President’s Report to SMCCCD Board of Trustees

News:

CSM Honors Students Present at Honors Research Symposium
CSM’s Honors Project is delighted to announce that nine of its students will be presenting their research at the 9th annual Honors Research Symposium, to be held Saturday May 7 at UC Berkeley. The honors proposal committee received over 200 proposals, for 90 slots. CSM had 9 of 11 proposals accepted. Topics range from postmodern detective fiction, to the politics of GMO’s, to theories of effective solar power implementation, to innovations in OCD treatment.

CSM Softball Sweeps Post-Season Coast North Conference Honors
Harlee Donovan has been named player of the year and Morgan Jones Pitcher of the year as repeating Coast North Conference champion College of San Mateo swept all of the league’s post season honors. CSM coach Nicole Borg was honored as coach of the year.
Six additional Bulldogs were selected on the first team all-conference: Meagan Wells, Jordan Davis, Christy Peterson, Kaitlin Change, Ariana Garcia, and Samantha Dean (daughter of CSM Chief of Public Safety Rob Dean).

Second team selections were Kristen Kowaki, Alicia Ortega, Kacy Edwards, and Riley Wells.

Students Recognized at Scholarship Awards Ceremony
CSM held its annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony on May 6. 497 scholarships were awarded to 354 students for a grand total of $367,477. The College is thankful for the support of its donors, and for the support of the San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation. The College is also thankful for the tireless work of Karen Chadwick, Scholarship Coordinator and the Scholarship Committee, which is chaired by Arnett Caviel.

Upcoming Events

http://www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar/events/

Thursday, May 12
Man, Interrupted: Why Young Men Are Struggling & What We Can Do About It
Dr. Philip Zimbardo Lecture and Book Signing
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
CSM Theatre

Saturday, May 14
Jazz Under the Stars
Free Stargazing on CSM’s Rooftop Observatory
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Building 36 Roof Top

Thursday, May 19
Spring 2016 Honors Project Showcase
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
18-206

Thursday, May 26
Open Studio for Makers
Code, Arduino, Robotics, 3D Printing, & More!
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
CSM Library

Thursday, May 26
Stepping Up: A Tribute to CSM Transfer Students
4:00 pm- 6:30 pm
Bay View Dining Room

Friday May, 27
94th Commencement Ceremony
5:30-7:00
CSM Gymnasium
CSM Participates in National Signing Day
CSM has worked hard to establish strong ties with our high school partners. That hard work is paying off. CSM-bound high school seniors constituted the majority of students celebrating National Signing Day at Hillsdale and Aragon High Schools. National Signing Day is an event inspired by First Lady Obama’s Reach Higher Initiative where high schools and communities across the country are asked to hold events to encourage students to commit to their post-high school educational plans. CSM representatives were on hand to welcome our new students. New students also received a gift package with CSM gear. CSM also held a very successful Connect to College Night – over 500 high school students and parents attended.

Commencement Speakers Selected
CSM alum and former football player Hansen Sekona has been selected as commencement speaker for the College’s 94th Commencement on May 27. Mr. Sekona continued his football career at Kansas State University on a full ride scholarship where he earned his bachelors degree. After graduating Mr. Sekona returned to CSM as an assistant football coach. Mr. Sekona is currently working on a masters degree at the University of Washington where he is also a graduate assistant coach in the football program. Student-Trustee Bajwa has been selected as this year’s student speaker

Lady Bulldogs Swimming Cleans Up At Conference Championships
The Lady Bulldogs earned 10 gold medals at the Coast Conference championships at Las Positas College, with freshman Erica Vong being named the meet’s Most Outstanding Swimmer. Previous CSM women to win Most Outstanding Swimmer at the annual meet are Miya Ota (2013 and ’14) and Andrea Chan (2009). Sophomore Morgan Smith’s gold-medal swim in the 100 butterfly was named top performance of the meet.

Henry Villareal Honored
Henry Villareal, Dean of Enrollment Services is the 2016 winner of the Robert Brown Award given by the California Association of Community College Registrars and Admissions Officers (CACCRAO). The Robert Brown Award is awarded to a CACCRAO member who has distinguished him or herself within the Admissions and Records profession. CACCRAO presents this award to recognize the outstanding contributions of individual CACCRAO members and to further the profession of Admissions and Records Officers within the California Community College system. It is a symbol of commitment to leadership, innovation and professional standards. Henry joins Andreas Wolf as the second CSM dean who has been recognized with a statewide award this year.

Photo of the Month: The Planting of the Cesar Chavez Community Garden