



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

Student Support: Post Election

CSM is building on existing programs and services to help students most impacted by the results of the 2016 presidential election. Among other things, the Multicultural Center has held workshops for AB540 and undocumented students, the Puente Project has sponsored conversations regarding post-election concerns, the Multicultural Center has sponsored QT Chats for LGBTQIA+ students and staff, and the Associated Students will hold a de-stress week as students prepare for finals. The college will continue to plan strategically in collaboration with the District and our sister colleges to assist students and to address their concerns. <http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/multicultural/>

CSM Students Shine in Math League Competition

Twenty-six CSM students participated in the national Math League Competition. As a team, CSM placed 11th in the nation. CSM's top scorer, Shuai Xue, placed fifth nationally. CSM faculty members Bob Hasson Jay Lehmann, Mel Hom, and Shawn Westmoreland served as proctors for the competition. <http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/math/>

Music Program Hosts Annual High School Jazz Festival

Music professor Mike Galisatus did a fantastic job in organizing CSM's 20th annual High School Jazz Festival. CSM's special guest artist was acclaimed trumpeter Jeff Jarvis. Mr. Jarvis has appeared with jazz legends such as Dizzie Gillespie, Louie Bellson, Joe Lovano, Henry Mancini, and Doc Severinsen. He can also be heard on many recordings with well-known recording artists. Mr. Jarvis also held a jazz clinic for an enthralled group of CSM and high school students. Participating high schools included: Half Moon Bay, El Camino, San Mateo, Serra, Archbishop Riordan, Carlmont, Las Lomas, Albany, Acalanes, Aragon, Northgate, Hillsdale, Homestead, Valley Christian, Woodside, and Menlo-Atherton. The CSM Jazz band also performed. <http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/music/>

Larry Owens Selected as Coach of the Year

Coach Larry Owens helped guide to Bulldogs to a CSM first: an undefeated season in the Bay 6 Conference--one of the toughest conferences in the country. As a result, Coach Owens was recognized as the Bay 6 Conference Coach of the Year. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs lost to Butte College in the opening round of the NorCal playoffs, a game that was close through much of the contest. CSM had won their previous game with Butte earlier in the season. As always, several student-athletes are currently weighing scholarship opportunities at universities throughout the country. <http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/football/>

SMCCCD Foundation and CSM Nursing Program Partner for Alumni Event

Approximately 2,200 nurses have graduated from CSM's Nursing Program over the years. Recently, the SMCCCD Foundation and the Nursing Program teamed up to host an event to recognize our Nursing alumni. The event was held at CSM and was very well-attended. Several alums commented that the program has always been of very high quality and that CSM nursing graduates are well-respected in the profession.

CSM Supports Transfer Students

CSM has been recognized in a variety of independent publications as a first-rate transfer institution. Part of the reason for this designation are the high-quality services made available to students through the Transfer Center and other college departments. November 30 is a key deadline for students who wish to transfer to a UC or CSU. As a result, the college provided an impressive array of support services to students during the month that included application workshops, personal statement workshops, onsite counseling visits with UC and CSU representatives, personal statement review and editing assistance by the English Department, and direct assistance with application completion by the Learning Center. <http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/transfer/>

Former CSM Baseball Player Appears on Jimmy Fallon Show

Former CSM pitcher and current Toronto Blue Jays reliever Joe Biagini had his “15 minutes of fame” on a recent Jimmy Fallon show. Biagini was in the audience but Fallon ignored him while giving “high fives” to other members of the audience. When Fallon discovered that Biagini was a major league baseball player, he was invited back to the show to get a proper “high five” from Fallon. Scott Feldman, another CSM baseball alum, also plays for the Blue Jays. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUzY0-fbDjc>

Former CSM Student Serves as a White House Intern

Former CSM student Sarah Funes is serving as a White House intern. Recently, Sarah had the opportunity to meet Michelle Obama, which has been one of the highlights of Sarah’s time at the White House. Sarah transferred from CSM to UC Berkeley and will resume her studies after the first of the year.

Library Participates in Food for Fines

The CSM Library joined other members of the Peninsula Library System in the “Food for Fines” program. The Food for Fines program encourages patrons to donate non-perishable foods. Outstanding Library fines for late materials are waived in exchange.

*Photo of the Month:
Larry Owens: Bay 6 Coach of the Year*

