



President's Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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Art Students Beautify Corridor



CSM art students have transformed a dark and dingy corridor into a vibrant and eye-catching display of public art. A mural designed and painted by student volunteers in the Fine Arts Club titled "The Joy of Making Art," graces the hallway from Beethoven Parking Lot into Building 4's courtyard; the hallway is a major thoroughfare for many students who take public transportation to CSM.

According to Professor of Art Rebecca Alex, a request for a mural originated with CSM Facilities Manager **Michelle Rudovsky**. After seven months of work, a design committee presented a final design to President's Cabinet who approved and funded the project, which included much-needed new lighting. Club members painted the mural during the break between spring semester and summer session. The artistic team included **Yvonne Lee** (chair of the committee), **Tracy Beardsley** (lead designer), **Jinwen Hui** (lead graphic designer), **Mark Saunders**, **Ellyn O'Toole**, **Rebecca Alex**, **Sharon Harris**, **Ashleigh Evans**, **Hannah Martinez**, **Leslie Lopez**, **Sherri Bayer**, **Leslie Gomba**, **Nikky Barros** and **Charlotte Healy**. This is the second campus mural created by CSM art students; the other is on display in the Village (Bldg. 18, Room 112). ■

A Celebration of Classified Staff



Photos by CSM Community Relations and Marketing

On July 14, CSM honored 11 classified employees for 10, 15, 20 and 30 years of service during the annual Classified Appreciation Day and Service Awards Ceremony. The event featured island-style entertainment and a buffet lunch provided by Pacific Dining. Student Emeline Tonga performed a Tahitian dance and gave dance instruction to members of President's Cabinet.



2014–15 Honorees:

30 years - Helen Souranoff

**20 years - John Hall • Martha Menendez • Claudia Menjivar • Charles Phan
Michelle Schneider**

15 years - Dante Betteo

**10 years - Maggie Barrientos • Fauzi Hamadeh • Beverley Madden
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Kudos

~ Professor of Accounting **Bruce Maule** has been named president of the Peninsula/Silicon Valley Chapter of CalCPA. In his role, he will represent the chapter in statewide meetings and meet with local legislators. He has served as a board member and officer of the local chapter for eight years. Bruce writes a monthly "President's Message" to chapter members that appears on the CalCPA Peninsula/Silicon Valley Chapter website (blogs.calcpa.org/psv).



Photo by Sean Arbabi

~ On July 23, CSM alum and former NFL defensive lineman **Ryan Boschetti** will be inducted into the 2015 Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame. Boschetti, a graduate of Carlmont High School, played at CSM in 2000–2001. He was rated the No. 2 junior college player in the nation by JCFootball.com and was credited with 24 quarterback sacks during his two years at CSM. He was also a two-time all-league and all-state selection. Boschetti transferred to UCLA where he recorded 23 tackles on the season to rank fourth among Bruin defensive lineman. In 2004, he was drafted by the Washington Redskins where he spent five seasons before being traded to the Oakland Raiders (2009–2010).



Photo source: ESPN.com

~ **Zac Grotz**, CSM alum and former Bulldog pitcher, was selected in the 28th round of Major League Baseball’s First-Year Player Draft by the Houston Astros. He signed with the Astros in late June and is currently throwing with the rookie class of Greenville in the Appalachian League. Grotz was the ace of CSM’s starting rotation in 2013; he later transferred to University of Tennessee but unfortunately developed forearm problems. He transitioned to the program at Embry-Riddle where he rediscovered his mechanics and led the school to reach the Avista-NAIA World Series this season.

~ **Beverley Madden** recently participated in a CCPRO/Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI)-sponsored call to highlight this new State Chancellor’s Office initiative. She and one other community college public information officer are serving as a partnership resource team (PRT) for the initiative. The goal of the call was to share their experience as members of the PRT and to promote greater participation. Twenty-three participants from around the state registered for the call.

IEPI is a collaborative effort to help advance the institutional effectiveness of California Community Colleges and, in the process, significantly reduce the number of accreditation sanctions and audit issues. ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

ASCSM Welcome Day

Tuesday, August 11

9:00 am – 11:00 am

College Center, Bayview Dining Room

CSM’s Opening Day (Flex Day)

Friday, August 14

8:30 am - Continental Breakfast, Theatre

9 am - All-College Meeting, Theatre

11 am – 12:30 pm - Workshops

2–4 pm - Workshops

Student Success Story: Lana Bakour

UCLA, Business Economics

When Lana Bakour became a full-time college student at CSM, she already had plenty of college experience. During her high school years at Carlmont High School, Lana took college courses through the Concurrent Enrollment Program, and during her senior year, decided to attend Middle College at Cañada College. By the time she graduated from high school, Lana not only knew her way around a college campus, but she had also earned units toward a college degree and completed several college requirements. “From the exposure I had at Cañada, I knew that community colleges had a lot to offer. There was so much support that I felt confident I would succeed,” she explained.



Photo by Alexis Madayag

Lana’s success in college classes and her readiness for college allowed her to appreciate the opportunities available at community colleges. “I needed to figure out how I wanted to contribute to the world. I didn’t want to simply attend a four-year university just because of social pressure.”

During her two years at CSM, Lana gained a great deal of insight about herself and the international community. “International relations and political science classes changed my life by making me look at the world differently. Thanks to Leighton Armitage, my political science instructor, I learned how to listen and learn from the others’ points of view before taking a stance. My philosophy professor, Dr. Jeremy Ball, taught me the art of constructive debate and how to apply it to build credibility. Teachers like Mr. Armitage and Dr. Ball taught me lessons that are beyond the traditional textbook curriculum. They mentored me to see the importance in self-growth in every aspect of my life, which I will carry with me no matter where I go.”

To enrich her CSM experience, Lana joined student government, which provided a meaningful avenue for getting involved in school governance, organizing events and finding a group of students who became her friends and shared her desire to help others. “CSM’s student government gives students the opportunity to make a difference at the college and state levels. As student leaders, were able to touch on

so many important issues. CSM's administration is very supportive—they listen to our point of view and value our opinions.”

In fall 2015, Lana transferred to UCLA where she is currently studying business economics. As she looks back over her two years at CSM, she says, “CSM was supportive every step of the way, both academically and personally. There was no excuse for not succeeding. I am definitely ready to move on to a big university. CSM gave me time and space to think about the person I wanted to become.” ■