Welcome to CSM’s 2016 spring semester. In this Schedule of Classes, we are focusing on our Language Arts Division, a division of the college that nearly every student will pass through on their way to transfer, graduation or a career. The Language Arts Division at CSM encompasses a rich variety of courses that emphasize written and verbal communication skills and critical thinking—essential abilities for any profession, career or major. These are subjects that give students a great foundation for upper division courses at universities, graduate schools and beyond.

Most of our classes in language arts, and particularly English, are much smaller than university English classes, which allow students to receive quality instruction and personal attention from outstanding professors. Our faculty get to know our students and often serve as mentors. My eldest daughter, now an elementary school teacher, is an excellent example of a student who was guided in her educational journey by the wise counsel of her English professor.

Additionally, we are proud that the Language Arts offers several learning support centers to provide one-on-one tutoring and individualized instruction in English, ESL/reading, modern language and communication studies. This kind of quality instruction and supplemental services allow students to leave CSM with stellar skills.

In keeping with our language arts theme, our Alumni at a Glance column celebrates New York Times bestselling author John Lescroart who attended CSM in 1967. You may be familiar with his work as he is the author of 27 novels, 18 of which have been on the bestseller list.

To highlight our communications studies program, the most popular major in the division, we include a student success story about Grace Noland. In Grace’s story, she describes how her speech professor inspired her to follow a path to San Francisco State University to major in communications.

Another popular offering in our language arts department is film. To introduce the film program, we feature an interview with Professor of Film David Laderman. His passion for his discipline really comes through as he talks about the program, his students and his many other film-related endeavors.

We chose our ESL program as the subject for our standing feature, “CSM in Your Community.” We are extremely proud of our ongoing ESL partnership with San Mateo Adult School. Because of this collaboration, students who arrive at CSM after receiving basic language skills at the adult school make a seamless transition to college classes.

In addition to the diverse course offerings in our Language Arts Division, there are many other subject areas to appeal to broad interests, abilities and educational goals. I hope you find something that sparks your interest in learning. Have a great semester!

Michael Claire, CSM President

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.

College of San Mateo is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, (Co Commercial Boulevard, Suite 250, Novato, CA 94945, 415-906-2324), an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

Spring 2016 Important Dates

Pre-registration

Matri registration activities: Placement Testing, College Orientation, Counseling—see page 5

Monday, November 2 – Friday, November 14

WebSMART priority registration for Spring 2016 by appointment—continuing day and evening students. Additional information about specific group priority registration can be found by visiting collegeofsanmateo.edu/importantdates.

Friday, November 13

New concurrent enrollment students

Sunday, November 15

All other students: new and returning, with 100 or more degree-applicable units, on academic probation

Monday, November 16

WebSMART registration for Spring 2016 by appointment—new, former, and continuing students

Tuesday, January 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.

Friday, January 8 – Tuesday, January 19

Students will be dropped from unpaid classes at midnight the day following their registration for non-payment of outstanding fees. Visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/fees for more information.

Saturday, January 16 – Sunday, January 17

Declared Recess

Monday, January 18

Holiday – Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, January 19

Flex Day – No Classes

Wednesday, January 20

Day and evening classes begin

Tuesday, February 2

Last day to add semester-long courses using WebSMART.

Tuesday, February 3

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 the class meetings. For exact deadline date, check course in WebSMART: collegeofsanmateo.edu/websmart.

Wednesday, February 3

Parking permit requirement begins. Citations will be issued for students parking without a valid permit.

Sunday, February 7

Last day to declare Pass/No Pass option for semester-long classes with this option. For short courses, the deadline is within the first 20% of the class meetings. For exact deadline date, check course in WebSMART: collegeofsanmateo.edu/websmart.

Sunday, February 7

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.

Friday, February 12

Holiday – Abraham Lincoln Day

Saturday, February 13 – Sunday, February 14

Announced Recess

Monday, February 15

Holiday – President’s Day

Tuesday, March 3 – Friday, March 4

Flex Days – No Classes

Friday, March 4

Last day to apply for Spring 2016 A.A./A.S. degree or program certificate.

Monday, March 28 – Sunday, April 3

Spring Recess

Thursday, April 28

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.

Saturday, May 21 – Friday, May 27

Final Examinations for day and evening classes

Friday, May 27

Commencement exercises - visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/commencement

Friday, May 27

Day and evening classes end

Saturday, May 28 – Sunday, May 29

Declared Recess

Monday, May 30

Holiday – Memorial Day

Tuesday, June 7

Spring 2016 official grades available on WebSMART

Monday, June 13

Summer 2016 session begins

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.

Message from the President