



President's Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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Transfer Day Breaks Record for Attendance



While CSM's Transfer Day is always popular, students turned out in record numbers for this year's event. Student attendance was estimated at approximately 1,000; halfway through the event all the sign-in sheets had been used and the count was already up to 600 students! As UC and CSU campuses continue to report impacted enrollments, it's no surprise that this event would be well-attended by CSM's transfer-bound students. Students provided steady business for the 42 colleges and universities that were represented. Additionally, the UC Application/Admission/Personal Statement Workshop was filled to capacity with 80 students. According to **Mike Mitchell**, program services coordinator and coordinator of the event, "Every university representative I spoke with marveled at the new event location in College Center and said it was the premiere Transfer Day event that they have attended so far this year!" (Photo credit: Alexis Madayag)

Learning Center Opens for Business

On October 17, CSM's much anticipated Learning Center officially opened its doors for business. For the remainder of the fall semester, the center is offering limited services with more expanded hours and services scheduled for spring 2012. According to **Jennifer Mendoza**, director of the Learning Center, the Center is open from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, Monday through Thursday. Services and resources currently available include test proctoring, group study rooms, individual student appointments, scholarship information and a variety of learning resources. A grand opening will be held in January 2012. *(Photo credit: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)*



Architecture Students Participate in Global PARK(ing) Day



For the third consecutive year, CSM students in **George Sun's** Architecture 210 class took their class project quite literally to the streets. On B and Ellsworth Streets, near Third Avenue in San Mateo, CSM students transformed parking spaces into comfortable outdoor seating areas for pedestrians to relax and mingle. PARK(ing) Day is an annual worldwide project where citizens, artists and activists collaborate to temporarily transform metered parking spaces into PARK(ing) spaces: temporary public places. The event began in 2005 as a way to call attention to the need for more urban open space. Part of the assignment, was to design each space using a zero cost model. Much of the furnishings were loaned by local businesses or borrowed from students' homes. *(Photo credit: George Sun)*

Accreditation Self Evaluation Process Officially Launched

More than 75 faculty, staff, administrators and students turned out for CSM's kickoff meeting for the 2013 Institutional Self Evaluation. Co-chairs **Laura Demsetz** and **Susan Estes** provided an overview of the two-year process, reviewed the two-year timeline, explained the standards, and demonstrated the college's 2013 self-evaluation Web site. In addition, David Locke, the SLO coordinator reported on the status of student learning outcomes at CSM discussed what needs to be done to meet accreditation requirements. Throughout the month of October, the co-chairs are meeting with each standards committee to discuss resources to prepare for the work that will occur over the next several months.

Unleash your Inner Scientist at Family Science & Astronomy Festival

On Saturday, November 5, from 2–11 pm, the college will participate in a Bay Area Science Festival event by hosting Family Science & Astronomy Festival. This community event includes planetarium shows, telescope viewing of the night sky, science demonstrations by CSM science faculty and hands-on workshops. There will also be a presentation by keynote speaker **Dr. Alex Filippenko**, professor of astronomy, UC Berkeley, on the topic of "Dark Energy and the Runaway Universe." All events will be held in CSM's Science Building and Planetarium; they are open to the public and free of charge.

CSM's Family Science & Astronomy Festival is part of The Bay Area Science Festival, a collaborative public education initiative that brings together leading academic, scientific, corporate, and non-profit institutions to showcase the region as an international leader in innovation. Professor of Astronomy **Mohsen Janatpour** is coordinating the event.



Astronomy Department Hosts Project Astro for K-12 Teachers



CSM's Astronomy Department recently hosted Project Astro, a workshop designed to teach elementary and secondary teachers about astronomy. Each teacher received a Galileoscope* to take back to their school to use in teaching astronomy to their students. During the workshop, the teachers learned how to use the telescope. This is the second year the college has hosted Project Astro and is part of the department's ongoing articulation effort to promote astronomy to local K-8 schools. Funding for the telescopes came from a private donation that was administered by the American Astronomical Society, and the National Optical Astronomy Observatory.

**A Galileoscope is a high-quality, low-cost telescope kit developed by a team of leading astronomers, optical engineers, and science educators. It enables a viewer to see the celestial wonders that Galileo Galilei first glimpsed 400 years ago including lunar craters and mountains, four moons circling Jupiter, the phases of Venus, Saturn's rings, and countless stars invisible to the unaided eye.*



(Photos provided by Mohsen Janatpour)

CSM Welcomes New Student Ambassadors



The Community Relations and Marketing Department recently hosted a reception to introduce its new team of Student Ambassadors to the college. CSM's Student Ambassadors assist in promoting the college's services and academic programs and serve as representatives to local high schools and the community. This year's Student Ambassadors are: **Arianna Vega Avendaño, Alexis Madayag, Kelsey Harrison, Jenna Finegold, Melissa Aliu, Janet Barajas, Estela Garcia, Shamariah Jointer, Paola Alunni, Proud Benyasri** and **Sarah Lowe**. *(Photo credit: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)*

Faculty Service Awards

Thirty-six CSM faculty members were honored for 10, 20, 30 and 40 years of service to the college district at the CSM Service Awards Ceremony & Ice Cream Social. The dining deck of College Center provided a spectacular setting for the event which featured ice cream sundaes served by the managers.

CSM 2011 Faculty Honorees

10 Years

Elizabeth Barrilleaux
Diana Bennett
Sita Bhattacharji
Susan Cox
Yelena Feinman
Frederick Gaines
Jennifer Hughes
Colleen Kirby-Banas
David Locke
Mansour Kalantar
Andria Nalls
Eileen O'Brien
Behrooz Shahrivini
Robert Tolmasoff
Denise Toomer

20 Years

Patricia Appel
Tania Beliz
David Danielson
Kathy Diamond
Linda Hand
Jimmy Li
Dean Manders
Bruce Maule
Rory Nakata
Larry Owens
Richard Sammons
John Sewart
Kathleen Steele
Ruth Turner
Barbara Uchida

30 Years

Roy Brixen
Merle Cutler
Mohsen Janatpour
Mary Stegner
Phil Van Orden

40 Years

Arnett Cavieil

Corporate Panel Shares Secrets of Success

CSM's Transfer Services recently sponsored a Career/Academic Corporate Panel featuring executive leaders discussing their corporate climb through education and what they look for in college students. The panelists included **Ted Tully**, CFO of PepsiCo; **C.J. Johnson**, certified career and life coach; **Mary Bibbs**, human resource director, DeVry University; **Cherie Napier**, marketing director, Serramonte Mall, **John Lord**, senior audit manager, U.S. Accounting Office; and **Jay Petersen**, vice president of sales, Petersen Dean.

Kudos

~ Two CSM Broadcasting students have been named scholarship winners from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Northern California chapter. **Mario Ayala** received a \$3,000 Steve Davis Undergraduate Overall Excellence Scholarship and **Alex King** was the recipient of a \$2,000 Shelly Fay Videography Scholarship.

~ **Scott Feldman**, CSM alum and relief pitcher for the Texas Rangers made his World Series debut on October 19 when he pitched 1 ²/₃ innings with one strikeout and one hit (no runs!). In addition, he was near perfect in the American League Championship Series when he threw 5 ¹/₃ innings of shutout baseball which contributed to two Ranger victories. Feldman was drafted by Texas out of CSM following his 2003 All-American season for the Bulldogs.



CSM Trivia: Feldman is the second Bulldog to make an appearance in a World Series. In 1996, CSM alum John Wetteland pitched in relief for the New York Yankees and was named the series MVP. (Photo source: *Texas Rangers [MLB] website*)

~ Internationally renowned musician and CSM instructor **John Santos**, with his band, the John Santos Sextet, were featured performers at the world famous Monterey Jazz Festival this fall. The band's performance featured Santos' latest material, *Filofofia Caribeña, Vol. 1*, a commentary on Afro-Latino history. Santos is a four-time Grammy nominated artist; he teaches Afro-Latin Percussion Ensemble at CSM. (Photo credit: *Cole Thompson/ Monterey Jazz Festival*)

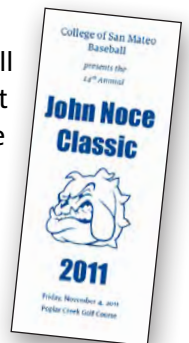


~ **Jane Williams**, an instructor in the Social Science Division, has an exhibit of her paintings on display at the San Mateo Main Library's First Floor Gallery through October 26. Jane's paintings feature faces—young, old, thick, thin, gnarled or model perfect—in rich pigments created with Japanese Sumi-e paints. (Photo source: *City of San Mateo website*)



Upcoming Events

~ On November 4, CSM's baseball program will host the 14th Annual John Noce Golf Classic at Poplar Creek Golf Course in San Mateo. The \$175 registration fee covers lunch, golf, cart and dinner. All proceeds directly benefit the baseball program. Information is available by visiting collegeofsanmateo.edu/baseball/news/golf.php.



~ ASCSM and Office of Student Life will be sponsoring the First Annual Leadership Conference November 18–20 in Santa Cruz. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn new leadership skills, conflict resolution techniques, communication strategies, teambuilding exercises and ideas for creating positive social change in their community. Food, transportation and lodging costs will be covered by the ASCSM.

~ On November 16, from 1:30–4:30 pm, the Basic Skills Initiative will host Dr. Kathleen Gabriel, author of *Teaching Underprepared Students: Strategies for Promoting Success and Retention in Higher Education*. Dr. Gabriel will present an interactive seminar and discussion on proven techniques for teaching underprepared students. The seminar takes place in the Health & Wellness Building 5, Room 202.

~ CSM's 15th Annual Jazz Festival featuring 18 of the Bay Area's best high school jazz bands will be held on Friday, November 18 from 8 am – 6 pm in the Theatre. More information is available at collegeofsanmateo.edu/music/jazzfestival.

CSM's Athletic Hall of Fame: A Championship Event

CSM's Athletic Hall of Fame inaugural celebration held on September 23 was a great success. More than 350 people attended the Hall of Fame Plaza ribbon cutting & unveiling and the awards banquet. CSM's Bayview Dining Room and the outdoor terrace of College Center combined to provide a striking setting for the banquet, which was a sellout. The Hall of Fame also served as a reunion for many guests, as it brought together former coaches and student athletes after many years. Below are some of the images of the events. *(Photo credit: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)*

