



President's Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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A Celebration of Scholarship and Service



More than 250 students were honored with scholarship awards at CSM's 2012 Scholarship Awards Reception held on May 2. According to the Financial Aid Office, scholarships were awarded to 219 CSM students and 44 high school students; collectively, they received 406 scholarship awards totaling \$242,705. The ceremony began with remarks by CSM President **Mike Claire**, Academic Senate President **James Carranza** and ASCSM President **Paige Kupperberg**; Mike Claire and Vice President of Student Services **Jennifer Hughes** presented the awards to each of the scholarship recipients. With many of the donors in the audience, the event provided the opportunity for student honorees to meet with the donors who contributed to their scholarships. Following the ceremony, guests made their way to the Bayview Dining Room in College Center for the reception to continue the celebration. The event was organized by **Karen Chadwick**, **Jennifer Hughes**, **Claudia Menjivar**, **Dennis Tordesillas** and **Henry Villareal**. (Photo credit: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)

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Three CSM Students Receive Major AGS Honors



Congratulations to CSM students **Gabriel Denham**, **Niko Larot** and **Sterling He** – they have been awarded prestigious scholarships by Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS), the academic honor society and service organization of the California Community Colleges. Gabriel, Niko and Sterling received their scholarship awards (each approximately \$1,000) at the annual convention held in San Jose; they were among 54 statewide student honorees who were awarded scholarships totaling \$38,400. Gabriel, who serves as president of CSM's chapter, was the recipient of the highly coveted and competitive Robert Mantovani award; Niko, past president and current Inter-Club chapter representative, received the Ed Walsh award for community service; and Sterling, an Inter-Club Council representative for AGS captured the Kathleen D. Loly Award for academic excellence.



Professor of English **Tim Maxwell** and Professor of Film **David Laderman** serve as AGS faculty advisors and attended the event along with CSM President **Mike Claire**. (Photo credit: Gizem Basar)

CSM is Site of Tim Tebow Photo Shoot

NFL quarterback **Tim Tebow** made an appearance at CSM's football stadium earlier this semester—not to a crowd of cheering fans, but to participate in a commercial photo shoot using CSM athletic facilities as backdrops. In conjunction with FRS, a locally-based company that produces dietary supplements, Tebow was featured in photos taken in various locations including the locker room, team house and football field. While Tebow was on campus, he graciously agreed to have his photo taken with CSM Assistant Football Coach **Tim Tulloch**. Tebow is a two-time NCAA national football champion, a first-round NFL draft pick and the 2007 Heisman Trophy winner. (Photo credit: Andreas Wolf)

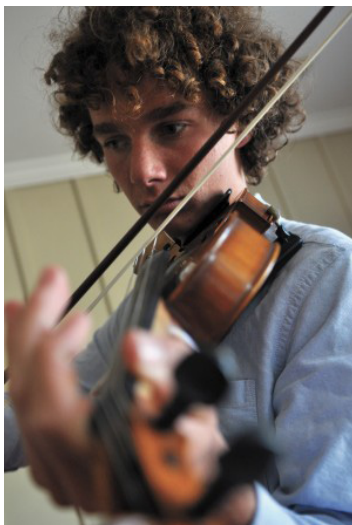


Kudos

~ Central County Fire Chief **Don Dornell**, a CSM alum, has been named to lead fire services in four of the County's cities: San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame and Hillsborough. Dornell's current position includes Burlingame and Hillsborough; however, with the retirement of the San Bruno and Millbrae Chief Dennis Haag, Central Fire will provide services for those cities as well. He served as co-director of CSM's Recruit Firefighter Academy and as an instructor in the fire technology program. Dornell graduated from CSM in 1971.



~ CSM music major **Quinn Sommer** served as concertmaster for the Coastside Community Orchestra's "The Dramatic Effect of Music" concert on May 3. Sommer, a classical violin student for 12 years, also led the first violin section: at the beginning of the concert, he played an A on his Stradivarius model violin to which the string section and then the rest of the orchestra tuned. After he earns his associate degree in music at CSM, Quinn plans to transfer to a university to study music therapy. *(Photo source: HMB Review)*



~ **Lorrita Ford**, director of library services, attended the Academic Library Planning and Revitalization Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. The conference provided a new framework for creating 21st century library facilities that reflect



best practices and student preferences for information resources. Among the conference highlights was a site visit and observational study of Goucher College's Athenaeum and its new college library.

Lorrita also attended Living the Future 8 Conference at the University of Arizona Tucson; she presented a poster about the evolution of CSM's Information Competency Graduation Requirement. *(Photo credit: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)*

~ CSM's Community Relations and Marketing Department was honored with three CCPRO Awards at the annual Community College Public Relations Organization conference. The college took a second place in the Logo Design Category for the Athletic Hall of Fame logo; a second place in Promotional Advertising Campaign for the Athletic Hall of Fame campaign; and a third place in the Banners/Outdoor Media Category for the college's historical banners that are on display in Downtown San Mateo.

~ CSM student artwork is on display in an exhibit at US Bank on Cabrillo Highway in Half Moon Bay through May 30. The artwork is by students enrolled in Drawing and Compositions classes held on the Coastside.

A Great Month for CSM Sports: Teams Capture 3 Conference Titles!

In a stunning month of athletics at CSM, three of the college's athletic teams won championship titles. In the words of **Andreas Wolf**, CSM athletic director, "It's a great time to be a Bulldog!"

Softball

CSM's softball team clinched the Coast North championship title and did so impressively! The Lady Bulldogs lead the state in wins with 36, a win streak of 20 and they captured Coach **Nicole Borg's** first outright conference title. Freshman pitcher **Michele Pilster** has posted a 28-3 record and leads Northern California teams in wins. In the first round of playoffs, the Bulldogs won a two-game sweep over American River College. CSM's team is the number two seed in the four-team super regional tournament on May 11-13 at CSM.



Swimming

CSM's women's swimming team wrapped up the Coast Conference title in a three-day championship meet and the first one to be hosted by the college. The Bulldogs swept top individual honors as well: outstanding female swimmer **Miya Oto** finished with 60 points and the co-outstanding male swimmer, **Carlos Sanchez** earned 57 points. Overall, CSM's men and women earned 12 championship gold medals.

Baseball

The Bulldog baseball team, ranked number 2 in Northern California, wrapped up the Coast Golden Gate title with a crushing 12-0 victory over DeAnza College. It was the 10th championship in 11 years for Coach **Doug Williams**.

In more baseball news, Bulldog pitcher **Daniel Chavez** has signed a letter of intent to enroll and play for San Jose State University.

Track and Field

CSM athletes dominated the throwing events at the Coast Conference Track and Field Championships by taking seven of eight titles at Hartnell College in Salinas. **Nikki Uikilifi**, a Mills High School graduate, won three events and fell just short of sweeping all four women's crowns. She took championships in the shot put, discus throw and hammer throw. Her brother, **Josh Uikilifi**, made it a family sweep of the hammer, winning the men's event. CSM throwers **Zeke Edwards** and **Nathan Wright** took first and second in the javelin, respectively.

Coaching Honors

In addition to team success and individual student-athlete accomplishments, CSM's coaches received top honors for winter and spring sports:

Michelle Warner – Coast Conference North Coach of the Year, Women's Basketball

Randy Wright – Coast Conference Coach of the Year, Swimming

Nicole Borg – State Softball Coach of the Year

Doug Williams – Coast Conference Co-Coach of the Year



Jerry Hills Addresses CSM Political Science Classes



Assemblyman **Jerry Hill** was on campus on April 27 to speak with four political science classes. Students in American Politics classes heard first-hand from Assemblyman Hill on topics that included the state budget, the governor's proposed tax initiatives for the November ballot, funding for community colleges, California's open primary system, the PUC's regulation of PG&E, and the Electoral College. Assemblyman Hill, a CSM alum, makes time every semester to meet with the college's political science classes. **Frank Damon**, political science instructor, organizes Hill's visits to CSM. (Photo credit: CSM Community Relations and Marketing)

Connect to College: A Big Draw for High School Seniors & Parents

By all accounts, this year's Connect to College Information Night was a major success. More than 350 high school students and parents attended the event, which was held for the first time in College Center. Participation by college faculty, staff, students and administrators was at an all-time high with almost every division and most special programs represented at information tables. The evening included a welcome from the president, presentations by university representatives and CSM faculty and staff, an alumni/student panel, scholarship drawings and refreshments. **Alex Guiriba**,

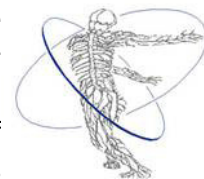


program services coordinator in the Community Relations and Marketing Department, did an outstanding job of organizing the event. (Photo credit: Gino De Grandis)



Job Fair Focuses on Fitness Careers

CSM's Kinesiology Department hosted the college's first-ever Fitness Industry Job Fair at the end of April. This event provided the opportunity for hiring managers of local fitness clubs to meet CSM students interested in fitness careers. Employers who attended the job fair included SMAC, 24 Hour Fitness, Club One, Peninsula Jewish Community Center, Pacific Athletic Club, Crunch and Evolution Trainers among others. The department offers certificate programs in Pilates Instructor Certificate Program, Yoga Teacher Training and a Personal Training Certificate.



The Kinesiology Department has also established an Advisory Board consisting of several of the hiring managers from these clubs to provide information as to industry needs. The Advisory Board was formed at the beginning of spring and the Fitness Industry Job Fair was a direct result of the input from these employers serving on the Advisory Board.

Upcoming Events

Appreciation Day Breakfast

Wednesday, May 23, 8:30–11 am in College Heights Conference Room. A celebration of classified staff and Classified School Employees Week.

CSM Commencement

Friday, May 25, 5:30 pm, Gym

Middle College High School Graduation

Tuesday, May 29, 5:30 pm, Theatre

Student Success Story: Stephen Schmidt

Graphic Designer, Creative Director

A.A. degree, Graphic Arts, CSM

B.A. degree, Design, San Jose State University

Stephen Schmidt's career path, which began in graphic design classes at CSM, has catapulted him to become an award-winning book designer and creative director of his own graphic design company.

Entering CSM as an undeclared major, Stephen says, "CSM was a good, practical starting point for my higher education studies." During his two years at the college, he came to the conclusion that graphic design was a good career fit. According to Stephen, the counseling he received at CSM proved to be helpful in planning his course load and direction. Stephen comments, "Attending Ed Seubert's graphic design courses, in particular, provided me with excitement for and knowledge of graphic design as well as the required skills it would take to excel in that field."

"The nurturing environment and diversity of course offerings gave me confidence that I could develop skills that would allow me to get a good job. Also, I made many good friends while attending CSM."

In addition to classroom learning, Stephen realized that at CSM, he also was learning to be a good student and his grade point average soared well beyond that which he earned in high school. Consequently, he graduated from CSM with highest honors, earning an associate degree in graphic design (now referred to as "digital media.")

"My accomplishments at CSM made it possible for me to transfer to San Jose State University (SJSU) to further my graphic design studies." He continued his academic success as a transfer student at SJSU where he earned a bachelor's degree in design, and again earning honors.



Today Stephen is the principal and creative director of his own graphic design company, Duplex, which focuses on brand identity, web and mobile user interface design and book design. He has given back to the profession by mentoring several graphic design interns, from CSM and other design programs; he has also taught Photoshop and HTML classes in San Mateo's Adult School program. Among his accomplishments is having designed over 20 illustrated coffee table books, including *Photo by Sammy Davis, Jr.* which was awarded a First Place Photography Book prize in the New York Book Show. (Photo provided by: Stephen Schmidt)