Fifty years ago, California took action to create a program that would change the lives of millions of community college students. Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) has become a cornerstone of California Community colleges and an inspiration for programs around the country. It provides incredible support resources for low-income students whose educational and socio-economic backgrounds might otherwise prevent them from successfully attaining their educational goals. Our cover feature gives you the story behind it.

What many people don’t realize—even at CSM—is that the EOPS program took its inspiration in part from a pioneering support program here: the College Readiness Program (CRP). In the 1960s, CSM was looking to increase its student diversity. The College started offering financial aid assistance, tutoring, and more targeted outreach to underserved local populations like African Americans (in other words, the things we do today on a regular basis). CRP was successful, and helped to lead to discussions of supporting students at the state level. EOPS was born with the passage of state legislation in 1969. EOPS has a special place in my heart. I started my career in the California Community Colleges over 21 years ago as the director/counselor for EOPS/CARE & CalWORKs at College of the Siskiyous in Weed, California. This program taught me how to serve our student populations from under-resourced areas of our community and the rewards of witnessing how the success of one student is also the success of an entire family. For me, the mission of EOPS is also the mission of our community colleges. Happy 50th birthday to EOPS!

This Spring 2020 Schedule of Classes also contains other inspirational stories. Richard Young came to CSM at the age of 14, had a stellar career here as a student leader, went on to the University of Illinois, and co-founded a water management company in Denver. Richard is an example of the kind of educational excellence, fearlessness, and passion that we see in our students at CSM. Finally, we are fortunate to have added a number of exciting new faculty members in a wide variety of programs. CSM has added faculty in communication studies, cosmetology, counseling, EOPS, math, and nursing. We have spoken with seven of them to find out about their teaching philosophy, interests, and how they feel about coming to CSM. I’m excited about these talented new faculty members. Please say hello when you see them.

CSM will be celebrating its centennial in 2022. As we begin to plan the celebration, I find it inspiring to look back on our history, especially in programs such as CRP and EOPS. It’s also exciting to think of the success of our alumni, such as Richard Young. And it’s especially exciting to look forward to the future of our College—it’s students and its faculty.

I wish you a happy and successful spring semester. Thank you for your support of CSM!

Kim Lopez, Acting CSM President

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**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 daily, 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, 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 to 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/explore.csm. Guided campus tours can be scheduled through collegeofsanmateo.edu/tours.

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**Spring 2020 Important Dates**

- **Pre-registration Activities**
  - Friday, Nov. 1, 2019 Last day to see Counselor for SEP (Student Educational Plan) before registration begins. All SEPs must be completed by noon.
  - Monday, Nov. 4, 2019 Students receive Registration Appointment Date by email.
  - Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019 Last day to add semester-long courses using authorization codes on WebSMART.
  - Friday, Nov. 8 – Sunday, Jan. 13, 2020 Students have 7 days to pay their fees or they will be dropped from ALL of their classes. If classes are registered within 7 days of the beginning of the semester, they will have that many days to pay off ALL of their balance.
  - Wednesday, Nov. 13 – Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019 WebSMART registration for Spring 2020 by appointment—new and former students—including continuing students.
  - Monday, Nov. 19, 2019 New and continuing concurrent enrollment
  - Monday, January 19, 2019 Day and evening classes begin
  - Saturday, January 18, 2019 Declared Recess.
  - Monday, January 20, 2019 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Holiday)
  - Monday, January 27, 2020 Last day to add semester-long courses using authorization codes on WebSMART.
  - Monday, January 27, 2019 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.
  - Monday, January 27, 2020 Parking permit requirement begins. Citations will be issued for students parking without a valid permit.
  - Sunday, February 3, 2020 Last day to drop semester-long classes without appearing 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.
  - Sunday, February 2, 2020 Last day to declare Pay/No Pay option for semester-long classes. 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.
  - Friday, February 14, 2020 Lincoln’s Birthday Observed (Holiday)
  - Saturday, February 15 – Sunday, February 16, 2020 Declared Recess
  - Monday, February 17, 2020 Presidents’ Day (Holiday)
  - Thursday, March 5, 2020 Flex Day—No Classes
  - Friday, March 6, 2020 Last day to apply for Spring 2020 associate degree or program certificate
  - Friday, March 22, 2020 Flex Day—No Classes
  - Sunday, March 29 – Saturday, April 4, 2020 Spring Recess
  - Thursday, April 2, 2020 Declared Recess
  - Saturday, May 16 – Friday, May 22, 2020 Final Examinations for day and evening classes
  - Friday, May 22, 2020 Declared Recess
  - Monday, May 25, 2020 Memorial Day (Holiday)
  - Tuesday, June 2, 2020 Spring 2020 official grades available on WebSMART.

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**Message from the President**

Kim Lopez, Acting CSM President