About College of San Mateo

College of San Mateo is located at the northern corridor of Silicon Valley and situated on a beautiful 157-acre site in the San Mateo hills that provides a panoramic view of San Francisco Bay. Since 1922, CSM has been a gateway to higher education leading to university transfer, career preparation and advancement, and professional and personal development.

The College currently serves approximately 10,000 day, evening and weekend students per semester. CSM students reflect the diversity of the Bay Area and have a range of educational goals. To best serve our students, the curriculum offers a wealth of programs that include traditional, semester-length and short courses in addition to distance education.

Students can experience a vibrant campus life to complement classroom learning that includes leadership development, student government, more than 30 student clubs and educational and cultural activities. CSM is proud of its championship intercollegiate athletic teams which compete at the highest community college level. Many student-athletes receive scholarships and continue at four-year institutions and numerous CSM athletes have gone on to professional careers.

To ensure student success, CSM offers a comprehensive selection of academic support services. Resources include financial aid and scholarships, counseling, transfer services, tutoring, employment assistance, health services and child care, among many others.

For more information about the college, visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/explorecsm. Guided campus tours can be scheduled through collegeofsanmateo.edu/tours.

Community Members: Are there topics or features you’d like to see in upcoming schedules? Please provide your suggestions and/or feedback to csmpr@smccd.edu. Thank you.

Fall 2016 Important Dates

Pre-registration Matriculation activities: Placement Testing, College Orientation, Counseling—see page 5

Monday, May 2 – Tuesday, May 10 WebSMART priority registration for Fall 2016 by appointment—continuing day and evening students. Additional information about specific group priority registration can be found by visiting collegeofsanmateo.edu/registrations.

Wednesday, May 11 All other students: new and returning, with less than 100 or more degree-applicable units, in good academic standing.

Thursday, May 12 – Tuesday, August 16 WebSMART registration for Fall 2016 by appointment—new, former, and continuing students.

Monday, May 16 New and continuing concurrent enrollment students

Wednesday, August 3 at midnight IMPORTANT! Deadline to pay student fees. If fees are not paid by this date, ALL of your classes will be automatically dropped.

Monday, August 15 – Tuesday, August 16 Flex Days – No Classes

Wednesday, August 17 Day and evening classes begin

Tuesday, August 30 Last day to add semester-long courses using authorization codes on WebSMART.

Tuesday, August 30 Last day to drop semester-long classes with eligibility for fee credit or partial refund. For short courses, eligibility for credit or refund is within the first 10% of class meetings. For exact deadline date, check course in WebSMART: collegeofsanmateo.edu/websmart.

Wednesday, September 1 Parking permit requirement begins. Citations will be issued for students parking without a valid permit.

Saturday, September 3 – Sunday, September 4 Declared Recess

Monday, September 5 Holiday – Labor Day

Monday, September 5 Last day to declare Pass/No Pass option for semester-long courses with this option. For short courses, the deadline is within the first 30% of the class meetings. For exact deadline date, check course in WebSMART: collegeofsanmateo.edu/websmart.

Monday, September 5 Semester-long classes officially dropped on or before this date will not appear on the student’s record. Short courses officially dropped within the first 30% of class meetings will not appear on the student’s record. For exact deadline date, check course in WebSMART: collegeofsanmateo.edu/websmart.

Wednesday, October 12 Flex Day – No classes

Friday, October 28 Last day to apply for Fall 2016 A.A./A.S. degree or program certificate.

Friday, November 11 Holiday – Veterans Day

Saturday, November 12 Declared Recess

Sunday, November 13 Sunday, November 13

Wednesday, November 16 Last day to withdraw officially from a semester-long class with assurance of a “W” grade. For short courses the withdrawal deadline is at 75% of class meetings. For exact deadline date, check course in WebSMART: collegeofsanmateo.edu/websmart.

Thursday, November 24 Holiday – Thanksgiving

Friday, November 25 – Monday, November 28 Declared Recess

Sunday, December 11 – Saturday, December 17 Final Examinations for day and evening classes

Saturday, December 17 Day and evening classes end

Friday, December 23, 2016 – Monday, January 2, 2017 Winter Recess

Wednesday, January 4 Fall 2016 official grades available on WebSMART.

Tuesday, January 17 Spring 2017 Semester begins

Message from the President

It’s my pleasure to welcome you to CSM’s fall semester. Fall marks the beginning of the academic year, a very exciting time for students, faculty and the entire college community. It’s typically our largest semester for enrollment and classes offered. As you look through our class listings, you will notice that we’re offering an extensive selection of courses—many subject areas and varying skill levels—to accommodate the diverse needs and interests of our community.

The theme of this schedule focuses on high potential students who face challenges and often lack resources to continue their education. Many are often the first in their families to attend college, others experience setbacks that impact their path to higher education. Once in college and provided with appropriate support and resources, these students demonstrate both perseverance and resiliency.

In our standing cover feature, “CSM in Your Community,” we are highlighting Project Change, a model program serving students who have faced significant challenges in their youth. As we strive to make a difference in the lives of our students, we realize we can’t always do it alone, as is the case with Project Change. This program is an excellent example of how the college works in partnership with community agencies to support and assist students achieve their educational goals. We are proud of these students who made the decision to improve their lives by attending CSM.

To learn more about this new program, I encourage you to read our staff interview with Katie Bliss, the project services coordinator of Project Change. As a member of CSM community’s, Katie recognized a need to serve a specific segment of our youth and stepped forward with an idea for a program which has become Project Change. Katie, a CSM alumnae, has walked the path of her students and is a true success story. I’m sure you will find her story both fascinating and inspirational.

Another program that assists students is Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS), the subject of our program feature, “EOPS, Educating the Complete Student.” We are honored that CSM was the birthplace of EOPS, a program that is now offered by every California community college. EOPS provides crucial services and support to so many of our students who juggle work, school and family responsibilities. As a tribute to the program, I am pleased to say that our EOPS students are among the most successful students on campus.

Finally, we are delighted to introduce you to Melissa Aliu in the “Student Success Story.” She is another excellent example of a student who found the resources she needed at CSM. I met Melissa while she was serving as a CSM student ambassador, and subsequently, I had the honor of informing her when she was awarded a prestigious scholarship to UC Santa Cruz. Since graduating from UC, Melissa has decided to give back to the community by embarking on a career in education. She is currently working at Aragon High School and will be entering graduate school this fall.

I hope you will join us for CSM’s fall semester. I wish you the best in your educational journey.

Michael Claire, CSM President