

President's Report to SMCCCD Board of Trustees



Upcoming Events

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

December 11
Fall Honors Project Showcase
2:00 pm- 5:00 pm; 10-468

December 11
Psychology/Philosophy Movie Night
6:30 pm-9:30 pm; Theatre

December 15
Intra-Squad Swim Meet
3:00 pm- 6:00 pm; POOL

December 16
Mana Event:
Our Sea of Islands
5:00 pm-9:00 pm: Bayview Dining Room

December 18
CSM Womens Basketball
CSM Invitational Tournament
All-Day
Gymnasium

News:

CSM Sponsors CalTeach Students

Several years ago CSM was selected by the UC Office of the President to offer the CalTeach program. Cal Teach is a program for undergraduate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) majors interested in exploring a career in education. CSM was selected because of the high number of CSM STEM majors transferring to the UC System. According to Professor Kathy Diamond, project coordinator: "Our students have been working with mentor teachers in third, fourth, fifth, sixth grade, and high school classrooms, and got to teach some lessons to the students themselves. For our seminar meetings the students investigated and reported on California's Common Core curriculum, as well as having in-depth discussions of work in their respective classrooms. It was an excellent semester for students and mentors."

<http://calteach.berkeley.edu/>

SBDC Assists SF Wine School in their Move to South San Francisco

The San Francisco Wine School had a grand opening for their new permanent location on November 6. After operating out of hotel locations for the past four years the school moved to its new permanent location in downtown South San Francisco. The facility enables the school, the largest private wine school in the United States, to hold all of its classes and events in one location. The SBDC advised the school's ownership on its financials, lender presentation, and connected them with Opus Bank in the Bay Area, who was able to provide the school with the working capital funding they required. <http://sanfranciscowineschool.com/>

Fast Track to Completion Program “on track” for Spring 2016

CSM’s Fast Track to Completion Program is designed for students who have either dropped courses during the semester or who were unable enroll in classes at the start of the semester. This program or “mini-mester” as some call it, will be offered toward the end of the spring semester. The course offerings are full semester courses, which are offered in a compressed format. These courses fulfill general education requirements and provide a second chance for students so that they can stay on track with their educational goals. Andreas Wolf, Dean of Kinesiology, Athletics, and Dance suggested the idea after visiting an out of state university.

CSM and City College Pacific Islander Programs Collaborate on “Our Sea of Islands” Event

Students enrolled in Pacific Islands Studies (PI) at CCSF and CSM will present projects and performances integrating what they've learned in their courses. This collaboration of PI Studies students from CCSF and CSM is meant to foster a sense a community and to bring together elders, parents, relatives and friends from our Pacific Islander communities. The event will be held at CSM in the Bayview Dining Room on December 16.

Mathematics Department Launches “Problem of the Month” Contest

The Mathematics Department has started a Problem of the Month competition. The problem chosen each month can be solved using mathematics skills and techniques learned in intermediate algebra or lower. The intention of this program is to engage students in mathematics outside the classroom, getting them to think about problems that aren't directly related to a certain textbook or course. These problems require the students to synthesize knowledge from multiple topics to come to a complete solution. Student winners receive a \$100 gift certificate. <http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/math/>

Former Student Boryana Dineva Promoted to Vice President

CSM alumna Boryana Dineva was recently promoted to Vice President of Human Resources at the Wikimedia Foundation. Boryana’s previous position was the Head of Human Resource Data Analytics at Tesla Motors. Boryana transferred from CSM to UC Berkeley where she earned a bachelors in business administration in 2008.

CSM Sustainability Committee working for CSM to become Bee Campus USA Certified

The Sustainability Committee is working with District Facilities to designate CSM as an official “Bee Campus USA”. The intent of this initiative is not to attract more bees to the campus; rather, it is designed promote sustainable practices that do not harm the existing bee population. CSM would be the first educational institution in California to receive this honor. <http://www.beecityusa.org/>

Photo of the Month: Family Science Day

