



President's Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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New Veterans Center Opens



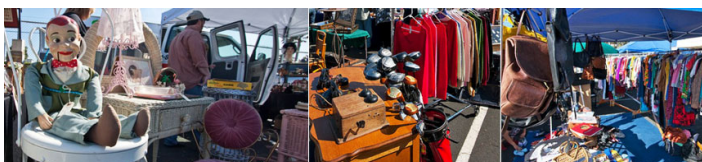
CSM student veterans now have a place to call their own. Earlier this month, the college officially opened its new Veterans Resource and Opportunity Center (VROC) with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house. The program included remarks by college and district officials, a student veteran and a representative of Congresswoman Jackie Speier's Office; it also featured a color guard unit and musical selections by a group of CSM voice students. The event concluded with the ribbon cutting and tour of the center. Student veterans assisted in the Center, greeting guests and explaining the functions of the various areas. The VROC provides a Zen room, lounge, office space and several study areas with computers. The celebration was by all accounts a big success. It was very well-attended by members of the college community and many representatives from veterans groups throughout San Mateo County. *(Photo credit: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)*

CSM Students Named to PTK All-California Academic Team

CSM students **Emmeline Wong** and **Caleb Kenney** have been selected to the All-California Academic Team of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK). They will be recognized at an awards luncheon, sponsored by the Community College League of California on March 7 in Sacramento. Emmeline serves as co-president of PTK and was also a student senator. In fall 2011, she was instrumental in developing the college's participation in "Commit to Completion," a national education initiative designed to help students understand the impact of completing their community college education. Caleb is the financial officer for PTK; in that role, he developed a formal budgetary system for the chapter. He also was involved in "Commit to Completion." Both Emmeline and Caleb are business administration majors and have applied to UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business. *(Photo source: Emmeline Wong and Caleb Kenney)*



Antique & Collectible Market Finds a Home at CSM



The San Mateo Antiques & Collectibles Market has come to CSM! Featuring nearly 300 dealers, the market is the place to shop for vintage and retro items, antiques and anything collectible. The market is held on the third Sunday of the month from 9 am – 4 pm in the Beethoven Parking Lot; admission is free. The company that sponsors the market has also produced antique and collectible fairs in Alameda County, Candlestick Park and Pleasanton. It was drawn to CSM for the college's moderate weather, freeway access and available parking. *(Photo source: San Mateo Antiques and Collectibles market website)*

A Dozen Bulldogs Make Commitments to Universities

As of the end of January, 12 CSM football players had either signed letters of intent or gave verbal commitments to universities.

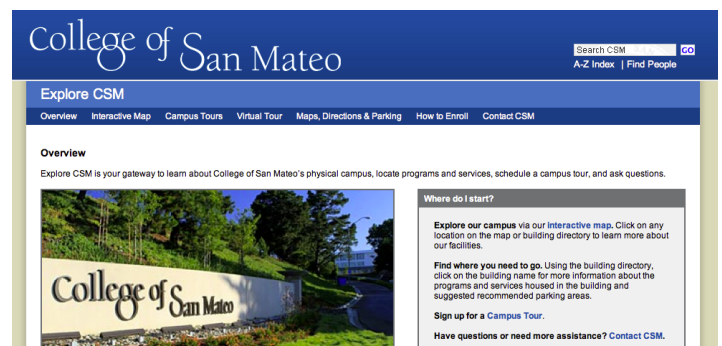
Signed Letters of Intent

Alex Hubbard Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
Barrett Wangara Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
Johnathan Murphy Southeastern Louisiana University
DJ McDonough Faulkner University (Alabama)
Vaughn Smith Tarleton State University (Texas)
Antoine Turner Faulkner University
Kenny Anderson Hastings College (Nebraska)
Craig Hartford Menlo College
Miles Freeman Carson-Newman College (Tennessee)

Verbal Commitments

Ron Fields University of Hawaii
Chuck Ragland Colorado State University
Lucky Dozier Northern Arizona University

CSM Launches Virtual Tour



Prospective students can now experience CSM from the convenience of their computers by taking the college's newly launched virtual tour. Virtual tours have become a very important marketing tool for colleges and universities. It is a way for prospective students—wherever they are—to experience the look and feel of a college campus. For many students, it's the next-best thing to being on campus.

CSM's virtual tour is a four-minute video that includes images of the campus and its surroundings, including stunning panoramic views, interior shots and many scenes of student life. The tour also weaves in information about CSM's history, academic excellence, athletic legacy and student services. It can be viewed by visiting collegeofsanmateo.edu/virtualtour. The video was produced by a team of staff from the Community Relations and Marketing Department.



Julian Edelman: From Bulldog Bowl to Super Bowl



Former CSM quarterback **Julian Edelman** received plenty of press in the weeks leading up to the Super Bowl. Edelman, a Woodside High graduate, plays for the New England Patriots and proved to be instrumental in helping the Patriots win the AFC Championship game and ultimately compete in the 2012 Super Bowl. Although the quarterback position belongs to teammate Tom Brady, Edelman proved his versatility in the AFC Championship by playing offense (receiver), defense and special teams. In CSM's inaugural Bulldog Bowl in 2005, Edelman led the bulldogs to an exciting 41-39 victory in the final seconds of the game. He transferred to Kent State University where he was a three-year starter; as a senior he threw for 1,820 yards and ran for 1,551. Edelman was drafted in the seventh round by the Patriots. (*Photo source: Yahoo Sports website, Getty Sports*)

College Celebrates Black History Month

The college is currently participating in Black History Month by offering a schedule of special events which celebrate the diversity of African American life and historical contributions:

~ "Any Form of Art" Contest in which students created any form of art (skit, video, song, poem, essay, painting, etc.), to interpret how African American culture influenced culture around the world.

~ A presentation by Rudy Ramirez about the blues and the African American experience;

~ "Everything Connects Workshop", a hands-on activity designed to build healthy communities beginning with the community of one—the self.

In addition, two Black History Month events were held in the Child Development Center for the children, parents and members of the college community: a singing, dancing and drumming performance by Rudy Ramirez; and a reading and signing of Charles Smith Jr.'s photographs interpreting Langston Hughes's poem, "My People."

Kudos

~ **Les Williams**, a CSM graduate of the class of 1939, was recently recognized in the George Lucas film, *Red Tails*, for his real-life role as one of the Tuskegee Airmen who flew combat aircraft during World War II. Williams was among the first African-American bomber pilots of the war; he and his fellow airmen overcame prejudice to become one of World War II's most highly respected fighter groups. Earlier this year, Williams co-wrote a book about his experience, "Victory: Tales of a Tuskegee Airman." In 2007, Williams received the Congressional Gold Medal, Congress's highest civilian honor.



Articles about William's life have appeared recently in the *San Mateo Daily Journal* ("Breaking Barriers," Jan. 31, 2012) and the *San Jose Mercury News* (Sharing Tales of Being A Tuskegee Airman," Feb. 5, 2012). The articles can be viewed by visiting:

smdailyjournal.com/article_preview.php?type=news&title=Breaking%20barriers&id=227658


www.mercurynews.com/columns/ci_19908546

Footnote: Williams was an attendee at CSM's inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame awards banquet in September 2011 when he accepted a hall of fame award on behalf of his cousin, Archie Williams, a 1936 Olympic gold medalist. (*Photo source: SM Daily Journal*)

~ **Susan Matthews**, adjunct art instructor, has a collection of her manuscripts for “Secrets Under the Skin” on display at the Arc Gallery of the University of Alaska Anchorage. “Secrets Under the Skin” is a project that involved the study of religious ritual and dance that migrated from Africa to Cuba through slave trade. (Photo source: susanmatthews.com)



~ **Noah Buchanan**, CSM adjunct art instructor, has a show of his recent paintings and drawings at the John Pence Gallery in San Francisco; the show runs through March 10.



NOAH BUCHANAN


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Recent Paintings and Drawings

FEBRUARY 10 through MARCH 10, 2012


Opening Reception – Friday, February 10, 2012
6 to 8 pm

From cover image: *Still Life with Archibald*, Oil on linen, 24 x 36 inches, 2011; *A Night Entombed*, Oil on Linen, 26 x 15 inches, 2011


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Top left: *There is a Way*
Oil on linen
11 x 23 inches, 2011




Top center: *Embark II*
Oil on panel
16 x 11 inches, 2010



Top right: *Something Lost*
Oil on panel
14 x 11 inches, 2010



Bottom left: *Mid-Winter's Dream*
Oil on linen
32 x 48 inches, 2010



Bottom right: *The Magician*
Oil on linen
21 x 30 inches, 2011

Upcoming Events

~ Learning Center Grand Opening Reception, Wednesday, February 29, 2–3:30 pm, Bldg. 10, Room 220

~ Karamu (Feast), Black History Month Soul Food Celebration, Wednesday, February 29, 11 am – 1 pm, Bldg. 17, Room 112

Student Success Story: Frank Simpson

AS degree, Electronics

Frank Simpson attended other community colleges before he decided that CSM was the best place to study the field that interested him: electronics. Through CSM’s electronics program, Frank learned the theories and applications widely used in the industry. “The hands-on instruction I received was so valuable because I could apply what I had learned as soon as I was hired as an engineering technician,” says Frank. To finance his education, Frank worked his way through college but managed to successfully balance work and academics. He would earn his associate in science degree in electronics, a degree that helped him to launch a 25-year career. “Without that education, I probably could not have secured my position in the field.”



Frank has gone on to work in various aspects of the electronics industry—from consumer electronics to IC (integrated circuit) manufacturing. He is currently a manufacturing engineer with one of the leading providers of power supply solutions for the electronics industry.

“I am grateful that I was able to obtain my education at such an affordable cost. The true savings for a quality education at CSM cannot be compared to any other college system.” Wanting to “return the favor” to CSM, Frank has demonstrated his appreciation. He contacted his former instructor, Roy Brixen, professor of electronics, and donated electronics components to the program. His donation has enabled CSM students to receive their “hands on” instruction from the very equipment they will find when they work in the industry. (Photo source: XP Power)