



President’s Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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Deb Laulusa Named SMCCCD Classified Employee of the Year

On March 11, the Board of Trustees selected **Deb Laulusa** as the San Mateo County Community College District Classified Employee of the Year. Deb is an administrative assistant in the Office of Instruction and is responsible for many technical aspects of our curriculum and scheduling. Her name will be forwarded to the State Chancellor’s Office as the SMCCCD representative for the State Classified Employee of the Year Award. The criteria for this award include outstanding service to the college and to the community-at-large.



Deb has made many contributions to the college community. Her engagement with the college community goes well beyond her official duties, however. Deb served as the division assistant in the Kinesiology/Athletics/Dance Division prior to her current assignment. She was often the first point of contact for student athletes and she excelled in this regard. She consistently showed genuine concern for the success and well-being of CSM’s athletes.

Deb has been a true leader in the college’s efforts to provide outreach and support to San Mateo County’s Pacific Islander community. Over the last fifteen years, she has served as an advisor to the college’s Polynesian Club. In this capacity, Deb has organized the annual Polynesian forum which is held at CSM; this event draws 400–500 high school students from throughout

the Bay Area. In addition, Deb works directly with Polynesian Club members to support the goals of the club, as well as the goals of individual students. She has helped to organize the inaugural Polynesian Recognition Ceremony to recognize graduates, transfer students, scholarship recipients and their families. Also, Deb is part of a team that is developing a Pacific Islander Learning Community and certificate program at the college. This program will be the first of its kind in San Mateo County.

She has been a co-leader in collaboration with the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center to organize the MANA Conference. This is a major two-day youth event that is now held at College San Mateo. The MANA Conference draws approximately 800 Pacific Islander youth from the greater Bay Area region. Deb further collaborated with the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center to organize the Pacific Islander Violence Prevention Conference, hosted by CSM. This particular conference drew members from Bay Area law enforcement agencies and was a major success. ■

Edelman Earns CSM's 17th Super Bowl Ring



New England Patriot and CSM alum **Julian Edelman** has earned CSM's 17th Super Bowl ring, following a tradition begun by NFL greats John Madden and Bill Walsh. Edelman's performance in the Super Bowl had a major impact on the game as Edelman caught the winning touchdown pass from quarterback Tom Brady with two minutes left as the Patriots overcame a 10-point fourth quarter deficit to pull out a 28-24 victory.

Subsequently, Edelman was widely covered by the national and local press for his role in the Super Bowl including a visit to CSM by ESPN for an interview with Head Football Coach **Bret Pollack** about Edelman's experience as a CSM Bulldog. A link to the interview is available at collegeofsanmateo.edu/athletics.

Edelman, CSM's quarterback in 2005, led the Bulldogs to an 8-3 season, passing for 1,312 yards and 14 touchdowns and rushing for 17 touchdowns and a CSM record of 1,253 yards. He now joins other elite athletes and coaches hailing from CSM who also earned Super Bowl rings: John Madden, Bill Walsh, Neal Dahlen, Dick Vermeil, Steve Shafer, Bill Ring and Mike Solari. (Content contributed by Fred Baer) ■

An International Celebration of Lunar New Year



On February 18, the International Student Center and the International Student Club joined forces to welcome in the Lunar New Year (or Spring Festival) with a celebration for the CSM community. The college's international students created culture boards and offered holiday treats from their respective cultures, which included Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, Malaysia, Indonesia, and China. More than 150 students attended the event, sampling country-specific cuisine and feasting on a Chinese buffet. "We have a large population of international students who celebrate the Lunar New Year and we wanted to acknowledge this important tradition as well as create a space for students

to celebrate and share their cultures with the greater campus community,” said Danni Redding Lapuz, international education program manager.

The celebration featured the sounds and splendor of the traditional lion dance, performed by international students and staff. One student commented, “The food was great and the information from other cultures, I loved it.” The event received an overwhelming 99 percent from those who responded to a survey question that “CSM is doing a good job supporting diversity and representation on campus.”



Children from the Mary Meta Lazarus Child Development Center also joined the festivities by participating in lion dancing as well as playing the drum, gong, and cymbals. Louise Piper, director of the center, shared, “The children and their parents were thrilled to attend this event. A number of families at the center celebrate Lunar New Year and this was a wonderful way to honor their home culture. For others it was their first time experiencing a lion dance. We were particularly excited about the way that the students interacted with the children, allowing them to try on the lion head and play their instruments. It was a truly wonderful event.”

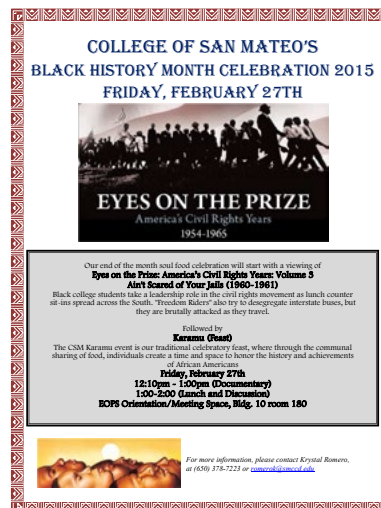
Additional support was provided by DIAG and ASCSM. (Content contributed by Danni Redding Lapuz; Photos by Myo Aung) ■

More Lunar New Activities

Also in celebration of Lunar New Year, CSM’s Library Makerspace and DIAG hosted two presentations by **Pauline Tsui**, a Chinese brush artist and Asian Art Museum docent. Ms. Tsui’s first session was about Chinese New Year customs and traditions followed by a hand’s-on workshop where attendees created a lucky red banner with Chinese brush calligraphy. ■

A Celebration of Black History Month

Black History Month at CSM was truly focused on history. In light of the recent incidents happening in Ferguson, Missouri, it was fitting that CSM prompt student discussion by promoting the viewing of the six-part “Eyes on the Prize” series which focuses on the civil rights movement from 1954-65. The film series, hosted by the Umjoa Program, included movies such *The Great Debaters* and *12 Years a Slave* to help students understand the great struggle and triumph of African Americans throughout the years. CSM also celebrated inventors including Alfred Cralle, who invented the ice cream scoop, and what better way to experiment with his invention than making homemade ice cream with the children at the Child Development Center! The children learned about Cralle, his invention, where ice cream comes from, how to make it, and of course they enjoyed eating it! Rudy Ramirez shared information about the blues and how African Americans used this genre of music to express their pain. Through experiential learning by playing songs such as “Stormy Monday,” Rudy showed the unique contributions of African Americans to American music. Tradition continued by ending the month with the “Karamu,” the feast that give thanks and pays homage to African American ancestors. In addition, Students were able to discuss how they can add their contributions to social justice and equity. And, after participants reflected together and remembered together, they gathered around the table to enjoy soul food together. It truly was nourishment for the soul. (Article contributed by Krystal Romero) ■



COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO'S
BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION 2015
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

EYES ON THE PRIZE
America's Civil Rights Years
1954-1965

Our end of the month soul food celebration will start with a viewing of
Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years: Volume 5
Alan's Scared of Your Jails (1960-1961)
Black college students take a leadership role in the civil rights movement as lunch counter sit-ins spread across the South. "Freedom Riders" also try to desegregate interstate buses, but they are brutally attacked as they travel.

Followed by
Karamu (Feast)
The CSM Karamu event is our traditional celebratory feast, where through the communal sharing of food, individuals create a time and space to honor the history and achievements of African Americans.

Friday, February 27th
12:10pm - 1:20pm (Documentary)
1:30-2:00pm (Lunch and Discussion)
EOPS Orientation/Meeting Space, Bldg. 10 room 180

For more information, please contact Krystal Romero,
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CSM Alum Honored Posthumously - 69 Years Later



On Friday, February 20th, a special and long overdue award ceremony was held at CSM's Hall of Fame Plaza to honor the late **Kosei Kato**, who was a CSM student in 1946-1947. Mr. Kato had won a physical education award in the fall 1946 semester

but had never received it due to discrimination against Japanese Americans. His achievements included setting a record for most push-ups completed and earning an impressive 998 cumulative points in all tests combined. The ceremony was attended by 20 members, including three generations, of the Kato family. Dean Andreas Wolf presented the family with a beautiful award plaque and letter. The Kato family was very appreciative of the college's acknowledgment of Mr. Kato's athletic achievements. (Article contributed by Sylvia Aguirre-Alberto; Photo by Alexis Madayag) ■

PAU Brings Distinguished Psychologist to CSM

On February 27, Palo Alto University sponsored a lecture by world renowned psychologist **Dr. Philip Zimbardo** to a standing-room-only audience in CSM's Bayview Dining Room. Dr. Zimbardo shared insights from over fifty years of pioneering research on the psychology of evil—including one of the most well-known studies of all time, The Stanford Prison Experiment. He also discussed how these insights have



Photo source: Palo Alto University

informed and inspired his new life mission, the Heroic Imagination Project; it trains people around the world to be wise and effective leaders and rise up and take action against challenging situations. Dr. Zimbardo has served as president of the American Psychological Association, designed and narrated the award-winning 26-part PBS series, *Discovering Psychology*, and published more than 50 books including *Shyness*, *The Lucifer Effect*, *The Time Cure* and *The Time Paradox*. ■

CSM Hosts NPower's Inaugural Bay Area Classes for U.S., Armed Forces Veterans

CSM has become a community Partner with NPower, a non-profit organization that serves veterans who are eager to apply their military experience and develop new



Photo source: NPower

skills toward careers in technology. CSM is pleased to be the location of NPower's inaugural San Francisco Bay Area class consisting of 41 veterans who representing the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines; four are female, one of whom served as a Blackhawk helicopter pilot. Their service includes the following tours of duty: Afghanistan, Iraq, War, Gulf War, and Vietnam.

The program at CSM includes a morning session focusing on information technology followed by

an afternoon session on healthcare information technology. Both tracks include technical classes, mentoring from business leaders, paid apprenticeships and career development workshops at leading corporations and nonprofits, industry-recognized certifications as well as employment and alumni services. More than 80 percent of NPower’s alumni are employed or pursuing higher education within one year of graduation. The program is provided free of charge to veterans. ■

Library Makerspace Offers “Hour of Code”



Photo source: Library as incubator project website

CSM’s Library Makerspace is hosting “Hour of Code” on Thursdays from March 5 – April 30 at 2–3 pm in the Library’s classroom. “Hour of Code” is a recent nationwide movement designed to introduce the basics of computer coding and programming to students of all ages. Through easy-to-follow tutorials, anyone can start to learn the concepts and technical knowledge behind basic coding. Started by the non-profit Code.org in 2013, the organization aims to use annual “Hour of Code” events to promote computer science across the curriculum, with a special focus on engaging females and persons of color, two demographic groups typically underrepresented in the world of computer science. Coding is expected to be the next “language” taught in primary and secondary schools around the world, and engaging students now can only benefit them in the long run. ■



CSM Introduces New Mobile App

CSM recently launched a new, free mobile application (app) that provides users with easy access to frequently used college information. Users can view the CSM Event Calendar, campus map, employee directory, grades, courses and assignments. To get started, download the Ellucian GO app to your smartphone and/or iPad/tablet. Once Ellucian GO is installed, open the app and search for and select College of San Mateo. In the future, you will need only to select the Ellucian GO app on your device and it will automatically go to the CSM content. For more information visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/connect/mobile.asp. (Article contributed by Valerie Tyler) ■



Kudos

~ Middle College English teacher **Greg Lance** was recently honored by the San Mateo Union High School District as the winner of the Golden Apple Award. The award is given to employees who have exhibited exemplary service, improved quality, saved the District time and/or money or increased program effectiveness. Since 2009, Greg has been actively involved in the Hillsdale Effect, which has morphed into the Hillsdale Effect and Middle College Effect. He transferred from Hillsdale to Middle College in August 2011.



Photo courtesy of Greg Quigley

Greg and his teaching colleague, **Michael Clardy**, have assigned summer reading in recent years that has included *Half the Sky* and *Beyond the Beautiful Forevers*. Both the reading assignments have been followed up with fall semester screenings of *Half the Sky* and *Girl Rising*, films that address challenges women face in various parts of the world. In both cases, Greg worked with groups of Middle College and Hillsdale students to promote, in the local community and on the CSM campus, the issues addressed in the films. Students have raised money that has been donated to local causes, such as the Afghan Relief Agency in San Francisco and NamasteDirect. (Article contributed by Greg Quigley)

~ Bulldogs offensive lineman **Kilola Mahoni** signed with University of Louisville.

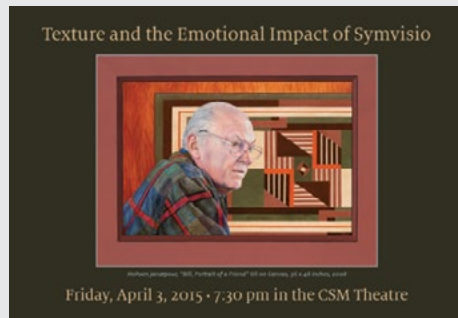
~ **Hansen Sekona**, CSM's assistant coach for inside linebackers and special teams, will head to the University of Washington as a graduate assistant coach and will also be entering the master's program in sports leadership. Sekona played at CSM from 2006–07 before transferring to Kansas State University where he played in all 24 games while earning his bachelor's degree. He has served as assistant coach at CSM for three seasons. ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jazz Under the Stars

Saturday, March 28 • 7–10 pm
Science Building, Rooftop

Texture and the Emotional Impact of Symvisio



*Professor Mohsen Janatpour's
Lecture and Art Exhibition*
Friday, April 3 • 7:30–10 pm
CSM Theatre

'Get Linked' Spring Job Fair 2015

Tuesday, April 7 • 9:30 am – 1 pm
College Center, Bayview Dining Room

Free Income Tax Preparation (VITA)

Every Saturday through 4/11 (except 3/28) • 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

The Village Opening & Mural Unveiling

Thursday, April 16 • 11 am – 1 pm

Connect to College

*A Night of Information for
High School Seniors and Parents*
Thursday, April 16 • 6–8 pm
College Center, Bayview Dining Room

CSM Earth Day

Promoting Sustainability on Campus
Wednesday, April 22 • 10 am – 2 pm
College Center Plaza

2015 Scholarship Awards Ceremony

*A Celebration of Achievement
through Scholarship*
Friday, May 1 • 6:00–8:30 pm
College Center, Bayview Dining Room

6th Annual CSM Asian Pacific American Film Festival

Friday, May 1 • 6:30–9:30 pm

White Light, Black Rain

Saturday, May 2 • Afternoon Matinee, 1 pm

UPAJ: Improvise

Saturday, May 2 • Evening Program, 7 pm

*Cruisin' J-Town: Workshop Performance by
Hiroshima.*

Commencement

May 29, 5:30 pm • Gymnasium

Jazz On the Hill

Saturday, June 6 • 11 am – 6 pm

Student Success Story: Jasmine Flores

UC San Diego, B.A., Sociology

San Jose State University, Electrical Engineering

As a little girl, CSM transfer student Jasmine Flores learned about science and math from her father. Their conversations sparked her curiosity. “I was intrigued to learn how math and science, and especially physics, apply to the world,” Jasmine says. Her growing interest in those subjects guided her decision to major in engineering and also led to a NASA internship. Jasmine is currently enrolled in San Jose State University’s (SJSU) highly competitive electrical engineering program.



Photo by Alexis Madayag

Jasmine got an early start on her college education by attending community college classes while she was a student at Newark Memorial High School. It was

an experience that changed her mind about college. She explains, “I found that I really liked the community college environment so I decided I would finish my first two years at CSM even though I was eligible to attend a university right out of high school. I chose CSM because I had grown up on the Peninsula and knew it had a beautiful campus and a great reputation as a transfer school. In hindsight, it was the right move. I was able to pursue my major in engineering plus I saved a lot of money which has helped to pay for my university education.”

Jasmine took classes at both CSM and Cañada College to prepare for her major. “My professors were very supportive and encouraging. They rooted for my success which made me feel more secure in a difficult field of study. The field of engineering can be intimidating for women because there are so few of us in this major compared to male students. However, I’ve learned to stay focused on my own success and I’ve formed friendships with other women in my classes.”

The preparation for her major was rigorous; it relied heavily on science and math and demanded long hours of work outside the classroom, but Jasmine was anything

but intimidated. “My classes were tough and I struggled in a few, but I have always liked being challenged. Applied Calculus II taught by CSM Professor Nishanian was definitely my favorite math class; he was friendly and always willing to help. Succeeding in that class helped to boost my confidence so I could continue with my engineering major. I had many great professors who genuinely cared about their students.”

At the end of her second year at CSM, Jasmine had achieved a strong academic record; consequently she was selected to participate in a summer internship sponsored by NASA. “My internship gave me the opportunity to see first-hand the kind of graduate work that is being done and how it differs from undergraduate studies. Another benefit was that I met people working and studying in the field. Because I attended community college, I had this great opportunity.”

In fall 2014, Jasmine transferred from CSM to SJSU as an electrical engineering major. “I feel that I was extremely well-prepared for university-level work because of my community college education. I’m really loving college and I’m up for the challenges of tough classes. I have CSM to thank for molding me into the student I am today.”

After graduation, Jasmine plans to pursue a career as a power engineer working with electrical power systems. ■