

COLLEGE of SAN MATEO

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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY HELD FOR BUILDINGS 10N AND 5N



On March 5, the college held a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the construction of Buildings 10N and 5N. The program included brief remarks by Trustee **Dave Mandelkern**, President **Mike Claire**, Chancellor **Ron Galatolo**, Academic Senate President **Diana Bennett** and Dental Assisting student **Kortni Scott**. In addition, **Frances Choun**, vice president of business development with McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., and a CSM alum, also spoke. Officials donned hard hats and wielded shovels for the symbolic groundbreaking ceremony. Following this event, attendees enjoyed refreshments and toured newly renovated building 14.



PRESIDENT'S LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES



The college hosted author **Harriet Chessman** (photo) as the featured speaker today during the President's Lecture Series: Diverse Voices in Writing. Ms. Chessman is the author of three acclaimed novels: *Lydia Cassatt Reading the Morning Paper*, published in eight foreign countries and chosen as a #1 Booksense Pick in 2001; *Someone Not Really Her Mother*, a Good Morning America *Read This!* book club pick, translated into Japanese and Dutch, and voted one of the *San Francisco Chronicle's* Best Books of 2004; and *Ohio Angels*, called "a poetic and moving first novel, a lyrical debut." Two of her children's stories have been published in *Ladybug* and *Spider*. Before becoming a fiction writer, she taught English and American literature at Yale University and published *The Public Is Invited to Dance*, an interpretation of Gertrude Stein's experimental writings.

The final author of the spring semester is **Paul Ehrlich**, president of the Center for Conservation Biology and Bing professor of population studies at Stanford University; he will be the featured speaker on April 22.

JAPANESE EDUCATORS VISIT CSM



CSM recently hosted a group of faculty and staff representing a consortium of 50 universities in the Kyoto, Japan, area. The group, formally known as the Consortium of Universities in Kyoto, attended a conference at Stanford University to develop a program to support faculty development. The U.S.-Japan coordinator at Stanford, **Yoko Kanamatsu**, is a CSM alum, and she wanted them to experience a community college. According to **Martin Bednarek**, international students counselor, the group was interested in learning about how the community college system fits into the higher education system. They were also interested in CSM's faculty development program and our Center for Teaching and Learning, local consortiums and integrated learning programs.

KUDOS

★ Former NFL player **Bill Ring** (photo) was recently inducted into the California Community College Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Ring played for CSM in 1975-76 before transferring to Brigham Young University. He played for the San Francisco 49ers from 1981-86 and has two Super Bowl rings and was the recipient of the team's top honor in 1983, the Len Eshmont Award. He is one of seven former CSM players or coaches who collectively have 16 Super Bowl rings! He currently serves on the board of directors of four charities, including the athletic foundation for his former alma mater, Carlmont High School. His son, **Bill Ring, Jr.**, also played for CSM (2005-07) and is currently a safety at San Jose State University.





★ KCSM-TV's original, locally-produced public television series, "Spotlight!," which debuted in October 2008, has been awarded the prestigious Telly Award (photo). The Telly honors the very best local, regional and cable television productions. Judges are top production professionals and past Telly winners with an interest in upholding the historical standard of excellence that the Telly represents. According to a previous award winner, "Winning a Telly Award is a tremendous honor. We like to call it the Oscar for our industry."

Each "Spotlight!" episode showcases the work of two aspiring high school movie-makers. Also included is an interview with an adult mentor, a Bay Area film-making professional who provides insight and encourages students to continue their studies in college. The students' movies are entries in CSM's Annual High School Film Festival, also called "Spotlight!." Festival winners are awarded prizes and scholarships to study at CSM and their movies are broadcast on KCSM-TV as part of the television.

★ Professor of Speech Communication **Kate Motoyama** has been elected to serve as president of the San Mateo Japanese American Citizens League (JACL).

★ Adjunct faculty member **Erin Scholnick** and her father, along with six CSM students and CSM President **Mike Claire**, volunteered on the Redwood City Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco project that will have its grand opening on May 5. The CSM contingent painted and built overhangs shelving and a fence over the course of eight hours. The project is a community of eight townhomes, all of which employ green building practices and integrate solar electric panels on the roofs to generate renewable electric energy. Upon completion of this development in 2009, Habitat Greater San Francisco will have built a total of 51 affordable ownership homes in Redwood City.



★ CSM's International Students Program has published its Spring 2009 newsletter. This issue features helpful information and photos of recent events. It can be viewed at <http://www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/international/>



Planning Section Chief Susan Estes updates the EOC team

COLLEGE UNDERGOES EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

On March 18 and 19, dozens of college employees participated in emergency preparedness training that included four hours of classroom instruction about the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) followed by a two and a half hour EOC exercise which was based on damages and injuries sustained from a 7.1 earthquake scenario. The training is designed to prepare college staff to respond quickly and effectively to a major emergency. Emergency Management Consultants provided the training. Dean of Administrative Services **Virgil Stanford** and his staff coordinated the training.

CLASSIFIED STAFF BAKE TO FUND SCHOLARSHIP

The 2009 Classified Staff Bake Sale was a big success, raising \$250. for student scholarships. Facilities Manager **Diane Martinez** (photo) received a special recognition for her popular baked goods that were not only delicious but professionally gift-ready as well. Diane was voted the 2009 Top Baker of the Classified Staff Student Scholarship Bake Sale. Special thanks also go to the crew at KCSM who had a wonderful variety of not only baked goods, but fruit and pizza.



PROJECT EAGLE TAKES FLIGHT

CSM's Health Center is sponsoring a new internship for students made available through a grant funded opportunity called Project EAGLE (Equal Access Galvanized Learning Empowerment). This is a peer education-based program designed to educate CSM's students, faculty and staff on prevention and reduction of alcohol, tobacco and drug use related substances and supporting community resources. The project is currently seeking 10 Healthy Lifestyles Education interns and one program assistant who will implement and collect data for a student health needs survey which will analyze intervention programming on campus. The program is an excellent service learning experience, particularly for those in health and social services majors. It is coordinated by **Jason Nery**, health educator.

EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS

- ▶ CSM and the San Mateo County Astronomical Society will co-host Astronomy Family Fun Day on Saturday, April 4 from 4-11 pm. Activities include planetarium shows, demonstrations, displays, evening observing and "Jazz Under the Stars" with music provided by KCSM.
- ▶ On April 16, from 2-4pm, CSM's art and music faculty are hosting an open house "Celebration of Art and Music," to showcase the renovation in Buildings 2 & 4. The event will feature live music and a display of student artwork.
- ▶ Priority Enrollment Program (PEP) Workshop will be held on a variety of days in April and May. PEP provides a unique half-day program for high school seniors to provide an easy transition from high school to college and guaranteed priority enrollment for the fall semester.
- ▶ CSM's DSPS 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.
- ▶ The final Integrate Planning Workshop of the spring semester will be held on April 13 from 2:15-4pm. The workshop features a discussion and review of this academic year's Educational Master Plan, facilitated by Diana Bennett, Academic Senate president and Susan Estes, vice president for instruction.
- ▶ On April 15 from 9:30am – 1:30 pm, CSM's Career Services will sponsor the annual and very popular Get Linked Career Fair. The event brings together employers and job seekers to match skills with employer needs.
- ▶ CSM's Latinos Unidos Club will present a number of events to honor the life and accomplishments of Cesar Chavez. Upcoming events include a reading and sing-along of "DeColores" with instructor Rudy Ramirez on guitar on March 26; a potluck celebration including music, art and personal readings on March 31; and Cesar Chavez Holiday Parade and Festival 2009 which takes place in San Francisco's Mission District on April 4.