

# College of San Mateo

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## **HEISMAN WINNER SHARES INSPIRING ADVICE WITH CSM BASEBALL PLAYERS**

CSM's Athletic Department recently welcomed **Gary Beban**, the 1967 Heisman Trophy winner and former professional football player, to the college to speak with the Bulldog baseball team. Beban, a Sequoia High School graduate, is senior executive with the global commercial real estate giant CB Richard Ellis based in Chicago. He spoke as part of the baseball team's Successful Speaker's Series which brings members of the community to campus to speak about success both on and off the playing field. Beban discussed his success after his football career ended and offered advice for student athletes about achieving success in life, beyond sports. A well-rounded college student, Beban also earned academic honors and went on to earn a B.A. degree in history from UCLA. Following a three-year stint in the NFL, he launched what has become a highly successful career in corporate commercial real estate business. Beban has held a number of executive positions in CB Richard Ellis and eventually rose to president and general manager of the company. Although he is recently retired, Beban continues to serve as its senior executive managing director.



*Baseball Coach Doug Williams & Gary Beban*

Beban has the distinction of being UCLA's only Heisman winner. In the 1966 Rose Bowl, he scored both of UCLA's touchdowns in the Bruin's 14-12 victory over number one ranked Michigan State. In 1967, Beban and UCLA (No. 1) were pitted against O.J. Simpson of USC (No. 2). Although Beban threw for 301 yards and two touchdowns, USC took a 21-20 victory in what is considered one of the best college football games ever played. In 1967, Beban was awarded the Heisman as the nation's top collegiate football player.

## **CSM A KEY TO VENTER'S SUCCESS**

CSM alum **Craig Venter**, one of the leading scientists in genomic research, was featured in an article in the May 2010 issue of *Science Careers* from the Journal *Science*. In the article, "Craig Venter: A Product of Veteran's Education and Community Colleges," Venter credits CSM for his scientific success, "Had I not met such strong enthusiastic professors right away at CSM, my educational experience and my life would have been very different from that point onward." The article is available online: <http://blogs.sciencemag.org/sciencecareers/2010/05/craig-venter-a.html>



*Craig Venter*

### **ART STUDENTS DISPLAY WORK IN CLASSIC STYLE AT HILLSDALE MALL**

Students in CSM’s Old Masters’ Aesthetics and Techniques class have a display of their work at Hillside Mall running until June 27. The display, set up like an old masters’ studio, with easels, paintings and paint making materials, is in the former Mervyn’s window. Exhibiting artists include: **Anne B, Nicollette Constante, Erik Elfving, Alison Greenspan, Carmi Ticehurst , Daniel Smith and Dr. Janet Black.** This innovative course combines art history with studio art. It was developed and taught by **Dr. Janet Black** and **Rebecca Alex** who have also taught it for the Study Abroad Program in London and Florence. Students make fresco, egg temper and oil paintings from grinding pigments and make homemade oil paint. The course covers the proto-Renaissance through Baroque periods (14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> centuries).



### **SM MIDDLE COLLEGE STUDENT A “GREAT GRAD”**

San Mateo Middle College High School graduate **Sydnie McGuire** was highlighted in *The Daily Journal’s* “Great Grads” article on May 26. It describes McGuire’s transition from Capuchino High School to Middle College in her junior year and how Middle College helped her focus on improving academically and plan for college. Although she was accepted to Mills College with a partial scholarship, Sydnie is planning to attend CSM this fall with the goal of transferring to a UC campus or private university. She plans on becoming a teacher. “Great Grads” is an annual feature that profiles one graduating senior from each local high school.

### **KCSM COMPETITION HONORS HIGH SCHOOL FILMMAKERS**

Nine of the Bay Area’s most promising young local filmmakers were honored at the third annual **Spotlight!** High School Video Competition Awards presentation sponsored by the college and KCSM. This year’s slate of winners include **Jesse Rosenberg (The Athenian School), Vincent Kim and Brian Dang (Leland High School, Cameron Vaughan (Foothill High School), TJ Barber (The College Preparatory School), Damariea Martinez (School of the Arts), Sam Rubin, (Venture High School), Tiffany Jones (immaculate Conception Academy) and Henry Zaballos (Bishop O’Dowd High School).** The winners received cash awards, film production software or scholarships to CSM. In addition, many of the entries will be showcased in “Youth Cinema” coming to KCSM in October. (Photo: winning student filmmaker Henry Zaballos)



### **CSM PLAYS THE COUNTY FAIR**

CSM has wrapped up a successful six-day stint at the San Mateo County Fair. With the assistance of approximately 100 volunteers, which included dozens of musicians, the college had a large presence at this year's fair. Billed as *CSM Presents*, the college provided an array of musical entertainment that included sixteen bands, including several from CSM, local high schools and the community that added a diverse musical flavor. Additional performances and demonstrations were offered by a number of CSM

programs that included dance ensemble, cosmetology, floristry and fencing. Cosmetology students showcased their talents by providing hair, makeup and nail services for interested fair-goers. The PR and Marketing Office sponsored a general information table that featured the bulldog mascot, complimentary CSM balloons for the kids and several free drawings. Digital Media, Veterans Services and Financial Aid were represented as well. Special thanks to **Helen Souranoff**, theatre events manager, for assisting with our *CSM Presents* program and to the **PR and Marketing Department** for coordinating the college's overall participation.



### ***CSM JOINS UC INITIATIVE***

Since January 2010, CSM has been participating in the University of California Science and Mathematics Initiative (CalTeach), an intersegmental program sponsored by UC's Office of the President. The program is designed to build introductory pathways for community college students to pursue teaching careers in science and math. CSM receives \$2,500 for the development of program courses and administration and \$4,200 to support six or more community college students enrolled in seminar type courses that are equivalent to the CalTeach 1 and 2 courses at a UC campus.

### ***CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT INFO NIGHT DRAWS A CROWD***



It was standing room only at the college's Summer Concurrent Enrollment Information Night for high school students. It was the first time the event was held for summer session and was considered a major success based on the turnout of more than 200 parents and students. The event was coordinated and facilitated by **Steve Morehouse**, counselor, with the assistance of **Alex Guiriba**, program services coordinator, and several CSM student ambassadors. The program included a presentation and a question and answer session. A Fall Concurrent Enrollment Information Night is scheduled for mid-August.

### ***FORMER BULLDOG MAKES MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL HISTORY***

CSM alum **Daniel Nava**, an All-American while at the college, took the first pitch of his major league debut and launched a grand slam. Nava, who had just been called up by the Boston Red Sox, became only the second player in major league history to hit a grand slam on a first pitch of a first at bat and the second player in Red Sox history to do so in his first at bat. Nava's big hit propelled the Red Sox to a 10-2 win over Philadelphia. He has been a standout in the Red Sox Triple A team when he was called up to start in left field and bat ninth in his historic debut game. When he came up to the plate at the next day's game, a crowd of 37,000 fans at Boston's Fenway Park welcomed Nava with a standing ovation.



### ***KUDOS TO PHI THETA KAPPA AT CSM***

Congratulations to the Beta Xi Eta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at CSM, recipient of a special commendation at the Nevada/California Regional Convention for fulfilling all requirements to be named a "4 Star Chapter." The Society's Five Star Chapter Development Plan serves as a blueprint for developing a strong chapter, improving student engagement on campus and attaining chapter goals. As chapters reach various milestones, they progress through each level of the Five Star Plan. **Allison Miller-Herman** is the faculty advisor to CSM's Beta Xi Eta Chapter.