



President's Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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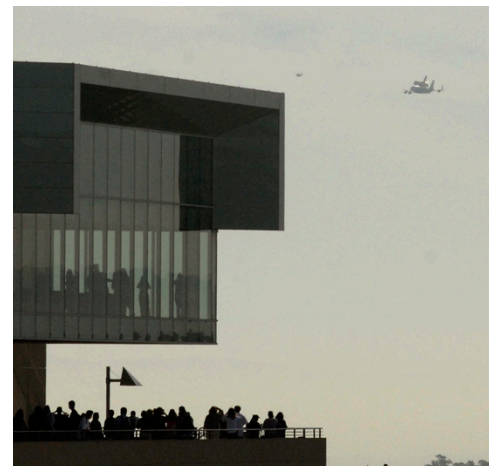
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Space Shuttle Flies Over CSM!



On September 21, hundreds of CSM students and employees were treated to a once-in-a-lifetime experience: the space shuttle Endeavor flew over the campus on the shuttle's final flight to NASA Ames Research Center at Moffett Field and eventually to Los Angeles. The outdoor venues of College Center provided particularly spectacular viewing. Even though the flyover was brief, it was an awesome site! (Photo credit: Dean Drumheller)



Craig Walsh Speaks to Student Athletes on His Father's "Standard of Excellence"



Craig Walsh, son of legendary NFL coach and CSM alum Bill Walsh, was recently on campus to visit with the Writing in the End Zone English class. The class is reading Bill Walsh's last book, *The Score Takes Care of Itself*, about leadership and achieving success, which Craig Walsh finished writing for his father. Students are applying leadership lessons from the book to essay topics and academic and athletic performance throughout the semester. **Professor of English James Carranza** described one particularly important theory taken from the book which Craig Walsh addressed during the visit, "We're discussing Bill Walsh's 'Standard of Excellence.' At every level and at every moment, Walsh required top performance from every member of the 49ers organization—from the custodian to the star player to the coaches. We're using this theory to establish our own standard of performance for our class." At the end of the class, Walsh signed copies of the book for the students. While on campus, Walsh visited the Athletic Hall of Fame Plaza to see his father's name enshrined on the plaque with other hall of fame inductees from the inaugural class in 2011. (Photo credit: James Carranza)

CSM Honors Faculty Service

Twenty-three CSM faculty members and administrators were recently honored for 10 and 20 years of service to the college district at CSM's Service Awards Ceremony & Ice Cream Social. The dining deck of College Center with its expansive views provided a stunning setting for the event which featured ice cream sundaes served by the managers.

2012 HONOREES

10 Years

Jeremy Ball
Deborah Ebert
Susan Graven
Shulamit Hoffmann
Daniel Keller
Isabel Perez-Yanez
Judith Pittman
Phillip Tou
John Trimble
Henry Villareal
Joan Walton
Yoshiko Williams

20 Years

Peter Bruni
Gary Church
Melvin Hom
Rob Komasa
Matthew Leddy
Jamie Marron
Patricia Moran
Kate Motoyama
Doug Williams
Andreas Wolf
Shana Young



(Photos: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)

College Community Practices Lockdown

On September 18, CSM conducted two “lock down” drills as part of the emergency preparedness program. A drill was conducted at 10:30 in the morning and again at 7:15 in the evening. With the advancement in the use of technology, including the ACAM system, which locks the majority of college buildings automatically, and the Emergency Annunciation System which communicates information over loudspeakers throughout the campus, the drill was very successful. It only took nine minutes to lock down the entire campus during the morning drill and six minutes for the evening drill. All faculty and staff participated by turning off all lights, closing blinds, and taking cover for the duration of the drill. Building monitors and staff from Public Safety and Facilities assisted in moving students out of open areas and checking to see if all classroom doors were secure during the drill. A debrief session was conducted immediately after the morning drill which provided an opportunity to learn what worked well and what areas may need improvement. Many students, faculty and staff expressed appreciation that the college is doing everything possible to ensure the safety of the college community. *(Article contributed by Jennifer Hughes; Photo by Helen Souranoff)*



Admissions/Application/Personal Statement Workshop was held in the afternoon and was attended by more than 50 students; it too went longer than scheduled due to the volume of student interest.

To address the growing number of students considering transfer to private institutions, Transfer Services also hosted a Private University/College Fair. Participating schools included Academy of Art University, Art Institute of California, DeVry University, Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, Menlo College, National University, National Hispanic University, Notre Dame de Namur University, Palo Alto University, University of Phoenix and University of San Francisco. This event included a Private University Financial Aid and Scholarship Workshop.



Transfer Day More Popular Than Ever

By all accounts, Transfer Day 2012 was an overwhelming success. According to **Mike Mitchell**, program services coordinator of Transfer Services, approximately 1,000 students attended, which topped last year’s numbers, and the participation by students was non-stop from the beginning to the end of the event. University participation was also extremely high as 55 institutions sent representatives from the UC and CSU campuses and private and out-of-state colleges and universities. Many university representatives remained on campus long after the event to personally answer the large number of student questions. A UC



(Photos: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)

Student Ambassadors Selected for 2012-13



CSM's 2012-13 Student Ambassadors were introduced to the college community at a reception held on September 21. This year's team of 13 students includes first- and second-year ambassadors; they serve as liaisons between the college and local high schools and represent the college at community events. Ambassadors are responsible for leading campus tours, staffing the information desk in College Center and assisting with on-campus activities such as Operation Welcome Mat and Connect to College. *(Photos: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)*



2012-13 Student Ambassadors

Melissa Aliu
Paola Alunni
Janet Barajas-Mendoza
Jasmine Flores
Estela Garcia
Kelsey Harrison
Shamariah Jointer
Anees Khan
Sarah Lowe
Alexis Madayag
Kaylynn Nickerson
David Powell
Michael Ryan

CSU Hosts Regional Counselor Conference at CSM

On September 27, CSM's College Center was the site of the 2012 Community College Counselor Conference hosted by San Francisco State University. The event was attended by approximately 250 community college counselors, advisors and counseling support staff. **President Mike Claire** was on hand to offer welcoming remarks to the group. The half-day conference featured various breakout sessions on topics that included Access and Opportunity, Student Services, Preparing Students for Business, Nursing and STEM Careers, Demystifying the Transfer Pathways, Financial Aid, and Campus-Specific Practices—Impacted in all Programs. There was also a college resource fair in the Learning Center.

New Interns Provide Support to Student Services

New Student Services interns were welcomed to the college community at a recently-held reception. Ten interns have joined the department for the 2012-13 academic year and are serving in three areas: Career Services Center, Student Support Services and Psychological Services. They are currently working on graduate and post-graduate degrees from San Francisco University, Notre Dame de Namur University, Santa Clara University, John F. Kennedy University and Argosy University. This year's interns are **Elisa Castro, Helen Pang, Georgia Jackson, Maisoon Sahouria, Celina Castellanos, John Eckstein, Errol Feria, Kathryn Hedjasi, Travis Woodmansee and Candice Ye Simon.**



Athletic Hall of Fame Enshrines 16 New Inductees

On September 14, the college inducted the second class of outstanding athletes and coaches into the CSM Athletic Hall of Fame. The event began in the Hall of Fame Plaza with the unveiling of the names of inductees which included 10 former student athletes and six former coaches. **Assemblyman Jerry Hill** attended the ceremony and presented commendations to the new inductees. The unveiling was followed by a reception and banquet in the Bayview Dining Room. **Emcee Hal Ramey** introduced each inductee with anecdotes and highlights about their careers while images of the individuals were displayed on the screen and monitors. The next day, the celebration continued with the Hall of Fame football game as the Bulldogs defeated Diablo Valley College 35-29.

2012 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Student Athletes

Norm Angelini, baseball
Stacy Bergstedt, softball
Greg Buckingham, swimming
Chris Diehl, track
Jeff Fishback, track
Cindy Galarza, basketball
Steve Hamann, water polo
Ed Kertel, football
Frank Pignataro, baseball
Tom Scott, football

Coaches

Oliver "Tex" Byrd, track and field
Rich Donner, swimming and water polo
Mike Lewis, track and field
Steve Shafer, football
Jack Thur, football
Berny Wagner, track and field



(Photos: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)



CSM Swimmer Navigates English Channel

CSM student and swimming/water polo athlete **Iya Oto** was featured in a story by the *San Jose Mercury News* on September 19, 2012 titled, "CSM's Oto Swims English Channel on Relay Team." The 18-year old was part of a six-member relay team that swam across the English Channel and back. Oto is a three-time All-America sprinter at CSM. She had never done any open-water swimming before taking on the famed English Channel; the 62 mile-roundtrip swim took her 24 hours. **CSM Water Polo Coach Randy Wright** is quoted as saying, "She's a distance swimmer, she's a sprinter, she's just a phenomenal swimming athlete." Oto is a 2011 graduate of Aragon High School. She enrolled at San Jose State University before transferring to CSM in spring 2012. The full story can be viewed by visiting: mercurynews.com/peninsula/ci_21589494/csms-oto-swims-english-channel-relay-team

Family Science & Astronomy Day is October 20

On Saturday, October 20, from 2-11 pm, CSM's Astronomy Department hosts the annual Family Science & Astronomy Festival. The day's events include planetarium shows, telescope viewing of the night sky, science demonstrations by CSM science faculty and hands-on workshops for children and adults. The festival will feature a special presentation by one of the world's most highly cited astronomers, **Dr. Seth Shostak**, on the topic of "The Search for Life Nearby, and Beyond." Dr. Shostak, the senior astronomer at the SETI Institute in Mountain View, has devoted much of his career conducting radio astronomy research on galaxies. He is the author of more than 60 papers in professional journals and has written more than 400 popular magazine, newspaper and Web articles on various topics in astronomy, technology, film and television. His most recent work is *Confessions of an Alien Hunter: A Scientist's Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence* (National Geographic).

Most of the events will be held in CSM's Science Building and Planetarium; however, due to popular demand, Dr. Shostak's lecture will be presented in CSM's Theatre at 8 pm. All events are open to the public and free of charge. A complete schedule of events is available by visiting collegeofsanmateo.edu/astronomy. Family Science & Astronomy Festival, a joint effort by CSM and San Mateo County Astronomical Society, is part of The Bay Area Science Festival.

Family Science & Astronomy Festival



Saturday, October 20, 2012

**Keynote speech by Dr. Seth Shostak,
senior astronomer at the SETI Institute**

Science demonstrations by CSM faculty and much more!
(see reverse for full event schedule)

College of San Mateo

News from San Mateo Middle College



San Mateo Middle College High School sponsored a screening of Episode One of the documentary, *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunities for Women Worldwide*. Having read the book *Half the Sky* as their summer reading assignment, Middle College students were inspired to take action in addressing the oppression of women around the globe. As a result, the students have been selected as campus ambassadors by the Half the Sky movement and as such, hosted the screening which served as a fundraising activity. Although admission was free, donations were collected for Afghan Friends Network, a Bay Area non-profit that supports education for girls in Afghanistan. (Photo: Greg Quigley)



San Mateo Middle College recently hosted a visit by two educators from Copenhagen, Denmark. **Lotte Byman** and **Karin Larsen** from KVUC (Voksen Uddannelses Center of Copenhagen), an adult education center, met with **Vice President of Instruction Susan Estes**, and **Middle College Principal Greg Quigley**, to discuss how various local

programs could be replicated in Denmark. San Mateo Adult School and sister school, KVUC, have participated in the global exchange of teachers and administrators. The visits have resulted in a stronger understanding of the needs of all students, especially those new to the two countries. Educators from both schools share common beliefs in lifelong learning and that alternative educational approaches are essential to the well-being and health of both our nations. (Photo: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)

Kudos



~ College of San Mateo won a first place, Gold Medallion Award for its virtual tour from the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations (NCMPR). The four-minute video allows viewers to experience CSM from the convenience of their computers. The virtual tour was developed by members of the Community Relations and Marketing Department: **Alex Guiriba**, **Alexis Madayag**, **Bev Madden** and **Valerie Tyler**. The award-winning video can be viewed by visiting collegeofsanmateo.edu/exploreesm/index.php/virtualtour. (Photo: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)

Student Success Story: Chennie Castañon

**B. S. degree, U.C. Berkeley
Conservation Resource Studies**

While she was growing up, Chennie Castañon never considered going to college. Her family moved frequently; it was a lifestyle that created challenges for Chennie's education. As a high school student, she attended no less than eight schools. Unable to settle into one school for any length of time, Chennie lost academic credits and was forced to repeat courses. Discouraged by her teachers and principals, Chennie decided to quit school when she was 17. In spite of her haphazard education, Chennie passed the GED to receive her high school proficiency certificate. Suddenly on her own, this resilient young woman spent the next ten years working to support herself and discovering what kind of a career she wanted to pursue.

For four years, Chennie worked for an airline as a flight attendant, an opportunity that allowed her to travel the world. Her next career was in retail, a field in which she was successful and she enjoyed. With an eye toward climbing the corporate ladder, Chennie found she was passed over for promotions because she lacked a college degree. "That was a tough realization but it helped me decide that I needed to go to college."

At the age of twenty-seven, Chennie resolved to give college a try -- but not without anxiety, "I worried that I was too old and wouldn't fit in; I expected to fail." She started small by enrolling in two classes at CSM: English and pre-algebra. "My math instructor, Professor Cheryl Gregory was a wonderful teacher – very patient, especially considering the wide range of ages in the class. Because of her incredible teaching style, I would rearrange my schedule to be in her class—from pre-algebra all the way to applied calculus." In her first semester, Chennie earned A's which helped build her confidence; each subsequent semester she increased her load until she eventually quit working to become a full-time student. "I made the decision to invest time and money in my education so that I would have future job prospects available to me." I began to feel comfortable at CSM, even though I was older than most students."

With an affinity for math and science and an interest in environmental sciences, Chennie was inspired by Professor



of Biology Tania Beliz and declared biology as her major. She received assistance from her science professors in selecting courses that would prepare her to transfer. "The courses are quality, faculty care about their teaching and they make themselves available to their students; more students should definitely take advantage of that."

While at CSM, Chennie participated in a summer internship, Tobacco Litter Awareness Campaign which resulted in the City of Pacifica passing the first ordinance in the county to ban smoking on beaches. From that experience, Chennie stepped up her environmental activism and launched an Eco Club at CSM. The club helped to promote a restricted smoking policy on the campus which eventually led to a change in the college's policy.

With support from her professors, Chennie aimed high and applied to UC Berkeley as a transfer student. However, while waiting to hear from Berkeley, a sudden change in her financial situation required her take a leave of absence from college to return to work; she contacted UCB to rescind her application for admissions. “When I returned from work one day, I found a blue and gold package from Berkeley and thought, how nice of them to send me a catalog; when I opened it, it was my letter of acceptance. When I called the university to explain it must be a mistake, they assured me that it wasn’t and they also offered me a financial aid package that covered all of my educational expenses. The stars must have been aligned because I felt like I was meant to attend Berkeley. “

In 2009, Chennie graduated from Berkeley with a B.S. degree in conservation resource studies. “CSM prepared me for Berkeley and the hugeness of the university.”

Thanks to her college education--CSM and UC--and a lot of perseverance, Chennie is employed as a biologist with an environmental consulting firm in San Francisco. She is currently serving as an environmental inspector on the San Andreas seismic upgrade project doing what she loves: “I get to work outside, get dirty and look for wildlife to make sure they are not harmed by the construction activities.” As she looks back over her education, Chennie says, “Community college is a wonderful platform to step into college whether you know what you want to do or not and without the pressure of a large university.”

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