



# President's Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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## Dolores Huerta Visits CSM



California State Assemblymember Rob Bonta poses with Dolores Huerta.

Hispanic Heritage Month was celebrated at CSM with a presentation by Dolores Huerta, cofounder of the United Farmworkers Union who addressed a standing-room-only audience on Friday, September 18. Ms Huerta captivated the audience comprised of students, faculty, staff and community members by sharing stories of her long history of activism and social justice efforts. She energized the crowd by having them shout out “¡Si Se Puede!,” translated as “Yes, it can be done!” The slogan, which she created, became the rallying cry used by striking farmworkers led by Cesar Chavez in the ‘60s and ‘70s and which led to a nationwide grapes boycott.

Also sharing remarks was California State Assemblymember Rob Bonta. Assemblymember Bonta shared his experiences growing up a few houses from that of Cesar Chavez and noting that his parents, as well as many other Filipinos, were actively involved and an integral part of the farmworker movement. He encouraged students not be apathetic but to become actively involved in social justice events as a means of bringing about change in our society. Following the presentation a reception was held in The Village. (Article and photo provided by Henry Villareal) ■

## Health Center Establishes Food Pantry

On September 15, CSM's Health Center held a grand opening to celebrate the new food pantry housed in the Center. The food pantry is a collaboration with Second Harvest Food Bank; Second Harvest donated the refrigerators, freezers and shelving while CSM is providing the space and staffing. Moreover, Second Harvest will deliver canned and dried goods every other week to keep it well stocked. According to Health Services Director Sharon Bartels, "The college has been working toward the establishment of a food pantry on campus for many years." Furthermore, she says that there is a great need for this service. "We often see students who do not have enough to eat, or are making choices to buy books instead of groceries. We also know of many CSM employees who provide food for students."



*Photos by Alexis Madayag*

The pantry will be open to the community and participants must meet certain income guidelines. While no documentation of income or citizenship is required, participants will only need to sign a document that states the number in their household and monthly income. They can then access the pantry on a weekly basis. ■

## College Dedicates New Sundial

Astronomy students' newest educational tool also happens to be the oldest timepiece invented—a sundial. To celebrate the new addition to the science program, on September 25, Math/ Science Division held a dedication ceremony for the college community in the newly completed Plaza of the Sun. The idea for the sundial was proposed by Professor Mohsen Janatpour and supported by Chancellor Ron Galatolo. Janatpour provided the design and oversaw all stages of the production and also determined the precise placement for accuracy. He explains how it will be used, "It will allow us to teach about seasonal changes, sidereal time vs. solar time, the sun's motion across the sky, rotation of the Earth about its axis and its revolution around the sun, among other concepts. Astronomy students will learn how to carry out calculations and check results



*Photo by David McLain*

by observing the motion of the gnomon's shadow across the face of the sundial." He added, "It is a great instrument to experience the awe of astronomy during the day. Egyptians, the first designers of the sundial, were very fond of incorporating columns in their architecture, so, I consider the column design of our sundial a tribute to the original creators." Janatpour's design illustrates a schematic of the solar system which wraps around the sundial's column to emphasize its astronomical roots. ■

## Baseball Team Achieves Impressive Transfer Stats

Congratulations to 15 members of CSM's 2014-15 baseball team who have accepted offers to continue intercollegiate athletics at the university level. Of the 15 transfers, 11 are moving on to Division 1 schools. In addition, seven bulldogs have earned full-ride scholarships and two received partial awards. The scholarship awards totaled \$193,000 toward annual tuition and \$386,000 over two years.

Head Baseball Coach Doug Williams comments on the program's success: "The players we recruit are motivated to attend CSM when they become aware of our stunning campus, top-notch facilities and baseball/academic tradition. Our players understand we have tremendous support from the district and college administration which enables CSM's baseball program to continually attract, support and ultimately transfer our players to the next level. The final transfer is really just the last piece of each student athlete's puzzle; one which is touched by so many here at CSM."

The transfer students and the universities:

### Division I

Keone Cabinian: University of Nevada-Reno\*  
Matt Gorgolinski: Sacramento State\*  
Sam Hellinger: Gonzaga University\*  
Dylan Isquirdo: Virginia Commonwealth University\*  
Austin Lonestar: St. Mary's College  
Devin Mahoney: St. Louis University\*  
Miles Mastrobuoni: University of Nevada-Reno\*  
Nate Miller: University of Michigan  
Jonny Palsha: Sacramento State  
Steve Pastora: Western Michigan University\*  
Brandon Radmacher: University of North Dakota  
Bear Smith: UC Berkeley

### Division II

Draco Roberts: San Francisco State University

### NAIA

Tyler Carlson: Lewis & Clark State\*  
Brian Ransom: Menlo College\*

*\*denotes scholarship earned*



**College of San Mateo**  
**BASEBALL**

## CSM Holds 9/11 Remembrance Event

On September 10, 2015, CSM's student veterans gathered in front of College Center to participate in the 3rd annual 9/11 Remembrance Event. Students, staff, and community members wrote messages reflecting on the accounts of heroism, courage, survival and loss on the day of 9/11. The written message boards are displayed inside the Veteran's Resource and Opportunity Center throughout the month of September in remembrance of the 9/11 tragedy. ■

## World Mixer Celebrates International Students

CSM's International Education Program hosted its first World Mixer to welcome new international students to the campus and provide an opportunity for returning students to connect with the incoming group. The event was a smashing success with roughly 100 students, faculty, staff and administrators in attendance. Guests were treated to a selection of international foods, world music, and a world challenge game with prizes. The event was held on the newly named International Terrace on the 3rd floor of Campus Center.



World Mixer provided an opportunity for students to meet with administrators and share their experiences about coming to the U.S. and studying at CSM. "It is events like this that help communicate to our international student that they made the right choice in enrolling at CSM, and that not only do the international staff care about them, but the college administration and other staff do as well," says Dean of Enrollment Services Henry Villareal.

CSM welcomed 171 new international students for fall 2015 with three-day orientations in July and August. The college currently has 418 international students representing 50 countries around the world.

The International Student Center is dedicated to providing a student-centered hub with resources, events, F-1 advising, SEVIS support, study space, a meditation room, printing center, outdoor terrace, and support staff. The program hosts a series of workshops on topics such as Working On-Campus, CPT/OPT, and Adapting to the American Classroom. There are several student organizations sponsored by the International Education Program including the International Club, International Ambassadors Program, and the CSM Lion Dance Team. Student programming includes World Chat, International Education Week, Lunar New Year Celebration, and more. (Article and images contributed by Danni Redding Lapuz) ■

## Record Number of Students Attend Transfer Day

On September 16, CSM's Transfer Day, broke a previous record for student attendance. According to Mike Mitchell, program supervisor in Transfer Services, more than 1,000 students dropped by Bayview Dining Room for opportunity to speak with representatives from more than 50 colleges and universities from the CSU and UC systems and private and out of state institutions.



*Photo by Alexis Madayag*

In addition, representatives from the two public systems held transfer workshops on UC Admissions/Application/Personal Statement Workshop and CSU Admissions/Application Workshop; more than 100 students attended those sessions.

Many university representatives remained on campus long after the event to personally answer the large number of student questions. In addition to bringing university reps to campus, the event included staff from many CSM resources—this additional presence gave students additional access to comprehensive transfer information. Members of the Student Senate were on hand to speak with students about getting involved in student government and clubs and how these activities can make students more competitive when applying to impacted majors and highly selective institutions. Staff from Financial Aid and the Scholarship Office were also present. And finally, the Transfer Club signed up nearly 100 new members. ■

## Kudos

~ **Professor of Sociology Minu Mather's** and her Sociology 100 students were honored by Second Harvest Food Bank with a silver medal for the food drive donations they made last semester. Professor Mather offers her students extra credit for participating in this community service activity. Several years ago, one of her classes became bronze medal winners. The award was presented to her at a reception at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View earlier this month.



*Photo provided by Minu Mather*

~ **Assistant Professor of ESL Lisa Suguitan Melnick** has been selected to receive the 100 Most Influential Filipina Women in the World Award™ in the Behind the Scenes Leader award category by the Filipina Women's Network (FWN). The award recognizes women of Philippine ancestry who are influencing the face of leadership in the global workplace. Lisa will receive the award on October 30, at the Filipina Women's Network Leadership Global Summit to be held in San Francisco.



*Photo by David McLain*

~ September 10 was a milestone day for 28 incarcerated young people as they completed "Keys to Success," the first college course ever offered at San Mateo County Juvenile Hall through CSM's **Project Change**. In addition to earning dual college credit and triple high school credit, each of these young people were able to say, "I am a college student." Katie Bliss, project director of Project Change, commented on the significance of the day, "Today is the last day of class but the first step for many future opportunities."

~ Congratulations to CSM students **Ariana Finato** and **Yareli Torres**, participants in the District's Study Abroad Program for fall 2015 in Barcelona, Spain, who are the recipients of scholarships awarded by the program. Each was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the American Institute for Foreign Study and a \$500 Study Abroad Scholarship from the SMCCD Foundation. As part of their scholarship, they will blog about their experiences in Barcelona on a weekly basis to be shared on the Study Abroad Program's Facebook page.

~ Patti Pace, regional director **NPower** for the San Francisco Bay Area, reports that 33 veterans graduated this June from the organization's inaugural class which was held at CSM. It has enrolled an additional 43 veterans in a second class with graduation planned for this December. There is additional good news: NPower has

been awarded a \$3.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to continue funding the Technology Service Corps workforce development program; this funding will continue to support training in the Bay Area and other regions.

~ Four CSM faculty members have been awarded fellowships to participate in the Stanford Global Studies Education Partnership for Internationalizing Curriculum (EPIC) for 2015-16. The competitive fellowship, funded by the U. S. Department of Education Title VI program, brings together nine faculty from CSM and Foothill College to collaborate with colleagues at Stanford for the academic year. They will work on projects aimed at internationalizing course curricula and producing innovative materials designed for community college classrooms. CSM faculty who received the fellowships are:

- **Tania Beliz**, professor of biology - She is focusing on the ecological impact of food production and choices on biomes, climate change, and health. Tania hopes to inspire her students to care for the environment and hopefully pursue a STEM career.
- **Stephanie Roach**, librarian – Stephanie is designing a course in which learners will be challenged to recognize local and global issues that complicate discovery, use, and creation of information, including economic, social, legal, and ethical aspects.
- **John Stover**, adjunct faculty of sociology – He is working on an independent project in which he is internationalizing one-third of his sociology curriculum. The topics will vary, but will include issues related to gender, sexuality, and migration, among others.
- **Michele Titus**, adjunct faculty of anthropology - Michele will be collaborating with the Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education. She will focus on changes in diet for immigrants, in particular a case study of Tongan students. This is a component of the “Patterns of Subsistence” studies of cultural anthropology as well as nutritional effects studied in physical anthropology.

~ **Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza**, dean of academic support and learning technologies, has been appointed to serve as a member of the HIP Housing Board of Directors.

~ Former CSM football player **Anthony Hines** who played cornerback for Bulldogs last season has accepted a full-ride scholarship to University of Missouri.

~ The San Mateo County Law Enforcement Training Managers Association recently held a two-day training instructor development workshop at CSM. It was attended by more than 150 law enforcement officials from throughout California. ■

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Psychology/Philosophy

### Movie Night

*Film: Rapa Nui*

**Friday October 2 • 6:30–9 pm**

CSM Theatre

## New Faculty & Classified

### Staff Reception

**Tuesday, October 6 • 2:15–3:30 pm**

Center for Student Life & Leadership,  
Bldg. 17, Room 112

## Family Science & Astronomy

### Festival + Makerspace

**Saturday, October 17 • 2–11 pm**

A day of science and astronomy workshops, planetarium shows, makerspace workshops, keynote speaker... and much more!

## 18th Annual John

### Noce Golf Classic

*A Golf Tournament benefitting CSM Baseball*

**Friday, October 23 • 12 pm**

College of San Mateo's Baseball program is holding the 18th Annual John Noce Golf Classic at Poplar Creek Golf Course in San Mateo.

## Housing Leadership Day

*Toward Shared Prosperity*

**Friday, October 23 • 9 am – 5 pm**

The event "Toward Shared Prosperity" is an annual Housing Leadership Day conference with the goal of educating, raising awareness, and promoting housing affordability to benefit low-income people that live or work in San Mateo County. The keynote speaker is Jonathan Fisher from Center on Poverty and Inequality from Stanford University.

## Jazz Record Swap

*Inaugural Event with KCSM Jazz 91!*

**Saturday, October 31 • 10 am – 5 pm**

College Center Building 10, 2nd Floor Terrace

KCSM Jazz 91 will have their first ever Record Swap (books, CD's, LP's, memorabilia).

## Psychology/Philosophy

### Movie Night

*Film: Tim's Vermeer*

**Friday, November 2 • 6:30–9 pm**

CSM Theatre

## Voices on the Hill

**Wednesday November 18 • Starts at 7 pm**

CSM Theatre

High-energy showcase, featuring College of San Mateo Voice Department ubertalent and guest stars!

## 19th Annual CSM Jazz Festival

*with Special Guest Artist: Dmitri Matheny*

**Friday, November 20 • 8 am – 6 pm**

CSM Theatre

Join us for the 19th Annual College of San Mateo Jazz Festival.

The festival will feature performances by eighteen top high school jazz ensembles and a free 12:30 concert with special guest flugel-hornist Dmitri Matheny performing with the CSM Monday Evening Big Band.



## Student Success Story: Michael Cardona

### UC Berkeley, BA degree, Rhetoric

Michael Cardona, a graduate of Hillsdale High School, came to CSM to play football with the goal of continuing his athletic career at the university level. While he worked hard to be the best player he could be, he realized that it wasn't enough. He changed direction and decided to focus on academics and becoming the best student he could be.

With the assistance of several college programs, Michael set his sights on getting into a top-notch university. Transfer Services helped him focus



*Photo provided by Michael Cardona*

on what was needed to get into various universities and connected him with the admissions staff at those schools. Through Transfer Services, Michael received guidance in writing an effective personal statement for his UC application. He was also a participant in the college's EOPS program, "As an EOPS student, I had the opportunity to tour several top universities. That experience helped me visualize myself at those schools." In addition, Michael received assistance from the Financial Aid Office which supplemented his income and allowed him to get involved in college life.

"I had great English teachers who helped me to become a better writer and more skilled at reading comprehension. I was glad to have the opportunity to focus on those important skills. They were key to transferring and my success at UC Berkeley," says Michael. "Becoming a better student also instilled confidence that I could accomplish my goals."

After earning associate degrees in administration of justice and liberal arts from CSM, Michael transferred to UC Berkeley as a rhetoric major. He also participated in the university's study abroad program, spending a semester in Thailand. After graduating in 2013 with his bachelor's degree, he was accepted to University of San Francisco's Law School. Michael clerked for the Alameda Public Defender's Office and has recently launched an online business ([www.proplanner.us](http://www.proplanner.us)). He plans to pursue a career in law, specializing in defense litigation and starting more e-commerce websites.

Looking back at his experience at CSM, Michael says, "CSM met all of my expectations and more. The wonderful faculty and staff helped me to realize what I wanted out of life. I was fortunate because I had some very good mentors while I was at CSM including Sylvia Aguirre-Alberto, my EOPS counselor, other faculty and staff in EOPS and my English professors. I feel that by the time I completed my degree at CSM, I was not only a better student but a better person." ■