Message from the President

Our Summer Schedule of Classes looks at the ways we address the transition from high school to college, and the challenges students often face when making that leap. For many students, the transition from high school into college life and coursework is a bumpy one. College requires more advanced study and organizational skills, time management, discipline, and independence. It can take some time to adjust to the demanding reading lists, pace and intensity of a college course. The stories in these pages show how we are making that transition easier for students.

One way we can help to strengthen that transition is to give students the opportunity to take college courses while still in high school. We already enroll more than 400 high school students in concurrent enrollment at CSM, and we expect that number to grow as more and more students realize the benefits.

Another way to strengthen the transition is by offering college courses at the high schools. This year, thanks to our continuing partnership with the San Mateo Union High School District, we have begun offering college-credit classes at several high schools in San Mateo County. We’ve started with business, accounting and criminal justice, and we plan to offer more in the near future.

I hope you will read about CSM graduate Chris True. Chris originally had no intention of going to college, but after taking several business classes at CSM, he decided to go to college and pursue a degree in business. He is now graduating with a business degree and hopes to get a job in the business world.

The College offers a wide variety of courses that can help students prepare for college. We have a variety of transfer classes that can help students transfer to four-year institutions and numerous CSM athletes have gone on to professional athletic teams. Many student-athletes receive scholarships and continue to compete at the highest community college level. Not only do students benefit from the support of our dedicated faculty members, but they have a comprehensive support network at CSM to address physical, mental, and financial health. The newly consolidated CSM Wellness Center incorporates a health clinic, personal counseling services, a food pantry, and CSM’s new SparkPoint Center. Students can walk into Building 1 and get help creating a budget, get a flu shot, see a counselor about stress, and pick up free groceries—and much, much more. We want to help students keep their lives in order so that they can concentrate on their studies. And the Wellness Center is a big part of that support.

Since summer is fast approaching, I also want to encourage you to review this Schedule of Classes for ways to enrich your life. Take a fitness course, learn to paint, or immerse yourself in a summer history or language course. If you have a college student home for the summer, enroll them in an English or math class that will fulfill general education requirements at the CSU, UC and many other institutions.

Most important, have a great summer!

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, 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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