



# President's Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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## College Center Achieves LEED Gold



CSM's signature building, College Center, has been awarded a prestigious LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). In the award letter, the USGBC recognized College Center as "a pioneering example of sustainable design that demonstrates the college district's leadership in transforming the building industry."

College Center's LEED Gold certification was based on a number of green design and construction practices. In an effort to be an ecologically friendly building and support the district's commitment to sustainable building design and construction, College Center was constructed with recycled and reused concrete. In addition, the building uses an innovative design for the return air back to the heating and air conditioning system. This is the second LEED Gold certification for CSM; the Health and Wellness Building was honored with LEED Gold designation in 2010. *(Photo credit: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)*

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## New Veterans Center Opens on Campus

On Wednesday, February 15 at 11 am, the college will celebrate the opening of its new Veterans Resource and Opportunity Center with a ribbon cutting ceremony and reception. The program will begin in the Office of Student Life, Building 17-112 with presentations by college officials and local dignitaries followed by a ribbon cutting at the Center, Building 16-150. The Center features several study areas with computers, office space, a lounge and a Zen room. Guests will be able to tour the Center and speak with student veterans. Refreshments will be served. *(Photo credit: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)*



## New Faculty & Staff Website Provides Gateway to Online Resources

As faculty and staff return from the winter break, they will find that a new and very informative feature has been added to the CSM website: a Faculty & Staff site. Employees will find that the new site, which can be accessed through the CSM home page, provides an easy and convenient approach to find college and district resources. The Faculty & Staff site includes links to campus resources, professional development, forms, event calendar, District downloads, personnel directory and much more. Additional links will be added as the site is further developed. Visit the site at [collegeofsanmateo.edu/facstaff](http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/facstaff).

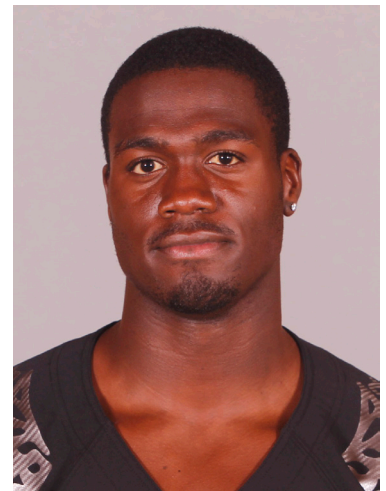
## CSM Rolls Out Operation Welcome Mat



CSM's Operation Welcome Mat (OWM) has just wrapped up another successful week of activity in assisting students during the beginning of the semester. Teams of volunteers comprised of faculty, staff and student ambassadors, wearing easily identifiable blue shirts, were deployed at strategic campus locations during the day and evening to guide students and answer questions. This activity has been very well-received by students, and considering the large volume of student questions, it provides an important service. OWM was coordinated by **Alex Guiriba** of the Community Relations and Marketing Office. *(Photo credit: Alexis Madayag)*

## From the Bulldog Bowl to the Rose Bowl

Former CSM bulldog **Rashaan Vaughn**, who was rated the top junior college wide receiver in the country and selected as an All American-Community College Football in 2010, can also add a Rose Bowl Championship to his resume. Vaughn plays football for University Oregon; earlier this month, Oregon won its first Rose Bowl in 95 years. Vaughn topped his CSM career with 10 receptions for 79 yards when he played in the 2010 Bulldog Bowl. *(Photo source: University of Oregon Athletics)*



## Noted Astronomer to Speak at CSM

On February 3, at 8 pm, CSM's Astronomy Department will sponsor a lecture by internationally acclaimed astronomer **Dr. Geoff Marcy** in the college Theatre. Dr. Marcy, currently professor of astronomy at UC Berkeley, will speak on "The Hunt for Another Earth," a presentation about the results from the Kepler spaceborn telescope team that is hunting for Earth-size planets. Dr. Marcy has been designated as the first person in the United States to find an exoplanet – a planet in a different solar system. This event is free and open to the public. *(Photo source: UC Berkeley Astronomy Department website)*



## Kudos

~ Professor of Sociology **Minu Mathur** received an acknowledgement in the new 9th edition of "Sociology in Our Times" (Cengage Learning).

~ CSM bulldog pitcher **Daniel Chavez** has signed a letter of intent with San Jose State University.

~ CSM alum and former City of San Mateo Mayor **Claire Mack** was honored at the city's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration. Just prior to boarding the 27th annual Freedom Train, Mack was recognized by Assemblyman **Jerry Hill** (another CSM alum) for her years of work and service to San Mateo including serving as the honorary chair of Freedom Train. In 2005, Mack served as CSM's commencement speaker and was selected as recipient of the California Community College Distinguished Alumni Award.



*(Photo source: SM Daily Journal)*

~ The works of several former CSM photography students are currently on display at Avenue 25 Gallery in San Mateo in the exhibit, "From the Mind to the Lens." Among the works are photographs of tornadoes by alum **Gino De Grandis**. Five years ago, De Grandis joined a team of tornado chasers that photographically document the journey of the storms across the American Plains. De Grandis has become a prolific professional, international photographer with a portfolio that includes portraits, nature, fine art and travel photography. Despite his busy schedule, De Grandis continues to devote time to offer his services to CSM for major events including graduation.



Also featured in the exhibit are photos by other CSM alumni including **Mary Scarpetti, David Massolo, Bijan Mottahedeh, Linda Barsotti** and current student **Jeff Powers**. The exhibit will be on display through March 2. Avenue 25 is located at 32 W. 25th Avenue; exhibit hours are from 9 am – 5pm. *(Photo credit: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)*

~ **Josh Fredendall** was recently named to the California Community College Academic All State Team for the 2011 season. Fredendall adds this honor to a large list of awards he has received at CSM, including being selected as an All American. A pitcher from Hillsdale High school, he allowed only one run during his sophomore year and led the state in ERA. *(Photo source: CSM Athletics)*



## Student Success Story: Corey Kreidler

**Cal Poly San Luis Obispo,  
B.S. degree, Environmental Engineering**

When **Corey Kreidler** first arrived at CSM, what he looked forward to most was to take classes in subjects that were not offered at his high school. A graduate of Half Moon Bay High School, Corey had earned a high grade point average, but as with so many college freshmen, he was uncertain about a major. “I wanted to take the right path so I decided to attend CSM. I had time to learn about different subjects without the pressure of focusing on a major right away.”

Among the classes Corey took were psychology, business and engineering. It was a conversation he had with his engineering professor, **Laura Demsetz**, that put him on track to become an engineering major. She also reinforced the importance of learning about other subjects that would enhance his engineering education. In preparation for his major, Corey was required to take science and math each semester, but he was also able to take a variety of humanities and social science courses which he believes made him a well-rounded student.

“CSM was like a launching pad for me. Since I wasn’t ready out of high school to move from home and attend a university, CSM gave me the flexibility to figure out what I wanted to do and where I wanted to transfer.” According to Corey, one of the major benefits of attending CSM was the quality of the faculty and staff. “I had classes taught by many excellent faculty members, and outside the classroom, the faculty and staff were very approachable and always willing to help me.”

In addition to the academic foundation he received during his two years at CSM, Corey picked up some additional skills beyond classroom learning. By participating in the college’s service learning program, CSM Connects, he found a way to create balance within his rigorous academic schedule. He gained experience in working as a member of a team and communicating effectively with a diverse group of people. Through his service learning projects, Corey was presented with activities that fostered more right-brain, “big picture” thinking. These were skills that he would find helpful as an engineering major and in his career.



Following two years at CSM, Corey transferred to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo as an engineering major. While at Cal Poly, Corey began to focus on environmental issues and chose to study environmental engineering. As a result, he participated in a student organization that promoted sustainability; this led to his coordinating the first annual Cal Poly Green Career Fair, now a major event at the University, where he was able to apply the skills he honed at CSM.

In 2010, Corey earned a bachelor of science degree in environmental engineering from Cal Poly and is now a registered engineer-in-training with the State of California. Since graduating, he has concentrated on nontraditional engineering opportunities that allow him to combine his formal education in engineering and liberal studies with his experience from college activities to propel him in his career. He has served as an intern for a biofuels engineering company and, more currently, has partnered with several startups, most of which focus on energy efficiency and sustainability.

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