



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

Family Science, Astronomy and Maker Day

The Math/Science Division and the Library hosted their annual Family Science, Astronomy and Maker Day on October 8. As always, the event was well-attended and included a number of demonstrations and hands-on activities for young scientists and makers. Faculty and students presented interesting and engaging demonstrations such as "Color Awesome", "Stars and Constellations for Kindergartners", "The Comet Chef" and "As your Blood Flows".

The CSM Library is the first California Community College library to establish a Maker Space. The CSM Library offered maker activities such as: "Make a Star Globe", "Build and Create with Legos", 3-D Printing, and many other hands-on activities. The day concluded with a lecture by Dr. Peter Beyersdorf, Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy at SJSU. Dr. Beyersdorf is a former member of the LIGO Science Collaboration and researcher at the TAMA300 gravitational wave detector. Dr. Beyersdorf discussed the concept of gravitational waves and the events that led to the discovery of the first gravitational wave.

Student Veterans Conference

October 8 was a busy day at CSM. In addition to the Family Science, Astronomy and Maker Day, the college's Student Veterans of America Chapter (SVA) hosted the Student Veterans Leadership Conference. Over 250 student veterans from many different colleges attended the event. The day started with talks by Walter Tillman, Vice President of Programs for the national SVA organization, and Greg Call, Director of Veteran Programs at LinkedIn. Over 20 breakout sessions were held throughout the day. CSM's chapter of the SVA received substantial sponsorship from LinkedIn.

Year One Family Night

CSM continues to implement its Year One Program. Year One is CSM's promise program and is coupled with a comprehensive first year success program. Borrowing from best practices of other successful programs such as Puente, Umoja, and Mana, the Year One Program hosted a dinner for Year One students and their families. Information about the program was provided to families followed by a panel discussion with current and former CSM parents. Year One families had the opportunity to meet Allie Fasth, CSM's Year One Coordinator, as well as key faculty, counselors, classified staff members, and administrators.

Contemporary African Art

CSM art instructor Sue Matthews gave a presentation about contemporary African art from her recent trip to Dakar, Senegal. Every two years the city of Dakar hosts DAK'ART, the biggest pan-African and international art exhibit in Africa. Sue exhibited 8 paintings in DAK'ART in May 2016. While in Senegal Professor Matthews met and photographed artists and their work, as well as surrounding landscapes, architecture and fashion. The CSM Art Club sponsored the event.

Ice Cream Social

CSM Administrators served up big scoops of ice cream on a beautiful fall day to welcome new CSM faculty and classified staff. In addition, the college honored faculty and administrators with 10, 20, 30 and 40 years of service. Charles Ferguson, a popular Music faculty member was the college's 40 year honoree. The college honors classified staff in the summer at the annual Classified Staff lunch.

October Professional Development Activities

The college has developed a comprehensive professional development program that is open to the entire campus community. Workshops are conducted throughout the academic year. The following workshops were held in October:

Mindset 4.0 Workshop

The college's Center for Academic Excellence sponsored a Mindset 4.0 workshop recently. Mindset 4.0 is another important component of the college's Year One Program. Mindset 4.0 is based upon the "Habits of Mind" framework, which is a series of best practices that describe the dispositions that students need to succeed in college and career. Mindset 4.0 strategies are imbedded in the college's Year One program. In addition to learning how "Habits of Mind" have been infused campus-wide, workshop participants learned about a range of classroom examples that develop habits of mind dispositions.

Creating a Trans-Affirming Campus

As part of LGBTQ+ History Month, a series of events are being sponsored by DIAG/Equity Committee and several other campus entities. The first of the events is a workshop for faculty, staff and administrators titled: "Creating a Trans-Affirming Campus". Nationally known presenter and author Willy Wilkinson provided tools for creating a trans-affirming campus life climate by exploring the range of transgender identities and experience, and identifying how to create a respectful campus environment. The workshop covered health, educational, and legal issues that impact trans people in campus settings, and identify best practices for systemically supporting trans students and colleagues.

Transfer Services Ramping Up to Serve Students

October is always a busy month for CSM Transfer Services and Transfer Center Coordinator Mike Mitchell. Applications to most transfer institutions are due by November 30. During the month of October the CSM Transfer Center sponsored several recurring transfer events including application workshops, personal statement workshops, and other events. In addition, several universities held a total of 15 on-campus counseling sessions including UC Davis, San Francisco State, UC Berkeley, and Cal State East Bay – CSM's most popular transfer destinations.

CSM Hosts San Mateo Leadership 25th Anniversary Dinner

The College recently hosted the 25th Anniversary Dinner for the San Mateo Area Leadership program. Approximately 200 people attended. According to newspaper columnist and former San Mateo Council member Sue Lempert the graduates of the leadership program are a "veritable who's who of mid-peninsula leaders". Over 700 individuals have graduated from the program over the last 25 years. State Senator Jerry Hill emceed the event. CSM hosts the program's education day each year. In addition, there are several CSM graduates among the 700 Leadership alumni.

Photo of the Month: Family Science Day with the "Comet Chef"



Event Calendar

<http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar/events/>

College Events

October 28

Meet the Student Ambassadors

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

BLDG 17, Room 112, Center for Student Life

November 2

Dia de los Muertos Community Celebration

Presented by the CSM Puente Project

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

College Plaza

November 11

The Sky Tonight

Free Planetarium Show

Fri Nov 11, 2016

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

BLDG 36 - Planetarium

Athletic Events: Home Games

10/29 – 1:00 pm Football vs. CCSF

11/4 - 6:00 pm Basketball vs. Hartnell

11/9 - 6:30 pm Volleyball vs. Chabot

11/12– 1:00 pm Football vs. DVC