

Middle College News

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MC students end spring semester

The spring semester at College of San Mateo ended May 23 and Middle College students completed the spring at the May 27 graduation.

Enclosed are the final grades for the high school classes. Grades for college classes will be available on Websmart on June 3.

Summer school in the SMUHSD starts June 9; CSM summer school begins June 16. The Middle College fall semester begins August 12.

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@smuhdsd.org

Principal's Corner

By Greg Quigley



Middle College capped a successful school year on May 27 when 19 students participated in the Sixteenth Commencement Exercises in the CSM Theater. Midori Endo, Donovan Chiu, Natalie Gologorsky, Zenab Elbakhri and Winter Curtiss delivered graduation speeches to the audience of 200 family and friends. Emma Mamis, Jade Barkett and Chansé Pryor recited an entertaining poem.

Teachers Greg Lance and Michael Clardy praised the students for their hard work through their years in the Middle College program. The teachers acknowledged five students for scholarships. Winter Curtiss for "Student on the Rise"; Emma Mamis as the "Spirit of Middle College"; Midori Endo was the "Outstanding Student in Social Studies"; Pari Hemmat was recognized for the "Growth and Perseverance Award"; and, Natalie Gologorsky for the Lorraine McLean Memorial Award for Achievement in English. Five girls sang "I'm Yours," while Katie Tun Zan played the ukulele.

SMUHSD Deputy Superintendent Elizabeth McManus, CSM Vice-President Jennifer Hughes and SMUHSD Trustee Peter Hanley addressed the 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 and other community colleges. Others will attend University of Washington, University of Alabama, Lockhaven in Pennsylvania, UC Riverside, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Cal State East Bay and DigiPen in Washington. We wish them our best and hope they let us know how they're doing.

During the week of May 19, the seniors presented their portfolios to Mr. Lance, Mr. Clardy and other guests.

The juniors recently completed volunteering activities and a research paper. A sampling of topics...Dylan Tighe volunteered at Habitat for Humanity in San Francisco, which led to a research project on the lack of affordable housing in the Bay Area. Colette Cuneo volunteered at Shelter Network, which led to research on homelessness among families. Angie Marsland volunteered at the San Francisco Child Abuse Center, which led to research on the services provided to victims of domestic violence. Alexa Sorenson volunteered with the Belmont Police's Explorer Program, which led to research on the causes and effects of police suicide. Nicole Ferer volunteered with the Hillsdale High School Special Education Department as part of research on myths and misconceptions about people with intellectual disabilities.

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!

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MIDDLE COLLEGE CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Location
June 3	Spring college grades available on Websmart		
June 9	SMUHSD summer school begins		
June 16	College of San Mateo summer classes begin		
July 24	Six-week CSM summer school classes end		
August 7	Eight-week CSM summer school classes end		
August 12	Middle College fall semester begins	9am-noon	Bldg. 19, room 121
August 13-15	Middle College high school classes only	9am-noon	Bldg. 19, room 121
August 18	College classes begin		
September 1	No School, Labor Day Holiday		
September 10	Middle College Back-to-School Night	6pm	Bldg. 10, room 193

✓ **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 accompanying assignments by August 12. Summer reading will be the first major grade in the English classes. All juniors and seniors are required to read *Half the Sky* by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. Go to collegeofsanmateo.edu/middlecollege/summer.asp for more information.

✓ **2014-15 CALENDAR**

Middle College students begin high school classes on August 12 from 9am-noon in Bldg. 19, room 121. High school classes also will be held on August 13-15 from 9am-noon. The teachers are planning a field trip for either August 14 or 15. More information will be sent during the summer. College classes begin on August 18; fall semester ends December 19.

✓ **FALL 2014 APPLICATIONS**

Middle College is accepting incoming seniors and juniors for Fall 2014. Applications, accepted on a case-by-case basis, are available online at our website: www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/middlecollege or call 574-6101.

✓ **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.

✓ **SENIORS PLAN INTERNSHIPS**

All seniors (as of August) must contact advisor Mr. Clardy by June 6 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 2014!**

Jade Jasmine Barkett

Parichehr Helen Hemmat

Ashley Sue Bertolet

Emma Kate Mamis

Donovan Chiu

Michael David McIntosh

Winter Marisol Curtiss

Morgan Murphy

Zenab M. Elbakri

Chanse Alexandra Pryor

Midori Elizabeth Endo

Catherine Starks

Christina A. Giannini

Katherine Tun Zan

Natalie Melissa Gologorsky

Stefano Zeus Vivas

Tyler Goodnol

