

COLLEGE of SAN MATEO

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BUILDING 5N REACHES CONSTRUCTION MILESTONE

On February 6, the college held a “topping out” ceremony to celebrate the completion of a major milestone in the construction of Building 5N. Despite the rain, many members of the college community were on hand to sign the last beam to be placed on the structure. Following the signing, a crane lifted the beam to the top of the structure where it was secured in place. Topping out is one of the oldest traditions in the construction industry, and, for Building 5N, it signifies that 30 percent of the construction work has been accomplished. McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., the design--build contractor for the project, generously hosted a lunch for the attendees.



NURSING PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT FROM HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

CSM's nursing program was one of nine San Mateo County groups to receive grant funding from the Peninsula Health Care District. During the health care district's 2009 awards ceremony, it was announced that the nursing program would be receiving \$370,273 for 2009-2011. This latest grant brings the health care district's total investment in the program to more than \$2 million over a 10-year period. **Jane McAteer**, CSM's director of nursing, and the nursing faculty staff were recognized for their efforts in producing competent care givers to address the health needs of the community. The awards ceremony was attended by U.S. Congresswoman Jackie Speier, State Assemblyman Jerry Hill and County Supervisor Carole Groom, who were also recognized for their ongoing support of community health.



CSM BULLDOGS SCORE ACADEMICALLY AND ATHLETICALLY

CSM football players have received numerous honors for talents both on and off the field. Four bulldogs earned places on the 2008 national JC Grid-Wire Academic Honor Roll:



- **Wes Price**, quarterback & team captain, engineering major (3.62 GPA)
- **Jack Orth**, offensive lineman, business major (3.81 GPA)
- **Mateus Porter**, defensive linebacker, business major (3.38 GPA)
- **Dajon Green**, defensive back, liberal studies (3.35 GPA)

The student-athletes were nominated by CSM Head Football Coach **Larry Owens**.

Gridiron star **Matt Taufouu** received All-American honors, by the California Community College Coaches Association. Three CSM players were named NorCal All-Conference athletes for 2008: **Daniel Porter**, **Mike Dorricott** and **Eddie Elder** and standouts **Eric Roberson** and **Jamie Fehoko** were named All-State.

CSM coaches **Larry Owens** and **Bret Pollack** recently announced that several players have signed letters of intent with 4-year colleges and universities: **David Hafoka**, University of Hawaii; **Mateus Porter**, Old Dominion University; **Warren Zeigler**, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; **Tevita Halaholo**, University of Idaho; and **Ernesto Lacayo**, Hastings College.

CSM & US CENSUS BUREAU JOIN FORCES

As the U.S. Census Bureau prepares for the 2010 census, CSM will serve as the primary venue in San Mateo for the information and testing sessions that the bureau will hold over the next several months. This team effort will provide many part-time job opportunities for CSM students to work as census takers, leaders, leader assistants and field operations supervisors. CSM's Career Services is assisting to coordinate the college's participation.



KUDOS

★ **Claire Mack** (photo), CSM alum and retiree and former San Mateo mayor and city council member, can now add author to her long list of accomplishments. Mack has recently published a novel, “Imitation of Life: The Next Millennium.” Her story is set in San Mateo, and, although it is a work of fiction, it is loosely based on a combination of her own life and the 1939 movie, “*Imitation of Life*.” In an article in the Daily Journal on February 9, Mack says that she hopes her book will help people not only live better lives but realize what a great city San Mateo is. In 2005, she was selected as a recipient of the California Community College Distinguished Alumni Award. The article can be viewed online:

http://www.smdailyjournal.com/article_preview.php?id=105357&eddate=02/09/2009
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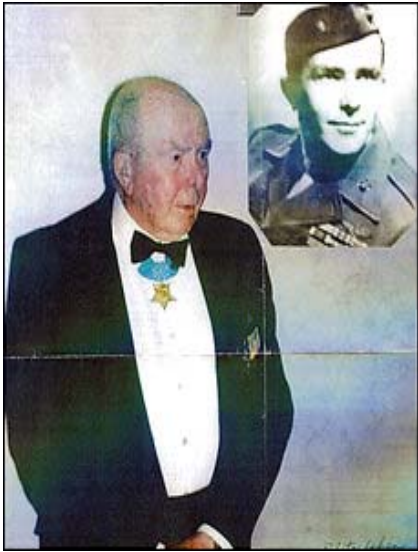
★ A group of CSM football players, in adjunct Assistant Professor of Political Science **Erin Scholnick’s** American Government class, in conjunction with Phi Theta Kappa honors students, collected 3,600 books from students and faculty during the fall 2008 semester for the Books for Africa campaign. CSM’s collection will be sold by Better World Books to raise funds to ship books collected by other groups to various locations in Africa. According to Scholnick, it currently costs \$9,500 to ship a sea container of books and computers to Africa.



★ The fall 2008 issue of AACU’s *Peer Review Magazine* includes an article by Professors **Jean Mach, Mike Burke** and **Jeremy Ball** titled, “Integrative Learning: A Room with a View.” The article discusses the history of CSM’s learning communities and integrative learning projects, assessment tools that were developed and what was learned along the way.



★ Four CSM women’s basketball players have received Athletes of the Month – Honorable Mention Awards for January 2009 by the California Community College Athletic Association. The students honored were: freshman forward **Janisa Jones** (Sacred Heart Preparatory High School) averaged 10 points and 7.6 rebounds per game in January; **Shakara Haynes**, freshman forward (Woodside High School) averaged 9.5 points and 5.9 rebounds; **Raphy Buenafe** (Westmoor High School), averaged 6.6 points and 3.3 assists per game; and **Erica Hayes** (Menlo-Atherton High School) averaged 17.5 points per game with 24 and 21 rebounds against #1 ranked City College of San Francisco, she is third in the conference in points scored. *Photo credit: Sharee Robinson*



IN MEMORIAM: CSM ALUM EARNED MEDAL OF HONOR

On January 24, the Los Angeles Times carried an article about CSM alum **James E. Swett** (photo) who passed away on January 18. Swett was a former Marine Corps pilot who was awarded the Medal of Honor, the military's highest award for valor, Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart and the Air Medal for his military service during World War II. He enrolled at CSM in 1939, attending the college's Civilian Pilot Training Program and earning a private pilot's license. Swett enlisted with the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1941 where he took flight training and finished in the top 10 percent of his class. He was given the option to choose between a commission in the Navy or Marine Corps and opted to become a Marine. As a 22-year old first lieutenant in 1943, Swett participated in his first combat mission, leading a division of F4F-4 Wildcats over Guadalcanal in the Pacific Theatre. Over the course of the war, Swett took part in more than 100 combat missions which included action at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. On several missions, his aircraft was shot down in the Pacific; in one incident, he spent four days in a rubber life raft, living on coconuts and chocolate bars before being rescued by natives of New

Guinea. After being released from active duty following the end of the war, Swett joined the Marine Corps Reserves; in 1970 he retired as a colonel. (Photo from *LA Times*, 1/24/2009)

EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS

▶ On Thursday, March 5 from 2:15-3:30 pm, CSM will host a groundbreaking ceremony to officially celebrate the construction of Buildings 10N and 5N. Rain or shine, the event will take place in the main quad and is open to all members of the college community.



▶ During the month of February, CSM has been celebrating Black History Month with a series of events sponsored by the Diversity in Action Group (DIAG). The series was launched with a presentation of "Teatro Chicana: A Collective Memoir and Selected Plays" which featured **Laura E. Garcia, Felicitas Nunez, Guadalupe Beltrans** and **Yolanda Flores**. A collective memoir, *Teatro Chicana* tells the story of a troupe of 17 women who joined the theatre and how it transformed their lives. The performance featured the history and present-day story of each of the main actors and writers, as well as excerpts from the group's materials and seven of their original short scripts.

Additional events during Black History Month included a showing and discussion of the film "The Great Debaters"; a presentation "Through the Eyes of Elders: The Inauguration of President Barack Obama" and the "Karamu (Feast): Breaking Bread," to feed the body, mind and spirit.

DIAG is also sponsoring a Black History Month Student Essay/Presentation Contest open to all registered CSM students and offering monetary prizes for the top three essays. Essays will address the following: *With the election of the first African-American president, a new chapter in U.S. history is being written. President Barack Obama challenges us as Americans to contribute to this new chapter. How will you meet the challenge and contribute to this new chapter?*

▶ On February 24, CSM's Health Center held its annual Health Fair/Mardi Gras Celebration. The event featured 30 booths providing fitness testing, cholesterol and blood sugar testing, massage, reiki (a Japanese technique for stress reduction and relaxation), information, food, games and prizes. Playing up the Mardi Gras theme, free beads and masks were distributed. The event was organized by **Sharon Bartels**, Health Center coordinator and **Gloria D'Ambra**, Health Center office assistant.

▶ A group of 19 students from local high schools participating in the San Mateo Chamber of Commerce/Peninsula YMCA Youth Leadership program visited CSM as part of Business-Education Link Day. The day's activities included a campus tour and planetarium show; a presentation about transfer and career opportunities at CSM and a workshop on successful interviewing. Prior to their visit to CSM, the students made stops at Mollie Stone's Market in San Mateo to learn about the food industry and Outback Steakhouse at Hillsdale Mall for a glimpse into the restaurant business.

▶ CSM's planetarium has resumed offering its monthly planetarium show, The Sky Tonight. Presentations begin at 7:30 pm with a second show (if needed) at 8:20 pm. Upcoming show dates are: March 13, August 10, May 8 and June 12. Shows are open to the public and there is no admission charge. Parking is free in lots 7a & 7b. Reservations are not required, and seating is on a first come basis.



▶ As part of its institutional planning process, the college is offering four Integrated Planning Workshops during the spring semester. The schedule includes: Interpersonal Communication facilitated by Martin **Bednarek**, counselor (2/9); Intercultural Communication facilitated by **George Kramm** and **Yaping Li**, professors of speech (3/9); Discussion and Review of this Academic Year's Educational Master Plan, facilitated by **Diana Bennett**, professor of multimedia, and **Jennifer Hughes**, vice president of student services (4/13); and Assessment of CSM's Integrated Planning Process, facilitated by **Diana Bennett** and **Jennifer Hughes** (5/11). All workshops are from 2:15-4 pm and are held in 36-109; they are open to the college community.

▶ CSM's Disabled Students Programs & Services is hosting a Brown Bag Lunch Forum during the spring semester for members of the college community to learn about various topics related to disability, ask questions in an open and safe environment and work together to make CSM a more accessible place for students with disabilities. The February forum, Beyond PTSD: Understanding and Coping with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, was presented by Nancy Grover from the Veteran's Administration Palo Alto Health Care System.

▶ On February 27, CSM students interested in transferring to UC Davis (UCD) are participating in a UCD sponsored event which brings students to the Davis campus. During the visit, students will tour the campus, listen to a student panel and meet representatives from Financial Aid, the School of Law, Internship and Career Center and various academic departments. Transportation and lunch was provided by UCD.

▶ On March 5, the college will host an official groundbreaking ceremony for Buildings 10N and 5N in the Quad beginning at 2:15pm.

▶ On March 13, CSM's music department will conduct a noontime concert in the Choral Room. The concert will feature a variety of music styles, including popular, jazz, classical, electronic and more.



▶ Masterworks Chorale presents "Puttin on the Ritz, Classic Songs of Irving Berlin" at the Trinity Presbyterian Church in San Carlos on March 14 (8pm) and 15 (4 pm). Tickets are available from masterjworks.org or by calling 650-574-6313.