



President's Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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First Nonprofit Career Summit & Job Fair Connects Students and Community



The first annual Thrive Nonprofit Career Summit & Job Fair took place at College of San Mateo on February 15, 2017. The event featured 32 exhibitors, several speakers, and drew over 100 student and community attendees. Based on a survey, the majority of participants reported that CSM was an excellent venue for this event. In general, the majority of attendees viewed the quality of exhibitors as excellent and almost all plan to return next year. In one respondent's words, "I loved the community building aspect of the event. It was great to connect with other nonprofits and build relationships with folks that want to transition their careers into the nonprofit field."

Overall, it was a great experience, and we look forward to working with our nonprofit partners again in the future! ■

Speaker Series Brings Global Perspectives

CSM launched its new Global Speaker Series in Spring 2017, bringing speakers with expertise in area studies and global issues to our college. This campus-wide initiative explores global topics through five thematic areas: economic development; climate & environment; cultural identity & place; global health; arts, media, and social change.



“The Global Speaker series has been adopted in more than 10 courses at CSM and students complete assignments designed around the speaker topics being presented. It is an innovative model that integrates the Global Speaker Series within the academic fabric of our college and brings opportunities for intellectual rigor and deeper engagement in global topics,” says Danni Redding Lapuz, Stanford EPIC Fellow and international education program manager at CSM.

Over 100 students and faculty have attended each of the first two weekly speaker sessions, which began in March. “The Global Speaker Series allows our students, who may not have the opportunity to study abroad, to hear from experts in a variety of fields and disciplines that have global impacts on our world. We are essentially bringing the world to our students,” Redding Lapuz explains.

The Global Speaker Series was created through the Stanford EPIC Fellowship Program in partnership with CSM, Foothill and DeAnza Colleges, which aims to internationalize community college curriculum. Funding support for the program was provided through a CSM President’s Innovation Fund Grant.

The Global Speaker Series is free and open to the public.

Tuesdays, March 7 – April 11 from 5:00–6:00 pm in College Center, Building 10, CSM.

For a complete listing of upcoming speakers and topics, visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/GlobalSpeakerSeries. (Article and images contributed by Danni Redding Lapuz) ■

Softball Triumphs Over West Valley, Ends Streak

After outscoring opponents 57-0 in March, CSM’s softball streak came to an end—briefly—on Tuesday. Visiting West Valley College scored first, in the second inning, before the Bulldogs “rallied” with 11 runs in the third frame to take a 11-1 mercy rule (5-inning) victory.

Madison Mercer remained unbeaten with her ninth victory on the mound. Leadoff hitter Allie Stines recorded a line of two’s: hits, runs, and RBIs—and had CSM’s only



extra base hit, a double. Kristen Kowaki and Lauren Quirke also had two hits apiece. Gaby Zucchiatti, Meagan Wells, and Alicia Ortega each had a pair of RBIs.

With the best record and top-ranking in Northern California, San Mateo is now 19-2 and 5-0 in the Coast North Conference. West Valley fell to 6-13 and 1-5 in the Coast South.

The Bulldogs play another Coast crossover game on Thursday, hosting Monterey Peninsula College (12-5, 3-2) at 3 p.m. (Article contributed by Andreas Wolf) ■

Black History Month Celebrations Inspire

By Dr. Frederick L. Gaines, Ethnic Studies Professor and Umoja Co-Coordinator

This year's African American History Month was a tremendous success from the perspective of the Umoja students who helped coordinate it and the many students and staff who either participated or attended the events. There were a variety of speakers, activities and events. As one of my colleagues stated, "there seemed to be something going on every day." In reality, there was something happening nearly every day of the month of February. Professor Jeramy Wallace and I are extremely proud of the commitment and sacrifice of our Umoja students in cohort three as well as the alumni who pitched in to help.

Most of our lectures or presentations had anywhere from 25 to 58 students and staff in attendance. The largest was for the dynamic spoken word artist, Prentiss Powell, who drew more than 200 students and staff to his spoken word event in College Center, Building 10 on the main stage.

This year we had the famous DJ, hip hop scholar, and activist Davey D, who mesmerized a classroom of approximately 55 students with his life experience in the South Bronx during hip hop's infancy. He went on to describe his work with some of the most important artists responsible for the development of this new phenomena, at the time.

Dr. Renee Navarro was inspirational as well as informative as she recounted her life growing up in the deep south in segregation but armed with a dream, confidence, and the faith that she would someday beat all the odds and become a medical doctor. She is presently the only black woman vice chancellor in the UCSF system and is continuing



to play a critical role in helping the medical college live up to its commitment to equity and inclusion.

The other lecturers and presenters included myself, Professor Rudy Ramirez, Professor Robert Shoffener, Regional NAACP Coordinator Dave Daniels, and a panel discussion lead by Dr. Jeremiah Sims, our equity and inclusion director!

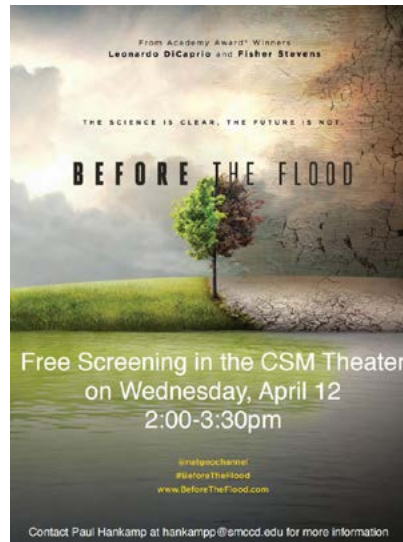
The ethnic studies and Umoja students are very grateful for the support that we received to successfully execute events during this very intense month. We are so appreciative of the student organizations that sponsored some of the speakers as well as the many volunteers who stepped up to help. Deans Laura Demsetz and Dr. Taylor and their support staff made up of Annie Theodos, Vijiyalakshmi Raman, and Deepthi Yellamraju are all part of the “team work that makes the dream work.” Finally, we want to thank the remarkable team in the Community Relations and Marketing Office who helped us pull off one of the best marketing campaigns that I’ve seen since I’ve been at CSM. None of this would be possible without the support of President Claire and of course, the board and we want to extend our thanks to you as well. ■

Earth Day Events Planned for April

The Sustainability Committee is doing a Garden Planting Party as part of the Cesar Chavez week of service on Thursday, March 30 from 11 am – 12:30 pm. The official wooden garden sign honoring Cesar Chavez is in production and will be installed by the end of the semester.

CSM Earth Day is shaping up to be a dynamic event, with over 15 community partners confirmed, and seven student groups confirmed. They are pleased to announce that the Mana students will be presenting their climate change research once again. This year will also include the UMOJA students for the first time.

As a kick off to the Earth Week festival, the committee members will be screening the film ‘before the flood,’ starring Leonardo DiCaprio in the CSM Theatre. (Article and image contributed by Paul Hankamp) ■



Student Government Descends on DC

During March 10–16, members of the ASCSM Senate and Advocacy Board visited Washington DC to attend the American Student Association of Community Colleges student conference. Over the course of the conference, they had the opportunity to participate in workshops focusing on community college student needs and issues. Additionally, they had chance to meet with the offices of several congressional leaders, including Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, Congresswoman Jackie Speier, and Congressman Eric Swalwell. In these meetings they focused on issues facing our students, including

increasing financial aid, expanding resources for veterans, funding for additional mental health services, and voicing the many challenges facing our DACA and immigrant students. While we were set to return from our trip on Tuesday, March 14, weather delayed our flight forcing us to stay until Thursday, March 16. (Article and photos contributed by Aaron Schafer) ■



US Ambassador to Speak at Commencement

CSM alumnus and former United States Ambassador Jeffrey D. Levine will give this year's commencement address. Levine was nominated to be the ambassador to Estonia by President Barack Obama in 2012 and served until 2015. Prior to his ambassadorship, Levine worked as a reporter for several years and was a founding staff member of USA Today.

Mr. Levine served as Deputy Chief of Mission/Chargé d’Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Budapest, Hungary from 2007–2010. In addition, he served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Sofia, Bulgaria and has also been posted to Brasilia, Brazil; Nicosia, Cyprus; Alexandria, Egypt; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and Lima, Peru.

Levine is a member of the Senior Foreign Service with the rank of Minister Counselor. At the time of his nomination, he had been the State Department’s director of recruitment, examination and employment since September 2010.

Levine has received numerous Department of State awards as well as the Golden Laurel Medal, presented by the Government of Bulgaria.

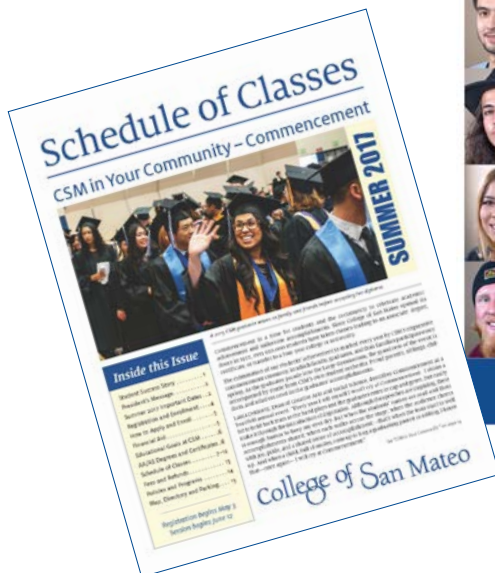
He and his wife, Janie, have one son, Nick. When asked for his personal motto in a 2009 interview in Hungary, Levine quoted American songwriter Jason Mraz: “Leap, and the net will appear.” (Photo source: Wikipedia) ■

Summer Schedule Now Available!

CSM’s summer schedule has arrived in our community’s mailboxes this past week. Of particular note, this edition of the schedule includes a wonderful full-page photo layout showcasing CSM’s diversity. The graphic, created by collaboration efforts within CSM’s Marketing Department, has gotten such positive feedback that many employees have requested to have posters made for their offices. ■



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Free Income Tax Preparation (VITA)

Saturdays, February 4 - April 1
(except February 18)
9:00 am - 12:30 pm
CSM South Hall Building 14, Room 104

Movies for Mental Health

Wednesday, March 29
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
CSM Theatre Building 3

Celebration of Color

30th Presentation of Art & Science
Friday, April 14
7:30-10:45 pm
CSM Theatre Building 3

CSM QT Chats

Presented by the Multicultural Center
Wed Apr 26, 2017
12:30-2:00 pm
CSM College Center Building 10, Room 421

Connect to College

A Night of Information for High School Seniors and Parents

Thursday, April 13, 2017 • 6-8 pm

Free and open to the public

College Center Building 10, College of San Mateo
1700 W. Hillsdale Boulevard, San Mateo, California

RSVPs received by April 3 will be eligible for a scholarship drawing. RSVP at collegeofsanmateo.edu/connectrsvp.

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