



# LEARNING

Spring 2014

## CENTER CHRONICLE

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

### Transitions

#### Learning Center Event Dates

- March 21 Tutor Inquiry Group (TIG)
- March 25 Reading Apprenticeship Workshop
- March 28 Tutor Inquiry Group (TIG)
- April 22 Reading Apprenticeship Workshop
- July 7-18 Pathway to College summer program

#### 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 Math, Accounting, Chemistry, Psychology, Philosophy, Physics and more.

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

Dear Colleagues,

We are near the mid-point of the Spring semester, and I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of the Learning Center (LC). This is a time of significant change and excitement in the LC. I hope you will continue to back our efforts to provide students the academic support and development opportunities they need to be successful.

As you may already know, I am in a new role as Interim Dean of Academic Support & Learning Technologies (ASLT). While this may separate me from the day to day activities of the Learning Center, the LC continues as a vital part of the ASLT division.

Ron Andrade is now serving as the Interim LC Manager. Ron previously served as the Learning Center Program Coordinator. During this transitional period, we will try as best as we can to ensure continuity of LC services. We continue to move forward with the many initiatives and programs that have already proven so successful in the Center.

I thank you in advance for showing Ron the same support that you have so generously provided me in the past two and a half years. We look forward to the LC continuing to connect students to the resources they need to be successful.

Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza, Ph.D.  
Interim Dean, Academic Support & Learning Technologies

CSM Community,

I could not be more excited about the opportunity to serve as interim Learning Center manager. I have always sought to have a positive influence on students' lives and to support them in attaining their goals. My shifting from Program Coordinator to interim LC manager will allow me to continue serving the incredible students we have at CSM with minimal disruption of our programs and services.

I am looking forward continuing our partnerships across campus that aid our students in their academic development and achievement. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions about the LC or our services.

Ron Andrade, Interim LC Manager

## New for Spring '14

- ◆ Online Tutoring! The LC is offering online tutoring in Math this semester by appointment. We will be working to expand subjects and availability as we move forward.




- ◆ 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>

## Supplemental Instruction Grows

College of San Mateo is expanding a proven model of student academic support: Supplemental Instruction! The CSM Math department, headed up by **Lena Feinman** and **Cheryl Gregory**, has been using the SI program in support of its Math 811 students for five semesters with impressive results. For the first time, SI will be offered in three additional classes where students often struggle with the difficult content: anatomy, philosophy and economics. SI is based on peer-lead study sessions held outside class where trained leaders reinforce the instruction provided by professors. Student-to-student interaction is the basis of this model which has been used world-wide since 1973.

Look for our new attribute  in WebSchedule, where all sections supported by SI are noted.

### Did You Know:

California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office "Datamart" website provides statistical information on community colleges throughout the state in many different areas. Curious about students, courses, student services, outcomes? Check it out <http://datamart.cccco.edu/DataMart.aspx>

## Pathway to College: Summer Success

*Pathway to College* is a two-week summer program of student preparation in basic skills math and English. Students will have opportunities to become familiar with college resources, gain valuable study skills, and better understand college expectations as they transition to CSM.

The dates for *Pathway to College* are July 7—July 18, 2014. Additional information and an application can be found at <http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/learningcenter/pathwaytocollege.asp>. We will notify students accepted into *Pathway to College* on an on-going basis and provide them additional details

We appreciate the support of the Math and English faculty and look forward to another successful program in 2014.

