

Middle College News

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MC students end spring semester

The spring semester at College of San Mateo ended May 27 and Middle College students completed the spring at the May 31 graduation.

Enclosed are the final grades for the three high school classes. Grades for college classes will be available on June 9. Check Websmart for grades.

Summer school in the SMUHSD starts June 6; CSM summer school begins June 20. The Middle College fall semester begins August 11.

All continuing and new Middle College students should have registered for fall and summer CSM classes. If there's a problem, contact Mr. Quigley at 574-6101 or middlecollege@smuhd.org

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Principal's Corner

By Greg Quigley

Middle College capped another school year on May 31 when 24 students participated in the Thirteenth Commencement Exercises in the CSM Theater. Ivy Binns, Elham Elbakri, Michelle Galea, Max Goldman, Carley Jones, Cindy Lam and Megan Ryan delivered graduation speeches or songs to the audience of 200 family and friends. Sharia Sandoval sang the National Anthem, while Goldman and Sonny Lalchandani gave a musical performance on a guitar and sitar respectively.

Teachers Jennifer Fraser and Michael Clardy praised the students for their hard work through their years in the Middle College program. The teachers acknowledged six students for scholarships. Kelsey Sachs was selected for her solid academic performance and perseverance, Mariana Silva received the "Successful Transition to College" award, Madison Romero received the "Student on the Rise" award, and Megan Ryan was acknowledged as "The Spirit of Middle College." Cindy Lam received the Lorraine McLean Memorial Scholarship for the outstanding student in English; Amy Black was recognized as the top student in Social Science.

SMUHSD Superintendent Scott Laurence, CSM President Michael Claire and SMUHSD Trustee Robert Griffin addressed the graduates. Cabrillo USD Assistant Superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Schuck handed out certificates to the two CUSD graduates.

Since these students are completing their Middle College experience, we hope they're prepared for the challenges ahead. Many will continue at College of San Mateo. Others will attend UC Berkeley, Univ. of San Francisco, New England Conservatory of Music (Boston), Arizona State, St. Mary's (Moraga), Corcoran College (Washington D.C.), Mills College, Santa Barbara City College, and Foothill College. We wish them our best and hope they let us know how they're doing.

Four students received CSM Scholarships at the annual awards ceremony held in May: Cindy Lam, Megan Ryan, Kimberly Virgen and Amy Black.

The seniors gave their internship presentations on May 23-25. The Powerpoint presentation was the culmination of a year-long internship assignment and the analysis of a problem at the worksite. Worksites included the KCSM radio, King's Mountain Children's Center, YMCA-San Mateo, Peninsula Youth Sailing Foundation, San Mateo Medical Center, Burlingame Long-Term Care, Sunnysbrae Elementary School, Mills Health Center, and Federacion de Jovenes Adventistas.

The Middle College office will be open periodically in the summer. If you need to visit, please call before arriving to ensure that the office is open. Have a safe and relaxing summer!



MIDDLE COLLEGE CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Location
June 6	SMUHSD summer school begins		
June 9	Spring college grades available on Websmart		
June 22	College of San Mateo Summer classes begin		
July 28	Six-week CSM summer school classes end		
August 11	Eight week CSM summer school classes end		
August 11	Middle College fall semester begins	9am-noon	Bldg. 19, room 121
August 12, 15, 16	Middle College high school classes only	9am-noon	Bldg. 19, room 121
August 17	College classes begin		
September 5	No School, Labor Day Holiday		
September 7	Middle College Back-to-School Night		

Ms. Fraser retires from MCHS after 13 years

Middle College English teacher Jennifer Fraser, who opened the program in 1998, has retired after 39 years of teaching, mostly in the San Mateo Union High School District. She started teaching at Capuchino High School in 1972, taught in Berlin, Germany and Iolani School, Honolulu, HI before going to Aragon High School in 1985.

She received National Board Certification as a teacher. Certification is achieved upon successful completion of a voluntary assessment program designed to recognize effective and accomplished teachers who meet high standards based on what teachers should know and be able to do.

In 2000, she was recognized by National Semiconductor as the Internet Innovator of the Year. She won a substantial cash award as well as a \$20,000 for the SMUHSD. She took 10 district teachers to Worcester, MA to attend New Media Classroom training, learning how to use the internet to improve classroom instruction. Ms. Fraser has developed several on-line units for her students.

When Middle College resumes in August, Ms. Fraser and her husband will travel to Italy for a six-month trip. Best wishes for an enjoyable retirement! You've earned it!



Ms. Fraser (middle) is surrounded by Middle College students at her retirement reception on May 31.

✓ SUMMER READING

Enclosed in this mailing is a summer reading list for junior and senior English. All new students and students returning to Middle College must complete the reading and the accompanying assignments by August 11. Summer reading will be the first major grade in the English classes. Go to www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/middlecollege/summer.asp for more information.

✓ 2011-12 CALENDAR

Middle College students begin high school classes on August 11-12, meeting from 9am-noon in Bldg. 19, room 121. High school classes also will be held on August 15-16. The teachers may be planning a field trip for one of the opening days. More information will be sent during the summer. College classes begin on August 17; fall semester ends December 16.

✓ FALL 2011 APPLICATIONS

Middle College is accepting incoming juniors for Fall 2011. Applications, accepted on a case-by-case basis, are available online at our website: www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/middlecollege or call 574-6101. There is a wait list for incoming seniors.

✓ CRER 121 AND 122

All students are required to take and pass CRER 121 and CRER 122 to meet Middle College graduation requirements. Students who didn't pass CRER 121 can take the class during in the fall. Students can earn one college unit.

✓ CHSPE REGISTRATION

The California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) is offered to students 16 years and older who'd like to earn the equivalent to a high school diploma. MC students who have passed the test in the past usually continue their education at the community college. The summer test is June 18. The emergency deadline is June 14. Results are mailed in late July. See www.chspe.net for more information.

✓ SENIORS PLAN INTERNSHIPS

All seniors must contact advisor Mr. Clardy this June to plan for their internship. Seniors can begin the assignment in the summer. Seniors are required to put in 24 hours in a career-related field. This experience will be the basis for the mandatory Senior Project, to be completed prior to graduation. Email Mr. Clardy at clardymichael@hotmail.com

Congratulations to the . . .

San Mateo Middle College High School Class of 2011!

<i>Michelle Berta</i>	<i>Cindy Lam</i>
<i>Ivy Sauverain Binns</i>	<i>Katelyn Reed</i>
<i>Amy Marie Black</i>	<i>Madison Romero</i>
<i>Daniela Cardona</i>	<i>Tiera Michelle Rudolph</i>
<i>Erin Nicole Dasher</i>	<i>Megan Ryan</i>
<i>Michael David Drinkard</i>	<i>Kelsey Michelle Sachs</i>
<i>Elham Elbakri</i>	<i>Sharia Sandoval</i>
<i>Michele Lyn Galea</i>	<i>Chelsea Sano</i>
<i>Maxwell Ian Goldman</i>	<i>Mariana Silva</i>
<i>Desiree Marie Guzman</i>	<i>Ashley Marit Soult</i>
<i>Derrick Hoo</i>	<i>Jordan Stoner</i>
<i>Carolyn Billie Jones</i>	<i>Joana Tahiraj</i>
<i>Sonny Lalchandani</i>	

