



# LEARNING

## CENTER CHRONICLE

Spring 2015

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

### Student Success Workshops

- ◆ March 10th– Strategies for Classroom Success
- ◆ March 11th– Motivation and Goal Setting
- ◆ April 1st - Managing Your Time
- ◆ April 7th– Learning Styles and Study Strategies
- ◆ April 8th– Preparing and Performing on Exams

OR STREAM THEM ANYTIME

<http://www.studentlingo.com/collegeofsanmateo>

### The LC Needs Tutors!

Many of our current tutors will be moving on from CSM next semester and will need to be replaced.

We will need tutors in Statistics, Math, Chemistry, Physics, Political Science, Biology, Philosophy and more.

You can help by identifying and referring qualified students to Ron Andrade in the LC.

CSM Community,

The Spring semester is off to an amazing start here in the Learning Center. Over the winter break ITS helped us roll out our new attendance tracking software in the dozen labs and centers across campus. Accudemia is a web based system that allows for quick report viewing and students can now check their own hours through WebSMART.

Our academic support programs continue to grow as we now have more peer tutors and Supplemental Instruction leaders than ever covering a wider variety of courses. The learning centers district wide are part of a pilot program testing out a new social networking tool called BuddyUp that allows students to more easily form study groups with classmates ([buddyup.org](http://buddyup.org)).

There is so much activity taking place and I am excited that the Learning Center staff and students are playing such a meaningful role in fostering a campus environment that is centered around Student Success! I want to thank you all as well for what you do to help our students reach their education and career goals.

Respectfully,  
Ron Andrade  
Learning Center Manager

### Saturday Hours in the LC

**The Learning Center will now be open one Saturday a month from 8am to noon.**

**Dates**

**February 28th**

**March 14th**

**April 11th**

**May 9th**

### Student Lab Hours

Students can now keep track of the hours they spend in a lab on campus using Websmart. Click on "Schedule Appointments" then select "Accudemia Attendance tracking". Students must choose their campus and select a time period.

## Supplemental Instruction Continues to Expand

The College of San Mateo continues to expand a proven model of academic support: Supplemental Instruction! SI is a model of peer-lead study sessions led by trained leaders designed to reinforce the instruction provided by professors. SI targets historically difficult courses and sessions are completely voluntary and open to all students. This semester we are excited to offer 21 SI sections. These sections are supporting a variety of classes, including Math, Art History, English, ESL, Biology, and Chemistry. Many of our current SI leaders will be moving on from CSM next year and will need to be replaced. Please identify and refer qualified students to Tabitha Conaway in the Learning Center.

## Meet the Staff: Joey Martinez

Greetings Bulldogs! As your Learning Center Coordinator, I'm jazzed to begin working with the campus in its efforts to improve student success. My duties here will include supporting the Learning Center and our campus learning communities. I am a California community college graduate myself, completing a liberal arts degree at Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, CA before completing my B.A. in Spanish at U.C. Davis. An open position led me back to LMC, where I worked for five years. My time there cemented my passion for supporting students for the simple fact that all the students I worked with wanted to improve their lives through education and being there to support their journey was humbling. I took this passion to Cogswell Polytechnical College in Sunnyvale where I was able to help expand the campus' student support services. Now that I have returned to the community college system, I am excited to see how I can contribute at CSM.



- Joseph Martinez, B.A.

**"Education in the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."**  
- Nelson Mandela

## BuddyUp

Student success is a number one priority here at the College of San Mateo. Studies show that students benefit academically from peer support within classes. BuddyUp is a social networking tool that allows students to create study groups and find peer tutors on campus with ease. Professors can encourage their students to sign up for BuddyUp at the beginning of each term. Once students are registered they choose their classes and can immediately begin to form study groups and connect with other classmates.

## BuddyUp.org



*Political Science Peer Tutor with a group of students in the Learning Center*