



President's Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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CSM Awarded MESA Grant

CSM has secured a \$74,500 MESA grant (Math, Engineering, Science, Achievement) to expand services and academic support to educationally and economically disadvantaged students. The goal of the MESA program is to support student success and transfer to four-year universities for STEM majors.



In Fall 2016, of the 9,616 students enrolled, 6,337 (65.9%) were classified as economically or educationally disadvantaged. CSM was designated a Hispanic Serving Institution in 2014. Last year, the College was awarded a \$5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to increase the number of Hispanic and low-income students articulating to university in STEM majors (HSI-STEM grant). Much of this funding is going to facilities and curriculum enhancement, and professional development, with some directed to increasing tutoring and counseling support for students.

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The decision to pursue the MESA grant opportunity represents a logical progression in CSM's continued growth as a Hispanic-serving Institution. The timing is critical for CSM to implement solid interventions that are anticipated to make a meaningful difference in the lives of current and future Hispanic/Latino, low-income, and other disadvantaged students. We see MESA as the perfect next step to enhancing and maximizing student success for an even larger group of students. The MESA components provide a proven mechanism for identifying the MESA population and a network of services to allow students to excel.

CSM has strong partnerships and well-established relationships with local industry, local high schools, and science programs at area universities and throughout the state. The science and math faculty have a history of success with innovative partnerships, having successfully participated in several externally funded projects designed to promote student success among underrepresented groups in STEM disciplines. The College has committed significant human and financial resources to transfer and articulation and, when combined with MESA program funding, will help to ensure successful achievement of the project's realistic goals, outcomes, and activities.

(Submitted by Charlene Frontiera) ■

Nursing Students Achieve 97% NCLEX Pass Rate

The registered nursing program at CSM instituted a merit-based application process beginning with the 2015 application period. Once an applicant has fulfilled the basic requirements, he or she may also earn points based upon a number of criteria which are set by the State Chancellor's Office. The highest weighted numbers are attached to the overall GPA, followed by the subset GPA in the three biological sciences. The program had been awaiting the outcome of the class of 2017's first time passing rate.

For the first quarter of the reporting period from July 1 through the end of October, 2017, the NCLEX pass rate was 97%. The Board of Registered Nursing uses the annual pass rate as a critical outcome and benchmark for the program. *(Submitted by Jane McAteer) ■*

CSM Football Head Coach Larry Owens Retires

After more than a quarter of a century coaching football at CSM, Larry Owens has announced that this will be his last season. He retires after 21 seasons as head coach with a record of 129 wins and 90 losses, with 10 postseason bowl/playoff appearances. He has been named 2017 Bay 6 Conference Coach of the Year.

The Bulldogs have won 15 of their last 17 games and are scheduled to play American River College on Saturday, November 25 for the Northern California championship. The winner of that contest will play for the state championship.

Owens coached his last regular season home football game on Nov. 4 against Santa Rosa JC (CSM won 66-21). After the game, he was honored in a gathering of gridiron alumni in the CSM College Center.

Owens took a break from the top job from 2009-2015 but remained on the CSM staff, and retook the reins in 2016.

Before coming to CSM in the late 1980s, Owens coached at Woodside High School. He was an assistant coach at Humboldt State University for a



year, 1989-90, before returning to San Mateo as head coach in 1990. He also served springtime stints working for the NFL in Europe.

Owens is a graduate of Redwood City's Sequoia High School. He has a bachelor's degree in physical education from Cal State Fullerton and holds a master's degree in administration/physical education from St. Mary's College.

He was honored earlier this year by the City of East Palo Alto with a Lifetime Achievement award and proclamation for his years of service to the community. ■

Project Change Nick Jasso Addresses Governor Brown

On October 18, Project Change faculty, staff, and students presented at the Correctional Education Association conference in Sacramento. Project Change student leader

and CSM ambassador, Nick Jasso, had the great privilege of addressing Governor Jerry Brown and spoke regarding the need by our state and community colleges to recognize youth in the justice system as young people in need of pathways to higher education. Our team presented to representatives from around the state.



Governor Brown replied about the importance education holds for changing the lives of young people at such a critical juncture in their development.

Nick emphasized the important work our District is doing to make education accessible to youth in the justice system and encouraging a call to action to make this effort more wide-spread in the state. (Submitted by Katie Bliss) ■

Labyrinth Newsletter Wins NCHC Top Prize

In 2014, the *Labyrinth* newsletter, produced and published by CSM Honors Project students, won first place at the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) conference — a national contest that includes four-year university honors programs. Since then, the newsletter has transformed into a slicker, more sophisticated academic journal, featuring student writings and artwork from the CSM community at large. *Labyrinth* is published each semester by the Writers Project, the student club of the Honors Project.



Photo by David Laderman

This year, *Labyrinth* again won a top prize at the NCHC contest — second place. Honors Project faculty coordinator David Laderman, along with chief student editors Mondana Bathai and Gabriela Topete Eng Goon, flew to Atlanta in November to attend the conference, participate in a panel on “winning honors newsletters,” and receive the award at a ceremony. According to Laderman, “Even though *Labyrinth* is not a newsletter per se, it probably won because it’s so impressive as a student journal, and does serve, like a newsletter, to promote the creative and academic works of students. We in the Honors Project are extremely proud of the publication and this recognition—especially because the journal really is 100% produced by the students in the club and learning community. They are simply amazing.” (Submitted by David Laderman) ■

Stanford’s Global Studies Division Recognizes CSM Librarian’s Fellowship Project

CSM’s Stephanie Roach has been honored on Stanford’s Global Studies Division’s Facebook page for her fellowship research course project.

Stanford posted: “Stephanie Roach, Assistant Professor and Digital Resources Librarian at the College of San Mateo, redesigned her research course to explore how global

forces impact access to information & knowledge. Here's how she did it: <http://stanford.io/2zHj5AE> #IEW2017.”

Roach completed a fellowship at Stanford Global Studies in June 2016. The fellowship allowed her the opportunity to reenvision her introduction to research course so that it reflects the global nature of the information ecosystem and acknowledges the inequity within it.



In order to successfully navigate a complex information environment, students must interact with data, information, and technology despite rapidly changing conditions. In

so doing, they must come to recognize the issues that complicate discovery, use, and creation of information, including economic, social, legal, and ethical aspects. Global and local forces such as natural disaster or war that interrupt or prevent access to information, and techno-forces such as algorithmic editing of the web, the digital divide, and the spread of misinformation and disinformation online are explored by students in the course as they learn research strategy. Students are asked to challenge their own cognitive biases as they seek out diverse voices representing multiple points of view and a variety of stakeholders.

Roach's work on this project was presented at the 2016 Education Partnership for Internationalizing Curriculum Symposium at Stanford University, is featured on the Stanford Global Studies website, and in the August 2016 issue of the International and Foreign Language Education Newsletter from the U.S. Department of Education. Roach presented on topics developed for the project at CSM's World Village celebration in November 2016. ■

Housing Leadership Day Held on October 20

Housing Leadership Day is San Mateo County's premier housing policy conference, bringing together elected officials, business leaders, community activists, and the nonprofit housing community to design, refine, and build the public support needed for the policies that will address the root cause of the affordable housing crisis. Since affordable housing is a public health issue, housing instability has negative impacts on workers' and community members' health and quality of life, which is why the theme this year focused on the link between housing and health.

President Claire welcomed the attendees and stated that housing is major concern for students, faculty and staff. Don Horsley, San Mateo County Board President, opened

the program, and an introduction was done by Michael Lane, HLC Board President, followed by a keynote address by Steven Sust, Child Psychiatry Co-Chief Fellow at Stanford.

Morning workshops included:

- What is the advantage of “stand alone” affordable homes?
- How rent stabilization impacts homeowners
- Creative and effective community engagement for housing
- Practical steps to developing teacher housing: How to plan and develop teacher housing on a budget

The afternoon session included a keynote address by Melissa Jones, Executive Director at the Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative (BARHII), a Faith Perspective by Pastor Paul Bains, and Project WeHOPE HLA Award Recipient, Speaker pro Tem Kevin Mullin and featuring workshops on:

- Inside the tech world: How and why big employers are building housing
- Unlocking the potential of single-family lots through big data and modular construction
- Health at a larger scale: Walkable Communities ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

CSM Fall Dance Concert - Perspectives

Friday, December 1 • 1:30 pm

CSM Theatre Building 03

CSM Dance presents an entertaining production featuring performances from CSM's dance classes, Mills College, Mills High School Makers, Skyline College, Kirkpatrick's School of Dance and more!

CSM Jazz Ensembles Concert

Monday, December 4 • 7:30 – 9:30 pm

CSM Theatre Building 03

The award-winning College of San Mateo Jazz Ensemble will be performing traditional and contemporary jazz compositions and arrangements by Count Basie, Herbie Hancock, Wayne Wallace, Ray Brown and many others!

Winter Electronic Music Concert

Student Showcase Event

Wednesday, December 6 • 7 pm

CSM Theatre Building 03

A showcase of new music by CSM students in the Electronic Music Program. Performances cover a wide variety of musical styles: pop, classical, experimental, hip-hop, jazz, house, techno and electronica.

CSM Symphonic Band Concert

Thursday, December 7 • 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

CSM Theatre Building 03

The College of San Mateo Symphonic Band under the direction of Michael Galisatus will be performing works by Ralph Vaughn Williams, Frank Ticheli, Julie Giroux, Franco Cesarini and others.

Fall 2017 Honors Project Showcase

Friday, December 8 • 2 pm - 4 pm

CSM North Hall Building 18, Room 206

Students in CSM's Honors Project present their final projects in an inspiring display of academic pursuit and creative collaboration. Please join us for lively discussion and refreshments.

The Sky Tonight Planetarium Show

Secret Lives of Stars

Friday, December 8 • 7:30–9:30 pm

CSM Science Building 36, Planetarium

Come for a live presentation about what's visible in the night sky tonight, followed by a fulldome immersive movie about fascinating topics in astronomy!

Tom Martinez Invitational

Friday, December 15 • TBA

CSM Gymnasium Building 08

Women's basketball tournament. Come out and cheer on the Bulldogs!

CSM Basketball vs. Monterey Peninsula

Thursday, December 21 • 5 pm

Monterey Peninsula College

Come out and cheer on the Bulldogs!