



# LEARNING CENTER CHRONICLE

Fall 2014

*News from your on-campus community for academic support*

## Student Success Workshops

- ◆ Sept. 23rd- Student Success Workshop: Preparing and Performing on Exams.
- ◆ Oct. 8- Student Success Workshop: Strategies for Classroom Success.
- ◆ Oct. 9- Student Success Workshop: Motivation and Goal Setting.
- ◆ Oct. 21st- Student Success: Managing Your Time.
- ◆ Oct. 22nd- Student Success Workshop: Learning Styles and Study Strategies.
- ◆ Oct. 28th- Student Success Workshop: Preparing and Performing on Exams.

OR STREAM THEM ON DEMAND ANY TIME

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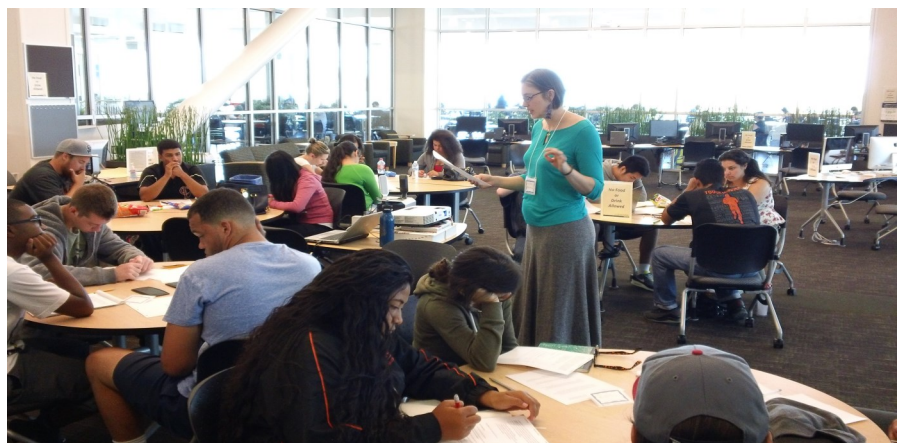
CSM Community,

I could not be more excited in my first semester as the new Learning Center Manager. The Learning Center is buzzing with the activity of tutors, SI leaders, students studying and so much more. Since the beginning of the semester, we have already had more than 2000 students come into the Learning Center to access resources and services.

We are coming off of another successful summer *Pathway to College* program and an eventful start to the fall with the expansion of Supplemental Instruction to include Math, Anatomy, ESL, English, and Art History. Our tutor program is in full swing with a couple of new subjects this semester; Spanish and Anthropology.

Finally, please join me in welcoming the newest member of the Learning Center staff, Tabitha Conaway. Tabitha joined us as our new Instructional Aide and she is already having a major impact. Her background and experience make her a great Instructional Aide but her warmth and rapport with our students make her a presence that is being felt across the campus.

Ron Andrade.  
Manager, Learning Center



Pathway to College, Summer 2014.

## New for Fall '14

- ◆ **Modern Language Lab** in the Learning Center! Starting Fall 2014, the Modern Language lab will be housed within the Learning Center.
- ◆ **If your students are having difficulty** with mastering what it takes to be a successful college student we can help. The LC offers **streaming, on demand video tutorials** in study skills, note taking, time management and more. You can even use them in your course if you want. To see what's available go to:  
<http://www.studentlingo.com/collegeofsanmateo>

## Meet the Staff: Tabitha Conaway

I am honored to be a new edition to the CSM Learning Center staff. As an Instructional Aide in the Learning Center I am available to assist students, faculty and staff. I have a Master's in Education and a Master's in History and I am very excited to put my education and professional experience to work helping students to excel. In addition to assisting with the day-to-day operations of the Learning Center you will find me leading Student Success Workshops and cheering on our Bulldog football team



-Tabitha Conaway, M.Ed, M.A.

*"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it."*

Marian Wright Edelman

## Learning Community: Welcome UMOJA!

UMOJA, (a Kiswahili word meaning 'unity') is a transfer support program that focuses on the African American experience through the study of culture, history, literature, and identity. UMOJA is a community and critical resource designed to enhance the educational experiences of African American and other students.

African American students are inextricably connected to global struggles for liberation throughout the African Diaspora. In light of this, the UMOJA Community views education as a liberatory act designed to empower all students to critique, engage, and transform deleterious social and institutional practices locally and globally.

## Helping Students to Self Monitor

In our ongoing efforts to help students become independent and motivated learners we need to reinforce the importance of self-monitoring. Very soon many students will be receiving the results from their first graded assignments or exams and having them ask themselves, "Are my efforts going get me where I want to go?" may prompt them to better direct their efforts towards actions to improve their academic performance. It is also an opportunity to steer students towards additional support services that can help them succeed.