



President’s Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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Honors Project Students Get Rare Glimpse into Hoover Archives



Photo by Tim Maxwell

A group of students in CSM’s Honors Humanities Research Seminar recently visited Stanford University’s Hoover Archives for an orientation and an opportunity to work the primary sources for their research projects. After providing an orientation to the vast collections related to “war, revolution, and peace,” archivist Jill Golden, who had read the students’ research proposals in advance, provided each student with a box of letter, clippings, pamphlets, notebooks, maps, photographs, and even declassified intelligence related to their research. Most of these resources have never been written about or published or ever seen by researchers. Some of our students were able to read documents in Farsi, Russian, Spanish, and Chinese. All of the 18 students who attended the orientation plan to return to the archives to continue their investigations.

The students were accompanied by Professor of English **Tim Maxwell**, co-coordinator of the Honors Project; he shares his observations of the visit: “To see CSM students—our students—on the Stanford campus—and actually inside Hoover Tower—hungrily investigating primary sources, notebooks, photos, letters, pamphlets, and yellowing newspaper clippings, often in languages other than English, items that had never been written about or analyzed before, and too see their excitement, almost brought tears to my eyes as a teacher.”

(Contributed by Tim Maxwell)



Helping Students Develop Reading Literacy



The Reading Apprenticeship (RA) held a luncheon on October 25 that was very well attended by 25 faculty and staff. Faculty leaders did an RA activity called “gallery walk” in reaction to a video that showed a dad responding to his child’s academic success, and then had a student panel speak about how RA has changed their perspective on learning. The panel was inspirational, poignant, and powerful. A video of the panel will be posted on the RA website. The next Reading Apprenticeship event is a workshop scheduled for November 22. *(Article and photo contributed by Theresa Martin)*

Latino Leadership Council Holds Summit at CSM

On October 25, the Latino Leadership Council of San Mateo County held its 2013 Summit at CSM. Approximately 100 people attended the event which brought together Latino leaders and community supporters to promote and strengthen the Latino community commitment. Former State Legislator **Liz Figueroa** served as keynote speaker and former San Jose Mayor and current CEO of the Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley **Ron Gonzales** was the closing speaker. A panel of civic leaders, educators and business representatives participated in a panel discussion on how best to support the Latino population in the County, especially Latino students. Panelists included Daly City Councilmember and Former Mayor **Sal Torres**, Redwood City Mayor **Alicia Aguirre**, Chancellor of the National Hispanic University **David Lopez**, and CSM President **Michael Claire**.

Autumn Fair Offers a Bounty of Jobs & Internships



Photo courtesy of Eileen O'Brien

The Career Center recently sponsored an Autumn Job Fair that brought more than 70 local employers to campus looking to match students with job opportunities. With plentiful jobs and internships available locally, students found many options for work during the holiday season and beyond. Students spoke with human resources staff about available full- and part-time positions, completed applications and submitted resumes. Employers represented a broad spectrum of fields including business and finance, government and nonprofits, security and law enforcement, staffing, personal care, sales, retail/restaurant/customer service and recreation.

According to **Eileen O'Brien**, Career Center coordinator, “Employers are hiring like crazy – we have 300 jobs and internships listed on CSM JobLinks. Given that our County has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state, the great turnout at the fair indicates that there are plenty of opportunities, especially for those with lower-level skills or who have limited work experience.”

Health Fair Becomes a Spirited Event



Photo by Alexis Madayag

The theme for CSM's annual Health Fair was "Come and be Treated...Not Tricked!" as it was celebrated in conjunction with Halloween. Approximately 500 students and members of the college community stopped by the fair to speak with health and wellness professionals, participate in health testing and screenings and gather written materials. Among the services provided were flu shots, blood pressure screening, blood sugar testing, massage, reiki and Zumba demonstrations. In all, more than 40 community health and service agencies and college departments participated. The event provided complimentary healthy treats to attendees. The Health Fair was coordinated by **Sharon Bartels**, health services director, and **Gloria D'Ambra**, staff assistant.

Kudos

~ **Lisa Melnick**, an assistant professor in the ESL department had her article, "Celestino's Crusades" published in the October 13 issue of the online magazine *Positively Filipino*. The article relates the story of Celestino Alfafaram, her grandfather and an early pioneer of Filipino-American rights. The article can be viewed at positivelyfilipino.com/magazine/celestinos-crusades



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ESL website

~ **Shulamit Hoffmann**, adjunct faculty in the music department, has been selected as Foster City's honoree for the San Mateo County 2013 Mayors' Diversity Celebration Awards. She was honored for her contributions to the community at the Mayor's Diversity Celebration held on October 30 at the San Mateo County History Museum.



Photo courtesy of CSM
Music website

~ Honors Project student **Ivonne Fajardo** has been selected to speak at USC as a Latina Agent of Change, part of a program designed to increase the participation of Latino students in the STEM area.

~ Former CSM bulldog **Daniel Nava**, a member of the Boston Red Sox, can add World Series Champion to his resume. The right fielder had a standout year, his first as an everyday player, with a batting average of .303 in the regular season that helped propel the Red Sox into the post season. When interviewed by ESPN on "State of the Nation," Nava described playing in the World Series "an unbelievable experience... and one that every kid who plays baseball dreams about..."

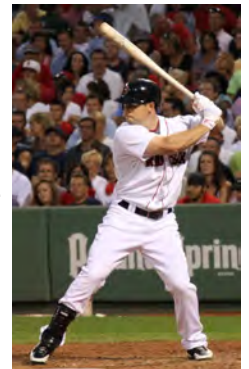


Photo source: Wikipedia

~ The **pumpkin decorating contest** sponsored by the Math/Science Division resulted in some highly imaginative and ghoulish creations. "Nurse Hatchett" from "The Little Hospital of Horrors," a quirky production by CSM's Nursing Department featured the inventive use of hypodermic needles; it took second place.



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Grand Opening of Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations

CSM served as the midpoint of the Electric Vehicle Rally on October 28 that began at Skyline College and ended at Cañada College. The procession of electric vehicles made its way to DaVinci Lot for a ribbon cutting ceremony at the charging station.



Photos by CSM Community Relations and Marketing

CSM Alum Designs “World’s Most Comfortable Jeans”

Former CSM alum **Casey Davis** left Clemson University to return to San Mateo with one goal in mind—to create the world’s most comfortable jeans. His jeans are named McMacular, after a childhood phrase he used to describe “all things awesome.” McMaculars are made of sueded denim and lined with mulberry silk. His idea is that jeans can be worn comfortably year round because the silk provides heat in the winter and coolness in the summer. Although he has only made two dozen jeans, he is in the process of raising \$20,000 for seed money to produce 160 pairs that will sell for \$125 each. An article about Casey and his jeans appeared in *The Daily Journal* and can be read by visiting

<http://www.smdailyjournal.com/articles/news/2013-09-21/worlds-most-comfortable-jeans-san-mateo-entrepreneur-ditches-college-to-start-business/1775752.html>



Photo by Bill Silverfarb/Daily Journal

Upcoming Events

Human Rights Day

November 13, 10 am – 1 pm, College Center,
Bayview Dining Room

Sounds from the Streets

November 13, 7–9 pm, Theatre

CSM Football vs. Santa Rosa JC

November 16, 1 pm, College Heights Stadium

17th Annual Jazz Festival

November 22, 8 am – 6 pm, Theatre

SF Chamber Orchestra Family Concert

November 24, 3:30–4:30 pm, Theatre

Electronic Music Concert

December 5, 7 pm, Theatre