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CSM WELCOMES SUPER BOWL CHAMP GUY MCINTYRE

Former San Francisco 49er right guard **Guy McIntyre** paid a recent visit to CSM to speak with the two sports learning communities, *How Sports Explain the World* (English and Ethnic Studies learning community) and *Writing in the End Zone II*. During his presentations, McIntyre discussed the keys to achieving success in football, both on and off the field, as well as obstacles and pitfalls that many professional athletes face. He encouraged students to focus on developing academic skills because one day, “football will be over.” Assistant Professor of English **Jon Kitamura** commented: “My students found his lecture to be very inspiring.”



As a member of the 49ers (1984-93), McIntyre played in three winning Superbowl games and on five Pro Bowl teams. During his tenure with San Francisco, McIntyre enrolled in classes at CSM and eventually earned his bachelor’s degree from Menlo College. Coach **Larry Owens**, who got to know McIntyre when he attended CSM, extended the invitation for the visit. The former lineman currently serves as director for player development for the 49ers, assisting players in expanding their lives and skills beyond the football field.

Top photo: McIntyre, center, surrounded by CSM faculty and staff; bottom photo: McIntyre, Jon Kitamura and Coach Larry Owens.

RICHAEL YOUNG AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP

Former student trustee and CSM study body president **Richael Young** has been named as a recipient of the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation’s Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. Richael was awarded the honor based on high academic achievement and contributions made to the college, district and at the state level. She is one of only 50 community college transfer students to receive the 2009 award which provides \$30,000 annually for two years. In addition to the student leadership positions she held in the district, Richael also served as the statewide president of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges. Richael will be continuing her studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where she will major in environmental engineering with an emphasis in hydrology. She will also be the student speaker at CSM’s commencement on May 29.



Richael (left) and her family

MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MIT-BOUND

Devin Dee, a senior in San Mateo Middle College High School (MCHS) who played a key role in Burlingame High School basketball team's stellar season (26-6), has not only been accepted to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology but has also earned a spot on MIT's basketball team. In addition to taking his required high school classes, Devin, at his choosing, opted for college classes in physics, calculus, multi-variable calculus, linear algebra and engineering design.



Devin Dee

According to **Greg Quigley**, principal of MCHS, this year's senior class was very strong. Their college acceptances include University of California campuses at Berkeley, Los Angeles, San Diego and Irvine; California State Universities: San Francisco, Humboldt and San Jose; Seton Hall; and CSM and Skyline.

KCSM COMPETITION HONORS HIGH SCHOOL FILMMAKERS

Seven 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. Out of 81 entries, the seven students from six local high schools picked up awards in nine categories. This year's winners (*photo*) are: **Nicholas Dobkin, Jordan Velasco, Daniel Breshahan, Will Ilgen, T J Barber, Cameron Vaughn, and Melody Miller**, who took home three awards (including Best in Show) for her film,



The winning students received Adobe Premiere editing software, Gorilla production management software, gift bags from KCSM-TV station management and \$500 scholarships to CSM. In addition, Melody Miller, whose film, *Permanent Marker*, won the 'Best of Show' prize, accepted a \$1,500 cash award, courtesy of ALL CAR Paint and Body Shop in San Mateo. "This is very exciting for me," she said. "I love making films." Several of the winners will also participate in KCSM's **Spotlight!** series – an innovative on-air pairing of high school filmmakers with working film professionals that also allows the young cineastes to showcase their work to thousands of Bay Area TV viewers starting in October.



DSPS Orientation

STANDING ROOM ONLY FOR DSPS ORIENTATION

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) recently held its annual New Student Orientation to a full house. The event began with a tour of the campus followed by lunch provided by the Associated Students. Students received an overview of the various DSPS units and services and heard from a student panel. At the end of the day, students had the opportunity to complete applications and schedule assessment and counseling appointments. There were 104 attendees, including high school students, their chaperones and parents.

EOPS STUDENTS TOUR SO. CAL UNIVERSITIES

During spring break, EOPS staff accompanied 37 CSM students on a Southern California university tour which included stops at UC Santa Barbara, Riverside and Los Angeles, in addition to CSU Lost Angeles and University of Southern California. Students toured campuses and attended presentations about transferring, financial aid, student services and heard first-hand about making the transition from a community college. Student evaluations of the tour were extremely positive.



CSM's EOPS students and staff

CAREER FAIR ATTRACTS RECORD NUMBER OF JOB SEEKERS



The college held its annual Get Linked Career Fair which was well attended by students and members of the community. Although the number of employers was down 75 percent over last year, it's not surprising that this year's turnout of 350 job seekers surpassed that of previous years, given the current employment climate. The college was especially pleased that it had sufficient employer participation, especially since other colleges in the area have had extremely low employer turnout or have had to cancel events altogether. The fair provided valuable opportunities for students to meet one-on one with potential employers. CSM students were encouraged to dress professionally, bring updated resumes and be prepared to

discuss their qualifications and skills with employers. **Eileen O'Brien, Jeanne Stalker and Sandra Rivera** of the Career Services Center coordinated the event.

STUDENTS HONORED AT SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

More than 350 students and members of the college community, including members of the Board of Trustees and SMCCC Foundation, attended CSM's annual Scholarship Awards Reception held last week. According to the coordinator of the event, **Nancy Pendergast**, of the Scholarship Office, 169 CSM students and 37 high school students received 315 scholarship awards totaling \$23 7,050. Many donors were in the audience to meet and congratulate the recipients on their scholarships. Following the ceremony, guests enjoyed a wonderful buffet provided by Pacific Dining.



CONNECT TO COLLEGE DRAWS A CROWD

On April 23, CSM hosted *Connect to College, A Night of Information for High School Seniors and Parents*. Approximately 250 people attended this annual event which featured presentations and perspectives by students, faculty and staff about transfer programs, financial aid and scholarships, career and vocational programs, academic, A.S./A.S. and certificate programs, student services and student life. The event is coordinated by the PR & Marketing Office.



Susan Melanson, Claudia Steenberg, Laura Dunbar

KUDOS

★ Two students in Instructor **Claudia Steenberg's** Graphics 235 Theory and Application class have won statewide 2009 Media Arts awards, sponsored by the Multimedia & Entertainment Initiative of the California Community Colleges Economic & Workforce Development Program. **Susan Melanson** was category winner in the Packaging category and **Laura Dunbar** received merit awards in both the Packaging category and the Identity category.

★ **Yovanka Crossley**, child development center aid at CSM, was one of 12 early care and education professionals in the County honored by the San Mateo Association for the Education of Young Children (SMAEYC). She received her honor at a SMAEYC recognition dinner and was joined by the entire staff from the Mary Meta Lazarus Child Development Center and members of her family. The SMAEYC board members read a short tribute to Yovanka for her fine work on behalf of the children and families of the Child Development Center.



Child Development Center staff



PR & Marketing staff

★ CSM’s public relations efforts were honored with three Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO) awards at the spring state conference. The college captured a first place award for CSM’s website; entries were judged on appearance, organization, comprehensive content and ease of use. In addition, CSM also received second place in the Low Budget Wonder category for a dental assisting flyer and third place in the Viewbook/Student Recruitment Book category for the view brochure. Kudos to the staff in CSM’s **Public Relations & Marketing Office**.

★ Admissions and Records staff that provides veterans’ assistance have been busy working on enhancing services for our student veterans. In April, **Mario Mihelcic** and **Jeremy Mileo** volunteered at the annual Veterans and Their Families Resource Fair in San Jose, making contact with a number of college bound veterans. Mario, Jeremy and Dean **Henry Villareal** were presenters at the California Association of Community College Registrars and Admissions Officers Conference about the new Post 9/11 GI Bill. Last weekend, the team also spoke to veterans at Congresswoman Jackie Speier’s event (photo) that promoted the new GI Bill. A&R staff recently implemented a new veterans’ service that allows vets to schedule counseling appointments with a CSM certifying official and receive live assistance through Meebo chat services on CSM’s veterans’ website. CSM’s **Veterans’ Student Alliance** has had an active semester under the tutelage of club advisor **Kevin Sinarle**, the club has participated in Spring Fling and secured funding for a CSM veterans t-shirt.



★ Dean of Enrollment Services **Henry Villareal** (photo) has been elected to the 2009-10 National Council of Student Development (NCSD) Executive Board. He will serve as board’s treasurer. NCSD is an affiliate council of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and the nation's primary voice for sharing knowledge, expertise, professional development and student advocacy for community college student development professionals.



Brandon Becerra

At the Coast Conference Track and Field Championships held at the college in April, CSM athletes captured a number of titles. Sophomore **Kelly Young** swept all four throwing events (hammer, javelin, shot put and discus) including setting a conference record in the hammer throw and out throwing her closest rivals in the shot by nearly five feet and in the discus by more than eight feet. Runner **Brandon Becerra** took the 1,500 meter title with a time that was 18 seconds ahead of the runner up. In addition, freshman **Mykel Block** finished second in the men’s 110-meter hurdles, thrower **James Aubrey** finished second in the shot put and discus and **Danielle Donohue** finished second in the 10,000 meters setting a new CSM record with her time.

★ CSM alum **Ryan Boschetti** who has played professional football for the past six years with the Washington Redskins heads home to the Bay Area to play for the Oakland Raiders. The defensive end played at CSM in 1999-2001 before transferring to UCLA. *SF Gate* recently featured an interview with Boschetti about his signing with the Raiders and his days of playing at CSM and UCLA.



★ Former CSM quarterback **Julian Edelman** (photo), who has been a standout at Kent State University, has been selected in the seventh round of the NFL draft by the New England Patriots. It is likely that Edelman will be used as a wide receiver/special team/ “wildcat” quarterback. Among his teammates on the Patriots is another San Mateo County prep football player, quarterback Tom Brady.

★ **CSM’s baseball team** wrapped up its regular season by clinching its 8th consecutive league title. The Bulldogs (30-11 overall and 18-7 in conference play) went into the Coast Golden Gate Conference tournament as the number one seed in the playoffs and ranked number four in Northern California playoffs. After winning in the first round, they advance to the next bracket to face Delta College of May 15-16 in the Elite 8 Tournament. More good news for CSM baseball: **Coach Doug Williams** has been named Coach of the Year by the Conference for the second consecutive year and the seventh time he has received the honor.



★ **Associated Students of CSM** are generously funding extended library hours during finals week, providing students with a quiet place to study. This is the third year that the ASCSM has supported the extended hours.

★ **Janet Muirragui**, a graduate of CSM’s fire academy, was named Antioch Unified School District’s Teacher of the Year. She teaches law, marketing and computer classes at Deer Valley High School and was selected for the honor largely for her work to launch the Deer Valley Law Academy – a specialized school within the high school that will enroll its first class of 100 freshmen this fall.



★ CSM’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program recently completed a successful second year of offering free tax preparation assistance. This year, student volunteers submitted 230 returns (up from last year’s 102) on behalf of clients from the college and larger community. The volunteers received valuable, hands-on work experience that will prepare them for careers in the industry. **Donna Marcus**, the VITA site coordinator and **Gordon Lunn**, accounting instructor trained and supervised 30 student volunteers. According to Professor of Accounting **Bruce Maule**, “CSM is the only community college in the area, and possibly one of the few in the country, with its own VITA training program.”

Photo: left to right: Students Pina Gil and Quynh Le prepare a tax return for client Jeff Day.

EVENTS

▶ On multiple dates in April and May, CSM's Office of Counseling Services is hosting Priority Enrollment Program (PEP) for high school seniors. This activity is designed to provide an easy transition from high school to college, as well as guaranteed priority enrollment for the upcoming fall semester classes. Students finishing their senior year of high school are strongly encouraged to sign up now and participate in this special offering.

▶ CSM celebrates Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month with several special events throughout the month May. Last week's kickoff event was featured film and discussion of "a.k.a. Don Bonus," a video diary that follows the life of Sokly "Don Bonus," an 18 year old Cambodian refugee in the San Francisco's Tenderloin who struggles with family, school and finding his place in an adopted homeland. Additional activities include an Asian/Pacific Islanders in the Workplace Panel and a community reception featuring Dean Ito-Taylor, director of API legal Outreach, as keynote speaker. The month's events will culminate in CSM's commencement exercises on May 29 with California Assemblyman Warren Furutani as the commencement speaker and a ceremony to grant honorary degrees to Japanese American students who were interned during World War II and unable to finish their studies at CSM. Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month was sponsored by the Diversity in Action Group, the Multicultural Center and the Associated Students of CSM.

- ▶ CSM Jazz Ensemble Performance - May 11, 7:30 pm in the Theatre.
- ▶ Spring Dance Concert and Competitive Dance Battle, May 14, 3-5pm in the Gymnasium
- ▶ Piano and Harmony Recital – May 16, 7 pm in the Choral Room.
- ▶ CPA and Enrolled Agent Information Night – May 18, 5-7 pm in the Theatre.
- ▶ Symphonic Band Concert – May 19, 7:30 pm in the Theatre
- ▶ Spring Electronic Music Concert – May 21, 7pm in the Theatre.
- ▶ CSM Commencement - May 29, 6:30 pm in the Gymnasium
- ▶ Jazz Under the Stars, May 30, 8pm in Building 36, Rooftop Observatory
- ▶ Masterworks chorale and Orchestra present "Sorrowing Mother/Eternal Light" on May 30, 8pm and May 31, 4 pm at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1105 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Carlos. Tickets are available online www.masterworks.org