



College of San Mateo President's Report to SMCCCD Board of Trustees

CSM Awards Record Number of Degrees and Certificates

The College celebrated its 94th Commencement on May 27. CSM awarded 1,947 degrees and certificates for the 2015-16 academic year. The College has increased its degree and certificate awards by 173% over the last five years. Former student-athlete Hansen Sekona was the commencement speaker and former student-trustee Rupinder Bajwa was the student speaker. International students representing 12 different countries were among the graduates. Just under 200 associate degree students attended the event and the gym was filled to capacity with family and friends. The college also held separate ceremonies for the MANA, Nursing, Dental Assisting, and Middle College High School programs.

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A Successful Year for CSM Honors Program

It has been a good year for the CSM's Honors Program. During the year the college received UCLA's Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) certification. As a result, students completing CSM's honors program receive priority admission from UCLA. Also, CSM had 9 of 11 student proposals accepted at the annual Regional Honors Symposium held at UC Berkeley. CSM's interdisciplinary program is unique because a seminar/research approach is employed. This methodology prepares students well for upper-division and graduate work. According to former honors student Derek Plemons:

"At Cal I used what I learned in the Honors Project class many times. I remember going to a discussion where three of us talked about our experience in the CSM honors program. I said that I thought it was a great introduction into more intensive research that I would be getting into at Cal. One book that we read, Ways of Seeing, proved to be a valuable resource in many of my rhetoric classes. Professors and graduate students were impressed that I not only knew of this book but had read it in an honors course at community college. I think that speaks to the high quality of CSM's Honors Project."

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

CSM Digital Media Students Featured in International Competition

Ten Digital Media students were chosen to have their work included in "Show Us Your Type: Berlin Revisited 2016", an international typography exhibit featured in Berlin and online. Students Kenny Dong, Sweetie Nagar, Milena Radunovic, Christine Taylor, Marianna Boucher, Dulce Palmisano, Milithza Moran, John Carungay, Jamie Lanier, and Shiva Kamali created their own fonts while promoting the city of Berlin, as part of a typography assignment. While clearly stating the word "Berlin", each piece displays its own unique style, ranging from minimal and clean to bold and colorful. The students' work is featured with the work of hundreds of professional and amateur graphic designers from around the globe. All of the students are enrolled in a class taught by associate professor Vera Fainshtien.

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

Another Successful Jazz on the Hill

CSM hosts many popular public events. In fact, the College regularly draws about 2,000 visitors per week. The most popular annual event at the College is Jazz on the Hill, which is organized and produced by KCSM. This year's Jazz on the Hill was another success and drew about 3,500 visitors throughout the day. Headliner Charlie Musselwhite thrilled the crowd with his renowned blues playing. The event also featured younger performers from closer to home in the form of the SFJAZZ High School All Stars Combo and the San Francisco Latin Jazz Youth Ensemble.

<http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/news/index.php/2016/06/01/jazz-returns-to-the-hill-kcsms-annual-festival-draws-variety-of-renowned-musicians/>

CSM Baseball Players Drafted

Congratulations to three former Bulldogs who were drafted recently: Miles Mastrobuoni (Tampa Bay Rays), Ryan O'Malley (Atlanta Braves) and Jarrett Costa (Oakland Athletics). Three other former Bulldogs are currently playing in the major leagues: Scott Feldman (Houston Astros), Daniel Nava (Anaheim Angels), and Joe Biagini (Toronto Blue Jays)

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

Professors Belize and Titus Featured in Recent Stanford Publication

The Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education (SPICE) serves as a bridge between Stanford University and K–12 schools and community colleges by developing multidisciplinary curricular materials on international topics. Professors Tania Belize and Michele Titus participated in the EPIC Fellowship program this year with the goal of internationalizing the curriculum in their respective disciplines. The work of each professor was featured in a recent SPICE publication: <http://spice.fsi.stanford.edu/news/engaging-community-college-faculty>



Photo of the Month: Student Speaker Rupinder Bajwa