

July 27, 2016

Dear Colleagues,

I am very pleased to welcome you back for the 2016-17 academic year. The District Opening Day will be held on Monday, August 15 at Cañada College from 8:45 am to 1:30 pm. Please see the attached materials from Chancellor Galatolo for details regarding the District activities. Also, the College will host a number of professional development workshops on Monday afternoon. I have included a schedule of college professional development activities for both Monday and Tuesday.

College of San Mateo will hold its Opening Day on Tuesday, August 16. We will serve a continental breakfast in the Theatre Courtyard starting at 8:45 am. Also, a number of college committees will be tabling so that you to have an opportunity to meet committee members. The formal session starts at 9:15 am in the Theatre. We will continue with a variety of professional development workshops and division meetings for the remainder of the day on Tuesday. I would like to thank Theresa Martin, the Center for Academic Excellence Committee, and the Academic Senate for their work in organizing our flex days.

We stand at the beginning of a time of unprecedented opportunity. I have never felt so good about our future. I see an incredible intersection of ideas, energy, and passion at CSM. It comes from all of you—you are the “heart” of our College. On Opening Day I want to talk about our future because the ideas and values that we have developed will drive direction of CSM for many years to come.

At the same time, we face a period of challenge. National and international events have had a profound effect on many of our students and on us. The recent shootings, coupled with our political climate, have brought discussions about race, sexual preference, and other topics to the forefront. We need to talk about how we respond as a community, how we provide support and care to our students and to each other, and how we engage in healthy dialog. While I am proud of the steps we have taken, I know that we have more work to do.

There are times when it is important for the entire college to gather. This is one of those times. I urge all faculty and classified staff to make every effort to attend this particular Opening Day. CSM is a special place. I feel so fortunate to have the opportunity to work with all of you. I hope that you are enjoying summer. I look forward to seeing you on August 15!

Sincerely,



Michael Claire
President



Fall 2016 Flex Day Agenda

Monday, August 15, and Tuesday, August 16

Please RSVP at collegeofsanmateo.edu/fall2016flexrsvp

Monday, August 15, 2016 - District Opening Day

8:45 - 1:30pm District Opening Day Program

Monday Afternoon Sessions at CSM

2:00 - 4:00pm Session M1: CSM's Community Relation & Marketing department shares how their services support faculty and students (Bev Madden, Estela Garcia; 10-401)
Learn about all the services Community Relations & Marketing provides in support of you, your students and the community. Are you planning a campus event and need assistance? Want to send a student email to all enrolled students? Want to promote your program, create a website, create a social media account or other form of digital communication? We're here to assist!

Session M2: Program Review Guidance Session (David Laderman; 18-108)

This workshop will provide information and guidance on the revised program review form, the new resource request form, and the new two-year submission cycle. Laptop is suggested.

Session M3: Creating Safe and Brave Spaces at CSM (Henry Villareal, Fauzi Hamadeh, Justine Evers, Jackie Santizo; 10-468)

Creating safe and brave spaces for students promotes educational environments that are welcoming, validating, and encouraging. Participants will become aware of existing CSM safe spaces and learn how classrooms can become safe and brave spaces that facilitate students' learning.

Session M4: Canvas: A First Look (Erica Reynolds; 18-206)

Join us for this concise introduction to the basics of Canvas. Learn to navigate the Canvas website, customize account settings, set notification preferences, add and edit content, organize modules, and create an assignment.

4:15pm - TBD Department meetings if needed (Locations: To be determined by departments)

Tuesday, August 16, 2016 – CSM Opening Day

8:45 - 9:15am Continental Breakfast and committee fair; Theatre Courtyard

9:15 - 10:45am Welcome Remarks and Opening Activity; Theatre

Tuesday Morning Sessions (Choose one)

11:00 - 12:30pm **Session T1: Team Work makes the Dream Work: Leveraging Your Role to Support First-Year Students (Allie Fasth; 10-468)**

We're kicking off the start of Year One, a pilot program designed for first-year student success! Year One is a cross-department effort that is uniquely designed to connect students to existing support systems and fill in gaps by building additional opportunities for students to become engaged in the CSM community both academically and socially. As faculty & staff at CSM, you are one of our students' most valuable resource. This session aims to inform you about Year One goals, events, provide strategies Mindset 4.0 for working with Year One students, and inform you of ways to get involved.

Session T2: Build your Veterans Services Program with Purpose (Justine Evors; 10-192)

Are you interested in learning more about the student veteran population? Are VA benefits confusing or completely overwhelming to you? Do you want to serve our veteran population, but just don't know where to start? If you answered yes, to any of those questions, then please join us for a very informational workshop geared toward providing insight on our very own student veteran population here on campus. You will leave with a fresh perspective on our student veteran population and will be ready to find ways to collaborate and better serve our student veterans.

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Lunch

12:40 - 1:50pm **Division meetings with lunch provided.**

Locations:

Academic Support and Learning Technologies; 10-220 (Learning Center)

Business and Technology; 5-202

Creative Arts and Social Science; 10-192

Counseling; 10-191

Kinesiology, Athletics, and Dance; 5-339

Language Arts; 10-468

Math/Science; 36-319

Tuesday Afternoon Sessions (Choose one)

2:00 - 3:30pm **Session T5: Creating a Global Learning Environment: Understanding and addressing the needs of our increasingly internationalized student body (Danni Redding Lapuz; 10-468)**

This workshop will explore creating a globally aware learning environment, and inform faculty and staff about the needs of our increasingly internationalized study body.

Session T6: Canvas: A First Look (Erica Reynolds; 18-206)

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Session T7: SLOs Without Tears: How To Collect SLO Data Without Really Trying - for instructional faculty (Madeleine Murphy; 10-192)

About half the faculty at CSM collect SLO data by some process quite different from grading, and often quite infrequently. And yet, for most of us, SLOs are nothing more than broken-down grades. So why not get our SLO data from the same source? For faculty who currently use infrequent, time-consuming methods, and who want to transition to clearer and simpler methods of getting SLO data. Bring a laptop if you have one.

Session T8: Adjunct Orientation (Theresa Martin; 10-401)

This orientation will provide new and continuing adjunct faculty information and resources to help them succeed as CSM educators. Faculty will learn about faculty support services, academic support services, and opportunities for professional engagement.

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