Welcome to the spring semester at College of San Mateo. The diversity of classes in this schedule represents nearly 100 different degree, transfer and certificate programs. In addition to CSM’s strong transfer programs, the college also provides a robust selection of Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. CTE programs are designed to prepare students for immediate employment in a wide range of high-growth and high-skilled careers. Whether you are looking for high-skill, high-wage work, a career change, or help in starting or growing your own business, CSM offers the programs and support services needed to reach those goals.

We’ve included a student story about Andy Guinn, a business owner who decided it was time for a career change. After selling his business, he was able to pursue his lifelong passion by enrolling in CSM’s electronics program. Following his graduation, Andy was hired by Tesla and is currently working at the Tesla Gigafactory in Reno, Nevada. Andy’s hard work, passion, and education has paid off both personally and professionally.

While CTE programs provide significant opportunities to work in major industries and businesses, they also serve as launching pads for entrepreneurs and small businesses. Our business program has evolved to meet the needs of students who have a business or product concept, but aren’t sure how to bring it to life. I hope you read the interview with Business Professor Peter von Bleichert who helped develop our new certificate program, Entrepreneurship—From Idea to Success. Peter discusses his background in business and his goals for the new program. I think you will find his dual passions for business and education quite inspiring.

College of San Mateo is located at the northern corridor of Silicon Valley and situated on a beautiful 153-acre site in the San Mateo hills that provides a panoramic view of San Francisco Bay. Since 1922, CSM has been a gateway to higher education leading to university transfer, career preparation and advancement, and professional and personal development.

The College currently serves approximately 10,000 day, evening and weekend students per semester. CSM students reflect the diversity of the Bay Area and have a range of educational goals. To best serve our students, the curriculum offers a wealth of programs that include traditional, semester-length and short courses in addition to distance education.

Students can experience a vibrant campus life to complement classroom learning that includes leadership development, student government, more than 30 student clubs and educational and cultural activities. CSM is proud of its championship intercollegiate athletic teams which compete at the highest community college level. Many student-athletes receive scholarships and continue at four-year institutions and numerous CSM athletes have gone on to professional careers.

To ensure student success, CSM offers a comprehensive selection of academic support services. Resources include financial aid and scholarships, counseling, transfer services, tutoring, employment assistance, health services and child care, among many others.

For more information about the college, visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/exploreCSM. Guided campus tours can be scheduled through collegeofsanmateo.edu/tours.

Community Members: Are there topics or features you’d like to see in upcoming schedules? Please provide your suggestions and/or feedback to csmptr@smccd.edu. Thank you.