College of San Mateo is located at the northern corridor of Silicon Valley and situated on a beautiful 157-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. 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 csmpr@smccd.edu. Thank you.

Another summer offering at CSM is Pathway to College, a program that bridges the gap between high school and college so that students enter their first semester more academically prepared. We’ve included an article, “Expanding Pathways for Student Success,” about this new summer offering which is off to a very strong start.

In this issue, we are also focusing on our community outreach activities. To illustrate these activities, we have featured an interview with Alex Guiriba, another CSM alumni, who is responsible for outreach and recruitment at the college. Alex has become well-known in our high schools and larger community and I hope you enjoy reading about his work. Related to Alex’s interview is our front cover feature: “CSM in Your Community,” which highlights our Student Ambassador Program. CSM’s student ambassadors have become a vital component of our outreach program as representatives of the college both on campus and in the community.

I invite you to read through the stories and look over the wide range of courses we are offering this summer. I hope that you make the most of your summer by enrolling in a class at CSM. We look forward to seeing you on campus.

Michael Claire, CSM President