



President's Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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Solar Eclipse Celebration Draws Thousands



The first full eclipse since 1979 created a huge buzz among sky-gazers across the country, and more than 2,000 people gathered at College of San Mateo to view the eclipse on August 21st.

CSM's successful celebration took place in the Plaza of the Sun in front of the planetarium. Over 1,500 pairs of safe-viewing glasses were handed out to the excited participants. Fortunately, the fog stayed north of the campus and the viewing was ideal. Many celebrants were able to view the eclipse through specially-equipped telescopes or sun-spotters that were provided by the Astronomy Department. Darryl Stanford, CSM professor of astronomy, and one of the event's hosts, helped promote the celebration on social media, which included an insightful and informative Facebook interview. ■

CSM Career Programs Earn Five “Star” Awards in the First Year of the California Community Colleges Strong Workforce Initiative

Five career programs from College of San Mateo’s Division of Business & Technology were recognized with “Star” status by the California Strong Workforce initiative. Strong Workforce Stars is a new, annual commendation for career education programs, also known as career technical education (CTE), within California’s 114 community colleges. The new ranking recognizes colleges where students show significant gains in factors important for advancing social mobility – a substantial increase in earnings, attainment of a living wage, and/or employment in a job closely matched with the student’s field of study.

“The Business and Technology faculty have been working for years to develop high-quality career education programs, and I am so pleased to see those programs recognized as Strong Workforce Stars. These programs are preparing students to advance in their careers and to play vital roles in our Bay Area economy,” said CSMs Interim Dean of Business and Technology, Heidi Diamond.

The five CSM Strong Workforce Star programs are:

Advanced Manufacturing and Advanced Technology, Advanced Transportation and Renewable Energy, and Energy (Efficiency) and Utilities – Students who participate in these programs boost their earnings by 81%, and 92% attain the regional living wage.

CSM offers one of the only programs in the state that provides hands-on training in large-scale electrical power systems. Graduates get jobs with employers in 11 industry sectors, including Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), East Bay Municipal Utilities District (MUD), the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Lawrence Livermore Labs, Lockheed, Lam Research, Siemens, Chevron and Tesla.

Management – CSM earned recognition in the Small Business sector for its Management program, which includes certificates in Human Resources Management, Project Management, and Retail Management. 100% of students who participate in this program get a job in their field of study.

Small Business/Entrepreneurship – CSM earned Strong Workforce Stars recognition in the Small Business sector for its entrepreneurship courses. Students who participate in these courses boost their earnings by 65%, and 94% of students who participate in this program get a job in their field of study.

More than 100 career education programs delivered by 65 institutions in the California Community Colleges system have earned a spot among the ranks of Strong Workforce Stars for their successes in helping students increase their earning power and social mobility.

For more information about the Strong Workforce initiative, visit doingwhatmatters.cccco.edu. ■

Architect Professor's Home Listed in National Register

A house designed and built by William Whiffler, former CSM professor of architecture, has been entered into the National Register of Historic Places.

Whiffler, along with Paul Zimmerman, created the architectural program at CSM. He had a very limited practice and did just a handful of projects in his lifetime, which also includes the Burlingame City Hall. His best work was the tiny house

on Drake Avenue, built for his mother in Burlingame, which is now the only home in Burlingame on the National Register of Historic Places.

The creatively-designed property is the only home in Burlingame to gain such recognition.

http://www.smdailyjournal.com/news/local/burlingame-home-deemed-historic/article_6c574efa-87be-11e7-b9bf-8fc4a72c2abd.html ■



KCSM Music Director Wins 2017 JazzWeek Programmer of the Year Award



KCSM programmer Jesse "Chuy" Varela is the 2017 recipient of JazzWeek's Bobby Jackson Award, which recognizes a jazz programmer's professionalism, programming abilities, and contribution to jazz radio. "The Bobby Jackson Award is a big deal for KCSM and it's

great how much the school district values it,” says Varela. This award, which is honored on an annual basis, was created after the passing of Bobby Jackson, an influential jazz programmer and educator. Amongst several other awards, the Bobby Jackson Award was honored by JazzWeek on August 10 at the JazzWeek summit in San Jose.

Varela, who is the host of Latin Jazz and Jazz in the Afternoon, says, “The Bobby Jackson Award is a huge, personal honor because Bobby mentored me, throughout my career, and was such a special guy in jazz radio. He was passionate about educating people on jazz and interacting with listeners. So, we try to do the same things here, at KCSM, and I think this award is a reflection of those efforts.”

Varela has been working for KCSM since the mid-1980s and became the music director in 2000. In addition to his work with KCSM, Varela supervises the digitization of KJAZ’s vinyl records, a now-defunct jazz station that was based in Alameda. He also writes music reviews and liner notes for publications like the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Latin Beat Magazine*, and *JazzTimes*.

Furthermore, Varela feels that, “KCSM has a responsibility to jazz music and its listeners. The public’s support drives us forward, while we have the privilege to share some of world’s greatest jazz programmers and musicians with them.” When asked about the future of KCSM, Varela laughed, “I hope we can evolve the station, bring new talent in, and possibly find the next Chuy.” ■

CSM Hosts Cybersecurity Camp



Cybersecurity is a fast-growing Information Communication Technology profession and major international issue. With that in mind, CSM has joined other schools in holding a Cybersecurity Summer Camp for middle school and high school students. The one-week, fast-paced, hands-on computer and network security class meets for 5 days, and is free of charge.

The attendees had the opportunity to form into teams and compete in a cybersecurity competition. Two of CSM’s teams won the cybersecurity competition among 25 teams in the Bay Area. The third CSM team got to the “finish line” soon thereafter, making CSM the first college in the Bay Area where all teams staved off the simulated cyber-threats in the allotted time!

The camp is taught by two IT professionals who have experience in network security and cybersecurity. Since 93% of employers report a gap between current and desired skills of ICT staff, this is a field which many information technology students may wish to move into. The training covers security for personal computers, personal devices and computer networks. CyberPatriot, the National Youth Cyber Education Program, runs the camp and is sponsored by the Air Force Association and the Northrup Gumman Foundation, which are independent nonprofits.

This year, the camp filled up quickly, with 37 students in all. Students also have the option of moving onto forming teams and competing in local, regional, and national cybersecurity competitions. ■

CSM Professor Wins 2017 David Lewis Award

Alcohol and Other Drug Studies Professor and Department Chair Angela Stocker has been chosen by the San Mateo County Mental Health and Substance Abuse Recovery Commission to receive the 2017 David Lewis Award Recognizing Outstanding Contributions towards Recovery. This award is given to those who have made an extraordinary difference in the lives of people with substance abuse disorders and the San Mateo County community.

The presentation was held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 in honor of Recovery Happens Month at 4:00 p.m. at the San Mateo County Health System in San Mateo. ■

CSM Baseball Players Earn Sizable Scholarships

CSM Baseball announced 14 players will be transferring to four-year universities this year. 13 of them earned scholarships totaling \$242,600 for an average scholarship worth \$18,660.

Division I

Ray Soderman: University of Oregon*
Anders Green: Dallas Baptist University*
Dalton Gomez: University of Nevada-Reno*
Drew Reveno: St. Louis University*
Mitch Zamora: Eastern Kentucky University*
Dominic Smith: University of Illinois-Chicago
Daniel Page: Hofstra University*

Division II

RJ Prince: UC San Diego*
Mark Quinby: UC San Diego*
Brandon Hernandez: University of Nebraska-Kearney*
Andreas Papageorge: Palm Beach Atlantic University*
Roger Kruse: Fort Hayes State*

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Nick Adgar: Menlo College*
Wyatt Nebe: Menlo College*

** Denotes scholarship earned*

ASCSM Welcome Week



To kick off the Fall 2017 semester, the Associated Students of CSM hosted Welcome Week between Tuesday, August 29, and Thursday, August 31. The event featured free food from local restaurants, an interactive video game truck, and other activities. Students were also given free backpacks, water bottles, and other ASCSM-themed giveaways. Members of student government used the opportunity to introduce themselves to their peers, learn about concerns that students had going into the new academic year, and encourage students to become involved in leadership activities. Via a short survey, the student government collected feedback from students. The group will use this information to inform their priorities and goals over the next year. (Submitted by Fauzi Hamadeh) ■