

# College of San Mateo

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## **CSM STUDENTS HONORED AT SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION**

More than 400 students and members of the college community turned out on May 5 to celebrate outstanding student achievement at CSM's annual Scholarship Awards Reception. Following remarks by Mike Claire and Diana Bennett, Academic Senate president, the awards were presented to each of the scholarship recipients. With many of the donors in the audience, the event provided the opportunity for student honorees to meet with the donors that contributed to their scholarships. According to CSM's Financial Aid Office, 40 high school students and 194 CSM students received 322 scholarship awards totaling \$200,255. Following the ceremony, guests gathered to enjoy a wonderful buffet in the Fine Arts Courtyard provided by Pacific Dining. The event was organized by **Karen Chadwick, Claudia Menjivar, Dennis Tordesillas, Henry Villareal and Jennifer Hughes.**



## **A CELEBRATION OF RETIREES AND NEW TENURED FACULTY**

The Academic Senate hosted a reception that celebrated faculty retirees and new tenured faculty. This year's retirees include **Craig Blake, Kitty Brown, Dennis Claire, Ann Freeman, Jim MacDonald, Linda Phipps and Aisha Upshaw**, for a total of 191 years of service to the SMCCCD. Faculty members that received tenure status this year are **Martin Bednarek, Nicole Borg, Michelle Brown, Joyce Heyman, Jon Kitamura, Teresa Morris, Harutiun Nishanian and Kevin Sinarle**. The event was held in the newly renovated Office of Student Life. *(Photo: Mike Claire, Ann Freeman, Aisha Upshaw, Craig Blake and Diana Bennett)*

### **COLLEGE LAUNCHES NEW LITERACY PROGRAM**

The Child Development Center, Library and Athletic Department have teamed up to offer a “CSM Athletes as Readers and Leaders” pilot project. CSM athletes will read to children in the Child Development Center as a way to encourage reading and discussion about the importance of sports, exercise and academics. The project will also help athletes appreciate their influence as role models and provide them with an on-campus community service project that can be included in their resumes for academic or professional purposes.



Louise Piper, Lorrita Ford

**Louise Piper**, coordinator of child care services, **Lorrita Ford**, library director, **Bret Pollack**, head football coach, and **Bryan Gerbig**, library support specialist, are providing leadership for the project. To date, the sports that have expressed interest in participating include women’s softball, basketball, water polo and swimming, men’s football and water polo. The project will also link football players who are enrolled in the “Writing in the End Zone” learning community. “CSM Athletes as Readers and Leaders” is in the process of being launched this semester.

### **VITA PROGRAM WRAPS UP SUCCESSFUL TAX SEASON**

**Donna Marcus**, CSM accounting instructor and coordinator of CSM’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), reports that the program had a very successful tax season. Twenty-eight students who completed a

24-hour income tax training program assisted in the completion of 236 electronic returns and two paper returns. The majority of the returns were for students but the clients also included members of the community; 32 of the clients were over the age of 60. Forty percent of the returns were prepared for individuals who had 2008 returns prepared by VITA students. Students did an outstanding job and gained a great deal of experience. Due to the large group of accounting students participating, three worked at another volunteer site and received additional experience as a result. In addition, several students over the past two years have



become AARP volunteers helping in the community. The VITA project is supported by a collaboration of CSM, United Way of the Bay Area, and the IRS. (Photo: Accounting student VITA volunteers)

## CSM CELEBRATES DIVERSITY WEEK

Diversity Week is currently underway, thanks to the sponsorship of the Associated Students of CSM. The slate of indoor and outdoor activities designed to celebrate the diversity of our college community includes a film festival with screenings of *Stand and Deliver*, *Of Civil Wrongs and Rights*, *The Fred Korematsu Story*, *Eyes on the Prize*, *Milk* and *Something the Lord Made*. The students also created a Great Leaders Information Gallery in the Office of Student Life Lounge. Throughout the week there has been music and dance performances, demonstrations of martial arts, exhibits and the wonderful world of food!

## KUDOS

★ CSM student **Mark Harvin** is the recipient of a \$1,500 scholarship awarded by the California Internship and Work Experience Association at its statewide conference held in Los Angeles. Harvin's honor was for the best essay on an internship/cooperative work experience (Coop). He credited CSM's Coop program with providing the opportunity to earn college credit for full time employment and described the on-the-job /classroom combination as "priceless." Harvin edged out 86 other students from two- and four-year colleges.



★ Congratulations to the Mary Meta Lazarus Child Development Center for hosting the Spring Benefit Concert, a tremendous success, which raised just over \$10,000 to directly benefit the Center. Approximately 400 people turned out to attend the event which was held in the new plaza adjacent to Building 5. While the music of Native Elements was the main attraction, the day was full of activities for children and parents: face painting, balloon sculptures, ambulance, fire engines, hands-on art activities, give-aways, drawing prizes of gift certificates to local restaurants and other businesses and tours of the Health and Wellness Building. At the conclusion of the

concert, the children in the Center presented a special handmade award to the band (*photo*). Community sponsors for the event included GAP, Peet's, Farmer's Insurance, Target and many CSM programs and services.

★ At the Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO) CSM's Public Relations and Marketing Department took first place honors in the CCPRO awards for its Career Programs website and a second place in the "Before and After" category for the Bulldog graphic.



CSM Public Relations and Marketing staff

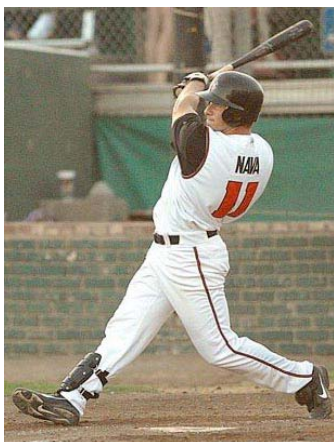
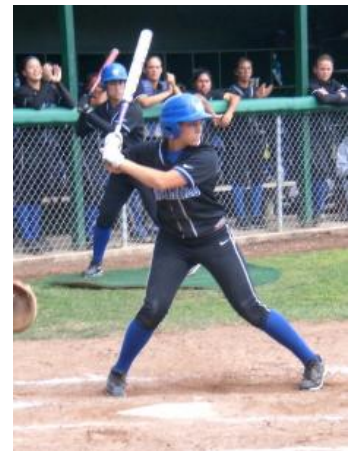
## CSM SPORTS IN THE NEWS

★ CSM's bulldog baseball team has captured its ninth consecutive Coast Conference title with an overall record of 27-2-1. In addition, this past weekend, CSM (#2 seed in Nor Cal) beat the 2008 state champion Sierra College of Rocklin in the first round of CCCAA state regional baseball tournament. The Bulldogs are now the top seeded team and will face their Golden Gate rival San Jose City College when they host the Super-Regionals at CSM on beginning on May 14.



★ At the 2010 Coast Conference Track and Field Championships CSM sprinter **Mykel Block** and thrower **Nate Wright** had standout performances that yielded each a pair of titles. Block a sophomore from Monterey took first place in the 110 meter hurdles (14.67) and followed up with another first in the 100 meters (10.67). Both marks were Block's personal best; his hurdles time ranks him number two in Northern California while his 100 time gave him the number three ranking in Northern California. For the discus title, Wright threw his personal best (159' 3") and placed at fourth in the State. A freshman from Mitty High School, he proved to be the meet's top field athlete after winning the two first-place events and a third place in the shot put.

★ **Alyssa Jepson**, CSM softball player has been named Coast Conference North Player of the Yea. Jepson is a graduate of Notre Dame High School, Belmont. She led the conference in batting (.440 average), hits (48) and runs (39). She is a utility player but also recorded one save as a pitcher.  
*(photo credit: Justin Kao, San Matean)*



★ The Red Sox Blog on ESPN's website carried an interview with CSM alum **Daniel Nava**, who signed a minor league contract with the Boston Red Sox in 2008. Nava, considered one of the best offensive players in the Red Sox's farm system, earned a California League batting title in 2008 and led the entire Red Sox minor league system in batting average and on-base plus slugging percentage in 2009. Nava was a reverse transfer from Santa Clara University who did well academically and athletically at CSM that he earned a scholarship to return to Santa Clara. While at CSM, he was named a Junior College All-American.