received critical acclaim from movie reviewers. The film was featured at several film festivals in 2006 and was honored with a Special Jury Prize at the San Francisco International Asian Film Festival, the Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival and the San Diego Asian Film Festival. Mendoza wrote the screenplay, music and lyrics and Wong was the film’s director. Thirteen original musical numbers are included in the film and also available on the soundtrack.

☆ Student teams from CSM’s cosmetology program took first and second place honors in the annual California Cosmetology Association styling competition. First place honors went to Tara Burke for hairstyle, Judi Herren for makeup and Michelle Mateo for nails. Second place trophies were awarded to Lyudmila Peshnowa, Asmaa Belachar and Daysi C. Arita-Robles in the three categories. The theme of this year’s team competition was “fantasy” and the contestants expressed their imaginative ideas in styling hair, makeup and fingernails. “Our students who participated in this contest had an opportunity to show what they can do, and they really did us proud,” said Suzanne Russell, Coordinator of CSM’s cosmetology program.
CSM ALUMNI INDUCTED INTO SPORTS HALL OF FAME

CSM alumni reaped honors as two former athletes and a former coach were inducted into the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame at its annual banquet on June 21.

Gloria Smith-Corey was a standout player at CSM in women’s basketball during the sport’s fledgling seasons. Playing point guard, she made all-conference both years she played at the college. Smith-Corey received one of the first female basketball scholarships to University of San Francisco where she played a major role in turning an unsuccessful team into a championship team. In all four years that she played collegiate basketball, her teams won championships and in 1979-80, she contributed to USF receiving a national ranking.

Cindy Galarza was a gifted basketball player at CSM earning most valuable player honors in the conference for two years. In her sophomore year, Galarza, a forward, lead the bulldogs to the Northern California championship with a season record of 32-1. She earned an athletic scholarship to San Jose State University where she became one of the university’s first great female basketball players and was named all-league in her senior season.

Both Smith-Corey and Galarza played under the tutelage of Coach Tom Martinez.

Steve Shafer was a football coach at CSM from 1966-74 and served as head coach during the 1972-74 seasons. In 1968, he and Head Coach Bill Dickey and Offensive Coach Ted Tollner gave new life to CSM’s football team with an aggressive countywide recruitment effort. Shafer went on to coach at San Diego State University for seven years. In 1982, he began his NFL career where he would coach the Rams, Buccaneers, Raiders, Ravens and Jaguars. Shafer was assistant head coach for the Superbowl-winning Ravens in 2001; it was his defense structure that played a pivotal role in the championship.

CSM GRAD’S SUCCESS STORY

New CSM graduate Hugo Mora (in photo at left) of South San Francisco was selected for the prestigious Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Award from UC Santa Cruz (UCSC). He is one of only 10 community college transfer students from the Bay Area to receive the award, which includes a $20,000 scholarship. The Pister award recognizes students who have demonstrated commitment to assisting and improving the lives of others, have overcome adverse socioeconomic circumstances and who might not otherwise be able to afford to attend UCSC.

Hugo overcame significant challenges during his youth, including frequent moves, family issues and associations with drug users. His troubles landed him in the County’s juvenile detention facility where, with the help of his probation officer, became focused on making positive changes in his life that included community college education. Upon enrolling at CSM, he made new friends and found emotional and educational support from faculty and student services, especially EOPS. He credits CSM with helping him to focus on his goals. Hugo has been an active participant in a number of campus activities and organizations, including the Student Senate and Latinos Unidos.. At UCSC, he will study psychology and philosophy; his long-term goal is to attend law school. Hugo’s success story was the subject of a recent human interest article which appeared in a recent issue of the San Mateo County Times.
**STUDENT EDITOR TAKES FIRST PLACE HONORS**

Alexis Terrazas, journalism student and editor of *The San Matean*, received first place honors from the Journalism Association of Community Colleges in an opinion writing contest. His award-winning entry, covering a presentation about disaster planning, was selected among articles written by more than 50 other community college journalism students. Alexis previously has won several scholarships and will be working during the summer at the San Francisco Examiner on a $1,500 internship program awarded by the California Newspaper Association.

**BROADCASTING STUDENTS HONORED FOR PROMO SPOT**

The California Community Colleges Satellite Network (CCCSAT) has recognized the 30-second promotional spot developed by five CSM broadcasting students with an Honorable Mention award in the Commercials/Promos/PSA category. The student crew was comprised of Alex Andal, Noel Chavez, Tomomi Komura, Leo Medrano and Rachel Perey. For more information about the recent CCCSAT competition visit www.cccsat.org/RightLinks/CSFAVF2007.html.

**MORE KUDOS**

★ Loselea Naufahu, a 2002 graduate of San Mateo Middle College High School and former CSM student, was the valedictorian of Notre Dame de Namur University’s (NDNU) 2007 commencement ceremony. Loselea was also the recipient of the Outstanding Student Award for Service in Sociology at NDNU. Her plan is to pursue a graduate degree in law.

★ Three CSM students were recently honored with scholarships from Soroptimist International: Burlingame, San Mateo, Mid-Peninsula. Franco Rojas received the Ruth Weston Award, Marc Murillo was honored with the Ada Beveridge Award and Jesus Villalta was the recipient of the Anne Brubaker Award.

★ The May 2007 issue of *College Planning and Management* featured an article and photos of CSM’s Regional Public Safety Center in its “Facility Focus” article.

**STUDENT-ATHLETE ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- The Bulldog football team’s Class of 2006 amassed some impressive off-field statistics:
  - 19 players earned scholarships totaling over $600,000 (two additional students received scholarship offers but have chosen to pursue careers in other fields);
  - All of the 19 scholarship winners have completed their academic coursework required to transfer to their respective universities;
  - 23 student athletes received AA degrees; and
  - 18 of the 19 scholarship winners attended Bay Area high schools.

- Nearly the entire sophomore class of CSM’s baseball team will be transferring to universities this fall with scholarships in hand. Eleven bulldog players from 2006-07 will be moving on to universities throughout the nation. In his twelve years at CSM, Coach Doug Williams has had 142 of 153 sophomores either sign scholarships and/or transfer to universities.
**COLLEGE FOR KIDS KICKS OFF 15TH YEAR**

College for Kids celebrates its 15th year this summer with programs on all three campuses. The three-week summer programs at Cañada and Skyline are currently underway through July 5. The program at the CSM runs from July 9 through July 26.

The success and popularity of the program are reflected in "all-time high" registrations for the three campuses. Enrollment at Cañada College grew to 68 students, exceeding last year's enrollment. Despite a few years' hiatus due to construction work on the Skyline campus, this year's program enrolled 101 students. To date, 247 students have registered for the program at CSM.

Some of this year's new classes include Academy of Future Space Explorers, Real Basic Game Programming, Exploring New Art Forms, Wacky Robots and Widgets and Moviemaking with Claymation.

**NEWS FROM THE COASTSIDE**

Last week the Half Moon Bay Planning Commission approved a Use Permit and Parking Exception which is the first step toward the construction of CSM's new Coastside facility. It is anticipated that the move-in date and grand opening will be held in August. In association with this venture, the college has become a member of the city's Chamber of Commerce which has provided a myriad of networking opportunities. In early July, staff at the Coastside office will begin distributing a new survey in English and Spanish to collect data that will be used to determine which classes to offer in the fall. Recently, the college registered 60 Nurserymen's Exchange employees to take one of two classes offered this summer at the local high school. This sets the stage for a long-term relationship where their 600 employees will be ongoing students of CSM.

**COLLEGE INTRODUCES NEW JOB-TRAINING PROGRAM**

This summer, the college launched its new Instrumentation/Calibration Technician Program (calibration lab in photo on right). This job-training program will prepare students for jobs in a variety of fields and is a direct link to solid employment in the biotechnology field. In addition to biotech, instrumentation/calibration technicians can find employment in more than 14 different industry clusters including aerospace, mining and metals, petro-chemical, public utilities, semiconductors and power generation. CSM's program is funded by a two-year Economic & Workforce Development grant of $585,000 from the California Community Colleges State Chancellor's Office and has received in-kind support from the college district and industry partners including Genentech, Bayer, Nektar, IPS and Cell Genesys.

**NEW RESEARCH BRIEF FOCUSES ON WRITING**

"Writing in the End Zone I and II: Improving Student Outcomes in Developmental English," is the topic of the May 2007 issue of Research Briefs published by CSM's Office of Articulation and Research. This publication addresses student learning outcomes in an English and Physical Education learning community which enrolls predominantly African-American and Pacific Islander populations. The study was funded by the Trustees Fund for Program Improvement. The complete collection of Research Briefs is available online at http://www.smccd.net/accounts/csmresearch/resbriefs.html
**Judicial Careers Program Celebrates Completion of First Session**

Twenty-four students recently completed the new Judicial Careers Training Partnership Program, “Jumpstart,” offered through Corporate and Continuing Education. The 200-hour training program prepares students for entry-level positions and internships with local courts. Students earn 12.5 units of college credit in subjects that include: business math, business English, communication skills, government, computer and career readiness. This program is a collaborative effort of five superior courts in San Mateo, Santa Clara, Monterey, Contra Costa and Sacramento counties, the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board and CSM.

**Classified Staff Appreciation Day Celebrated**

On June 7, CSM celebrated Classified Appreciation Day with a salute to the swinging sounds of the 1940s. The event included a catered lunch and awards ceremony honoring nine classified staff members with 10, 15, 20 and 30 years of service. Entertainment highlights featured live music provided by the CSM Bulldog Band and an entertaining and creative performance by CSM’s very own Andrews Sisters, a.k.a. President Mike Claire, Interim Vice President of Instruction Grace Sonner and Vice President of Student Services Jennifer Hughes.
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER ANNOUNCED
The speaker for CSM’s 85th commencement ceremony on Friday, May 25 will be Mark Avelar, former deputy superintendent of the San Mateo Union High School (SMUHSD). He recently retired after serving a distinguished 37-year career as a teacher and administrator with the South San Francisco Unified School District and SMUHSD. He has been a strong supporter of the college and collaborated with CSM on a number of important initiatives, including San Mateo Middle College High School, Tech Prep and Career to School. CSM’s commencement begins at 8pm in the Gymnasium.

3 CSM STUDENTS HONORED BY AGS
Three CSM students were recipients of awards presented at the statewide Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) conference in Ontario. AGS is the state community college scholastic honorary and has been at CSM since 1937. The awardees are Roger Nishimoto, the chapter president, awarded the Ed Walsh Service Award; Ayumi Ode, chapter treasurer and international student from Japan; and Laura Van’T Hof, AGS representative to InterClub Council. Ayumi and Laura each received a Kathleen D. Loly Award for academic achievement. Both the Walsh and Loly awards include a monetary value. This is the first time in many years that all CSM nominees received awards.

PRODIGY & AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT CSM
On Friday, May 18 at 2pm, CSM’s Chess Club will sponsor a lecture and book signing by Josh Waitzkin (in photo at right), the subject of the movie, Searching for Bobby Fischer. Waitzkin took up chess at age six and won his first national championship at nine and continued to dominate the U.S. scholastic chess world for 10 years. Pursuing a new direction, Waitzkin became a master of Tai Chi Chuan, eventually earning the title of World Champion. In his recently published book, “The Art of Learning – A Journey in the Pursuit of Excellence,” he looks back at his accomplishments in two very different fields of competition. The event takes place in the South Cafeteria; admission is free.

EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS
▶ The Academic Senate will host its annual retirement luncheon on May 15 honoring five retiring faculty members: Georgia Grant, Martha Gutierrez, Bob Kowerski, Dale Kuhns and Tom Martinez, and retiring administrators Al Acena and Linda Avelar.

▶ San Mateo Middle College High graduation will take place on Tuesday, May 29 at 6:30pm in the CSM Theatre.
EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS, CONTINUED

- San Mateo Middle College High graduation will take place on Tuesday, May 29 at 6:30pm in the CSM Theatre.

- The Nursing program will hold its pinning ceremony on Saturday, May 26 at 10am at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center.

- Coming up on May 17, EOPS will sponsor its 19th annual Student Recognition Celebration, “Your Vision, Your Commitment... Your Success.”

- The Associated Students will hold an Appreciation Lunch on May 14 for faculty, staff and administrators who supported the ASCSM over the past year.

- On May 22, CSM hosts “Connect to College: A Night of Information for High School Seniors and Parents.”

- At the CSM Scholarship Awards Reception held on May 3, 241 individual scholarship awards worth $201,700 were distributed to 168 CSM students and 32 high school students.

- CSM Admissions & Records and Financial Aid Offices and the Tongan Interfaith Council co-sponsored Pacific Islander Recruitment Day. More than 200 high school students, staff and community members attended.

- The ASCSM also celebrated its annual Spring Fling Week from May 1 – 4. This year’s highlights included a swimsuit contest, car show, dunking booth, music, food and games.

- Last Friday, Beta Xi Eta, CSM’s chapter of the Phi Theta kappa International Honor Society held its first major event, “Act-Up! Throw Down! Festival, a youth activism resource and book fair. The festival was created, organized and run by students and its objective was to provide students with the knowledge and resources necessary to work toward their vision of a better world as informed and intelligent volunteers, interns and employees. The event included showing the documentary, “Five Days to Change the World.”

- Faculty from various programs recently presented Create! Celebrate! the first event held at the new Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Center in Building 12. The event presented an inspiring showcase of student creativity and accomplishments in dance, creative writing, multimedia and graphic design. Jean Mach, professor of English, was the faculty coordinator of the event.

- The Office of Instruction recently hosted a reception honoring twelve first-year faculty hires.

BULLDOG ACCOMPLISHMENTS

★ The Bulldog softball team (see photo, right) recently completed a very successful season (20-4 in conference; 32-13 overall) as co-champions of the Coast Conference with Ohlone College. The team garnered a number of impressive end-of-season conference honors. Athlete Michelle Tating was named Pitcher of the Year; teammate Chelsea Martin was honored as Player of the Year and CSM Softball Coach Nicole Borg received Coach of the Year award. In addition, three players were named 1st Team All Conference: Jamie Vanover, Heather Huddleston and Nicole Gutormsen. Finally, Cassie Avila, Angela Woerz, Francesca Murphy and Kaylene Bolla were named 2nd Team all Conference. Congratulations Lady Bulldogs!
CSM’s baseball team clinched its sixth consecutive Coast Conference title. The team finished with a record of 19-4 in conference play and 29-6-1 overall.

Student-athlete Sela Paini accomplished one for the CSM record books: she swept all four throwing competitions at the Coast Conference Track & Field Championships at CSM. She took home first place honors in the javelin, hammer, discus and shot put. Paini, is a St. Francis High School graduate.

Shulamit Hoffmann, adjunct music instructor, has been honored by Congressman Tom Lantos during the April 20, 2007 proceedings of the House of Representatives. The honor, which appears in the Congressional Record, acknowledges Ms Hoffmann’s numerous achievements to the 12th district including: founder and artistic director of Viva la Musical, a 70-voice community choir; conductor of Los Altos United Methodist Chancel Choir; adjunct faculty member at College of San Mateo since 2002; and president of branches of the Music Teachers’ Association of California, among many others.
MCHS Students Attend Conference in NYC

Twelve San Mateo Middle College High School (MCHS) students recently returned from New York City where they attended the 15th annual Middle College National Consortium Student Leadership Conference. Prior to the event, students developed a project that they presented at the conference. The theme of this year’s conference was “Community and Diversity.” The students were accompanied by Greg Quigley, MCHS principal, and Glenn Dennis, social science teacher.

Notable

* CSM fire science student Victoria Devan received a $1000 scholarship award for an essay she wrote entitled "How My COOP/Internship Experience Influenced My Career Direction." She received her award from the California Cooperative Education and Internship Association at a luncheon in Bakersfield. Her 750-word essay was selected from among 15 other community college student essays as the best in a competition that was open to students from all 109 California community colleges. In the photo at left, Devan displays her award trophy with CSM's Eileen O'Brien, director of the college's Career Development Center.

* Tom Martinez: The Quarterbacks’ Guru

The front page of the San Francisco Chronicle’s Sporting Green recently featured an article on Coach Tom Martinez and his legendary work with professional and college quarterbacks, including Tom Brady, John Elway, Gino Torretta and Rob Johnson. The article showcased his most recent protégée, JaMarcus Russell of Louisiana State University and the top NFL draft prospect. Also in the article was a reference to Martinez’s 32 years as a coach at College of San Mateo.

* Yan Yan Mao (see photo), former CSM concurrent enrollment student who received an associate degree from CSM while in high school, is now studying at Harvard University. Yan is featured on two different short spots on KCSM-TV, sharing her positive experience at CSM. The spots have been run throughout the month; remaining spots will be aired on April 26 (12:28 pm) and April 27 (1:58 pm). Kaveh Nikpour of KCSM produced the spots.

* Two CSM students were recognized for their outstanding entries in the 2007 Media Arts Competition, a statewide contest open to California Community College digital media students. Valerie Thompson received an award in the photography category. In the graphic design – package design category, Dana Constance was awarded a Merit Award. This competition, currently in its eighth year, received 400 entries in 14 categories; awards were made to 50 students from around California for the quality of their entries. Entries were screened by faculty members in the various categories while a group of industry judges selected the final award winners.
Notable, continued

★ Two CSM student athletes have qualified for the California Community College Track and Field Championships which CSM will host on May 18-19. **Helena Silva** finished second in the heptathlon and **Andrew Van Straaten** was fourth in the decathlon in North California Championships. Both sophomore athletes recorded impressive personal best scores thus continuing a long CSM tradition in multi-event competition. This is the eighth consecutive year that CSM has qualified an athlete for the state decathlon and the fifth year for the heptathlon.

★ CSM students were involved in the inception of ProgressiveU, which has become the nation’s largest current events blog written by and for a community of high school and college students. Founded by San Mateo resident Art Morgan in 2005, he launched the first version of the site with the help of a group of CSM students as the first bloggers. News of the site spread so quickly that it is reported to gain 3,000 new members each month. Adjunct Professor of English **Mitra Ganley** has found that ProgressiveU has classroom application as a teaching tool in her English classes. Assignments include posting two substantive blog entries per semester and responding to two blog entries as a means for students to strengthen their critical thinking skills while learning to write for a broad audience. Ganley also uses essays written by other ProgressiveU bloggers for students to analyze in class.

**Events Around Campus**

- Coming up on Monday, May 7, at 7:30pm, CSM’s Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of **Mike Galisatus**, presents an evening of exciting jazz. Selections will feature the music of Duke Ellington, Count Basie, John Coltrane and many others. The event will be held in the Theatre and admission is $5.

- CSM’s Priority Enrollment Program (PEP) for high school students is currently underway and runs through May 5.

- CSM’s Performance Dance Ensemble will present “Evenings of Dance,” on April 27 and 28 at 8pm in the Theatre. Admission is $6 for students and $10 for general admission.

- The accounting department is hosting a CPA and Enrolled Agent Information Night, an event to inform students and potential students how to begin a new career as a CPA or enrolled agent.

- The Diversity In Action Group (DIAG) will host The Classic R&B Revue, a lecture/concert by Rudy Ramirez, adjunct instructor in Ethnic Studies on May 2.

- DIAG sponsored “A Conversation on Diversity” focusing on Asian and Pacific Islander cultural perspectives. The conversation was moderated by **Dr. Yukio Tsuda**, CSM’s Fulbright Fellow in Residence and included a panel that was made up of faculty and staff.

- Despite the rain, Astronomy Day was a big success and very well-attended. Highlights include hands-on activities for children, demonstrations in many of the labs, speakers, and movie screenings.

- The Transfer Club hosted a Transfer Student Alumni Panel for current students to learn about the experiences and receive advice from CSM transfer students.

- A student art show (right) displaying student artwork from all of the studio art classes was held in the Gallery Room for 10 days in April.

- Psychological Services offered a faculty/staff workshop on positive and effective approaches to disruptive behavior.
HIGH SCHOOL SUMMIT HELD
The President’s Office recently hosted a High School Summit meeting for college staff involved in high school outreach activities and key high school staff. The meeting included a discussion of current practices followed by small group brainstorming sessions to determine additional strategies that could be implemented to encourage high school students to enroll at CSM. The ideas generated by the 46 participants will be used to develop a short-range action plan that can be implemented immediately. The meeting was held at the new Main Public Library in San Mateo.

FAIR PROMOTES GOOD HEALTH AND FITNESS
Earlier this week, the CSM Health Center conducted its annual Health Fair with this year’s theme, “Survival of the Fit - It’s a Jungle Out There.” The well-attended and popular event brought together more than 30 community agencies and health providers. Attendees participated in number of health assessments for blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, eye exams, body fat analysis as well as receiving educational information on numerous health issues. CSM nursing students conducted vital signs and health risk assessments while dental assisting students provided oral hygiene information. The fair was planned and coordinated by Sharon Bartels, RN, and Gloria D’Ambra, both from the CSM Health Center.

CSM STUDENTS “GET LINKED”
On March 14, CSM’s Student Employment Office and CSM Connects joined forces to present “Get Linked,” the annual volunteer and career fair. The fair provided participants with the opportunity to speak with representatives from more than 60 businesses and non-profit agencies, explore careers of interest and learn how to make a difference by volunteering. Event coordinators included Krystal Romero, Fauzi Hamadeh, Bev Madden and the Associated Students.

PRESIDENT’S LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS STANFORD SCIENTIST
On April 20, at 12:10 – 1 pm, the President’s Lecture Series: Diverse V oices in W riting, will welcome Dr. Robert Sapolsky, professor of biology and neurology at Stanford University. Dr. Sapolsky is the author of A Primate’s Memoir, The Trouble with Testosterone and Why Zebras Don’t Get Ulcers. He is the recipient of the 2001 Bay Area Book Reviewers Award in nonfiction for the memoir, which is an account of his early years as a field biologist working with baboons in Africa. The lecture takes place in the Theatre and will be followed by a book signing reception. All campus and district employees are invited. The series is being made possible by a generous grant from the Lane Family Charitable Trust. Dean of Language Arts Susan Estes coordinates the event. For more information about the series, call (650) 574-6314.

Dr. Robert Sapolsky
World Language Week Celebrated

During the week of March 19-23, CSM’s Language Arts Division, Foreign Language Department and French Club sponsored a variety of activities celebrating foreign languages. The slate of events included viewings of foreign language films, poetry readings in original languages, slide shows, singing performances, a demonstration of American Sign Language, ESL student presentations of poems, short tales, songs and proverbs in their first languages, and of course, refreshments. All of the languages offered at CSM were represented in the week’s events. Susan Petit, professor of English and French, was the coordinator.

Alum/Player/Coach Honored

Neal Dahlen, CSM alum, player and coach, was inducted into the California Community College Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame earlier this month. Dahlen, a Capuchino High School graduate, played football and baseball at CSM and was the named all-league quarterback in 1959. He returned to CSM in 1962 as assistant football coach and between 1964 and 1979 he was coach at Hillsdale High School. Dahlen took his skills to the pro level in 1979 as an assistant for San Francisco 49ers. In his 17 seasons with 49ers, they won five super bowls and he played important roles in all of those victories, serving in various positions, scouting negotiating contracts and developing game plans for the defensive staff. In 1997, Dahlen was hired by the Denver Broncos as director of player personnel and in 2001, became the team’s general manager and added two more super bowl rings to his collection. He recently retired from professional football.

Other Events Around Campus

- CSM’s Library held its second annual Spring Cleaning Pizza Party at the Library. The goal of the event was for faculty to identify outdated material in their respective subject areas and develop a list of missing publications all while enjoying the fellowship of colleagues with the added bonus of pizza. This event qualifies for flex time.

- CSM’s Fulbright Scholar in Residence, Dr. Yukio Tsuda presented a lecture titled, “English Hegemony and English Divide: The Need for Linguistic Diversity.” The lecture was sponsored by the Diversity In Action Group.

- The College Assessment Committee sponsored, “Student Learning Outcomes Workshop: Learn how to Write Surveys,” for instructional and student services employees.

- Sheryl Munoz-Bergman, director, San Mateo County Program, International Institution of San Francisco was the presenter of “Know Your Immigrant Rights,” which was sponsored by DIAG, ESL Department and Multicultural Center.

- In March, Masterworks Chorale presented two performances of “JS Bach to PDQ.” The Choral and soloists performed a program featuring the sacred devotion of JS Bach to the broad humor of PDQ Bach.
NOTABLE

★ Concurrent enrollment student and Hillsdale High School junior Jasmine Nachtigall was an honoree at the 23rd Annual San Mateo County Women’s Hall of Fame Awards ceremony. Jasmine has been a fundraiser for numerous domestic and international causes, is a volunteer at the San Mateo Medical Center and serves as a student tutor. She excels at academics and expects to receive her associate degree in biological sciences upon her high school graduation in 2008. Jasmine is also a talented violinist and United States Tennis Association ranked tennis player.

★ CSM Dean of Enrollment Services Henry Villareal was recently elected as an at-large board director of the National Council of Student Development (NCSD) for a two-year term. He is currently completing a one-year term as a regional director for the NCSD, an affiliate of the American Association of Community Colleges and the only national organization whose primary focus is student development in community colleges.

★ The art work of Lilya Vorobey, associate professor of technology, is on display at the Montclair Gallery in Oakland through April 30. Her art is part of the year-long celebration of the California College of the Arts (CCA) 100th anniversary celebration; the display includes the work of Vorobey and 16 other alumni artists of the CCA.

★ CSM women’s basketball team center Karlynn Lee, was selected first team All-Coast Conference. Bulldog guard Hazel Mauk, earned honorable-mention honors.
CAMPUS CELEBRATES PLANETARIUM GRAND OPENING

In what has been a highly-anticipated event, the college celebrated the grand opening of its new planetarium on February 23. It was a well-attended event with several hundred faculty, staff, students, dignitaries, media representatives and members of the community present for the special occasion. The program included presentations by members of the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty and a representative of GOTO, the company that manufactured the planetarium’s star projector. Additional festivities included the official ribbon cutting, planetarium shows, tours of the observatory and refreshments. A mock-display of the Wall of Stars was also on view to highlight the many donors that contributed to the planetarium fund. During the ceremony, President Mike Claire announced that McCarthy Building Companies/LPA, Inc. donated $1,500 in scholarship funds to be awarded to deserving astronomy students.

COLLEGE HOSTS SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The College recently hosted the fifth annual CSM Service & Leadership Conference, an event for high school and college students, educators and community organizations that work with youth. The theme of the conference was “Listen, Learn, Lead…Build the Future.” The keynote speaker was performance artist Maria Ramirez who gave a multi-media presentation, “Chicana, Her Story.” The conference included 12 workshops designed by students and educators in conjunction with leaders in the community, to inspire civic leadership, social justice, service-learning and diversity. Bev Madden, program coordinator of CSM Connects, was responsible for planning the event.

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE AT CSM

This semester, CSM is proud to host Fulbright Scholar In Residence, Dr. Yukio Tsuda. Dr. Tsuda is professor in the doctoral program, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Tsukuba in Tokyo, Japan. The college recently hosted a reception welcoming Dr. Tsuda to the campus community (see photo, Dr. Tsuda is second from left). While at CSM, Dr. Tsuda will be teaching Speech 150, Intercultural Communication, on Wednesday evenings. During his stay, he is available to meet with individual, campus or community groups. The sponsorship is project of CSM’s Diversity in Action Group, with additional support provided by the SMCCC Foundation, the Associated Students of CSM, the Trustees’ Fund for Program Improvement and the San Mateo Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League. CSM is one of only three community colleges in California to host a Fulbright Scholar since 2004.
**ACCREDITATION UPDATE**

The college continues to be on schedule regarding preparations for the upcoming accreditation visit in October 2007. Nine committees have been working very hard to address the accreditation standards as outlined by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. During the month of February, second drafts of CSM’s self study were available for review and comment by the CSM community. Currently, the drafts are in the hands of the co-chairs, Pat Griffin, Sandra Stefani Comerford and Juanita Alunan, for final editing and proofreading.

**NOTABLE**

Mike Burke, professor of mathematics, has been selected to participate in the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Visiting Scholars Program in fall of 2007. He is one of only 45 scholars to participate in this distinguished program. Professor Burke will work on several research projects that relate to CSM’s integrative learning initiative. He is currently serving as a scholar in the Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CASTL), a program that fosters significant, long-lasting learning for all students and enhances the practices and profession of teaching.

CxSM Professor of Astronomy and Physics Darryl Stanford wrote an article about the college’s new planetarium that appeared in *Great Western Observer*, a publication with world-wide readership.

Alexis Terrazas, CSM student, is among 10 journalism and media students selected for a prestigious newspaper internship by the California Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation. Terrazas, a journalism major and editor of the *San Matean*, plans to transfer to a university in fall 2007. He will perform his internship this summer at the *San Francisco Examiner*. Terrazas is one of only three community college students to receive this honor.

The college was recently informed that its Beta Xi Eta Chapter has achieved the Pinnacle Silver level in Phi Theta Kappa’s 2006 Pinnacle Scholarship Award Program and received a $100 scholarship award in recognition of this accomplishment. To earn the Pinnacle Silver Chapter designation, a chapter must increase its membership acceptance rate by 10% over the previous year. Professor of Philosophy Jeremy Ball is advisor to CSM’s Phi Theta Kappa organization.

The final rankings for community college football teams have been released by the California Community College Football Coaches Association and the news is good for the CSM’s bulldogs. The football team was ranked 11th in the state and fifth in Northern California. Congratulations to the bulldogs and their coaching staff.

CSM Professor of Computer and Information Science Georgia Grant made an appearance in the Oscar-nominated film, “The Pursuit of Happyness,” as a member of the vocal ensemble of Glide Memorial Church.

**EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS**

- CSM’s Philosophy and Psychology in Contemporary Film learning community is offering a film series and subsequent discussions about various issues addressed in recent films. The series will feature “Lords of War,” “Hotel Rowanda,” “Thank You for Smoking” and “Life of Brian.” The films are open to the entire college community; students who are enrolled in the learning community receive extra credit for attending the films and participating in the discussions. The faculty leaders of this learning community are Jeremy Ball, Jim Clifford and Dave Danielson.

**EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS, CONTINUED**

- The President’s Lecture Series: *Diverse Voices in Writing* began the spring semester with editor and writer Vicki Ward. She is the editor of “Life’s Spices from Seasoned Sistahs,” which received the Best Anthology at the Los Angeles Black Book Expo and ForeWord Magazine’s Silver Book of the Year. Two additional speaking events have been scheduled for the spring semester; Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and John Houston on Tuesday, March 20 at 11:10am and Dr. Robert Sapolsky on Friday, April 20 at 12:10pm. All lectures take place in the CSM Theatre and are followed by a reception with light refreshments and a book signing.
A group of 21 high school students participating in the San Mateo Chamber of Commerce’s Youth Leadership program visited CSM as part of “Business-Education Link Day” (see photo, right). The day’s activities included a tour of various occupational programs to learn about career opportunities associated with the programs, a presentation by a corporate human resources director and a session on the art of job interviewing.

During February, CSM’s Financial Aid Office sponsored two “Cash for College Days,” workshops for students and parents to learn about financial aid information and eligibility. Hands-on assistance was provided to families completing the Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Information was made available in Spanish as well as English. The event also included a $1,000 scholarship drawing.

An all-college meeting was recently held to update the college community on the capital improvement program: “Past, Present and Future,” presented by representatives from Steinberg Architects and the district. The topics included funding sources, recently completed projects, renovations, design/build projects and the present bridging phase of CIP II.

The College Assessment Committee is sponsoring three upcoming Students Learning Outcomes Workshops: Articulating SLO’s and Revisiting SLO’s-Instruction in February and Learn How to Create Rubrics and Learn How to Write Surveys, both in March. The workshops are open to all employees in instruction and student services programs.

The college recently held a reception welcoming its new psychological services counselor Makiko Ueda, health educator Jackie Yanofsky and 12 student services interns.

The Transfer Center and Career Development Center combined forces to host CSM’s first ever “Health Services Major Day. Representatives from UC, CSU and private universities as well as CSM’s nursing department were present to discuss various areas of health services.

The Diversity In Action Group (DIAG) sponsored a diversity lecture featuring Hodari Davis, national director of Arts in Education at Youth Speaks, presenting “Educational Equity.”

**Health Center Events**

CSM’s Health Center is offering expanded services that include physical exams, prescription medications, STD testing and treatment and blood and urine testing. In recognition of National Heart Month and Eating Disorder Awareness Week, the center also sponsored “Walk Your Way to Health,” a fitness walk that took place on campus. February is also Sexual Responsibility Month; staff will be providing information at a booth in the Student Center. Coming up in the March is a Health Center-sponsored blood drive and the annual Health Fair.

*Health Center Staff*
HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES AROUND CAMPUS & BEYOND

On December 13, the college held its annual campuswide Holiday Reception/Dessert Fest. Sponsored by the President’s Office, Classified Planning Committee and the Academic Senate, this year’s event featured an array of specialty desserts and holiday beverages. Background music was provided by Rudy Ramirez instructor of ethnic studies, and Oscar Guandique.

The Horticulture and Floristry Departments presented the annual Holiday Plant and Floral Décor Sale featuring wreaths, centerpieces, plants and gift items.

The Visual Arts Club held its annual sale of pottery and glass gifts, most of which were created by ceramics students.

Masterworks Chorale held its holiday program, “Sing-Along Messiah with Masterworks” on December 16 at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center.

CSM’s Symphonic Band offered a performance, “Works of American Composers,” which included Hillsdale High School’s Wind Ensemble as the special guest. CSM Jazz Band also performed on December 4 in the CSM Theatre.

An electronic music (MIDI) concert showcasing student musicians and composers was held earlier this month.

A special on-campus art exhibit featuring works by CSM’s fine art faculty was on display during November and December. The exhibit included drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and photography.

KCSM held its annual holiday sale of DVDs and books from many of its documentaries and other programs; CDs featuring jazz, oldies, Broadway and classical favorites; and logo clothing.
CELEBRATION FOR ACCREDITATION SELF STUDY PARTICIPANTS

The college’s accreditation steering committee hosted a continental breakfast to show its appreciation to many faculty, staff, administrators and students that served on standards teams to develop the self study report. The draft of the report is now in the hands of the steering committee for editing and refinement.

CSM TEAM ATTENDS CARNEGIE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

In November, a team of seven CSM faculty and administrators traveled to Washington, D.C. for the first convening of the Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CASTL) Higher Education Program's Institutional Leadership Program. Educators from more than 80 campuses, representing many states and countries, met to begin planning their work together over the next three years. CSM is participating in the Liberal Education – Core Curriculum strand, which focuses on finding ways to support student success, especially those students lacking college-level writing skills, through our Writing Across the Curriculum program, the introduction of student e-Portfolios and the development of a body of scholarship on teaching and learning. The team from CSM (pictured right) included: Mike Burke, professor of mathematics, Jeremy Ball, professor of philosophy, Jean Mach, professor of English, Cheryl Gregory, professor of mathematics, Dave Danielson, professor of philosophy, Susan Estes, dean of language arts and Mike Claire, vice president of instruction.

NEWS FROM THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

CSM’s Accounting Department has had a busy month. It held a very successful job fair that included a variety of recruiters from high quality employers that were available to speak with accounting students. Students had resumes in hand and were dressed as they would to be going for a job interview in the financial district of San Francisco.

The Department will be offering three new courses: Auditing, Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting and Cost Accounting. With these new courses, CSM will be able to offer certificates to help students prepare for the CPA exam. To sit for the CPA exam, applicants must have a bachelor’s degree in any subject, 24-semester hours of accounting and 24-semester hours of business courses. Students who already have a bachelors degree can now complete all their general education requirements and prepare for the CPA exam at CSM.

BULLDOGS WIN BOWL GAME IN OT

For the second year in a row, the CSM bulldogs pulled off a dramatic victory over the College of the Sequoias (COS) in the second annual Bulldog Bowl. CSM rallied from behind to score a touchdown and tie the game with less than a minute remaining in play; they scored first in overtime to take the win. The bulldogs ended the season with an overall 7-4 record and entered the bowl game ranked seventh among community college teams in Northern California (COS was ranked fifth).

HONORS FOR WOMEN’S WATER POLO PLAYERS

CSM Water Polo Coach Randy Wright reported that five team players were selected to the all-Coast Conference team: Anna Krejci and Rocio Medina made the first team, Lily Arnaudo the second and team captain Kerry O'Shea and Meagan Shields were honorable mention selections. The team finished with a 6-4 conference record (10-11) overall.
KUDOS
CSM graduate Sandra Rivera received special recognition last month at a League of Women Voters of North & Central San Mateo County event for her success as a student and extensive service as a community leader and volunteer. Jude Pittman, associate professor of art had her artwork displayed this past weekend at the Pacifica Open Studios, Sanchez Center for the Arts.

KUDOS
CSM broadcasting student Rachel Perey, was selected as a STAR outstanding intern for 2006. Her internship is with TV20 KBWB where she serves as a production assistant. Bay Area STAR is a professional, nonprofit organization that promotes the common business interests of those in the Bay Area who are actively involved in the advertising and communications industries. Rachel will be presented with a certificate and check for $500 at a luncheon this month at KGO-TV.

Five CSM students have recently been awarded scholarships from the Peninsula Chapter of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants. The students, Brian Landes, Timothy Lee, Sanjay Sharma, Michiyo Shimahara and Xiaohong (Wendy) Wen, will be honored at an awards dinner on November 10.

The nursing department received a grant from Kaiser Permanente for $9640 to upgrade the computers in the skills lab.
LATEST ISSUE OF COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILABLE

The fall 2006 edition of CSM Currents, the college’s community newsletter, will be mailed to more than 100,000 households in the college's service area this week. CSM Currents, which features people and programs at CSM will also be distributed on campus, sent to retirees, the media and local libraries. The edition includes a front-page article on “famous” CSM alumni; CSM President Shirley Kelly's farewell column to the community with photos; and a column on the Writing in the End Zone Learning Communities class. CSM English Professor Katherine "Teeka" James, graduate Karina Orocio and the staff member John Vehikite are featured in the spotlight section.

NOTABLE

☆ From Oct. 28- Dec. 31, the Triton Museum of Art in Santa Clara will be showing new works by California artists, featuring a collection from “Imagining Eden,” by Professor of Photography Lyle Gomes. On Thursday, November 9, from 7-9 pm, a reception will be held for the public to meet the artist.

☆ Pam McGlasson and Craig Blake, professors of business, recently participated in a project management symposium sponsored by VISA’s Project Management Center of Excellence. They took part in an educational roundtable that also included representatives from Stanford University and University of California, Berkeley.

EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS

▷ On November 8, the Diversity In Action Committee sponsored “Hip Hop and Education,” a presentation by Hodari Davis, the national director of arts in education with Youth Speaks. Davis has been featured on the PBS program “Frontline: School Colors,” a documentary about integration at Berkeley High School. Youth Speaks is a nonprofit organization that publicizes the voices and views of adolescents.

▷ On Wednesday, November 14, at 11:10am, the President’s Lecture Series: Diverse Voices in Writing will present Alejandro Murguia as the final speaker of the fall semester. Murguia is the founder/editor of the Tin-Tan Magazine, a legendary Chicano-Latino arts and literature publication that established an international perspective for Latino writing. A professor at San Francisco State University, he wrote Southern Front and This War Called Love, for which he received American Book Awards in 1991 and 2002, respectively. The lecture takes place in the theatre and will be followed by a reception and book signing in Building 1-115 at noon.

▷ CSM will hold a Scholarship Information Workshop on December 6. Students can learn how they may be eligible for several transfer related scholarship awards to various universities upon transferring from CSM, including the prestigious $20,000 Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program Scholarship to UC Santa Cruz.

▷ The Diversity In Action Group and Associated Students of CSM is co-sponsoring a performance by ENCOMPASS, a theatrical group that regularly performs at the Museum of Tolerance. This one-person show explores attitudes, stereotyping, hate crimes and tolerance. The performance takes place on Wednesday, November 8 at 7pm in the Choral Room.

▷ The CSM Performance Dance Ensemble will host the Fall Informal Dance Showcase on November 30, at noon in the South Cafeteria. The event features choreography created by CSM's Dance Production students and presents the diversity of the College's dance program from ballet to hip hop.
The Transfer Center recently hosted “Degree Programs for Working Adults College Faire.” The Faire included representatives from several universities that offer accelerated degree programs in the evening and on weekends, including: Cal State University, East Bay, DeVry University, Golden Gate University, Holy Names University, Menlo College, Notre Dame de Namur University and University of Denver.

CSM CO-SPONSORS “ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY”

During October, CSM has hosted four culturally-enriching events on campus as part of “One Book, One Community,” a campaign to encourage County residents to read and discuss a selected book during a specific time period. The events began the week of October 16 and all were connected to a special appearance in the area by best-selling author Khaled Hosseini. The events included a campus discussion on Hosseini’s book, The Kite Runner; a movie screening of “The Beauty of Kabul,” a lecture, “The Relations and Perceptions Between the Islamic World and the West” by Barbara Petzen. On Friday, October 27, the event concludes with Ballet Afsaneh, an Afghan women’s troupe that celebrates the music and dance of the women of Afghanistan which is rarely performed in a theatrical context in present day Afghanistan. The campaign is a co-sponsorship between the Peninsula Library System and CSM.

PRESIDENT’S LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES

On October 19, The President’s Lecture Series: Diverse Voices in Writing presented Daphne Muse, writer, social commentator, poet and professor. Muse’s most recent book, the Entrance Place of Wonders – Poems of the Harlem Renaissance, follows three award winners: The New Press Guide to Multicultural Children's Literature for Young readers K-8 ; Prejudice: A Story Collection; and Children of Africa (Sa Yaa Wamoto). Muse is the lead writer for Breaking Barriers, a character education project for Major League Baseball that focuses on the core values around which Jackie Robinson led his life and highlights women athletes, sports managers and administrators. The final event in the fall series is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15 at 11:10am and will feature award-winning author Alejandro Murguia.

Author Daphne Muse
**A CELEBRATION OF WORLD LANGUAGE WEEK**

During the week of October 23-27, CSM has been participating in a nationwide celebration of World Language Week. The week’s events include music, film screenings, discussions, performances, poetry readings and translations, music, food and prizes. The activities are being sponsored by the foreign language department and coordinated by **Susan Petit**, professor of French and English and **Jennifer Lisses**, instructor of Spanish.

**MIDDLE COLLEGE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN INTERNSHIPS**

Each year, San Mateo Middle College High School (MCHS) students are required to complete a 24-hour internship assignment in an area they’d like to explore as a possible career. Students work during the fall semester then spend the spring preparing a PowerPoint presentation about their internship. The project is factored into the final grade for their senior English class. This year, MCHS students are working at the following locations: Tri City Health Care, Laguna Honda Hospital, Neptune Surfboards, KCSM-TV, League of Women Voters, *The San Matean*, Burlingame Police Department and a dental and orthodontist office.

**COLLEGE HOSTS ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL & FACULTY SERVICE AWARDS**

On October 10, the college held the fifth annual Ice Cream Social/ Faculty Service Awards Ceremony, one of the most enjoyable and anticipated event of the academic year. Twenty-six faculty members were honored for 10, 20, 30 and 40 years of service to the district. The festivities also featured ice cream sundaes scooped by CSM managers and live music provided by the CSM Bull Dog Band.

**FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE TO VISIT CSM**

During spring 2007, CSM will host **Dr. Yukio Tsuda**, a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence from Ibaraki, Japan. During his visit, Dr. Tsuda will teach a class in Intercultural Communication. He has expressed his interest in serving as a cultural bridge and resource for students throughout the district and welcomes the opportunity to speak to any classes during the semester. He also plans to visit other schools and colleges in the County and meet with interested community groups. Dr. Tsuda holds an M.A. in English as a Foreign Language and Ph.D. in speech communication from Southern Illinois University. He is a professor of the doctoral program in modern cultures and public policies, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tsukuba University. The Fulbright in Residence Program is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. State Department.

**NOTABLE**

⭐ It’s not everyday that the Boston Globe runs an article about College of San Mateo, but that’s exactly what happened on October 15. A Globe reporter and photographer were in attendance at the Bulldogs’ home game against Foothill College on October 14 to cover the action and capture the essence of a model community college football program. The article discussed CSM’s rich football tradition and mentioned many of the notable alumnae that have attended the college. The article is one of a series of stories on teams from five divisions of college football and community colleges that the Globe is currently featuring. The online version, available at [www.boston.com/sports/articles/2006/10/15/game](http://www.boston.com/sports/articles/2006/10/15/game) included an audio slideshow of the sights and sounds of the game.
KUDOS

*KCSM-FM was awarded an ACE (Award for Creative Excellence) in the fundraising category and an honorable mention in the jazz category at the 2006 Public Radio Program Director’s Conference. KCSM submitted imaging spots that were produced during CSM’s High School Jazz Band Competition. Following the performances, students were interviewed about their interests in jazz, jazz musicians and KCSM-FM. These interviews were edited and each concluded with a request for financial support.*

RISING SCHOLARS PROGRAM LAUNCHED

Earlier this month, the Rising Scholars Program hosted its first annual reception, titled, “It Takes a Village,” to honor the 47 students enrolled in the program and introduce the key faculty and staff supporting this student retention effort. Participating faculty and staff featured in the photo at right are: Danita Scott-Taylor, Sylvia Aguirre-Alberto, Frank Jones, Teresa Morris, Carol Wills, Henry Villareal and Aisha Upshaw.

UPCOMING & RECENT EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS

› “Jazz Under the Stars” takes place on October 28 and November 25, from 7-11 pm on the Rooftop Observatory of the Science Building and features the sounds of KCSM Jazz 91. The event is being co-sponsored by the astronomy department, San Mateo County Astronomical Society and KCSM. It is free and open to the public.

› On October 28, CSM will participate in Make a Difference Day, a national day of “doing good.” In an effort led by CSM Connects, members of the campus community will be actively engaged in cleaning up the campus.

› On October 31, the Classified Planning Committee will sponsor a Staff Halloween Party with festivities to include a costume contest, drawing for Employee of the Month parking spaces and refreshments.

› A free musical performance, “Blues Experience with Rudy Ramirez,” will be presented on November 1, from 7-9 pm, in the CSM Theatre. Rudy Ramirez, adjunct professor of ethnic studies, will discuss the history of the blues and play standards with Isis & The Cold Truth Band.

› Earlier today, Jean Mach, professor of English, presented a workshop on student learning outcomes entitled, “Portfolios,” for faculty and staff. The workshop explored the different uses of hard-copy portfolios and e-portfolios.

› Transfer Center activities: Transfer Services/Engineering Day, October 12

› Health Center activities: Breast Cancer Awareness Day, October 16
Blood Drive, October 18
Drug Awareness Week, October 23-27
Flu Shot Clinic (throughout October)

› On Mondays, throughout October, the dental assisting department has been offering dental x-rays for students and employees at a nominal cost.

› On October 18, the Student Employment Office held a Part-Time Job Fair designed to help students meet with and interview employers for part-time, holiday and temporary positions.
CSM Celebrates New Science Building
In what was a milestone event, the college celebrated the grand opening of the new Science Building on Sept. 6 with several hundred faculty, staff, students, trustees and members of the community in attendance. The event included the official ribbon cutting, open house, self guided tours of the classrooms and labs, guided tours of the Astronomy Observatory and refreshments. It was an exciting day in the history of the college.

Student Services Publishes “Key Accomplishments”
CSM’s Student Services Office recently published its annual Key Accomplishments, which highlights some of the most significant achievements of the student services unit over the past year. This summary report reflects the outstanding work that is conducted by each department on behalf of our students. An online copy of Key Accomplishments is available at www.collegeofsanmateoedu/studentservices.

President’s Lecture Series Returns for 4th Season
The President’s Lecture Series: Diverse Voices in Writing for 2006-07 kicked off its 4th year with poet and author Gary Soto. Soto was a 1995 finalist for the Los Angeles Times Award and the National Book Award. His book, “Living Up the Street,” received a Before Columbus Foundations’ American Book Award; he also received the Hispanic Heritage Foundation’s Literacy Award.

On Oct. 19, the series continues with Daphne Muse, an award-winning and widely-published writer, poet, social commentator and professor. Her most recent book is the children’s publication, “The Entrance Place of Wonders – Poems of the Harlem Renaissance.” Finally, on Nov. 15, the college welcomes Alejandro Murguia, founder-editor of Tin-Tan a legendary Chicano-Latino arts and literature magazine that established an international perspective for Latino writing. All three presentations begin at 11:10am in the College Theatre; receptions and book signing will follow each event in 1-115. The series is made possible from a generous grant from the Lane Family Foundation; it is coordinated by Susan Estes, dean of language arts.
ACCREDITATION UPDATE
The college has made substantial progress in the development of the accreditation self study and is on schedule according to the accreditation timeline. Dozens of faculty, staff, students and administrators have been devoting countless hours to the process. In mid spring, 18 co-chairs of the standards presented progress reports to the editors of the steering committee. First drafts of the standards were submitted in May and reviewed over the summer by the co-editors. The co-editors met with co-chairs in September to provide feedback to assist the standard committees with the writing and editing of the final drafts which are due in December. Additional details about CSM’s accreditation planning and progress can be found in the second issue of the college’s accreditation newsletter.

GRANT NEWS
CSM’s electronics department has been awarded a two-year Economic and Workforce Development grant from the State Chancellor’s office to launch an instrumentation/calibration program. The amount of the award is $584,704; $831,563 in matching funds will be provided by the college district.

CSM is the recipient of a Business and Workforce Performance grant in the amount of $244,995. The grant establishes the Insurance Instructor Training Initiative to meet the growing need for entry level positions in the insurance industry. This project will support the training of 30 community college instructors capable of delivering the full range of California Insurance Career Program curricula.

EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS
- The Transfer Center sponsored its annual Transfer Day event which included representatives from UC, CSU and private colleges and universities in California and out-of-state. Students received information about transfer admissions requirements, application procedures, programs, tuition and fees and student services. Photo at right: Transfer Center coordinator Mike Mitchell and members of the CSM Transfer Club.

- Throughout the semester, CSM student artwork will be on display in the Theatre Lobby. Each week a different theme will be featured including drawing and composition, life drawing, oil painting and silkscreen, color and digital sketchbook, watercolor and Chinese brush painting.

- On Sept. 25, the Health Center offered complete eye exams for $20 and frames and lenses at cost. The service was available to students, faculty and staff. The Center is also offering expanded services throughout the semester which include: physical exams, prescription medications and laboratory tests.

- CSM’s Financial Aid Office has opened an outreach center in the Student Center. The new location will increase students’ access to financial aid information. The photo at left shows Financial Aid staff on the day they officially opened their new center.

- On Sept. 27, CSM Connects, the college’s volunteer community service program will host a Scholarship Barbecue.

- During the week of September 22, students in CSM’s Political Science 200 classes held a voter registration drive to encourage more students to vote in the upcoming election. In addition, they also invited political parties on campus during the drive.

- Recently, CSM’s Diversity In Action Group (DIAG) sponsored a performance by Maria E. Ramirez, “Chicana Her-Story,” a multimedia presentation of oral history, teatro, music rap and storytelling through the characters of pre-Columbian
indigenous women. In addition, DIAG will be sponsoring a film series during the fall semester. In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, on Sept. 29, the series will feature *A Day Without a Mexican*. Films to be shown in October are *Brokeback Mountain, Capote* and *TransAmerica*.

- The floristry program hosted **Dr. Jim DelPrince**, a guest speaker that visited under the AIFD Artists in Residence program. Dr. DelPrince, an associate professor of floral design at Mississippi State University, has served as a fellow with the Smithsonian Institute and is a published author.

- The Career Development Center held an Open House to celebrate its new home in a portable building adjacent to the Administration Building. The Center houses the following student services programs: Career Assessment, CSM Connects, Cooperative Education and Student Employment.

**KUDOS**

★ **Daniel Zoughbie**, a former CSM student and now graduate of UC Berkeley, was named a recipient of a Marshall Scholarship earlier in the year and will begin studies at the University of Oxford in England this fall. He was among the 43 selected for the award among 1,000 applicants in the United States. The scholarship is named for General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff in World War II, U.S. President Harry Truman's secretary of state and the author of the Marshall Plan for European recovery. Only available to U.S. citizens with a degree from a U.S. college or university and a 3.7 grade point average, the scholarship was founded by an Act of (Great Britain's) Parliament in 1953 and commemorates the humane ideals of the European Recovery Programme (Marshall Plan). Daniel’s father, **Anton Zoughbie**, is an adjunct faculty member with CSM’s social science division.


★ **Richard Lohmann**, professor of photography, wrote an article, “The Surface of Things – Reflections on Recent Digital Paper Offerings,” which appeared on *Luminous-Landscape*, a digital imaging website. In addition, Lohmann also recently received a grant from the Peninsula Community Foundation for a photography project that he will undertake in winter 2007.

**NOTABLE**

★ CSM’s football team is ranked 12th in the nation among all community college teams, according to an early September JC Grid-Wire poll. In addition, the Bulldogs are ranked 4th in the state by the California Community Colleges Football Coaches Association.
COLLEGE TO CELEBRATE NEW SCIENCE BUILDING/
PLANETARIUM DOME INSTALLED

On Friday, September 8 at 2:15 pm, a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house will take place to celebrate the official opening of CSM’s new Science Building. This highly-anticipated event will take place on the bridge located at the south entrance of the building. Following a short program and the actual ribbon cutting, guests will be invited to take self-guided tours of the building. Refreshments will be provided. Earlier this month, a significant construction milestone was achieved when the Planetarium dome was installed (photo at left).

CSM LAUNCHES RISING SCHOLARS PROGRAM

This fall, the college will launch the Rising Scholars Program, established to enhance the retention of first-time college students and to help them achieve their educational goals. The program targets a diverse group of students who place into English 825 or 830. Students attend selected classes as a cohort group so they get to know their classmates, instructors and student services staff. Participants will be challenged to excel in their coursework, to meet regularly with assigned counselors and to encourage getting involved in college activities. The Rising Scholars Program will become part of the CSM Learning Communities in Spring 2007. The idea for the program was conceived by the college’s Diversity In Action Group. Henry Villareal, dean of enrollment services, and Danita Scott-Taylor, director of student support, were instrumental in developing the program.

LAZARUS FAMILY CONTINUES SUPPORT FOR	
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

To continue the legacy to Mary Meta Lazarus, the Lazarus family, through the Cincinnati Foundation, has given a $20,000 annual gift to CSM’s Child Development Center for the past 20 years. These annual donations have provided critical funding to the Center’s operating budget, particularly in the area of staffing. The funds help to pay salaries of associate teachers, teachers that are absolutely critical to maintaining a staff/child ratio necessary to offer a strong and nurturing educational program. It should be noted that these donations are in addition to the initial $500,000 donation given by the Lazarus family in 1979 to construct the Center.
**ALUMNUS JOHN MADDEN ENTERS FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME**
Notable CSM alum John Madden, was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday, August 5. Madden, who played for the bulldogs in the 1950’s and known widely today as a popular football commentator, was voted in for his success as a professional coach. In 1969 at the age of 32, he became one of the youngest head coaches in history when he was hired by the Raiders; in that same year he was named AFL Coach of the Year. With a career record of more than 100 wins and a regular season winning percentage of about 76 percent, he led the Oakland Raiders to a Super Bowl title during the 1976 football season. Madden follows Bill Walsh, another former CSM player from the 1950s and coach of three San Francisco 49ers Super Bowl victories, into the Hall of Fame.

**CSM ROLLS OUT “WELCOME MAT”**
Beginning this week, the Enrollment Management Committee will begin a new marketing effort with “Operation Welcome Mat.” The “operation” consists of three information stations and volunteers (appropriately attired in welcome t-shirts) wandering around campus to help direct students and answer questions.

**KUDOS**

🌟 Alexis Terrazas, CSM journalism major and sports editor of the *San Matean*, has been named this year’s college recipient of the Peninsula Press Club’s Herb Caen Scholarship. Terrazas will receive $1,500 for continuing his studies at a four-year college or university. He was selected from among a pool that included community college and university students. Earlier this year, Terrazas also received the Bob Foster Memorial Scholarship for his work at CSM.

🌟 Dr. Rudolph Lapp, emeritus professor of history, was honored at the Conference of California Historical Societies where he received the conference’s Award of Merit for Scholarship/Authorship. The award honors his distinguished research and writing on the history of California, specifically on the topic of Blacks in the state. He is the author of the highly-regarded *Blacks in Gold Rush California* (Yale University), *Archie Lee: A Fugitive Slave Case in California* (the Book Club of California) and *Afro-Americans in California* (part of the Boyd & Fraser Series). Dr. Lapp retired from full-time teaching in 1983 but continued to teach in post-retirement into the 1990s.

🌟 Pete Jensen, head baseball coach at Serra High School and a CSM alum, was named All-County Coach of the Year by the San Mateo County Times. While at CSM, Jensen played for John Noce and then competed at San Jose State University before becoming a teacher. Jensen also coached at CSM for two years. He has been head coach at Serra for 20 years and has coaching record of 483-160, 10 league titles and three Central Coast Section crowns.

**NEW CLASS OFFERINGS FOR FALL**
This Fall, the college is offering a number of new classes throughout the curriculum. A sample of the new offerings includes:

- **Digital Sketchbook**, offered by the two-dimension art program, this course is a hybrid digital/fine arts class.
- Under joint sponsorship of the Biology and Engineering programs, The Technology of Business focuses on technology-based companies that fuel the Bay Area’s economy.
- **Afro-Latin Percussion Ensemble** will feature instructor John Santos, a three time Grammy nominee and multi percussionist who has performed, recorded and studies with masters such as Dizzy Gillespie, Cachao, and Tito Puente.
CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT STUDENT SUCCESS STORY
The extraordinary academic accomplishments of Yan Yan Mao, a 2006 graduate of CSM, was the subject of feature articles that appeared in the San Mateo County Times, (7/10/06) and the Examiner/Independent (7/11/06). In the same week that she graduated from CSM with an associate degree and a 3.98 grade point average, Mao also graduated as valedictorian from Hillsdale High School. Based on her age, Mao received special authorization to participate in CSM’s concurrent enrollment program the summer after she graduated from eighth grade. She continued as a concurrent enrollment student throughout her high school years; every semester, she balanced a full-load of high school classes with two or three classes at CSM. This highly motivated student credits CSM professors Darryl Stanford, Jeremy Ball and Ernie Rodriguez and counselor Modesta Garcia for their assistance and influence. This fall, Mao will enter Harvard University as a philosophy major on a full scholarship. The San Mateo County Times article is online: www.insidebayarea.com/search/ci_4040472

NEW AWARD TO NURSING PROGRAM
CSM’s nursing program has just been awarded $136,504 from the California Community Colleges Chancellors’ Office for 2006-07 and 2007-08. The grant will help maintain an enrollment of 60 nursing students and will cover expenses for equipment, materials, and nursing faculty and staff. This is the second grant CSM has received this year to support enrollment growth for 2006-08. In January 2006, the Peninsula Health Care District awarded CSM $257,030 to help maintain the expanded nursing class. Both awards are intended to help address the widely-publicized nursing shortage within the county and San Francisco Bay Area.

CSM Grad, Yan Yan Mao

CSM Nursing Graduates, Class of 2006
**INSURANCE PROGRAM LAUNCHED**

CSM in collaboration with the Workforce Investment Board, developed a new 10-week training program to prepare dislocated workers for entry-level positions in the insurance industry. The program, which concluded on June 15, was based on the recently approved insurance degree and certificate program in CSM’s business division. Participants earned 13 units of college credit in the areas of accounting, business math and business communication, as well as basic insurance courses. Fourteen students have registered to take the Insurance 21 National Exam; 11 students earned Certificates of Completion; 3 earned Certificates of Participation.

**COLLEGE FOR KIDS COMPLETES 14TH YEAR**

It has been another successful year for Community Education’s College for Kids program as it concludes its 14th year. The Cañada program which was held in June, enrolled 68 students while the CSM program, currently in its final week, enrolled 250. Class offerings span many subject areas: math, science, language arts, sports, computer skills and creative arts. Some of this year’s new classes included *Creating and Producing Your Own Video, Creating and Producing Your Own Music, 3D Art Workshop, Journalism, Acting and Playwriting, and Television Production* (offered in partnership with KCSM). College for Kids was able to offer a record number of 24 full scholarships to low income students through a grant provided by the Electronic Arts Foundation and some matching funds from the Community Education Department.

![Creative students in a College for Kids art class](image)

**EVENTS**

- Last week, CSM’s newly launched Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) initiative sponsored an eportfolio workshop session (see photo to the left) to familiarize faculty with the development of an eportfolio system to document students’ work, validate student achievement and allow faculty to study the results of their efforts. The WAC goal is to launch eportfolios in Spring 2007.

- On July 18, a group of 15 eighth grade students attending Crystal Spring-Uplands Bridge Program visited CSM for a campus tour, multimedia presentation and college-hosted lunch. The Bridge Program is designed for underachieving students who demonstrate academic potential; it provides encouragement for students to work toward academic success and attend college.

- On Saturday, July 22, CSM’s Financial Aid Office, the SMCCD Coastside Office and Our Lady of the Pillar Church co-sponsored a Plan for College Workshop in Half Moon Bay to provide information about financial aid, ESL, career classes and college planning.

**KUDOS**

- An article by Karen Wiggins-Dowler, head teacher in CSM’s Child Development Center appeared in the June issue of *iJournal*, an internet publication focusing on student services. The article, titled, “Collaborative Construction Project” discusses ways for childcare professionals to create learning exercises by involving children in construction projects.

- CSM’s football team is featured on the cover of the 2006 AT&T phone book for central San Mateo County.
COLLEGE FACULTY SELECTED FOR CARNEGIE TEACHING PROGRAM

Three CSM faculty members have been selected to participate in the prestigious Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CASTL) Higher Education Program’s Institutional Leadership Program. CSM’s team, consisting of Jeremy Ball, associate professor of philosophy, Mike Burke, professor of mathematics, and Jean Mach, professor of English, will attend a convening of all CASTL partners at the annual conference of the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Washington D.C. in November. In addition, they will have access to electronic workspace, an on-line environment and set of tools for communicating and sharing resources with other partners. Their selection was based on their commitment to support the improvement of student learning through CSM’s learning communities initiative. Pictured left are learning communities faculty members, seated left to right: Mike Burke, Dave Danielson, Jeremy Ball; standing: Cheryl Gregory, Jean Mach; top level standing: Dean Susan Estes and Vice President Mike Claire.

COLLEGE CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF RPSC

Following much anticipation and a year of construction, the college celebrated the grand opening of the Walter H. Moore Regional Public Safety Center. The event was significant because the building will serve as permanent home of the County’s Police Academy, and as President Shirley Kelly remarked, “It is the campus’s first major newly constructed building in more than 40 years.” The festivities included remarks by the college, district and law enforcement leaders as well as Walter Moore’s son, Gordon Moore, the founder of Intel Corp. Guests witnessed the official ribbon cutting and took a tour of the building. Police chiefs from most of the cities/towns in the County were in attendance; the Police Academy cadets were also present at the event.

CSM ALUM INDUCTED INTO SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Bob Adams, CSM alum of 1966, was inducted into the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame on June 22. Adams played football for CSM under the direction of Coach Stu Carter and also was on the track and field and basketball teams. Former CSM football Coach Doug Scovil who had moved on to College of the Pacific (COP), now know as University of the Pacific, offered Adams a full scholarship where he played two successful seasons. Following college, he spent seven years playing in the National Football League.
**CLASSIFIED STAFF APPRECIATION DAY FEATURES**

**A SALUTE TO THE BLUES**

On June 7, CSM celebrated Classified Appreciation Day with a soulful blues theme. The event included a barbecue and awards ceremony honoring 19 classified staff members with 10, 15, 20 and 30 years of service. Entertainment highlights featured live music provided by the CSM Bull Dawg Band and an energetic and entertaining performance by CSM’s very own Blues Brothers, a.k.a. President Shirley Kelly and Vice President of Student Services Pat Griffin.

**KUDOS**

☆ CSM French students have earned honors in the Grand Concours Universitaire of the American Association of Teachers of French of Northern California, an essay-writing contest for students from two- and four-year colleges and universities. Student Gabrielle Cihlarova placed second in the first-year category; Ursula Dominguez and Amy de la Salle each received an honorable mention in that same category. The students are in classes taught by Professors Susan Petit and Marilyn Carter.

☆ Four CSM students were recently honored by the Soroptimist International of Burlingame-San Mateo-Mid-Peninsula for their outstanding achievement in community service and scholarship. Krisztina Gode, Ana Romero and Darnell Ford received scholarship awards; student Mariela Rivasplata was the recipient of the Women’s Opportunity Award. The students received their honors at the 20th annual Soroptimist awards luncheon.

☆ During the first week of summer session, CSM’s Financial Aid Office sponsored Financial Aid Awareness Day, designed to inform students about the services offered by the program. The event included pizza, a raffle and the music of Wild 94.9.

☆ Six CSM athletes earned medals at the California Community College Track and Field Championships held at Bakersfield College. For the women, Shawna Gildea had the highest finish among CSM’s team with a fifth place in the javelin; Helena Silva took sixth in the heptathlon; and Kelly Schumacher threw the hammer for eighth place. In the men’s competition: Ray Hisatake took seventh in the shot put; Pat Smith, who won the Coast Conference and NorCal javelin titles, finished eighth; and Arturo Huezo was seventh in the 3,000 meter steeplechase.

☆ CSM’s new track and field facility recently hosted the USA Track and Field’s Pacific Association Championships. The highlight of the event was a performance by Kim Kreiner, an Olympic athlete who set an American record of 203 feet, 10 inches, in the women’s javelin. It was the first throw over 200 feet anywhere in the US by an American athlete using the new javelin, adopted in 1999. Kreiner, awed by CSM’s spectacular view from the field, commented, “I think it calmed me down.”

☆ Two CSM baseball players were drafted on the first day of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft. Bulldog shortstop Cody Himes, the MVP of the Coast Conference North, was selected by the Texas Rangers in the 15th round. Chosen right after Himes was ex-Bulldog catcher Matt Canepa by the Chicago Cubs; Canepa was a transfer student to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

☆ College of San Mateo was the subject of a article in MeasureNet’s online magazine for its purchase of two MeasureNet Networks for the chemistry labs in the new science building. CSM is the latest college in California to adopt this equipment for use in real-time data acquisition and analysis for chemistry. To access the article go to: [http://www.measurenet-tech.com/CollegeofSanMateoAdoptsMeasureNetforNewChemistryLabs.html](http://www.measurenet-tech.com/CollegeofSanMateoAdoptsMeasureNetforNewChemistryLabs.html)
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER ANNOUNCED
The speaker for CSM’s 84th commencement ceremony on Friday, May 26 will be Adrian Orozco, director emeritus of the college’s EOPS and Multicultural Center. He was a founding counselor in the College Readiness Program, a groundbreaking program and model for what would become EOPS. During Adrian’s 33 years of service to the college district, he counseled and influenced the lives of thousands of students and was a highly respected member of the CSM community. CSM’s commencement begins at 8pm in the Gymnasium.

Adrian Orozco, Commencement Speaker

COLLEGE RECEIVES QUICK START GRANT IN MULTIMEDIA
CSM, in partnership with several schools and colleges, is the recipient of a Quick Start Grant in Multimedia which will support faculty time for the creation of an “Introduction to Multimedia” online course that will be developed in line with programs at CSM (digital photography, electronic music, graphics, multimedia, broadcasting and film.) The course will be helpful for concurrent enrollment students by providing direction and knowledge prior to their enrollment at the college. Cabrillo College serves as the fiscal agent for the grant and also involves Skyline, Canada, Diablo Valley College, a number of high schools and the Multimedia Center at Mission College. The funding source, SB70 – Economic Development and Career Technical Education Reform – calls for increased coordination between community colleges and high schools for well-articulated career technical education curricula responsive to industry concerns. The overall amount of the award is $450,000 for two years that all of the participating schools will share; CSM will receive $26,400.

CSM HOSTS 12TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES DEBATE
In early May, CSM’s Business Students Association sponsored a debate featuring the following congressional candidates for the 12th District: democrats Kevin Herle, Robert M. Barrows, republicans Mike Moloney, Chris Huskins, Mike Garza, and libertarian Harland Harrison. Rep. Tom Lantos was unable to attend the debate.
EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS

- The Academic Senate hosted its annual retirement luncheon on May 3 honoring four retiring faculty members: **Gerry Frassetti, Marie Paparelli, Tim Stringari and Arlene Wiltberger** and retiring administrators **Pat Griffin and Gary Dilley**.

- At the CSM Scholarship Awards Reception held on May 4, 221 individual scholarship awards worth $157,230 were distributed to 144 CSM students and 21 high school students.

- The President’s Office hosted the annual “Thank You” Lunch for all faculty, staff and administrators.

- The Associated Students held an Appreciation Lunch for faculty, staff and administrators who supported the ASCSM over the past year.

- Once the rain stopped, the Associated Students were finally able to celebrate the annual Spring Fling Week. This year’s theme was “Island Carnival.”

- The College and Physical Education/Athletics Department held a dedication ceremony of the new press box located at the football stadium honoring retiring **Dean Gary Dilley**. A plaque recognizing Gary’s 18 years of service to CSM and the district was permanently installed in the press box.

- A group of 80 fifth graders, faculty and parents from College Park Elementary School took a field trip to CSM which included a campus tour, lunch and planetarium show.

- The Diversity In Action Group Speaker Series welcomed **Dr. Rona Halualani**, associate professor from San Jose State University, presenting “Mainland Hawaiian Identities and Experiences on the Continent: A Journey of Becoming.”

- **Mark Stephen Mir** of University San Francisco’s Ricci Institute was a guest speaker at San Mateo County’s Astronomical Society’s general meeting held in the CSM Planetarium. His lecture was titled, “The Mechanics of Heaven: Jesuit Astronomers at the Qing Court.”

- San Mateo Middle College High School graduation will take place on May 30 at 6:30pm in the CSM Theatre.

- CSM’s Transition to College Program and Caminar Supported Education held a student achievement celebration recognized the students in the program for their scholarly efforts and scholarship awards.
**NOTABLE**

☆ At the state convention of Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS), the California community college scholastic honor society, CSM Eta Chapter president Marcela Cabrera received a $500 Ed Walsh Service Award. She was among 20 AGS members statewide who received a Walsh Award for outstanding service to their chapter and campus. Marcela, an anthropology major, also serves on the Student Senate. She hopes to transfer to a UC campus next year.

☆ Kudos to CSM's baseball team! The Bulldogs won their fifth consecutive North Coast Conference championship earlier this month, posting a 20-3 record (31-9-2 overall). The team ended the season ranked fourth in Northern California among community colleges and for the 10th time in 12 years, entered post-season play. Pitcher Kyle Woodruff was named Pitcher of the Year, Cody Himes won Player of the Year and Doug Williams took home Coach of the Year honors.

☆ CSM's track team had five first place finishers in the Coast Conference Track & Field Championships held at the College’s new facilities. The winners were Shawna Gildea (javelin); Ray Hisatake (discus throw); Krystal Nzoiwu (high jump); Kelly Schumacher (hammer throw); and Pat Smith (javelin). Additionally, at the Nor Cal Community College Track & Field Championships last weekend, CSM’s Pat Smith finished first in the javelin throw and he and seven other team mates qualified for the upcoming state championship meet.

☆ Audrey Behrens, CSM associate professor and director of the dental assisting program was selected as 2005 recipient of the San Mateo County Dental Society’s Community Service Award.

☆ CSM Art Instructor Noah Buchanan's work was display in an exhibition at the Gallery of Arts & Science in the New York Academy of Science.

**CAMPUS PERFORMANCES**

♫ The annual Electronic Music Concert highlighting works by CSM students was held. The event included a variety of pieces from jazz to experimental to hip hop and the showing of short films with original sound tracks.

♫ The Soul of Latin Jazz Concert presented a delightful musical journey that combined the worlds of Soul, Jazz and Latin music featuring Rudy Ramirez, adjunct faculty member, and Mambo Street.
MIDDLE COLLEGE CO-HOSTS NATIONAL CONFERENCE
San Mateo Middle College High School and Contra Costa Middle College High School are co-hosts for the 14th annual Middle College National Consortium Student Leadership Conference on April 26-30. In keeping with this year’s conference theme, “Corporate Responsibility to the Environment,” participating students will complete environmental projects in their communities prior to the conference. Conference events include a beach restoration and beach cleanup on the San Mateo County Coast, a visit to Eco-Village in Richmond and a trip to the Marin Headlands. More than 250 students, chaperones and principals are expected to attend the conference.

MULTIMEDIA STUDENT REAPS 1ST PLACE HONORS IN STATE COMPETITION
CSM student Sophia Valko received first place in the 2006 statewide Media Arts Awards Competition. Her poster design (at left) promoting an opera performance of “Carmen” took the top honor in the graphic design category, “Promotional Materials.” Valko also won a merit award in that same category for another poster design; winning two awards in the same category is unprecedented in the history of the seven-year old competition. The competition is sponsored by the Multimedia & Entertainment Initiative (MEI), a statewide network of community college educators in the area of workforce and economic development. Valko is a student of Claudia Steenberg, CSM multimedia instructor.

FRESHMAN QUARTERBACK SIGNS WITH KENT STATE
Julian Edelman, CSM’s outstanding freshman quarterback, has accepted a full-ride scholarship to play at Kent State University. In 2005, he threw for 1,312 yards, set a CSM single season rushing record of 1,253 yards, scored 17 season touchdowns and tied the bulldogs’ record of four touchdowns in one game. He earned a number of state honors, including most valuable player on the All-State region 1 football team selection by the California Community College Football Coaches Association and was named NorCal Conference Offensive Player of the Year. Edelman is a graduate of Woodside High School.
DIVERSITY IN ACTION GROUP LAUNCHES RESEARCH SPEAKERS SERIES

The Diversity in Action Group, also known as DIAG, hosted a kickoff event for its “Research Speakers Series.” It welcomed Dr. Dilufruz Williams, a recipient of the prestigious Ehrlich Award for Faculty Service Learning and director of Community-University Partnerships at Portland State University, Oregon; Dr. Williams spoke on Student Civic Engagement and Service Learning. Also speaking at the event was Dr. Sylvia Hurtado, professor and director of the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA. She addressed preparing students to participate in a diverse democracy. A round table discussion followed the presentation.

EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS

- CSM Connects, the college’s volunteer community service program, hosted “CSM for Service: A Celebration of Service,” which was underwritten by a State Farm Good Neighbor Service Learning Grant. On April 21, from 9am-1pm, the second part of this event will continue with CSM Volunteer Recognition Day.

- CSM’s Student Employment and CSM Connects joined forces to present “Get Linked,” the annual volunteer and career fair. This year’s event was expanded to include numerous activities highlighting volunteer service by CSM students and employees and promoted volunteerism. The fair provided participants with the opportunity to talk with businesses and non-profit agencies, explore careers of interest and learn how to make a difference by volunteering.

- On Friday, April 28, at 12:10 pm, “The President’s Lecture Series: Diverse Voices in Writing,” welcomes Professor Paul Ehrlich, a well known researcher and author on the subject of overpopulation and a professor in Stanford University’s Department of Biological Sciences. Ehrlich is the author of The Population Bomb, Extinction, Betrayal of Science and Reason and World of Wounds. The presentation will be followed by a book signing and reception. The series continues to be made possible by a generous grant from the Lane Family Charitable Trust.

- On May 5 and 6, at 8pm, CSM’s Performance Dance Ensemble will host “An Evening of Dance,” an annual concert that features performances by professional, college and high school dancers. The Performance Dance Ensemble will include works by student choreographers as well as college faculty members Heidi Eggert and Alyssa Lee Wilmot. Many genres of dance will be represented, including jazz, hip hop, tap, modern, salsa, praise dance, belly dance and more. In addition, the college’s “Dancing Without Limits” class will also perform. Tickets are $10 for adults and $6 for students and seniors and may be reserved by calling 574-6243 or purchased at the door.

- CSM’s Library recently offered a new event, “Pizza/Gardening Party.” The gardening for this event refers to collection development to help the library decide what to prune from its collection, classics to repot and new seeds to plant. It was designed as an opportunity for faculty and staff to become reacquainted with library’s holdings in specific subject areas and have some fun socializing with colleagues.

EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS, CONTINUED

- The 25-member CSM Panhandlers Steel Drum Band performed a concert of steel pan music led by Jim Munzenrider.

- CSM’s Health Services has been providing information on the topic of men’s health throughout the month by staffing tables in the Student Center and to walk-in students to the Health Center.
The college’s Latinos Unidos Student Club held Raza Day, a youth outreach event that brought 140 at-risk high school students to campus to learn about the importance of a college education. This event was sponsored by CSM’s Diversity In Action Group.

The EOPS program hosted its annual preview day for high school students which paired each high school student with a current EOPS student to learn about CSM’s offerings.

Academy of Art University in San Francisco is offering a complimentary round-trip transportation and tour of their campus to any CSM student interested in majoring in art.

UC Davis sponsored a campus tour for interested CSM transfer students which included complimentary transportation to and from Davis.

**NOTABLE**

Henry Villareal, dean of enrollment services, has been elected to the board of directors for the National Council on Student Development.

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**PRESIDENT’S LECTURE SERIES WELCOMES PAUL EHRLICH**

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on the subject of overpopulation and a professor in Stanford University’s Department of Biological Sciences. Ehrlich is the author of *The Population Bomb*, *Extinction, Betrayal of Science and Reason* and *World of Wounds*. His most recent book is titled *One with Nineveh: Politics, Consumption and the Human Future*, co-authored with his wife, Ann Howland Ehrlich. The presentation will be followed by a book signing and reception. The series continues to be made possible by a generous grant from the Lane Family Charitable Trust.

*Author Paul Ehrlich*

**CONFERENCE WELCOMES HIGH SCHOOL STAFF**

CSM recently hosted, “Get Reacquainted with CSM,” a conference for high school counselors, faculty and staff. Forty-seven high school participants representing 19 high schools in San Mateo County and San Francisco attended. The conference included breakout workshops, campus tours and a panel of CSM students discussing their experiences at CSM. The event was co-hosted by the Office of Counseling, Advising and Matriculation and the Office of Instruction.

**FOCUS GROUP LOOKS AT BUSINESS/CIS PROGRAMS**

CSM was the site of a focus group conducted by Business/Industry Collaborative for Business/Computer Science on the topic of “Achieving Excellence in California Community Business and CIS Programs.” The group of participants included CSM faculty, students and administrators and numerous representatives from business, industry and government agencies. The discussion was based on the Baldrige Award core values and criteria for performance excellence in education developed for grades K-12. This was one of several focus groups that the Collaborative held in California.

**EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS**

- On March 28, at 11 am, CSM’s Diversity in Action Group and Multicultural Center are co-sponsoring Dr. Carlos B. Cordova, professor of ethnic studies at San Francisco State University, as guest lecturer. Dr. Cordova’s presentation, “Migration Dynamics and Adaptation Strategies of Central Americans to the SF Bay Area: One Hundred Years of Community Building,” will focus on material from his recently published book, *The Salvadorian Americans*. This event is open to the public and admission is complimentary.

- On March 28, the President’s Office is sponsoring a Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) Luncheon for all faculty and staff involved in articulating and assessing SLOs. The lunch is designed to give faculty and staff an informal opportunity for small group discussion and meaningful dialogue.

- Earlier this week, the CSM Health Center conducted its annual Health Fair that brought together more than 30 community agencies and health providers. This popular event offered a number of health assessments for blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, eye exams, body fat analysis as well as educational information on numerous health issues. CSM nursing students conducted vital signs and health risk assessments while dental assisting students provided oral hygiene information. The fair was planned and coordinated by Sharon Bartels, RN, and Gloria D’Ambra, both from the CSM Health Center.
San Mateo Middle College High School held its annual Open House for current student and their parents. Middle College High School students also participated in a team building activity at the Mt. Hermon Conference Center. The day’s events included the high ropes course.

The Transfer Club in collaboration with Transfer Services sponsored Business Major Day; it included a panel of representatives from the UC and CSU systems and private universities discussing a variety of relevant topics.

On March 31 at 7:30 pm, CSM math, astronomy and physics professor Mohsen Janatpour presents, "Abstract Realism and the Story of My Art," a free and open-to-the-public lecture and art exhibit in CSM’s Theatre. For more information, call (650) 574-6272.

On March 27, the Language Arts Division is hosting an Open House to showcase the new and renovated labs and centers housing the Computer-Assisted Composition Classroom, English 800 Lab and Writing Center, Foreign Language Center, Reading and ESL Center and Speech Lab. Lead faculty and instructional aids will provide tours and demonstrate how students are served.

KUDOS

Professor of Astronomy, Mathematics and Physics Mohsen Janatpour and Associate Professor of Astronomy and Physics Darryl Stanford have been accepted to the Space Foundation’s Teacher Liaison Program. They will be recognized in a ceremony at the National Space Symposium on April 3 held in Colorado Springs. By participating in this program they will be provided with important links between the Space Foundation, NASA and the college.

M. Janatpour and D. Stanford

Henry Villareal, CSM’s dean of enrollment services, has been selected as a member of the National Council on Student Development’s Technology Advisory Committee (TAC). Villareal and the committee will be working on a survey project aimed at uncovering trends in the current use of technology in community colleges.

The works of CSM Professor of Photography Lyle Gomes will be showcased at the ARTshare 25 Gallery in San Mateo from March 6 through April 27. The exhibit, made possible by the support of the Peninsula Community Foundation, is entitled “Imagining Eden: Connecting Landscapes.”

CSM basketball player Pachara Arunleung has been selected for First Team All-Conference honors. She averaged 14 points and led the conference in free throw percentage with 88%. Teammate Angelique Bocarra was named to Second Team All-Conference and averaged 10 points and eight assists. She led the conference in assists and was third in steals. Finally, Serah Pele received honorable mention for her game average of 10 points and 6 rebounds. Congratulations Lady Bulldogs!

PERFORMANCES

Masterworks Chorale performed its second concert featuring a performance of John Rutter’s “Mass of the Children” at Trinity Presbyterian Church in San Carlos and Transfiguration Episcopal Church in San Mateo.
The Peninsula Symphony, which now offers a class in CSM’s Music Department, performed “Romantics,” featuring Mihai Marica on cello, at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center and Fox Theater in Redwood City.

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CSM Hosts How-To-Assess Workshop
Last week, approximately 120 faculty, staff and administrators from the three colleges attended a How-to-Assess Workshop conducted by Mary Allen, former director of the California State University Institute for Teaching and Learning and founding director of the Assessment Center at CSU, Bakersfield. CSM continues to make progress in the area of student learning outcomes and the critical component of assessing stated outcomes was the focus of this hands-on, interactive workshop. Workshop topics included: best practices in outcomes assessment, accreditation expectations for assessment and SLOs, assessment in learning-centered institutions and aligning SLOs with courses and curricula. Sandra Comerford, CSM’s assessment coordinator, planned the event.

President’s Lecture Series Continues
The President’s Lecture Series: Diverse Voices in Writing resumes on Monday, March 13, at 11am with award-winning author Bharati Mukherjee. Dr. Mukherjee has written more than 10 books, including “The Middleman and Other Stories,” for which she won the National Book Critics’ Circle Award. Her latest books are “The Tree Bride,” and “Desirable Daughters.” A native of Calcutta, India, she is currently a professor at UC Berkeley. The presentation takes place in CSM’s Theatre and will be followed by a reception and book signing. This series is made possible by a generous grant from the Lane Family Charitable Trust.

Youth Leaders Visit Campus
On January 30, a group of 21 high school students participating in the San Mateo Chamber of Commerce’s Youth Leadership program visited CSM as part of Business-Education Link Day. The day’s activities include a tour of various occupational programs to learn about career opportunities associated with the programs and presentations on how to run a business and successful interview skills.

Alumnus Madden Elected to Football Hall of Fame
John Madden, who played football at CSM in the 1950s, was recently elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Madden, who is known widely as a popular football commentator, received the honor based on his success as a professional coach.
With a career record of more than 100 wins and a regular season winning percentage of nearly 76 percent, he led the Oakland Raiders to the Super Bowl title during the 1976 football season. Madden follows Bill Walsh, another CSM player from the 1950s and coach of three San Francisco 49ers Super Bowl victories, into the Hall of Fame.

NEWS FROM KCSM

KCSM-FM recently completed its winter fund drive and when the final numbers were tallied, the station brought in pledges totaling $403,579. This figure not only surpassed the original goal of $375,000 but also covered a $25,000 short fall due to last semester’s Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

KCSM-TV was recently notified that it has received a Digital Distribution Fund (DDF) grant in the amount of $297,767 for master control. The master control project totals $591,535 and requires the station to match the federal dollars. After many discussions, KCSM was able to leverage some of the construction money that was used for additional air conditioning and electrical service needed for moving master control into a new space in Building 9 as part of the match that was needed.

NOTABLE

The artwork of Richard Lohmann, professor of photography, is featured on the front cover of the February 2006 edition of Shutterbug magazine. Also, an article entitled “The Art and Craft of Richard Lohmann” and four additional photographs by Lohmann appear inside and are part of the publication’s “Pro Profile” for the month. The article is available at http://shutterbug.com/techniques/digital_darkroom/0206traditional/.

For a sample of Lohmann's photographs, visit www.richardlohmann.com.

Steve Robison, coordinator of student activities, has recently been named a Sam W. Walton Free Enterprise Fellow by the Students In Free enterprise. Founded in 1975, the Students In Free Enterprise is a non-profit organization that mobilizes university students to create economic opportunities for others while discovering their own potential.

EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS

› On February 22, at 10:15 am, CSM’s Foreign Language Department is hosting a presentation by Dr. Jennifer Mergy, a foreign service officer with the State Department. Dr. Mergy will discuss careers in diplomacy with the State Department, her reasons for choosing her current assignment at a post in the Middle East, and the importance of foreign language learning for America’s young professionals. Dr. Mergy is a 1984 graduate of CSM. The presentation will take place in the Foreign Language Center, 18-122.

› Dr. Nathalie Cabrol, planetary geologist and principal investigator at the SETI Institute, NASA Ames Research Center was the guest speaker at the San Mateo County Astronomical Society’s monthly meeting hosted by CSM and held in the Planetarium. Her presentation was on the exploration of Mars and the ongoing work of the two robot rovers, “Spirit” and “Opportunity.”

› CSM’s Financial Aid Office sponsored “Cash for College Day,” a free event for students and parents to learn about financial aid information and eligibility. Hands-on assistance was provided to families completing the Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The event also included a $1,000 scholarship drawing.

› The “2006 CSM Service & Leadership Conference: Get Connected…Make a Difference,” was held on campus last week. Designed for high school and college students, educators and community leaders, the day’s activities included workshops that inspire voting, promote diversity dialogue and provide civic engagement. The conference also featured speakers from local campuses, including CSM, San Francisco State University, City College of San Francisco and Notre Dame de Namur University.

› On February 23 from 10:30-11:30 am, CSM's Transfer Services will present Nursing Major Day on February in Building 5's Gallery Room. Representatives from Cal State East Bay, San Francisco State University and San Jose State University will be present to discuss topics, including requirements, selection process, scholarships and job placement.
NEWS FROM CSM CONNECTS

- Youth Service America (YSA) has selected CSM Connects, the college's volunteer community service program, as a State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Award winner. The prestigious State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning grant is administered by YSA and funded by State Farm. The grant helps underwrite youth service projects for National and Global Youth Service Day in the U.S. on April 21-23, 2006. As one of 100 grant winners, CSM Connects was chosen out of more than 300 applicants from across the United States for its leadership and commitment to engage youth in service, according to a congratulatory letter from YSA. Beverly Madden, the program’s coordinator, and a CSM Connects student appear in the photo, left.

- CSM Sociology Professor Minu Mathur is one of a number of faculty at CSM incorporating service learning into class curriculum. For the second consecutive year, Mathur’s sociology students participated in a fundraiser/service learning event for the organization, Home of Hope, a charity helping destitute and orphaned children in India. The students helped decorate, usher, set-up info booths and serve food for the event; approximately 650 paying guests attended the event and close to $100,000 was raised.

- On Saturday, February 11 from 8:30am – 1pm, the college will host the 2006 CSM Service & Leadership Conference, an event focused on providing information and education to high school and college students on civic engagement, service and leadership. Along with students, educators and community organizers who work with youth are encouraged to attend the conference.

PRESIDENT’S LECTURE SERIES ANNOUNCES SPRING SPEAKERS

The President’s Lecture Series: Diverse Voices in Writing is pleased to announce two well-known authors are scheduled for the Spring 2006 program. On Monday, March 13, the CSM will host Bharati Mukherjee, professor at UC Berkeley and author of The Tree Bride and. Also scheduled is Dr. Paul Ehrlich, professor at Stanford University and author of bestseller, The Population Bomb, will speak on Friday, April 28. The program, now in its third year, continues to be funded by a generous grant from the Lane Family Charitable Trust. Dean of Language Arts Susan Estes coordinates the series.
**NOTABLE**

- The College for Kids program is the recipient of a $6,900 grant from Electronic Arts in Redwood Shores. The grant will be used to provide scholarships to students that need financial assistance to attend the program. It is anticipated that the grant will fund up to 20 full scholarships or many more partial scholarships for the 2006 program. One of the young participants in College for Kids’ science class, 1-2-3 Blastoff is pictured at the left.

- The Summer/Fall 2005 edition of "Peer Review" included an article titled, "Integrative Learning" which highlighted the work of CSM's Learning Communities program. The publication covers emerging trends and key debates in undergraduate education. CSM was one of only two community colleges featured in the publication’s "Integrated Learning Project Campuses" section. The other eight were four-year institutions, from throughout the nation.

- California Community College Chancellors Office approved College of San Mateo's application to be an educational provider for the California Electrician Certification Program. Once also approved by the "Electrician Certification Curriculum Committee" CSM will be able to provide training to electricians working toward their certification, as well as, their continuing education hours. This program is offered in conjunction with and approved by the Electrician's Union.

- KCSM and its DJs were featured in a December 4 *Oakland Tribune* article titled "College Radio Station Frees DJs to Improvise."

- CSM student Matt Johnson, Jr. was recently honored by the Belmont City Council for providing lifesaving first aid to a badly injured high school student. Johnson applied an improvised tourniquet to control a severed artery until paramedics arrived. He also appeared in “Peninsula Angels,” the San Francisco Examiner's standing feature that celebrates people who make a difference.

- Twelve CSM students that completed Accounting 171 in the fall semester were hired by H&R Block to work during the upcoming tax season.

**BULLDOG PLAYERS CONTINUE TO REAP HONORS**

- The latest honors for the Bulldogs’ outstanding offensive line are for their academic achievements. Three players have been named to the Junior College Grid-Wire Scholarship/Athlete All-American Team: Landin Laurasaaitis, a San Mateo High School graduate earned a 3.4 GPA in liberal studies and was a first team selection and will receive a certificate for his achievement from the Seattle Seahawks; James Tretheway, an El Camino High School graduate earned a 3.72 GPA in pre-engineering, received honorable mention and has committed to play football at Pac-10 school University of Arizona; and Andrew Havili, a graduate of Burlingame High School was also given honorable mention recognition.

- CSM freshman quarterback Julian Edelman (pictured below) was voted the most valuable player on the All-State region 1 football team selection by the California Community College Football Coaches Association. A Woodside High School graduate, Edelman set a CSM single season rushing record, scored 17 season touchdowns and tied the Bulldog record of four touch downs in one game.
HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES AROUND CAMPUS & BEYOND
On December 7, CSM held its annual holiday party but with a twist: it was a dessert fest! Sponsored by the President’s Office, Classified Planning Committee and Academic Senate, this year’s event featured an array of custom desserts and festive beverages. “Mood” music was provided by CSM locals, Rudy Ramirez and Virgil Stanford and Helen Souranoff.

- The Horticulture and Floristry Clubs presented the annual Holiday Plant and Floral Décor Sale featuring wreaths, centerpieces, plants and gift items.
- Associated Students of CSM sponsored a Food and Clothing Drive with donations going to Second Harvest Food Bank.
- The Visual Arts Club presented an art show and held its annual Ceramics Sale featuring ceramic and glass pieces designed by the students.
- The counseling division was this year’s host for Student Services’ annual Tree Trimming Party.
- CalWORKS, CARE, the Child Development Center and EOPS Club organized donations from departments throughout campus for holiday baskets that will be distributed to 25 CSM students and their families in need of some assistance this holiday season.
- An electronic music (MIDI) concert under the direction of Chris Bobrowski, assistant professor of music, featured student performances from a variety of styles and genres was presented earlier this month.
- The combined talent of CSM’s three jazz bands presented a free concert for the college community.
- Masterworks Chorale presented its holiday program, Candlelight Christmas, at the Burlingame United Methodist Church and Transfiguration Episcopal Church. The program featured a variety of beautiful music from Renaissance to modern and included sing-along carols.

ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY
On December 1, more than 90 faculty, staff, students and administrators who will serve on CSM’s accreditation standards committees attended an accreditation kick-off meeting which included a presentation by Deborah Blue, vice president of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. In addition, the college is currently conducting surveys of the four constituent groups to collect data that will be used in the development of CSM’s self study report.

BULLDOGS MAKE SPORTS HISTORY
In November, CSM hosted the first college football bowl game in San Mateo County. The Bulldog Bowl pitted the CSM Bulldogs with the Giants from College of the Sequoias with the Bulldogs taking the lead in the final seconds of the game
for an exciting 41-39 victory. CSM ended the season with an 8-3 record and place in the top ten in the Northern California Conference, the strongest conference in the state.

To cap off the season, College of San Mateo’s freshman quarterback Julian Edelman was named NorCal Conference Offensive Player of the Year. He received conference first team honors along with five other CSM players: Alexander Reyes, James Tretheway, Landon Laurausaitis, David Lomu and Gerald Thompson. Additionally, Tretheway and Reyes have been named to the 46th Annual J.C. Grid-Wire Junior College All-American First Team. This is the first time in CSM history that two players have been name to the first team.

LIBRARY COLLABORATIVE FORMED

CSM’s Library is a participant in the School, Public and College Library Collaborative, a project made up of librarians from local school, public and community college libraries, that have been meeting to work on issues of mutual concern among the multi-type libraries and schools. Some of the more pressing matters that the group is focusing on include the declining number of school librarians and lack of opportunities for students to gain adequate information competency skills. The Collaborative supported having parent volunteers and high school students enroll in CSM’s library classes.

PLANETARIUM SITE OF ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY MEETING

San Mateo County Astronomical Society held its annual meeting in the CSM Planetarium which featured Michael E. Peskin, a professor of theoretical physics at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center of Stanford University as the guest speaker. Professor Peskin’s presented “Dark Matter: What is it? Where is it? Can we make it in the lab? “

COLLEGE EXHIBITS HISTORIC PHOTOS

Earlier this month, CSM’s photography lab featured a historic photo exhibit titled, “Images from the Farm Security Administration.” The images were created during the presidency of FDR and are among the most famous documentary photographs ever produced. The exhibit emphasized themes of rural life, the negative impact of the Great Depression, farm mechanization and the Dust Bowl.

FORENSICS PROGRAM FEATURED AT CONFERENCE

Dean of Technology Martha Tilmann and Associate Professor Ron Brown were presenters at the League for Innovation’s annual Conference on Information Technology in Dallas, Texas. They presented a hand’s-on lab session, “For One Hour, Become a Computer Forensics (CF) Examiner.” CSM’s computer forensics program was one of several cutting-edge information technology programs in community colleges that were showcased at the conference.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT CAMPUS

At the end of October, approximately 100 students from high schools in the San Mateo Union High School District participated in a field trip to CSM. During their visit, students visited many vocational programs and learned about the matriculation process, concurrent enrollment, Tech Prep, EOPS and financial aid. The event concluded with lunch and a student panel of past and present students who encouraged the high school group to continue their education and described how CSM made a difference in their lives. Linda Avelar, dean of business/creative arts organized the visit.

ARTICLE SPOTLIGHTS KCSM DJ

Dick Conte, long-time disc jockey with KCSM-FM, was the subject of a feature article in the October 25, 2005 issue of the San Francisco Chronicle. The article describes Conte’s jazz background and his parallel careers as on-air jazz personality and jazz musician. He has recently completed work on a new CD, “Slow Hot Wind,” a collaborative effort with other Bay Area jazz musicians which will be released at the end of the year.

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

November 15, 2:30pm - CSM’s Psychological Services Department is offering a workshop, “Responding Effectively to Disruptive Behavior on Campus,” for faculty and staff. Topics will include communicating behavioral expectations, resolution of classroom incidents, review of college policies, instructor’s options and the role of campus security.

November 16, Noon – College of San Mateo’s Dance Department will present “Dance-oholics - Unmasked!” in the South Cafeteria. The free event will feature an informal exhibition of dance from technique classes and student organizations and will showcase a new multi-cultural dance created collaboratively by CSM’s Performance Dance Ensemble. Other performances include a traditional Persian dance, demonstrations by CSM students in ballet, modern, jazz, tap, ballroom and hip hop dance classes and a routine by the CSM cheerleaders.

EVENTS ON CAMPUS, CONTINUED
November 16, 8:30 pm - College of San Mateo will present “A Latin Rock Experience,” in the College Theatre. It will feature former and present members of the band Malo featuring Rudy Ramirez, CSM instructor, playing music from early Santana, El Chicano and Cal Tjader. The event is sponsored by CSM’s Diversity in Action Group and Ethnic Studies Department.

November 17, 10:10 am - Author Toni Mirosevich, (The Rooms We Make Our Own and Queer Street) will present “Queer Street: Mr. Rogers’ New Neighborhood,” as part of the President’s Lecture Series: Diverse Voices in Writing. The presentation will take place in the College Theater; a book signing and reception will follow at noon in 1-115.

November 18, 8 am to 5:30 pm - CSM's Music Department will host an invitational jazz festival featuring the talent of local high school bands and Stanford University's jazz group. The festival includes a concert by the CSM Monday Evening Jazz Ensemble with special guest artist, Dr. Greg Yasinitsky, at 12:15 pm. In addition, there will be workshops from 1 to 2 pm on various instruments including trumpet, trombone, saxophone and drums. The entire event is free and open to the public; it will be held in the College Theatre.

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PHOTOGRAPHY PROFESSOR’S IMAGINING EDEN PUBLISHED
Professor of Photography Lyle Gomes has recently had a collection of his black and white landscape photography published in the book, Imaging Eden. The book includes photos of parks, gardens, cemeteries, golf courses, military bases and other sites that are reminiscent of the connection to nature lost in Eden. The publication is a compilation taken over sixteen years in his travels throughout the United States and Europe.

NATIONAL NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS CSM LEARNING COMMUNITIES
CSM’s learning communities program was the subject of a feature article in the Association of American Colleges and Universities’ (AAC&U) October 2005 newsletter titled, “At College of San Mateo, Learning Community Gives Students Tools for Thought.” The article describes how the program has evolved and grown and the challenges and opportunities associated with integrated learning programs. According to the article, the data that CSM is collecting about student success indicates that learning community students are more likely to progress successfully through the curriculum than other students, and that students in the program are developing crucial quantitative literacy and critical thinking skills. Mike Burke, professor of mathematics, and Jean Mach, professor of English, were highlighted for their roles in launching and teaching in the program. CSM’s learning communities program is currently participating in a joint project with AAC&U and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

CSM CELEBRATES WORLD LANGUAGE WEEK
During the week of October 24 – 28, CSM is participating in a nationwide celebration of World Language Week. The week’s events have included music, film screenings, discussions, performances, poetry translations, food and prizes. The activities are being sponsored by the foreign language department with coordination provided by Professor of French and English Susan Petit.

SPEAKER SERIES WELCOMES CALIFORNIA’S POET LAUREATE
Al Young, California’s Poet Laureate was the featured lecturer in the Diverse Voices in Writing lecture series in October. Mr. Young, a prolific writer, is the author of Who is Angelina? and Conjugal Visits. He has won numerous awards and honors, including fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Guggenheim Foundation, the Wallace Stegner Fellowship, a Fulbright Fellowship and the American Book Award, among many others. The title of his presentation at CSM was “The Future of Love: A Poet’s Take.” A book signing and reception was held after the lecture. The next scheduled speaker in the series is Toni Mirosevich, author of The Rooms We Make Our Own and Queer Street. She will present “Queer Street: Mr. Rogers’ New Neighborhood,” on November 17 at 10:10 am. in the College Theatre. The series is made possibly by a generous contribution from the Lane Family Foundation.

KUDOS
• Six CSM students have been awarded 2005 Kumin Scholarships from the Peninsula Community Foundation. The students, Rashan Abuhamdeh, Jessica Dadoun, Denis Melnichenko, Eric Thurston, Jason Whelen, Heather Buchalter and Hugo Mora, were awarded a grand total of $16,000 which they will receive while at CSM and/or when
they transfer. The scholarship was created in 2004 through the Trust of Margrit Kumin to support local community college students who wish to transfer. Fourteen students from local community colleges received awards, 7 of which were from CSM.

• CSM Cosmetology students won first place in the Nino Faggiano Student Team Competition presented by the Cosmetology Association of Central Bay, Santa Clara County and Golden Gate. CSM’s team competed against 46 other teams representing both private and public cosmetology programs. The students, Krystal Gonzalez, Catherine Lima, Adriana Serrano and Maya Morimune, won two first place awards, for hair stylist and best overall team and received $150 (stylist) and a $500 team award and trophy for the department. Suzanne Russell, associate professor of cosmetology, coached the team and accompanied them to the competition.

• Karen Wiggins Dowler and Mary Lam, teachers at the Mary Meta Lazarus Child Development Center, presented an inspiring workshop at the Bay Area Early Childhood Conference sponsored by the San Mateo Association for the Education of Young Children. The workshop focused on a new curriculum project that the Center integrated over a two month period earlier this year that involved the construction of CSM’s new science building and how it captured the children’s interest. From this project, children at the Center learned math, literacy and science concepts and gained proficiency in the use of real tools. Construction workers from McCarthy willingly served as resident experts, partnering with teachers to provide an authentic learning experience.

• John Avakian, statewide director of the multimedia and entertainment initiative, wrote an article that was recently published in the League for Innovation in the Community College’s Transformational Learning Connections. The article, “Digital Media Skills for All: Trends in the California Workplace,” addresses the fast-changing nature of the workplace in the areas of media communications, entertainment and interactive learning fields and how the community colleges prepare students for careers that rely on digital media skills.

EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS

• On Saturday, November 5, from 6:30-10:00 pm, CSM and the San Mateo County Astronomical Society will present MARS UP CLOSE!, planetarium skyshow featuring the red planet. The show takes place in CSM’s Planetarium; there is free admission and it is open to the public.

• Earlier this month, CSM Connects co-sponsored Project Wet and Wild, an educational workshop with Department of Fish and Game, Youth Community Service and City of San Mateo. The workshop provided educational materials for youth ages 12-18 that create awareness about watershed stewardship, water conservation and storm water pollution prevention.

• During October, CSM’s Transfer Center sponsored Biological Sciences Major Day and Engineering Major Day; each event provided information about transfer requirements and specific campus department criteria for majors interested in those majors. The Center also sponsored a workshop for international students, “How to Transfer to a Private University.”

• The Reach for the Stars project hosted a reception in the CSM Planetarium on October 17 to acknowledge donors that have contributed toward the star projector for the new science building.

• As part of the college’s ongoing efforts to promote a diverse learning and working environment, The Diversity in Action Group presented A Conversation on Diversity, “Unique Voices of CSM: An Interactive Dialogue About Our Individual Stories.” The event was held during the lunch hour and open to the campus community.

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CSM ALUM HONORED BY CCLC

The Community College League of California (CCLC) has selected Claire Mack, CSM alum, retiree and community leader, as a recipient of the prestigious California Community College Distinguished Alumni Award for 2005. Claire has amassed 30 years of community service, including three terms as mayor of San Mateo and 12 years as a member of the San Mateo City Council. She has served on numerous boards and associations, including Mills Hospital Board of Trustees, San Mateo County Grand Jury, San Mateo Arts Council, Women’s Recovery Association and the American Red Cross Board of Directors, among many others. For her contributions to the community, Claire has been the recipient of many awards and recognitions. She also served as commencement speaker at CSM’s 2005 graduation and during the ceremony was honored with CSM’s
Distinguished Alumni Award. She will receive her award at the League’s Annual Convention held in November.

**PRESIDENT’S LECTURE SERIES FOR OCTOBER**
On Wednesday, October 19, the “President’s Lecture Series: Diverse Voices in Writing” is proud to welcome Al Young, California’s poet laureate and author of *Who is Angelina* and *Conjugal Visits*. Mr. Young’s presentation, “The Future of Love: A Poet’s Take,” will be held from 11:10 am – 12 noon in the CSM Theatre. A book signing and reception will take place immediately following the lecture in 1-115.

**COLLEGE HOSTS ICE CREAM SOCIAL & SERVICE AWARDS**
On September 29, the college will hold the fifth annual Ice Cream Social, an event that also includes a faculty service awards ceremony. Twenty-four faculty will be honored for 10, 20, 30 and 40 years of service to the district. This campuswide event will feature ice cream sundaes served up by CSM managers and live music provided by the CSM Bull Dawg Band. In addition, the Social will include a display of historic CSM photographs.

**BUILDING 18 REOPENS**
On September 21, the college held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the official reopening of Building 18. The festivities included a tour of the modernized lecture classrooms, lab facilities, the new Faculty Center and “smart” classrooms. The building has been closed for the past eighteen months to undergo retrofitting and modernization.

**ASTRONOMY PROFESSOR HONORED**
Associate Professor of Astronomy and Physics Darryl Stanford is the recipient of the 2005 Professional Award given by the Astronomical Association of Northern California. This award recognizes outstanding and continuous support in distinguishing and fostering amateur astronomy, and highlights the contributions made to the Northern California amateur astronomy community. Darryl has been very active in presenting planetarium shows that are geared for elementary school students as well as the general public.

**FIRE TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR APPOINTED CHIEF**
Following a nationwide search, Assistant Professor of Fire Technology Bruce Martin has recently been appointed fire chief for the City of Fremont. In addition to teaching at CSM for 20 years and serving as coordinator of the program, Martin’s career in firefighting spans 22 years and includes a number of leadership positions in various fire departments throughout the Bay Area.

**CSM HOSTS TRANSFER DAY**
Earlier in the month, CSM’s Transfer Center sponsored Transfer Day. This annual event included representatives from UC, CSU and private colleges and universities in California and out-of-state who provided information to students about transfer admissions requirements, application procedures, programs, tuition and fees and student services. Transfer Day was coordinated by Mike Mitchell, program services coordinator.

**MASTERWORKS CHORALE PRESENTS 42ND SEASON**
Masterworks Chorale held its opening concert last weekend with the performance, *French American: Faure and Bernstein*. The concert featured the lyrical elegance of French music with the robust vitality of American Music.

**DEAN LEADS HISTORICAL TOUR**
Dean of Social Science Al Acena conducted a walking history tour of downtown San Mateo as part of the San Mateo County Historical Association’s Victorian Days celebration. Beginning at Second Avenue and South El Camino Real, the tour winds through the historical downtown area that includes the site of the Baldwin Avenue campus of CSM (now a medical office building), St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, St. Matthew’s Station Post Office and 19th Century B Street buildings. Dean Acena has conducted history tours of the area since 1994.
NEWS FROM THE BASEBALL DIAMOND
- Former CSM pitching standout, Scott Feldman was called up by the Texas Rangers from AA league play. During his two years at CSM, Feldman posted a 25-2 record and was the 2003 Coast Conference Pitcher of the Year.
- CSM sophomore Henry Wrigley recently signed a contract with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.
- Former CSM baseball player Mike Mooney ('02, '03) was recently promoted to Single A league and is leading his team in most offensive categories; Mooney is with the San Francisco Giants organization.

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH CENTER
CSM’s Health Center is sponsoring monthly visits by Onsite Dental, a mobile dental office to provide services to students, faculty and staff. Onsite Dental provides full-service dentistry by dental professionals; the company accepts most PPO plans and gives discount rates for uninsured students. Coming up in October, the Center will be administering flu vaccines (beginning October 5), sponsoring a Blood Drive (October 19) and Drug Awareness Week (October 24-28).

MANAGERS’ ATTEND RETREAT
On September 15, CSM managers participated in a college-sponsored retreat at the Vallombrosa Conference Center in Menlo Park. The topic for the retreat was “Understanding Decreasing Enrollment & Exploring Possibilities for Increase.” An independent facilitator led the retreat.

CSM STUDENTS CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITY
Last summer, CSM Connects students Esmeralda Cabrera and Kate Steeper helped create the Citizens for Clean Open Spaces (CCOS). They worked under the direction of Susan Danielson, former director of Save Our Shores. The students received full credit for naming the group and also created the CCOS website. CSM Connects is the college’s volunteer community service program that provides students with opportunities to learn while they serve the community.

OTHER NEWS
- San Mateo Middle College High School has been awarded a grant for $127,000 from the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office Fund for Student Success.

- Former CSM alum and sports commentator John Madden has been nominated for the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Madden attended CSM prior to transferring to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Madden’s winning percentage as coach of the Oakland Raiders is the second highest in the NFL among coaches with 100 victories.

DIVERSITY LECTURE SERIES BEGINS 3RD SEASON
The President’s Lecture Series: Diverse Voices in Writing, launches its third season this fall with a notable lineup of prolific authors. The series begins on September 20 with Ruthanne Lum McCunn, author of Thousand Pieces of Gold and Wooden Fish Songs, who will present “When the Sky Falls: An Exploration of Language and Culture.” On October 19, the series welcomes Al Young, California’s poet laureate and author of Who is Angelina and Conjugal Visits, discussing “The Future of Love: A Poet’s Take.” The semester finale, on November 17, features Toni Mirosevich, author of The Rooms We Make Our Own and Queer Street, presenting “Queer Street: Mr. Rogers’ New Neighborhood.” The series is once again funded by a generous grant from the Lane Family Charitable Trust; it is coordinated by Susan Estes, dean of language arts.

FLEX DAY DEDICATED TO SLOS
On Tuesday, August 16, CSM held a welcome back breakfast meeting which was followed a flex day activity. Faculty attended meetings which focused on articulating student learning outcomes (SLOs) at the course and department/program levels. This activity was coordinated by Sandra Stefani Comerford, a professor of English and faculty lead in the college’s assessment initiative.

**BASEBALL PLAYERS EXCEL ON AND OFF THE FIELD**

CSM’s baseball team continues to accumulate impressive statistics both athletically and academically. From this year’s group of sophomores, 10 players transferred to four-year colleges and universities, seven of which received scholarships. The Bulldog baseball team has a well-established track record for preparing players for the next step in their careers as 94% of the student-athletes in the last 11 years have either transferred to four-year schools or signed professional contracts.

**MIDDLE COLLEGE KICKS OFF 7TH YEAR**

On August 11, 60 San Mateo Middle College High School students began the fall semester at CSM with a day of orientation and team building activities. The 33 seniors and 27 juniors began their first interdisciplinary unit with a field trip to Angel Island which included a nature tour and tours of the island’s historic sites.

**A BUSY SUMMER FOR TECHNOLOGY FACULTY**

Sam Sanchez, assistant professor of multimedia, recently became certified as a Pro Tools Operator in Music Production. Pro Tools is a high-end digital audio workstation produced by Digidesign which is used in professional music production as well as film and video post production. Sam’s certification has made it possible for CSM to become a Digidesign-sponsored school. Pro Tools will first be taught as a Community Education offering this fall, and thereafter, it will be offered for credit through the Technology Division.

Roy Brixen, professor of electronics, served as a panelist at the Semiconductors, Automated Manufacturing, Electronics – Training and Education Conference; the session in which he participated was on emerging technologies in electronics.

Lilya Vorobey, assistant professor of drafting, machine tool, manufacturing and welding technologies, completed a four-day class on Mastercam, an award winning 3D computer aided software package that creates mechanical parts that can be sent via a network to a Haas Milling Center. In Spring 2006, students will be able to machine a variety of metals and plastics to create items from a paperweight to a portrait by importing drawings, 2D sketches, clip art, photos or CAD files.

Diane Bennett, associate professor of multimedia, attended “Curriculum Institute,” a program sponsored by the State Academic Senate that focused on program development and revision, technology curriculum development and student learning outcomes.

**SPEAKING OF PR…**

--The August 8 edition of the *San Mateo County Times* carried a story which featured CSM’s Transition to College program. The article described the critical role the program plays in helping students with psychological disabilities achieve their educational and career goals.

--An aerial view of the Bulldog’s football field was featured on the cover of the SBC’s 20005 phone book for Central San Mateo County.
KSCM-TV HONORED FOR DOCUMENTARIES
Two documentaries produced by KCSM-TV have been honored by the San Francisco Bay Area Peninsula Press Club, from a field of more than 400 entries. The documentary about the history of the college, *Voices of CSM*, won honorable mention in the Television Documentary category. Earning second place honors, also in the Television Documentary category, was *Jeeter Bug: Mission Over Iwo Jima*. This competition recognizes work by journalists and public relations professionals in the 11-county Bay Area, and is judged by working journalists who are members of press clubs in other U.S. cities.

YOUTH COMPLETE INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS PROGRAM
This past June, 44 teenagers graduated from the Independent Living Skills Program (ILP) for San Mateo County Foster Youth, offered through Corporate and Continuing Education. This 30-hour program consisted of instruction in state-mandated competencies such as financial skills, computer training, legal rights, health and nutrition, leadership, team building and educational planning; eligible students earned concurrent enrollment credit for the classes. When asked about their plans, most of the students indicated that they would be attending a community college in the fall. The ILP program is funded by a contract from the County of San Mateo Human Services Agency.

COLLEGE FOR KIDS CONTINUES IN POPULARITY
It has been another successful year for Community Education’s College for Kids program as it concludes its 13th year. The Cañada program enrolled 88 students and the CSM program, currently in its final week, enrolled 283 (the second largest group since its inception). While many summer programs are experiencing decreasing enrollment, College for Kids continues to attract a growing number of students overall. The programs were coordinated by Community Education staff, Jan Roecks and Renee Khoury.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO CSM STUDENT
It has been a good summer for CSM student Sandra Rivera who was recently notified that she is the recipient of two scholarships. Rivera was awarded a $1,000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, one of only 750 students nationwide to be honored by the foundation. The scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated academic success and participated in community service projects. She is also one of ten recipients of the California Community College Student Affairs Association Student Leadership Scholarship. Sandra has served as a student senator, president of the EOPS Club, assisted with the Youth Conference and CSM Volunteer Fair; she is also a member of Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society. Sandra works part-time at CSM and is a single parent.

CSM ALUM ENTERS SPORTS HALL OF FAME
CSM alum Jerry Scattini was inducted into the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame at its annual banquet held last month. Scattini, a Capuchino High School graduate, played football at CSM in the early 1960s and went on to become a standout player at University of California, Berkeley. He later coached football at University of Nevada.

COLLEGE DONATES CESSNA TO FIRE DEPARTMENT
The College has recently donated a stripped-down Cessna 411 that had been used by the aeronautics program to the Menlo Park Fire Department. The department, in conjunction with departments throughout the County will use the aircraft for fire rescue training. The Cessna provides training opportunities for firefighters to learn how to approach these aircraft in a controlled environment that can simulate a real event without the risk to personnel or the public.
Freshman athlete, Matt O’Connor, was the subject of a feature article in the July 8 issue of the San Francisco Chronicle. The article describes O’Connor’s rise as an all-around athlete at Serra High School through his current standout performance in decathlon competition. In June, he finished sixth in the USA Junior Track and Field Championships. He is the first CSM athlete in a decade to qualify for the junior nationals.