



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

### **CSM Celebrates Black History Month**

CSM's Umoja students did a fantastic job in organizing CSM's Black History Month. The students' motto was *CSM Umoja Students step back into history for the inspiration to lead us into a brighter future!* Activities and presentations have included:

- Davey D "Hardest Working Man in Hip Hop" - Q&A
- Blues Guitar Seminar with Professor Rudy Ramirez
- Black Economics Matter: A Historical Perspective with Professor and SBDC Coordinator Robert Shoffner
- Personal Story and Journey into Medicine as a Black Woman with Dr. Renee Navarro, Vice Chancellor, UCSF
- Rape of the Congo: From King Leopold to Present
- A Discussion with Dan Daniels Sr., Coastal Director of the NAACP
- Mapping Black Re-Presentation in Everyday Life with Ameer Hassan Loggins
- Open Mic featuring Prentice Powell
- History of Black and Brown Alliance with Dr. Frederick Gaines
- Movie Thursdays at the Village

Dr. Frederick Gaines and Professor Jeramy Wallace coordinate and teach in the [Umoja program](#) and were instrumental in helping students organize [Black History Month](#).

### **CSM Sponsors Day of Remembrance-75 Years Later**

CSM Veterans Services and the entire college community commemorated the 75th anniversary of the relocation and internment of Japanese Americans per Executive Order 9066. The event included an interfaith blessing, Taiko drumming, spoken word and a panel featuring survivors, descendants, historians, and social justice advocates followed by a short Q&A.

### **Coach Larry Owens Recognized**

College of San Mateo football coach Larry Owens was recently honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award and Proclamation from the City of East Palo Alto for his years of service to the community. The proclamation was presented by Mayor Larry Moody. Coach Owens also received proclamations from the SMCCCD Board of Trustees, the California State Senate, and the California State Assembly. "Coach O" was joined by his mother and his wife on stage during the event. Many CSM alums were invited to speak on how Coach Owens has influenced their lives. Coach Owens and his staff held a free youth football camp after the event.

### **Julian Edelman Wins Second Super Bowl Ring**

Former CSM quarterback Julian Edelman has won his second Super Bowl ring after the New England Patriots defeated the Atlanta Falcons in a thrilling Super Bowl. Edelman is now the Patriots all-time leading receiver in post-season play. Julian had a very productive season, which was capped off by one of the best catches in Super Bowl history. Edelman joins Coach Bill Walsh, another former CSM quarterback, with multiple Super Bowl rings. Finally, Patriot fans should be very thankful to College of San Mateo. Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady, the quarterback throwing all those passes to Edelman, was coached by none other than Hall of Fame Coach Tom Martinez. A total of 18 Super Bowl rings are now held by former CSM players and coaches.

### **Former CSM Student Ed Roberts Featured by Google**

Google often changes its home screen to honor a particular person or event. Former CSM student Ed Roberts was [featured by Google recently](#). In 1953 Mr. Roberts was paralyzed from the neck down after a bout with polio. Roberts wanted to attend UC Berkeley after graduating from high school. However, he was denied admittance because of his disability. Fortunately, CSM admitted Mr. Roberts and he enjoyed great success at the college. Roberts later transferred to Berkeley from CSM. Mr. Roberts is often called the father of the Independent Living movement. His career as an advocate began when a high school administrator threatened to deny him his diploma because he had not completed driver's education and physical education. Ed spent his career advocating for disability rights and is the former Director of Rehabilitation for the State of California.

### **CSM Wins Bronze Medal in International Physics Competition**

The University Physics Competition is an international contest for undergraduate students. Students worked in teams of up to three at their home colleges and universities from all over the world. Each team spent 48 hours during a weekend analyzing an applied scenario using the principles of physics. Students also wrote a formal paper describing their work. CSM's team of Denghui Chen, Lok Ching Lui, and Ke Lu were one of the teams recognized with a bronze medal. Our students competed against upper-division students from world-class universities. We are very proud of our students given the level of competition. Professor Mohsen Janatpour helped to coordinate the students' participation in the event.

*Photo of the Month: Coach Owens honored by those he has impacted the most*

