

College of San Mateo

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CSM ALUM & GIANTS ANNOUNCER JON MILLER RECEIVES HALL OF FAME HONOR; VISITS CSM

Major League Baseball Announcer and CSM Alum **Jon Miller**, who started his broadcasting career by announcing CSM baseball, football and basketball games, is headed to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. Also known as the “Voice of the Giants,” Miller is the 2010 recipient of the prestigious Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually to recognize excellence in baseball broadcasting. In addition to calling the play-by-play for the San Francisco Giants since 1997, Miller has also announced games for the Baltimore Orioles, Boston Red Sox, Texas Rangers and the Oakland A’s, and has been a regular on ESPN’s Sunday Night Baseball telecasts for 20 years. He will be inducted at the historic Cooperstown museum during the Baseball Hall of Fame’s induction ceremonies in July.



John Miller & CSM broadcasting students

As a broadcast veteran of 30 years Miller has received numerous awards, including the National Sportscaster of the Year from the National Sportscasters Association in 1998 and was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association of America. As described by the San Francisco Giants website, he is “noted for his eloquent game description, golden voice and marvelous sense of humor.” When Miller broadcasts games that include former CSM baseball players he often mentions CSM, the athletic program and his connection to the college.



(Miller interviewed by broadcasting student)

As a student at CSM in the late 1960’s, Miller was a broadcasting major who learned his craft by hosting a classical music program as well as announcing the college’s sports events on KCSM-FM. He also interned with CSM’s sports information office and the Junior College Athletic Bureau, assisting Sports Information Director Fred Baer in keeping statistics on community college sports. *(continue on next page)*

CSM Alum & Giants Announcer Jon Miller Receives Hall of Fame Honor; Visits CSM (continued)

As a follow-up to this story, on February 17, Jon Miller returned to CSM to participate in the college's *Support CSM* campaign. KCSM taped a video clip of Miller advocating for CSM and the community colleges, which will be aired on KCSM-TV and will also be posted on the college website. Following the taping, he was interviewed by broadcasting students in a segment that will be shown on *The Bay Today*, the students' weekly newsmagazine (see article *Broadcast Students Produce Local Newsmagazine* in this report). During the interview, Miller spoke of the importance of his classes at CSM in teaching him about the use of language which he believes is the bedrock of his career. He also answered questions about his career in broadcasting and his outlook for the San Francisco Giants in the 2010 season.

PRESIDENT'S LECTURE SERIES HOSTS JAMES LOEWEN; MICHAEL POLLAN SLATED FOR MAY 12

On February 17, the President's Lecture Series presented **James Loewen**, award-winning sociologist, historian and bestselling author. Loewen spoke about how misinformation has often been reported as U.S history when in fact, it represents complete falsehoods. He is the author of *Lies My Teacher told Me: Everything Your High School History Textbook Got Wrong*, a retelling of U. S. history; the book won the 1996 American Book Award and the Oliver Cromwell Cox Award for Distinguished Anti-Racist Scholarship. On Wednesday, May 12, the series will welcome noted journalist and bestselling author **Michael Pollan**. He is author of *In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto*, and the companion book, *The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals*, which was named one of the ten best books of 2006 by the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*. Pollan is also the author of *The Botany of Desire: A Plant's Eye View of the World*, a *New York Times* bestseller that was the basis for a 2009 PBS-aired documentary by the same name. The presentation begins at 12:10pm in the Theatre. A reception and book signing will take place immediately following the lecture.



Michael Pollan (photo: Ken Light)

CSM PARTICIPATES IN TEACH-IN

Earlier this month, CSM students and faculty collaborated to organize teach in activities to increase awareness about the state budget crises and public education and to encourage others to get involved in the effort. The event was held over two days and was very well-attended by the college community. The program included a slate of faculty, students and alumni speaking about a myriad of topics related to community college education and financing. (Photos, left: students collect signatures; right: Angela Skinner-Orr, geography instructor addresses the audience)



CSM PRESENTS ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL

On Saturday, March 20, the Ethnic Studies Department will present an Asian Pacific American Film Festival in the Theatre. The event begins with an afternoon matinee featuring a series of California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP) films that show images of the Japanese-American concentration camp experience during World War II. This will be followed by an evening program that includes a sing-a-long version of "Colma: the Musical" by CSM alum **Richard Wong**, and a short documentary, "Big Drums: Taiko in the United States." Admission is free for the matinee; the evening program fee is \$5 for general admission and \$3 for senior/student. The festival is funded by a grant from the CCLPEP and coordinated by **Lewis Kawahara**, adjunct assistant professor of ethnic studies.



CSM ASTRONOMY DUO SELECTED TO CONDUCT NASA RESEARCH

CSM Professor of Astronomy **Darryl Stanford** and Lab Technician **Dean Drumheller** have been selected to participate in the NASA/Infrared Processing and Analysis Center Teacher Archive Research Program. They will be part of a team with **Sally Seebode**, a science teacher from San Mateo High School, and her students, in conducting sophisticated astronomy research on a mysterious binary star systems. The "San Mateo Team" will be working with Steve Howell from the National Optical Astronomy Observatory in

Tucson, Arizona. Stanford, Drumheller and Seebode are three of only 14 middle school, high school and community college faculty/staff members selected for the program nationwide. *(Photo: Drumheller and Stanford next to CSM's Chronos planetarium system)*

BROADCASTING STUDENTS PRODUCE LOCAL NEWSMAGAZINE

"*The Bay Today*," a half-hour weekly newsmagazine, which will air on KCSM-TV, is the newest production by CSM broadcasting students. The program features news headlines that are of local importance, as well as profiles of local people who contribute to making San Mateo County a better place to live and interviews with newsmakers or community leaders. Under the direction of **Michelle Brown**, associate professor of broadcasting, the production is a collaborative effort between students of the Studio Production and the Advanced Studio Production classes.

The Bay Today will preview on KCSM-TV on Saturday, March 12 at 4:30 pm and include the interview with Jon Miller (see article on first page of this report) *(Photo: Broadcasting students working on the audio for The Bay Today)*



KUDOS

★ To date, eight members of CSM's 2009 championship football team have signed letters of intent to play for the following four-year colleges and universities:

Eddie Elder	Arizona St. University
Matangi Tonga	University of Houston
Matt Pelesasa	Western Kentucky University
Eric Roberson	U. of Northern Arizona
Earl Joseph	William Jewell College
Jack Forbes	Portland State
Kameron Edwards	Lamar University
Andrew Moeaki	San Jose State University



Eddie Elder was named community college football's top defensive player in 2009 and selected as Defensive Player of the Year on the Coaches Association's All-America Team.

★ **CSM's Nursing Program** received a \$244,000 grant from the Peninsula Health Care District. The funds will support faculty salaries, supplies, equipment and clerical assistance.

★ The **Associated Students of CSM** and the **Office of Student Life** are supporting relief efforts for Haiti. They have been accepting donations that will go to CARE and the International Medical Corps.

VITA SITE OPENS

On February 6, CSM's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) opened for business in its new site in Building 14, Room 104. Twenty-eight CSM accounting students who have completed a 24-hour income tax training program are assisting students and community members by preparing and electronically filing both federal and State of California personal income tax returns. The service is free and clients receive one-on-one attention. The site is open Saturdays through March 27; it is anticipated that students will assist approximately 300 individuals. The center is supervised by **Donna Marcus**, an

accounting instructor, who volunteered a significant number of hours to develop the site. The service enables individuals to receive their entire refund quickly and accurately through the collaboration of CSM, United Way of the Bay Area, and the IRS. *(Photo: Accounting student VITA volunteers)*



COMMUNITY RALLIES TO HELP CSM STUDENT IMPACTED BY PLANE CRASH

After a plane crashed into her home in East Palo Alto last week, **Janisa Jones**, CSM student and basketball player and her family were suddenly homeless. The community has responded by establishing a trust fund (# 1890103461) for her family at California Bank and Trust, 1735 E. Bayshore Road, East Palo Alto. A donation has been made on behalf of CSM through the Foundation. An all-college email has been sent to make employees aware of the fund and encourage donations. In a show of remarkable resilience and determination, Janisa played her final home game the night following the crash and led the team to a 76-62 victory over Las Positas College. She had 12 rebounds, five assists, and 3 steals, scoring 11 points. KGO-TV aired a story about Janisa, which included footage of her playing at CSM earlier in the week. It can be viewed at <http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/video?id=7286100>



Janisa Jones

COLLEGE HOSTS BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

CSM Celebrated Black History Month with a number of special events sponsored by the Diversity in Action Group, Multicultural Center and Office of Student Life:

- ▶ A presentation by educators Dr. Jean Pierre Bayard and Reggie Jean-Gilles, both in Haiti days before the earthquake, discussed the history of their country and the aftermath of the disaster.

- ▶ A screening of Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr.'s PBS documentary *African American Lives*. Using historical public records and scientific DNA analysis, the film traces the genealogies of eight prominent African Americans to reveal meaningful truths about racial identity and shared humanity.

- ▶ A feast, the Karamu, celebrating the culture and cuisine of the African Diaspora.