



President's Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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CSM Alum Wins Grammy



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The Pacific Mambo Orchestra, co-founded by former CSM student **Christian Tumalan** (pictured at right), won a Grammy Award for Best Tropical Latin Band for its self-titled debut album. The San Francisco-based Latin big band beat out some heavyweight music industry nominees including Marc Anthony and Carlos Vives. Tumalan, a classical and jazz-trained pianist originally from Mexico, also directs the rhythm section of the group. The 19-piece band, which plays salsa, mambo, cha cha and bolero, came together in San Francisco in 2010. With support of fans on a 2012 Kickstarter campaign, the band was able to fund the creation of the award-winning album. The Pacific Mambo Orchestra was one of the headline groups to play at the 2013 Jazz on the Hill concert held at CSM. While taking classes at CSM, Tumalan played in the college's Monday evening repertory jazz ensemble band. He is also a piano teacher at Woodland School in Portola Valley.

Legendary Coach Visits Top Recruit at CSM



Photo courtesy of Tim Tulloch

Nick Saban, head football coach for the Alabama Crimson Tide, flew his private jet to personally visit with top recruit **Dominick Jackson** and CSM's football coaching staff. Jackson, a 6-foot-6, 310-pound offensive tackle for the Bulldogs, has experience at multiple positions and is expected to be a contender for a starting job with the Tide. Jackson was the focus of an intense recruiting battle that included 10 other universities: Arizona State, Florida, Kansas, Missouri, Oregon, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, UCLA, USC and Washington. The Crimson Tide has won three of the last five national titles.

Baseball Program Hosts Inspirational Wheelchair Hiker

As part of its ongoing Successful Speaker Series, CSM's baseball program hosted **Bob Coomber**, a nationally acclaimed motivational speaker and disabled outdoorsman who has logged more than 20,000 miles hiking in his wheelchair. Coomber, regarded as America's premier wheelchair hiker, got his nickname "Four Wheel Bob," because he was regularly spotted pushing his wheelchair up mountains, down rocky gorges and along dusty trails in out-of-the-way places. He has been on virtually every hiking trail in the Bay Area, and last year he became the first wheelchair hiker to reach the summit of 14,246-foot White Mountain in the eastern Sierra, the third-tallest peak in California. During his visit with CSM student athletes on January 23, he shared plans for what he called, "the hike of his life"—either the ascent of 19,000 Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa or 22,841-foot Cerro Aconcagua in South America (if he achieves it, he will be the first person to climb either mountain in a wheelchair). According to Coach **Doug Williams**, "The players were very influenced by Bob's story which acknowledges a new reality and encourages taking responsibility for getting your

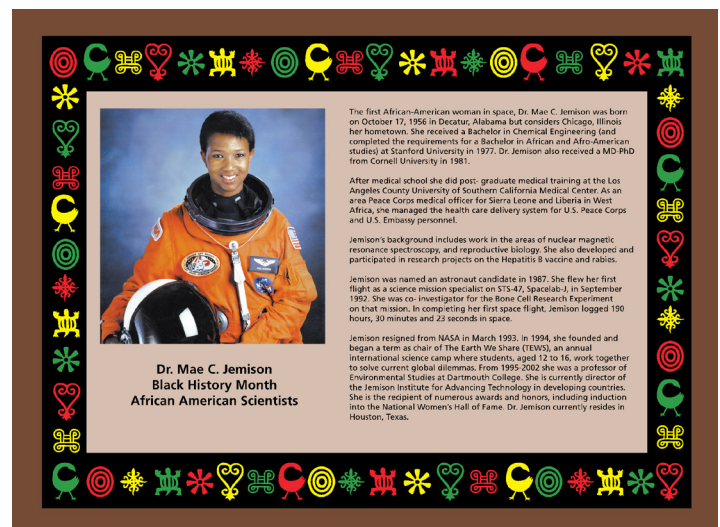
own life going. Students were impressed with his relentlessness, ability to take on challenges and overall outlook on life. We have adopted a phrase "Four Wheel Bob," and use it with any player who is feeling demoralized or needs some motivation."



Photo courtesy of Brett Thomas

Celebrating Black History Month

CSM is in the midst of celebrating Black History Month with a series of events taking place throughout the campus – documentaries, film series, presentations, performances and displays. Events included an African American-inspired fashion show; a tribute to the blues; a presentation by Dr. Teceta Tormal on "Racism and Immigration and their Effects on Psychological Health, Black History Month Jeopardy Challenge;" a performance of traditional African and African American children's songs' and Karamu, the traditional celebratory feast and closing ceremony. Black History Month events are sponsored by CSM Cares, ASCSM, IDAG, EOPS, Multicultural Center, Pacific Dining and CSM Bookstore.



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Makerspace News

CSM's Library has been awarded a \$15,000 grant by the Pacific Library Partnership to help support its makerspace projects and support development of a tool-lending library. When established, the tool-lending library will enable students and faculty to check out tools to use on campus and home projects. Launched in 2012, Makerspace has sponsored dozens of "maker" workshops covering a broad spectrum of projects. These free, drop-in crafting and tinkering workshops emphasize hands-on projects and skill-sharing in electronics, crafts and media, to name a few. Initial funding for this project was made possible by a grant from the President's Innovation Fund.



Photo source: CSM Library website

While this innovative project was initiated by the Library, Director of Library Services **Lorrita Ford** believes that credit for the success of CSM Makerspace Incubation Project goes to the collaborative efforts, talent and generosity of several faculty, students, and classified staff in the CSM community. Key library staff include librarians **Katherine Becvar**, **Stephanie Alexander**, **Lia Thomas** and library support specialists **Bryan Gerbig** and **Martha Menendez**. Others that have provided enthusiastic support include the Engineering Club, and its president, **Chris Gervang** and faculty advisor **Laura Demsetz**; faculty members **Tania Beliz**, **Beth Todd**, **Autumn Newman**, **Mohsen Janatpour**, **Jeff Flowers**, **Theresa Martin**, and **Darryl Stanford**; and students **Silvia Ballaron**, **Grace Nolan**, **Gonzalo Rapadas**, **Dee Dee Lee**, **Cecelia Anderson** and **Patricia Brown** and **Bill Callahan**.

Lunar New Year Festivities

On February 11 and 13, the ASCSM Cultural Awareness Board, International Students Club, and Chinese Students Association rang in the Year of the Horse by celebrating the Lunar New Year at CSM. Students distributed traditional red envelopes for luck, led demonstrations on constructing paper lanterns, and handed out traditional food including tong yuan, zongzh, and dumplings. In addition, students performed a traditional lion dance at the event and, later in the afternoon, at the CSM Child Development Center for the children and their families, who were holding their own Lunar New Year celebration. (Article contributed by *Fauzi Hamadeh*)



Photo courtesy of Patty Kwok

Kudos

~ Professor of Film **David Laderman** has a newly published book, *Sampling Media*, which he co-edited with Laurel Westrup. *Sampling Media* is an anthology of essays that explores the extensive array of cultural practices associated with sampling and remixing across audio-visual media. Laderman and Westrup wrote the introduction and afterward with essays contributed by authors from around the world. It is published by Oxford University Press and will be released in March 2014.

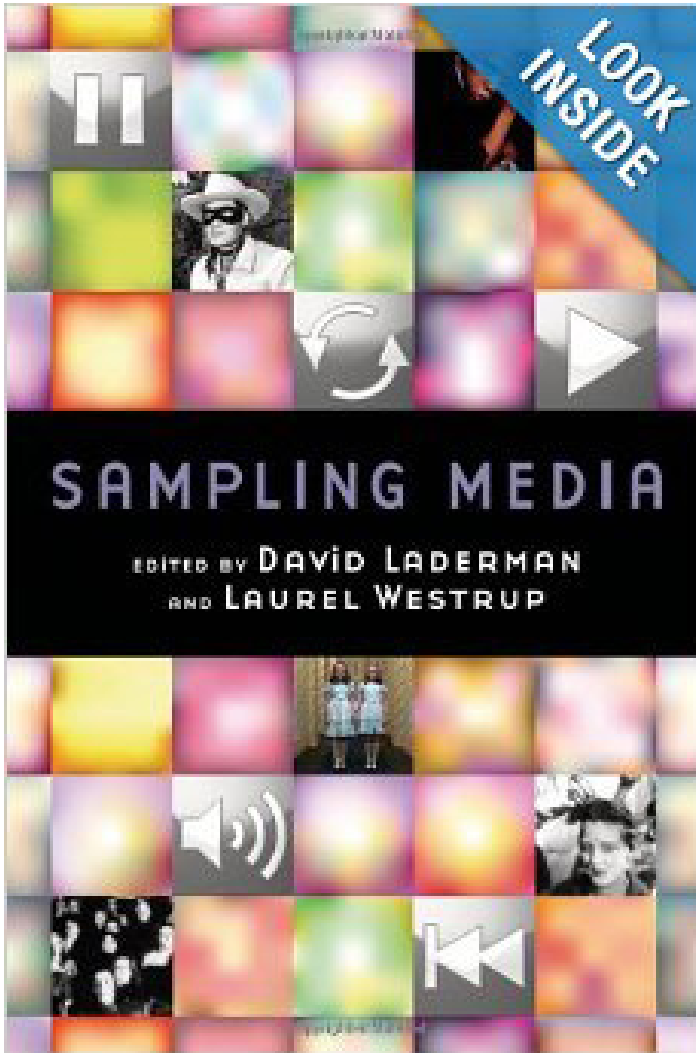


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~ On January 27, Dean of Kinesiology/athletics/Dance **Andreas Wolf** served as a workshop panelist at the American Kinesiology Association's National Conference. Wolf and other panelists participated in the session, "Approaches to Delivering Online Programs," which addressed current online degree programs, barrier and facilitators to their implementation and the delivery of online physical activity classes. CSM currently offers two activity courses online: Track and Trail Aerobics and Weight Training.

~ CSM defensive back **Deshane Hines** has committed to play football for Utah State University in fall 2014. Hines was an underexposed player at American High School in Fremont which was one of his reasons for attending community college. At CSM, he matured as a player as he achieved a 47-tackle freshman season followed by a 40-tackle sophomore campaign. He was so effective that opponents literally stopped throwing to his side of the field.

~ The Bulldogs' Assistant Baseball Coach **Brett Thomas** has been named the new manager of the Okotoks Dawgs, a team that is part of the Western Major Baseball League. (Okotoks is located in the province of Alberta, Canada.) Thomas will be able to continue his duties at CSM when the Dawgs' season ends in August.



Photo courtesy of CSM Baseball



Photo courtesy of IGV Atajar

~ Professor Emeritus of History **Michael Svanevik** will be a guest lecturer on April 29 at Burlingame's Kohl Mansion's as part of the mansion's 100-year anniversary celebration. He will be discussing the history of the mansion.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Free Income Tax Preparation (VITA)

Every Saturday, through March 29, 9 am – 1 pm CSM
South Hall Building 14, Room 104

Flex Day Training Opportunities for Faculty and Staff, March 5

Creating a Supportive Campus for LGBT Students

9:30–11 am, College Heights Conference Room

QPR is CPR for Suicide: Learn how to help a suicidal student • 1 pm, City View A Conference Room

MANA Movement Conference

March 14, 8:30 am – 3 pm, College Center; and March 15, all day, football field.

This two-day conference is designed for youth in the Polynesian community. The first day, Mana Conference: Education Polynesia is devoted to creating awareness of higher education opportunities for 11 and 12 grade students. CSM will provide resources that will bridge the gap: a financial aid workshop, career center presentation, “walk-through” of the admissions process, transfer information and a workshop called, “Creating a College Culture within Polynesia.” The day will also include a special presentation to assist student athletes prepare for college. The second day is open to all high school students and their families and focuses on encouraging fitness and wellness. Workshops will be held on the football field that feature Zumba,

hot hula, yoga, and stress-free exercises. The event is co-sponsored by CSM (DIAG and Polynesian Club) and the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center (PCRC). Planning committee members from CSM include **Henry Villareal, Fi Tovo, Deborah Laulusa** and from the PCRC: **Keisarina Hofoka, Brittany Tonga** and **Malissa Netane**.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

March 15, 8:30 am – 5pm, College Heights Conference Room

CSM Symphonic Band Concert

Featuring Serra High School Symphonic Band
March 12, 7:30–9 pm, CSM Theatre

Jazz Ensembles Concert

With guest artist Gregory Yasinitsky
March 17, 7:30–9:30 pm, CSM Theatre

Forum Music Festivals

March 22, 8 am – 2 pm, CSM Theatre

Get Linked Job Fair

March 25, 9:30 am – 1 pm, College Center

Reading Apprenticeship Workshop

Mar 25, 1–2 pm, Learning Center
Increase student success in college-level reading comprehension.

Student Success Story: Chris Seminoff B.S., Simon Fraser University, British Columbia

Chris Seminoff, a 2007 graduate of Aragon High School, says that choosing to attend CSM was an easy decision. “I wanted to continue to play football but I also wanted to get a good education. Living in the community, I knew that CSM had a strong athletic program and reputation as one of the best community colleges in the state for academics.”

At CSM, Chris realized that he was treated as more than just an athlete. “My coaches were excellent. They emphasized the need to work hard on the field and in the classroom. Their consistent message was to improve and exert more effort as an athlete and as a student.” His coaches’ advice made an impact; Chris sought out resources that could boost his grades and improve his chances of earning an athletic/academic scholarship. Although his English class required only an hour of lab time each week, Chris spent more than the minimum time in the Writing Lab which he says helped him to improve and fine-tune his writing. “The environment at CSM felt very much like a university in many ways.”

Chris was among the first group of athletes to benefit from CSM’s newly renovated athletic facilities, including the football stadium and team house. He offers his view of the new amenities, “I was impressed with what CSM had to offer athletes. The college has NFL-style lockers, state of the art equipment, and a turf field that overlooks the Bay Area. It’s no wonder CSM has become one of the most desirable community college destinations for high school recruits and NCAA Division 1 scouts.”

As cornerback for the Bulldogs, Chris was part of CSM’s 2009 football team that won the NorCal Championship and finished fourth in the nation. He received athletics scholarship offers to several universities in the U.S. and eventually chose Simon Fraser University (SFU) in Burnaby, British Columbia, a Division 2 school in the NCAA. From his visit to SFU, Chris liked the campus because of its academic prestige, diverse international student population and a community very similar to the Bay Area. Although he missed home, it helped to have a football team of “brothers” who he could lean on and soon formed strong bonds with his teammates. After two years, Chris earned his BS degree in physical geography. “I am so thankful I had the opportunity



Photo by Alexis Madayag

to transfer to SFU and CSM made it possible. If I hadn’t attended CSM, I never would have considered SFU and I would have missed out on a great college experience.”

“I tell other students don’t sell community college short. Especially at CSM; it opened doors for me, I built relationships with my coaches, teammates and staff members, and I completed my general education requirements without having to be fully committed to a major. I consider CSM part of my family—once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog!”