



President's Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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ASCSM Sponsors Student Leadership Conference



In early October, CSM's Center for Student Life and Leadership Development, with support from the Associated Students, sponsored the second annual CSM Student Leadership Conference. Eighteen students participated in this year's conference, which was held over three days at the Westminster Retreat in Alamo. The conference, organized and facilitated by the Center for Student Life staff, provided an opportunity for CSM students to develop leadership skills among their peers. Through a combination of interactive workshops and presentations, the topics covered included leadership theory, communication styles and skills, teambuilding activities, and conflict resolution. **Aaron Schaefer**, coordinator of student activities and **Fauzi Hamadeh**, student activities assistant, conducted the workshops. The conference was open to any CSM student. (Photo credit: Student Life and Leadership)

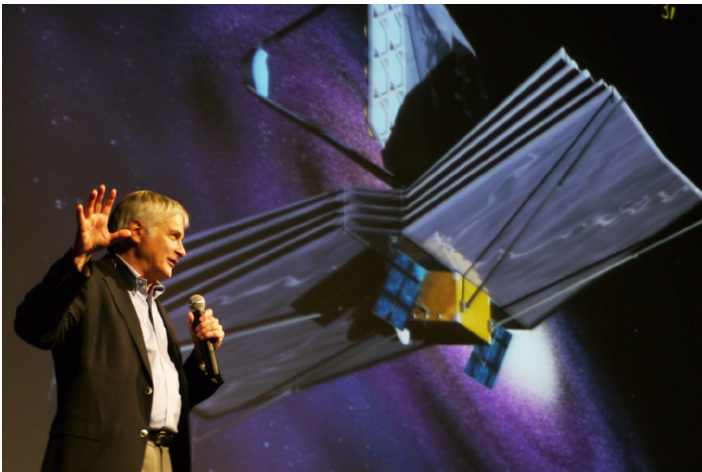
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Family Science Day Draws a Huge Crowd



CSM's Annual Family Science Day was a resounding success! More than 600 guests attended the array of activities that spanned the day. Four of the five planetarium shows were completely filled, all of the science workshops were well attended and the presentation by the keynote speaker Dr. Seth Shostak, a highly-regarded astronomer, was "Awesome,"



according to the astronomy faculty. Coincidentally, CBS sent a reporter to campus to interview Dr. Shostak about the meteor shower that occurred the same day; the interview was televised during the evening news broadcast. Professors of Astronomy **Mohsen Janatpour** and **Darryl Stanford** coordinated the event. (Photo credits: Darryl Stanford, Helen Souranoff)

CSM Hosts Human Rights Day



On November 8, the college held the 2nd Semi-Annual Human Rights Day. **Dr. Adrian McIntyre** gave the keynote address entitled "Why We Didn't 'Save Darfur,'" promoting human rights activism and encouraging students to make a difference in the world. Dr. McIntyre is a cultural anthropologist and expert on communication, media and



human rights advocacy; he has worked in more than 30 countries as an educator, journalist, social science researcher and humanitarian aid worker. He has worked and traveled extensively through Darfur. The event featured 18 unique student poster presentations and demonstrations by more than 60 students in an effort to raise campus awareness about violations of human rights. The event was sponsored by the Academic Senate and Associated Students; it was produced by Alpha Gamma Sigma's Human Rights Committee and English 100 classes taught by Professor **Tim Maxwell** and Instructor **Jeremy Wallace**. (Photos: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)

CSM Accounting Students Honored with CalCPA Scholarships

Ten CSM accounting students were honored with scholarships from the California Society of CPA (CalCPA) at the Peninsula Silicon Valley Chapter's Student Night held on October 25 at Poplar Creek Golf Course. Collectively, the students were awarded a total of \$5,900 in scholarship money. CSM's student honorees were: **Shariar Amirnasiri, Zorigt Bazarragchaa, Mihaela Boyadzhieva, Amanda-Kyra Chow, Victoria Chow, Michael Dediu, Helen Luo, Cynthia Machado, Ann Nguyen and Ellen Price.** According to CSM Professor of Accounting **Bruce Maule**, who serves as chair of the Education Committee of the local chapter of CalCPA, "Some of the scholarship winners are completing the freshman and sophomore classes needed to transfer as an accounting major to a four-year university. Some scholarship winners already have a bachelor's degree and completing the CPA Exam Preparation series at CSM. We have a very distinguished group of students on our campus." *(Photo credit: CalCPA)*



advisors from throughout Northern California. The goals of the conference were to share ideas and experiences with members from other chapters and to develop into more prominent leaders. The conference included workshops and activities designed to promote student leadership. An advisor from Contra Costa College shared the following comment about the conference, "Thank you for a fabulous Northern CA Regional Conference. Everything, and I mean everything was fabulous! My students enjoyed the keynote speaker, all the workshops they attended, the food, and they fell in love with your campus. We all had a wonderful time. Thank you!" *(Photo credit: David Laderman)*

Health Fair: A Haunting Event



"Take Time for Scary Good Health" was the theme of CSM's Health Fair which was celebrated in conjunction with Halloween. More than 550 students and members of the college community attended this very popular, two-day event which included participation by many local health organizations as well as CSM's allied health programs. A number of services were provided—free of charge or at a minimal fee to students, faculty and staff—including flu shots, blood pressure screening, glucose testing, fitness training, massage and reiki, among others. In all, more than 25 community health and service agencies and college organizations participated. The event provided complimentary healthy treats to attendees. The Health Fair was coordinated by **Sharon Bartels**, health services director, and **Gloria D'Ambra**, office assistant. *(Photo credit: Sharon Bartels)*

AGS Chapters Hold Conference at CSM



On October 20, CSM's Alpha Gamma Sigma, Eta Chapter hosted the Northern Fall Regional Conference at the college which was attended by more than 220 students and faculty

Honors Project Hosts Mixer

Last month CSM's newly implemented Honors Project hosted an informal reception for students in the program and others considering applying for the project for spring 2013. Professor of Film **David Laderman** and Professor of English **Tim Maxwell** are providing faculty leadership to the Honors Project.

CSM Gets Prepared During Great California Shakeout

The entire CSM community joined millions of Californians participating in the Great California Shakeout Drill on October 18. As part of the effort, CSM conducted two evaluation drills: at 10:18 am and again at 7:18 pm. Overall, both drills went very smoothly. It took only eight minutes to evacuate the campus during the morning drill and nine minutes during the evening drill. Given the size of the campus and the number of buildings, this timing was impressive. A large number of college employees played active roles in the exercises; in addition to staff serving as building monitors, custodial, facilities and grounds crew, ITS and Public Safety staff, and district personnel also assisted with the drill. According to Vice President **Jennifer Hughes**, "Everyone did an outstanding job in assisting with the various aspects of the drill. Special thanks to Chief **Brian Tupper** who provided overall coordination for the drill. As I walked the halls of several classroom buildings, I was pleased to see students, following the direction of the faculty, 'ducking and covering' before evacuating the building. Faculty played a significant role in helping ensure the safety of students." A debrief meeting was conducted immediately following the morning drill which provided important feedback for making necessary changes in procedures.

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Career Fair Brings Employers to Campus



On November 7, the Career Services Center sponsored an Autumn Job Fair that brought 42 employers to campus. Students spoke with human resources staff about available positions, completed applications and submitted resumes. A week prior to the event the Career Services Center held two Resume Preparation Workshops to help students get their resumes written or updated for the job fair. Employers represented a broad spectrum of fields including local and federal government, healthcare, banking, staffing, information technology, biotechnology, food service and fitness. (Photos: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)



CSM Observes Dia de los Muertos



Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) was observed on November 2 with a traditional altar display as celebrated throughout Latin America. Members of the college community participated by including names of family and friends who have passed on in the community altar. The event was sponsored by the Puente Program. (Photos: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)



Kudos

~ The Classified Staff Planning Committee raised \$696 for student scholarships by selling raffle tickets for highly prized “employee parking space for the month” located in Forum and DaVinci lots. In addition to the monthly parking spaces, there were a number of other prizes, donated by Pacific Dining, the CSM Bookstore, the Cosmetology Department, SMAC, Health Center and employees. Committee members are **Kathy McEachron, Nick Dellaporta, Alma Gomez, Dean Drumheller, Ann Mitchell, Munendra Sharma** volunteered their time for the fund raiser.

~ Large-scale abstract canvas paintings by artist and CSM adjunct art instructor **Ming Ren** are on display in the exhibit, “Ming Ren: Mysterious Ink World” at USF’s Thacher Gallery. His award-winning works have exhibited internationally, including at the Florence Biennial International Exhibition in Contemporary Art and the Huantie Time Art Museum in Beijing. The exhibit runs through December 16, 2012.

Upcoming Events

R&B Revue: A night of history, music and dance

Nov. 14, 7 pm, CSM Theatre

\$5 donation suggested

[R&B Revue Event Link](#)

16th Annual CSM Jazz Festival

Nov. 16, 8 am – 7 pm, CSM Theatre

19 top high school bands perform

Free Noon concert by Grammy-nominated Wayne Bergeron

[16th Annual College of San Mateo Jazz Festival Event Link](#)

Student Art Exhibit

Nov. 19 – Dec. 12

College Center, Bayview Dining Room

[CSM Student Art Exhibition Event Link](#)

CSM Dance Ensemble Presents EPIC

Nov. 30, 1:30 pm & 8 pm performances

CSM Theatre, \$5 students, \$10 general

[EPIC Event Link](#)

Student Success Story: Arianna Avendano

College of San Mateo, A.A. degree

California State University-East Bay, Psychology Major

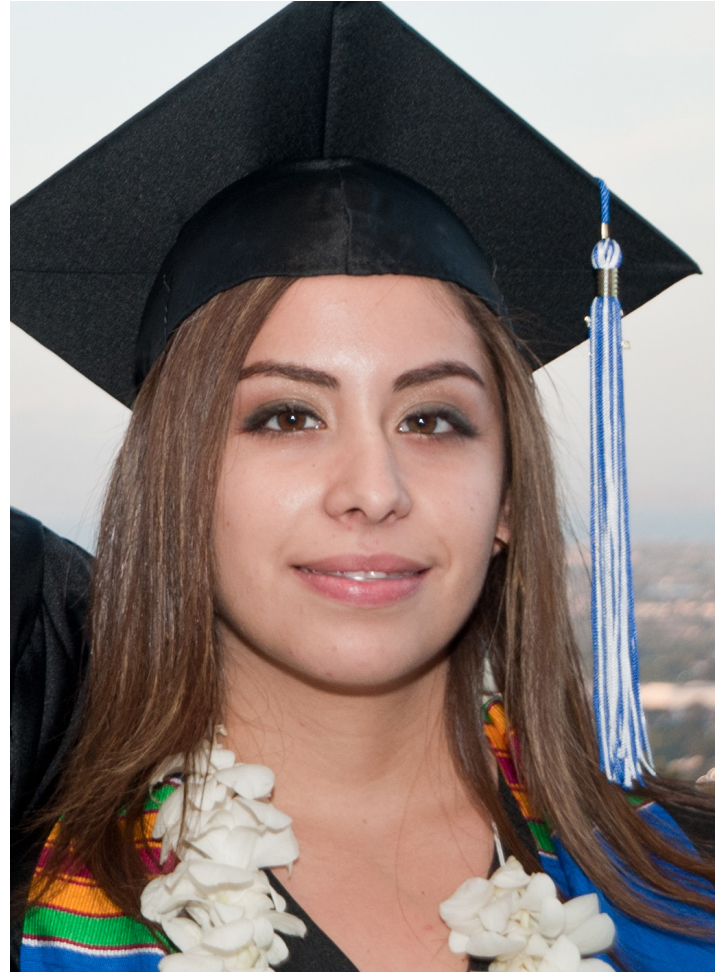
For Arianna Avendano, the key to her success at CSM was all about making the most of the college's resources. "It was a combination of the staff, faculty and the services at CSM that contributed to my success. I was able to find the resources I needed in order to prepare for a university, and the support I received along the way was exceptional!"

While there were numerous resources that were important in Arianna's success at CSM, one in particular was Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS). She explains, "EOPS is a program that not only assisted me financially, but also provided one-on-one counseling. I am very thankful to have had the guidance of counselors **Sylvia Aguirre-Alberto** and **Lorena Gonzalez**. The guidance I received from EOPS is the reason I was able to earn my AA degree in exactly two years. My EOPS counselors wanted the best for me, and it was with their help that I was able to reach my goal on time. They provided a plan and I followed through with it."

Arianna also found her professors to be important resources. "As a student at CSM, I was motivated, and focused. With the support of my professors, I was able to earn good grades. I studied hard at the tutoring centers and I wasn't afraid to ask questions when needed. My professors cared about my success and I am truly grateful for their support. My professors **George Kramm** taught me the basics of public speaking, **Lena Feinman** introduced me to statistics, and **Francois Chan** made English fun," says Arianna.

Another resource that she found at CSM was through the Community Relations and Marketing Department: an on-campus employment opportunity. The department, also responsible for outreach, was hiring student ambassadors to work part time in local high schools, assist with college events and serve as campus tour guides. Arianna captured one of the coveted positions. She recalls, "Having worked as a student ambassador also made my CSM experience memorable. I became well informed about the programs and services the school offers, but sharing the information with potential students made it more rewarding."

"At CSM, I learned what I needed to transfer to a university and prepare for a career, all at an affordable cost. I would definitely recommend CSM to others, since it has so many options and resources for people who come from different



backgrounds and age groups. I really enjoyed attending a campus filled with a diverse group of students and faculty. Having had the experience of interacting with students from different backgrounds was an additional benefit that I can apply in future work settings."

Arianna is currently a senior at Cal State University-East Bay (CSUEB) and set to graduate with the class of 2013. Her career aspirations include working in research and conducting studies that can be applied to real world settings. Beyond that, she plans to attend graduate school to earn a master's degree in clinical psychology with the goal of becoming a licensed psychologist working with adolescents and adults.

"My experience at CSM is one that will stay with me forever. By using the resources at the college, I decided on my major, psychology, and I completed my general education requirements, which allowed me to transfer to CSUEB."

(Photo credit: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)