



President's Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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Student Joins Research Team in Arctic this Summer



Twenty year-old CSM student **Luis Alvarez**, serving as an intern for the San Mateo Arctic Research Telescope (SMART) Project, is currently on a three week assignment in the subfreezing landscape of the Arctic Circle. He is joining a team of scientists conducting research related to site and weather evaluation for the establishment of the San Mateo Arctic Research Telescope.

Alvarez began his journey on July 13 when he flew to the Haughton-Mars Project Research Station (HMPRS) on the edge of Haughton Crater, Devon Island, in the high Arctic's polar desert. While at the HMPRS, Alvarez is assisting scientists with research activities that include the testing of a robotic arm and spacesuits, and conducting astrobiology studies related to permafrost. He will return to the Bay Area in early August.

Alvarez's story has captured the interest of the media. Several journalists have interviewed Alvarez and members of CSM's astronomy department, including Professors Mohsen Janatpour and Darryl Stanford. In addition to several stories that have appeared locally in Bay Area newspapers, Alvarez was also featured on KTVU News. The film clip can be viewed at <http://www.ktvu.com/video/28483038/index.html>. (Photo provided by Luis Alvarez)

CSM Creates Downtown Presence



CSM is always looking for new avenues to reach out to the community. In its most recent effort, the **Community Relations & Marketing Office** has been working with the Downtown San Mateo Merchant Association to have CSM banners displayed throughout much of the downtown area. The blue and white banners, hanging prominently between 9th and Baldwin Avenues, highlight the college's connection with Downtown San Mateo which served as the college's first location in 1922. Currently there are 13 banners, but as of August 15, a total of 22 will be displayed through November 11, 2011. There is an ongoing plan to submit requests annually for CSM banners to be on display on a year-round basis. *(Photo credit: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)*

College for Kids Wraps up 19th Year

College for Kids, the district's award winning summer enrichment program recently completed its 19th year with a record high enrollment of 371 students at CSM. Students were able to choose from more than 40 classes spanning the curriculum in computers, creative arts, math, sciences, language arts and sports. Some of the highlights of this summer's class offerings included Algebra Amusement, Cool Guitar, Chess Challenge, Awesome Astronomy, Robotics Invention, CSI Lab, Game Design & Development, Keyboarding, Sloppy Science, Creative Writing, Basketball, Fashion Sketching & Design, Manga Cartooning & Comics, Fascinating Folk Art, Self Defense, Japanese, Sushi & Calligraphy and Tennis. Kudos to the College for Kids program staff for another successful summer: **Lily Lau**, director of Community Education, **Renee Khoury**, assistant program director, and **Alana Utsumi**, staff assistant.



(Photo credit: Tracy Martin)

CSM Takes its Show to the San Mateo County Fair



CSM participated in a favorite summer pastime by setting up shop during the June run of the San Mateo County Fair. With the assistance of approximately 30 college volunteers, in addition to several dozen musicians, the college once again had a significant presence at this year's fair. Billed as *CSM Presents*, the college provided a talented lineup of musical and dance entertainment: CSM Dance Ensemble, Silent Thunder, Shoulder Bomb, West Bay Community Band, Jonny Atom, Rolled Out, The Thrillseekers, and Steel Drum Band. The Cosmetology program also participated as students showcased their talents by offering complimentary hair, makeup and nail services to interested fair-goers. The Community Relations and Marketing Office sponsored a general information table that featured the bulldog mascot, complimentary CSM balloons for the kids and several free drawings. Special thanks to **Helen Souranoff**, theatre events manager, for assisting with our *CSM Presents* program and to the **Community Relations and Marketing Office** for coordinating the college's overall participation. (Photo credit: CSM Community Relations and Marketing/Alexis Madayag)



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A Celebration of Classified Staff



At the end of June, CSM celebrated classified employees with a Classified Appreciation Lunch and Service Awards Ceremony. While the event was originally planned to be held on the outdoor terrace of College Center, unusually wet June weather made it necessary to move indoors to the spacious Bayview Dining Room. A delicious southern-style barbecue lunch was catered by our own Pacific Café and served by the managers. President Mike Claire emceed the awards ceremony honoring 14 employees celebrating long-term service milestones. This year's honorees included: **Yvonka Crossley, Caryn Goldman, Sam Haun, Michael McDaniel, Jeremy Mileo, Julene Rhoan, Kay Rabb, Sue Roseberry and Antonia Savage** (10 years); **Chris Cortez, Herb Mintz and Jesse Varela** (15 years); and **Valerie Anderson and Mary Leonard** (30 years).



(Photo credit: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)

Kudos

~ Associate Professor of Chemistry **Jeff Flowers** was a presenter at the Learning College Summit 2011 sponsored by League of Innovation in the Community College held this summer in Phoenix, Arizona. Flowers and Dayo Diggs, a professor from San Francisco City College, make a dual presentation titled, "Mentorship and Online Academic Advising Tools to Support Students," that addressed completion rates of students of color in retention programs at community colleges. *(Photo credit: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)*



~ CSM pitcher **Devin Bradley** has accepted a scholarship offer from Coastal Carolina University. Bradley, a Carlmont High School graduate, was a two time, first team, all conference player at CSM. He became the second pitcher to sign with a high profile four-year university; Josh Frendendall, CSM's ace relief pitcher signed earlier this year with University of Washington. *(Photo source: CSM Baseball website)*



~ CSM alum **Toni Gore** has been named women's basketball coach at Indian River State College in Fort Pierce, Florida. She played basketball and ran track at CSM and then transferred to Cal State University East Bay where she continued her basketball career and played soccer. Gore went on Austin Peay State University where she earned her bachelor's degree. Prior to her appointment at Indian River, Gore served as co-director and head coach at Finest Basketball Club Elite Team. She is also a veteran of the U.S. Army. *(Photo source: TC Palm)*



~ **Beverley Madden**, director of community relations and marketing, has been reappointed as the northern representative for the Community College Public Relations Organization Board.



~ CSM Students **Elisa Gonzalez** and **Roxanna Picos** are recipients of \$1,000 scholarships from the San Mateo County Retired Teachers Association. Gonzalez and Picos are planning to pursue teaching careers.

Student Success Story: Haley Holmes

College of San Mateo, Associate degree

Major: Cosmetology

Haley Holmes, a 2007 graduate of Terra Nova High School, was a budding fashion designer, having taken fashion design classes in high school and college. Midway through her lower division coursework at Cañada College, Haley decided it was time to change direction and focus on a career in another area of the creative arts—cosmetology. With relative ease, Haley transitioned to CSM's cosmetology program, in fact, the same day she finished her last final exam at Cañada, she also attended orientation for the cosmetology program.

While branching out in a completely different field can be daunting, the instructors and staff in CSM's program were welcoming and quickly made Haley feel comfortable in her new surroundings. "Associate Professor **Becky Boosalis** was very encouraging and she's always there for you. The instructional aides were also very helpful," says Haley. CSM's cosmetology program is structured similarly to working in the industry and, therefore, expectations are high, making it a challenging program. However, Haley was up for the challenge and immersed herself in her newfound major.

"CSM's program prepared me very well for the State board exams and also gave me great preparation for working in the field. Not only were we taught the latest techniques but professors brought in notable guest speakers who were professionals from some of the most prestigious salons in the Bay Area," explains Haley.

In a little over a year of full time studies, Haley passed her State board exams and earned her Certificate of Completion in Cosmetology. She is currently completing the final requirements for her associate degree.

As a licensed cosmetologist, Haley finds that she has many options for working in her field. Rather than starting in a salon, she's decided to launch her career on the road, quite literally. This summer she will be opening her own business, HNH Beauty, in what is considered to be an innovative niche market: a full service, mobile salon. With her car stocked with her "tools of the trade" Haley will take her salon services to clients in private homes, residential communities, businesses and even sporting events. As she progressed through her



program at CSM, she recognized a need for salon services to be brought to people who, for various reasons, were either unable or too busy to get to a salon. She found the concept of the mobile salon very appealing because it allows her to make her own hours and have flexibility in her schedule. She even plans to build in time for designing clothes!

Haley's instructor, Ms. Boosalis, has confidence that her former student has a bright future ahead of her: "Haley was always a good student, very attentive and enthusiastic in her role as a student in our program. She always looks at every experience as positive. I am sure she will be a great success in our industry." (Photo credit: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)