

# COLLEGE of SAN MATEO

*Office of the President • Executive Report to the Board of Trustees*

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## **COLLEGE HOSTS OPENING DAY & WELCOME FESTIVITIES**

The college has been busy gearing up for Opening Day festivities and the beginning of the new academic year. On Tuesday, August 18, the college community was treated to a continental breakfast in the newly renovated Fine Arts



Courtyard followed by an all-college meeting in the Theatre. The meeting opened with a welcome and presentation by **President Mike Claire** and remarks by representatives from the Academic Senate, AFT and CSEA. The morning's event also included the 2009 Faculty Service Awards Ceremony in which 29 faculty members were honored for 10 and 20 years of service. The meeting concluded with the awarding of the first-ever Spirit of CSM Awards to retired employee **Steve Robison** and the local chapter of **Soroptimist International**. In the afternoon, faculty attended department meetings.

► As a kickoff to the new school year, the college has deployed dozens of faculty and staff wearing blue CSM t-shirts and "Ask Me" pins as part of Operation Welcome Mat, to help students find their way around campus. The "operation" consists of several information stations and volunteers strategically located around campus to help direct students, answer questions and provide written information. Operation Welcome Mat will serve day and evening students throughout the first week of classes.



► On August 14, the college rolled out the "blue" carpet and warmly welcomed new students as a prelude to formally beginning their studies at CSM. This half-day event, appropriately named, Welcome Day: Blueprint for Your Future!, featured a general information session, campus tour, workshops, an information fair displaying CSM's instructional programs and student services and a complimentary lunch. Welcome Day was coordinated by **Aaron Schaefer and Fauzi Hamadeh** of the Student Activities Office.

### ***KCSM'S SPOTLIGHT! FEATURES STUDENT FILMMAKERS***

In an effort to air more locally-produced programs, **KCSM-TV** will be presenting the work of student filmmakers in its upcoming *Spotlight!* series. **Jasper Anderson** of Woodside High School and **Emily Grandcolas** of Burlingame High School, student participants in *Spotlight!* competition held earlier this year, will have their films aired as part of the series. Anderson's film, "The Misadventures of Mr. Thistleton," is a silent comedy about a 90-year old man whose day goes awry with Anderson's great uncle in the starring role. Grandcolas produced, "With a Little Help," a three-minute short that combines live action with claymation about an artist who can't decide what to paint and receives unexpected help from a claymation character. Both students had the opportunity to learn from Hiro Narita, a professional cinematographer and director whose credits include "Star Wars: Return of the Jedi" and "James and the Giant Peach." KCSM will air the series beginning in October and it will highlight the work of 26 student filmmakers.

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

There is still time to support CSM at the San Mateo County Fair! On Saturday, August 22 the college will once again host an information booth located near the "Brews and Blues" stage. In addition, bands that feature college faculty and staff will be performing on the stage. The day's lineup of local talent includes:

- Rudy Ramirez** (photo) and the *Thrill Seekers* at 12:30 pm
- Mike Claire** and his band, *Along for the Ride* at 1:30 pm
- All-employee *CSM Bulldawg Band* at 2:30 pm
- Chris Cortez** of KCSM with *Native Elements* at 3:30 pm



The CSM booth will be staffed from 11:30 am -5 pm. In addition to a variety of college materials, it will also feature the bulldog mascot, available for photo opportunities, complimentary CSM balloons for the kids and several free drawings. The **PR & Marketing Office** is coordinating this activity. Special thanks to **Helen Souranoff**, theatre events manager, for assisting with our "CSM Presents" program.



### ***KUDOS***

★ **Jude Pittman** (photo), professor of art, created "Fifty Mosaics in Fifty Days," an exhibit that was recently on display at the Sanchez Art Center in Pacifica. Pittman actually made a mosaic every day for 50 days which she describes as "one way to make art as life." She found materials for her mosaics every morning as walked to the top of a hill that overlooked the Pacific Ocean.

*KUDOS, CONTINUED*

★ **Lewis Kawahara**, ethnic studies instructor, has received a grant from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP) to support CSM's Asian Pacific American Film Festival: An Afternoon Matinee with CCLPEP Films. The purpose of the film festival is to educate students and the viewing public about the Japanese-American internment experience as well as to promote campus dialogue on tolerance and diversity. The selected CCLPEP films will be shown in March and April 2010 and will be free and open to the public.



*Lewis Kawahara*

★ The Burlingame Lions Club honored **Rosalie O'Mahony**, a 20-year city councilwoman as its Citizen of the Year for 2009. O'Mahony, CSM professor emeritus of mathematics, has served the Burlingame community for more than 30 years and has donated hundreds of hours working on a myriad of commissions, committees, nonprofits and special programs within Burlingame and San Mateo County. Currently, she is chair of the Regional Finance Authority, vice chair of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, and a member of the Burlingame Aquatic Foundation Board. She taught at CSM for 38 years until her retirement in 2003.



★ On August 14, approximately 100 members of **CSM's football team** participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> annual San Mateo Park Cleanup Day, a community service activity that is part of the Life Skills Development program sponsored by CSM's coaching staff. From 9am – noon, the student athletes removed debris, trash and weeds from Seal Point/San Mateo Creek in San Mateo, an activity designed to raise students' awareness of their civic responsibility. In the afternoon, the students attended a presentation by Commander Todd Wilson of the U.S. Navy who spoke to them about teamwork and accountability. The Life Skills Development program focuses on leadership, goal setting and mentoring to help athletes succeed both on and off the field.

★ **College of San Mateo's nursing program** was a recipient of a grant from the Kaiser Permanente Fund for Health Education which will enable the college to continue its participation in a community college – university partnership program. CSM and City College of San Francisco (CCSF) have partnered with San Francisco State University (SFSU) on the second phase of an initiative launched in 2008. The initiative encourages collaborative models that create seamless transitions between associate's degree and bachelor's degree nursing programs and ultimately result in a better educated nursing workforce. A total of seven partnerships were funded and each will receive up to \$250,000 for the second phase. Each of the models developed by the partnerships will have the ability to be replicated in other regions of California. **Jane McAteer**, CSM's director of nursing, has provided critical leadership in working with her colleagues at SFSU and CCSF particularly in areas relating to the articulation of curriculum.

