



President’s Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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CSM Rally in Support of DACA



On Wednesday, October 4, the CSM community came together in a display of strength and solidarity in support of students impacted by the White House’s decision to end the DACA program. Organized by the Associated Students of CSM, the CSM Multicultural and DREAM Centers, and the CSM Democrats, the rally also sent the message that the campus community stands united against hate, discrimination, and intolerance in any form. The event included testimonials by CSM Dreamers and a speech by UC Berkeley Dreamer Juan Prieto. This is the first in a series of events that the Associated Students plan to host over the next year to celebrate, embrace, and promote issues of social justice, equity, and diversity at CSM. (Submitted by Fauzi Hamadeh) ■



Photos by Julio A. Ruggiero

Science Festival Wows Attendees



The Division of Math & Science, along with several CSM and community clubs and organizations, celebrated the Family Science & Astronomy Festival and Makerspace on Saturday, September 30. Children and adults alike were able to do hands-on explorations of live animals, chemistry experiments, robotics, a fossil dig, and much more! Keynote speaker Dr. Jeffrey Cuzzi of NASA spoke about the Cassini mission to Saturn, and guests who stayed past dark were treated to an actual view of Saturn through CSM's telescopes! Observatory visitors could also see the Moon, the Andromeda Galaxy, and the Butterfly Nebula. It was a wonderful community event for sharing our love of science with the public, and we are looking forward to doing it again next year! (Submitted by Rachel Cunningham) ■



Photos by Gino de Grandis

Project Change Honored with Award by Youth Law Center

Each year, the Youth Law Center honors several people who do the most critical work to improve the lives of children in the foster care and justice systems, quietly and behind the scenes. The



Center believes these are the real heroes in their work. This year, they honored CSM's Project Change team and the San Mateo Community College District for the really visionary work being done to ensure the educational success and aspirations of some of the youth who are often the most underestimated and forgotten. They were so impressed at the very holistic and thoughtful approach CSM is taking to build the bridge to higher education for youth who are most in need. They went on to say that the Project Change team is living exactly the type of leadership that inspires them as advocates, proving that systems can change and habilitate youth.

There is a ceremony to present the award in San Francisco on the evening of December 4. ■

CSM Helps Create Tool to Measure Success of Student-Athletes

CSM Dean of Kinesiology, Athletics, and Dance Andreas Wolf served on a team to create a new statewide scorecard for measuring academic achievement of student-athletes in the California community college system. The team unveiled the Cal Pass Athletic Scorecard at the Student Success Workshop on October 11 at the Hyatt Regency in Burlingame.



Photo courtesy of Andreas Wolf

In addition to Andreas, the team included Jennifer Vega La Serna (VPI, College of the Sequoias), Tim McGrath (VPI, San Diego Mesa), and Ken Sorey (Cal Pass Plus). The scorecard allows colleges to conduct a comparative analysis of the academic achievement student-athletes compared to the general student population on their respective campuses, compare their student-athletes to all student-athletes state-wide, and to drill down to understand demographic results (gender, ethnicity, sport, first-time versus continuing student, etc.) pertaining to student success. The scorecard can be found on the Cal Pass Plus website <https://www.calpassplus.org/CalPASS/ClientServices/Reporting/StudentAthletics.aspx>

CSM student-athletes demonstrate higher performance than CSM students as a whole. On average, they take more units, successfully complete more courses and have a higher GPA than their counterparts.

	2015/16		2014/15	
	Student Athletes	General	Student Athletes	General
Average student GPA	3.00	2.73	2.89	2.71
Average units attempted	30.33	10.96	30.51	10.61
Average successful units completed	25.03	9.60	24.98	9.25

The tool has been instrumental in providing data to the CCCAA (California Community College Athletic Association) as a means to make data-driven decisions and to support student-athlete success. ■

CSM Holds Career & Major Connections Fair



Photo by Julio A. Ruggiero

On October 2, professionals from various local companies attended CSM’s Career and Major Connections Fair to speak with students about their education and career experiences. The fair was well attended by representatives from Genentech and Oracle; many locally-owned small businesses; nonprofits including Caminar, The Small Business Development Center, and The Housing Leadership Council; and local government including the City of San Mateo and the San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD). They answered questions, offered advice, and discussed internships and other opportunities to help CSM students get where they want to go.

The event was well attended by students, and feedback from participants was positive and enthusiastic. A CSM alumnus of the Digital Music program was able to meet a sound engineer and owner of a recording studio, Forrest Lawrence. A student interested in international studies was able to meet with Zaid Ghori, director of special international programs at SMCCCD, to get information on the international internship

program. Prospective nurses were able to meet with CSM nursing alumnus and Long Term Acute Care and ER registered nurse, Angelique O'Connor. Students interested in real estate were able to speak to award winning realtors, Alejandro Lopez and Jessica Yau of Better Homes and Gardens, as well as real estate professor Marc Gottlieb. There were many more connections made and questions answered at this unique fair! (Submitted by Autumn Newman) ■

CSM Galas Celebrate Three Landmark Retirements

Jennifer Hughes, Vice President of Student Services



On October 4, CSM celebrated Jennifer Hughes' service to SMCCCD and 40-year career in education. The Santa Fe themed event was attended by nearly 200 guests from every college in the district and the District Office.

Retirees, Jennifer's spouse and personal friends joined the celebration as well. The program included speeches and musical performances by Jennifer's colleagues and closest friends including a serenade with Child Development Center children. A photo booth with props donated by LC Photography provided additional fun to the joyful occasion.

Jennifer was presented with a \$1000 gift certificate to her favorite spa in Santa Fe, New Mexico called Ten Thousand Waves. The gift was made possible by the generous contributions of faculty, staff and retirees. Jennifer's official last day is November 30.



Louise Piper, Mary Meta Lazarus Child Development Center Coordinator



Louise Piper's retirement party was held on September 21 at the CSM Child Development Center. The party was well attended by over 150 guests who came to celebrate and honor Louise for her commitment to children and families. Campus and District colleagues, community partners, and past families and staff were also in attendance. Louise served as a teacher in the Mary Meta



Lazarus Child Development Center for a few years before becoming the Coordinator in 1991. While guests were arriving, they were able to look at a unique natural photo board decorated with succulents put together by Kären Wiggins-Dowler. The board included photos from Louise's early days as a teacher, events she organized, awards she received, and many outings she had taken with her staff over the years to build team spirit and camaraderie. Before the program began, staff and parents presented Louise with a beautiful bench that would be placed in the front of the Child Development Center in her honor.

Jennifer Hughes, vice president of student services, served as the master of ceremonies and shared information about Louise's history at the college and her work at the Child Development Center.

After many speeches, the children and staff presented Louise with a special art collaboration that involved children carefully choosing sea glass, seashells, and rocks to form a wave. It was a wonderful celebration, just the way Louise wanted it to be, simple, elegant, and filled with love.

Dr. Henry Villareal, Dean of Enrollment Services



Dr. Henry Villareal was honored at his retirement party on September 26. Henry had been employed at CSM for the past 16 years as the dean of enrollment services. During his tenure, Henry was responsible for streamlining services in Admissions and Financial Aid by expanding the use of technology and self-service options for students. He was also integrally involved in the establishment of the Veterans Resource Center and expanding the International Students Program. Henry will always be remembered for his long-standing work with equity and social justice issues at the College. He served for many years as the chair of the Diversity in Action Committee and was instrumental in bringing a variety of speakers to CSM and helping to sponsor professional development activities all of which had a focus on diversity, inclusion, and equity.



At his retirement party, Henry was honored by many faculty and staff who spoke of his commitment to student success and continued efforts to address the achievement gap. A resolution recognizing Henry's numerous contributions at CSM was presented by Jeramy Wallace, president of the Academic Senate, on behalf of the Academic Senate, Classified Senate, and Student Senate. Henry was also presented with an award as "Champion of Equity and Diversity" and had a scholarship established in his name by student veterans.

Because of his love of theatre and musicals, the retirement party was centered around the musical "Rent". Performances were provided by a student from Nepal and students from the Mana program. Staff had calculated the number of minutes Henry worked at CSM and modified the lyrics to Seasons of Love to become "Two thousand twenty-five hundred six hundred minutes".

Henry's retirement plans include continuing his advocacy work, some serious "porch sitting, travel, and time with husband Mark and their two cats. ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall 2017 Health Fair

Wednesday, October 25 • 10 am – 2 pm
College Center Building 10, Bayview Dining

Disability Resource Center Open House

Part of Disability Awareness Month at CSM
Wednesday, October 25 • 12–2 pm
College Center Building 10, Room 120

Complicating Whiteness: Learning and Teaching in the Era of Trump

Part of CSM's Educational Equity Lecture and Workshop Series
Wednesday, October 25 • 1–3 pm
North Hall Building 18, Room 206

20th Annual John Noce Golf Classic

CSM Baseball Fundraiser
Friday, October 27 • 12–8 pm
Poplar Creek Golf Course

Jazz Under the Stars

Free Stargazing on CSM's Rooftop Observatory
Saturday, October 28 • 7–9 pm
Science Building 36, Rooftop Observatory

Computer Education Leaders in San Mateo County

Inaugural Meeting
Wednesday, November 1 • 4–6 pm
College Center Building 10, Room 468

From Community College to Graduate School and Beyond

Part of the Science-in-Action Speaker Series at CSM
Wednesday, November 1 • 5–6 pm
Science Building 36, Room 109

CSM Blood Drive

American Red Cross
Wednesday, November 8 • 10 am – 4 pm
CSM DaVinci Lot 3

CSM Ethnic Studies Professor,
Rudy "El Professor" Ramirez Presents

SOUL MUSIC EXPERIENCE

LIVE MUSIC BY
CAPTAIN CRUNCH
AND
THE SOUL BUNCH

Wednesday, November 8
7:30-9 pm
Theatre Building 3

Open to the public! Free parking is available in Beethoven lot 2. Refreshments will be served!

Suggested \$5 donation

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