

College of San Mateo

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PRESIDENT'S LECTURE SERIES WELCOMES FOUR SPEAKERS FOR FALL

On September 30 at 12:10 pm, The President's Lecture Series: Diverse Voices in Writing begins the fall lecture series with **Kay Ryan**, the 2008-09 United States Poet Laureate. Ryan has published several collections of poetry, including *The Niagara River*, *Say Uncle*, *Elephant Rocks*, *Flamingo Watching*, *Strangely Marked Metal*, and *Dragon Acts to Dragon Ends*.



Kay Ryan

On October 2 at 11 am, the series, in conjunction with San Mateo County Libraries' "One Book, One Community" campaign, welcomes award-winning author and poet **Chitra Divakaruni**. Two of her novels, *The Mistress of Spices* and *Sister of My Heart*, have been made into films. Her themes include women, immigration, the South-Asian experience, history, myth, magic, and celebrating diversity.



Chitra Divakaruni

In addition, on October 21, the series presents **Brian Copeland**, comedian, writer, television host, talk radio host and commentator, who will bring his unique blend of humor and biting social commentary. The final lecture of the fall semester, on November 18 at 12:10 pm, will feature **Richard Rodriguez**, the prolific award-winning author, essayist and journalist. Each of the events will be held in the CSM Theatre and followed by a book signing and reception. The series is supported by generous contributions from the Lane Family Charitable Trust.

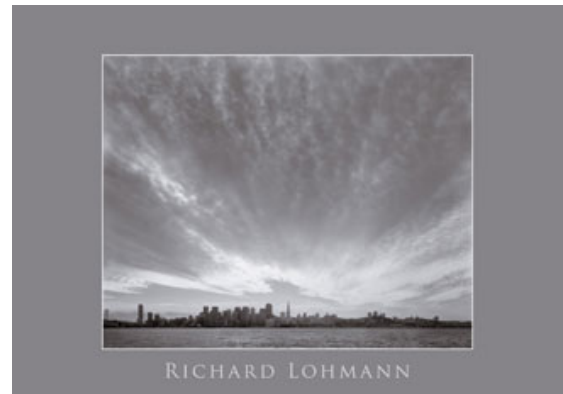


PRESIDENT'S BLOG LAUNCHED

At the beginning of the fall semester, CSM initiated the President's Blog to enhance communication among faculty, staff, students and the external community. With the growing number people using social networking tools to communicate on a regular basis, the blog presents another avenue for engaging a broad audience in on-line conversation. **Mike Claire** is posting frequent messages on timely topics such as the budget, construction, accreditation, enrollment, events, etc., while readers are invited to post comments and participate in the dialogue. In its first month, the site received nearly 2,800 page views and is quickly becoming one of CSM's most popular program sites. The President's Blog is found on the CSM website at <http://csmblogs.com/>

PROFESSOR'S PHOTO COLLECTION FEATURED IN EXHIBIT

Avenue 25 Gallery in San Mateo recently presented Richard Lohmann – Recent Work. The exhibit featured a collection of work by Professor of Photography **Richard Lohmann**, showcasing his photographs that explore maritime themes: harbors and ports; shipyards and dry docks; wrecks and salvages; and waterways and shipping lanes. It was presented by the Peninsula Library System with support from the Luminous Landscape Endowment. In addition to teaching at CSM, Lohmann serves as a workshop instructor for the Ansel Adams Gallery.



COUNSELOR MAKES EDUCATION VISIT TO CHINA

Over the summer, CSM Counselor **Modesta Garcia** attended a meeting at the Chinese Ministry of Education (MOE) in Beijing where she discussed U.S. college admissions with MOE officials. Modesta also visited a Shanghai bilingual boarding school and a Beijing college admission counseling office where she conducted staff development and addressed a public assembly. She invited CSM alumna and Shanghai-native **Yan Yan Mao** to co-present with her at the Shanghai school. Yan Yan was in CSM's concurrent enrollment program and is now a senior at Harvard University. Garcia's

presentations included topics on higher education in California and the nation, liberal arts colleges, coaching students for college application essay writing, and planning for and applying to highly selective colleges and the Ivy League colleges. *(Photo: taken on the premises of the Chinese Ministry of Education with its staff and staff from the China Scholarship Council; Garcia is third from right.)*

CSM ASTRONOMERS JOIN COLLEAGUES FOR INTERNATIONAL EVENT

On September 12, CSM Astronomy Professors **Mohsen Janatpour** and **Darryl Stanford** joined fellow professional and amateur astronomers gathered in Millbrae to participate in a celebration of the International Year of Astronomy – a program organized by the United Nations and International Astronomical Union. The CSM professors and members of Astronomical Association of Northern California assisted the public in viewing the sun safely through specialized solar telescopes set up in the outside the Westin San Francisco Airport Hotel. In the night sky, they helped visitors view Jupiter and its moons, nebulae and many constellations. The event also featured presentations by noted astronomers including Peter Jenniskens, a meteor expert with the SETI Institute and NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View.



KUDOS

★ Former CSM baseball standout **Scott Feldman** is having a breakthrough season as starting pitcher for the American League Texas Rangers. Feldman's 2009 record is 16-5 with a 3.65 ERA; he recently threw a career-high of 11 strikeouts in seven shutout innings on national television against the Tampa Bay Rays. As of this writing, he is currently tied for second in wins in the American League.



Feldman



★ Earlier this year, former CSM football player **Julian Edelman** (photo) made the New England Patriots 2009-2010 roster. The wide receiver was impressive in the preseason; in his first game, he scored on a punt return and led the team in receptions. Edelman was drafted by the Patriots in the seventh round of the 2009 NFL draft. He attended Kent State University where he was a standout starting quarterback.

★ At the age of 61, CSM alum **Lefty Chell** was inducted into the Senior National Hall of Fame for Softball. His qualifications for the honor: Chell made All-American 11 times (8 is the minimum), is over 60 years old and made all-tournament during a national tournament. Chell is currently a physical education teacher at Lassen View School in Dairyville.



Lefty Chell



★ CSM alum **Manny Barbara** (photo), recently announced his retirement as superintendent of the Oak Grove School District in South San Jose. Barbara, who was at the helm of the district for 10 years and retires after having served a total of 36 years in various administrative positions. After attending CSM, he transferred to San Jose State University to earn bachelor's and masters' degrees in psychology.

★ **Bev Madden**, director of college development and marketing, has been named the northern representative to the California Community College Public Relations Organization.

★ Former Bulldog **Ed Berry**, now a wide receiver with North Arizona University (NAU), is beginning his second season as a NAU lumberjack. Last year, he led the team in catches and receiving yards.

UPCOMING EVENTS

▶ The 12th annual John Noce Golf Classic, hosted by CSM's baseball program, is scheduled for October 12 at Poplar Creek Golf Course in San Mateo. The \$150 fee includes golf, a cart, lunch and dinner. There is still time to register and /or support with a sponsorship. The proceeds will support the baseball program. Information is available on the Bulldog Baseball website:



<http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/baseball/Golf%20Tourney.asp>

- ▶ CSM's Health Center has set up clinic sites around campus to administer flu shots during the month of September. Shots were offered for the minimal fee of \$5 for students and \$10 for staff.

- ▶ Jazz Under the Stars - September 26, Saturday, 8-11 pm, Building 36, Rooftop Observatory

- ▶ Accounting & Tax Networking Night - September 28, Monday, 5-7 pm, CSM Theatre