

# President's Report to SMCCCD Board of Trustees



## Upcoming Events

November 12  
Webinar on Transgender Student Rights  
11:00 am-12:30 pm; 17-112

November 18  
Voices on the Hill Choral Concert  
7:00 pm; Theatre

November 19  
The Writers Ruckus:  
*A Celebration of Writing and the English  
Community*  
2:00 pm-4:00 pm; College Center

November 20  
19<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Jazz Festival  
8:00 am-6:00 pm; Theatre

November 21  
Jazz Under the Stars  
6:00 pm-8:00 pm; 36-Roof

December 1  
A Conversation with Kevin Mullen  
11:10 am - 12:25 pm; 16-209

December 3  
"Letter to Anita" Film Screening  
11:00 am-2:30 pm  
CSM Theatre

December 7  
CSM Jazz Ensembles Concert  
7:30 pm-9:30 pm  
CSM Theatre

December 9  
CSM Symphonic Band Concert  
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
CSM Theatre

December 10  
CSM Electronic Music Concert  
7:00 pm  
CSM Theatre

## News:

### **CSM to Partner with Hillsdale, Half Moon Bay, and Carlmont High School on First Year Success Program Pilot**

CSM enrolls approximately 2,000 first-time freshmen each academic year. In fact, CSM is the single largest destination for high school graduates in San Mateo County. Faculty, classified staff and administrators have worked with their high school counterparts to design a comprehensive First Year Success Program.

Key components of the program include: early identification and support to high school juniors and seniors, multiple measure placement methodologies, a summer bridge program, peer mentoring and case management, first-year learning communities, acceleration strategies, and intrusive student support.

Hillsdale, Half Moon Bay, and Carlmont High School have agreed to pilot the full program for their 2016 graduates. CSM expects to provide this program to all incoming freshmen beginning in the 2017/18 academic year.

### **CSM to Host Northern California Acceleration Workshop**

CSM will host an Acceleration Workshop on November 13. Colleges offering redesigned accelerated pathways are seeing dramatic gains in student completion of transferable English and math courses, with all students benefiting and achievement gaps narrowing for students of color. Recent research has also pointed toward promising new approaches to placement.

Presenters include Katie Hern and Myra Snell, Co-Founders of the California Acceleration Project, along with English and math faculty from Northern California colleges offering accelerated pathways.

More information available on [Eventbrite](#)

## **Dia de los Muertos Celebration**

Kudos to CSM's Puente students for organizing an informative and festive Dia de los Muertos event on November 10. The College community learned about the history, and experienced the diversity and beauty of a traditional Dia de los Muertos Altar display as celebrated throughout Latin America. This was a collaborative event that included many college groups. Activities included: Puente Student Research poster boards, Cosmetology Face Painting, Child Development Center Kids Zone, Library Makerspace Sugar Skull decorating, and more!

<http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/puente/>

## **CSM Honors Veterans**

CSM is celebrating Veterans Week during the week of November 9. Activities include the VROC Community Resource Fair and Open House on November 10, education and transfer services for veterans on November 11, and Service Appreciation Day on November 12. <http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/veterans/>

## **Professor Rudy Ramirez and the Ethnic Studies Department present: ¡Suevartona!**

Professor Ramirez continues his work of exploring different cultures through music. According to professor Ramirez: "Music is the universal language of the world. It crosses all boundaries, cultures and ethnicities and communicates between them in a unique way." La Gente is a group of musicians who incorporate a high energy fusion of totally different genres such as Cumbia, Hip-Hop, Reggae, and Rock and brings it all together. A short power point presentation by Professor Rudy "El Professor" Ramirez and Raffael Sarria on the origins of these genres will be discussed.

<http://www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar/events/index.php?com=detail&eID=16216&year=2015&month=11>

## **Associated Students Host Board of Trustees Candidate Forum**

The Associated Students hosted an informative Board of Trustees Candidate Forum on October 29. Special thanks to Trustees Schwartz and Mandelkern, Trustee-Elect Goodman, and candidates Talansky and Amistad for participating and fielding student questions.

## **Associated Students to Host Homecoming Rally on November 13**

The Associated Students have partnered with the CSM Football team and will host a Homecoming Rally on November 13 in the College Center Plaza. The team will be play arch-rival CCSF on Saturday, November 14 at CSM.

## **Photo of the Month:**



*Mimi Uhlirova turned in the best performance of her 2-year College of San Mateo running career to take fifth place and earn All-Conference and Most Improved Athlete awards at the Coast Conference Women's Cross Country Championships at CSM's Crystal Springs Course. Mimi is an international student from the Czech Republic and also a student assistant in the District Office*