



# President’s Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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## CSM Students Selected for Student Film Festival

“My nightmares inspired my film”, says Nadar Bahu, a CSM film major. As a child, Bahu lost his ability to walk. His student film, Push Forward, chronicles his struggles to keep going despite being told he could not recover. It is a story of persistence and hope.

Bahu was one of two College of San Mateo student filmmakers selected for a live screening of their films at the Grand Foundation Student Film Festival in March. CSM student Madison Rojas was also honored with acceptance for her film, Hello, Anxiety.

The Grand Foundation Student Film Festival showcases the progressive works of student filmmakers from colleges, film/ art schools and high schools in California, Arizona, Nevada, and Oregon. It’s a rare opportunity for young filmmakers to have their film work live-screened by the public and compete for awards.

David Laderman, who is the sole full-time film professor at College of San Mateo, emphasizes film studies in the context of popular culture and globalization.



“All our courses are transferable “critical thinking” courses that teach students the language of film from a variety of perspectives,” says Laderman, who has taught at Stanford, SFSU, and UC Davis.



As Laderman reflected on these students’ films being chosen to be showcased, he applauds them for taking the chance and says, “It speaks to the truth within the cliché, you can’t win if you don’t try. There are lots of opportunities out there for our students; you just have to go for it.”

In 2016, Bahu lost his ability to walk. “I realized that there are other people out there who might be in this situation, so that is what made me want to make this film. I want to use my painful past to show people that they must keep going no matter what,” says Bahu, who plans on transferring to San Francisco State this fall.

Bahu is thrilled of to be a part of the Student Film Festival, as he feels it is his responsibility to inspire those, through his films, to not give up.

“Honestly? It blows my mind,” says Bahu. “The pain of loneliness, the hurt, and losing so much. I overcame it, and I made it into something beautiful.”

The film program at College of San Mateo leads to an associate’s degree and prepares students for success in their careers and beyond.

“We believe you can learn how to make films by studying them, and that studying them is a creative act,” says Laderman. ■

## Nine CSM Students Accepted to Present Research at Bay Honors Consortium Symposium

A total of nine College of San Mateo honors students have been accepted to present their research at this spring’s Bay Honors Consortium Symposium, May 5, at UC Berkeley. CSM has more students accepted than any other participating college.

Congratulations to:

Mondana Bathai	Dmitrii Ponomarev
Antoneil Carter	Ashneel Pratap
Meleana Chun-Moy	Benjamine Sasounian
Daniel de la Calle	Isabelle Tapia

CSM faculty and staff are encouraged to attend this special event, in support of our students, and also just for a smashingly great time. ■

## “The New Winds” Iranian Poster Design Exhibition Kicks Off in April

CSM presents “The New Winds”, an exhibition of contemporary Iranian graphic design. The show features posters by 44 select practitioners, who are known for their cutting-edge work inspired by traditional Persian and Arabic calligraphy, art, and Islamic patterns. The majority of the posters were created for Iranian art exhibitions, cultural organizations, and events. While combining Western design fundamentals with the elements of traditional Middle Eastern culture, present-day Iranian designers are making an important contribution to the world of design, by creating their own, unique visual language. This exhibition strives to create bridges of cultural understanding by giving an American audience a rare opportunity to get a deeper insight into Iranian identity.

### THE NEW WINDS Contemporary Iranian Design Exhibit

Featuring the work of 50 artists, including the world-renowned masters such as Majid Abbasi, Reza Abedeni, Homa Delvaray, Ashkan Ghazanchaei, and others  
CSM Library (Bldg 9) and CSM Health Center (Bldg 5) • 1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd, San Mateo CA  
Exhibit hours Mon - Thu 8:00 am - 7:00 pm • Fri 8:00 am - 3:00 pm • Sat 10:00 am - 2:00 pm • Sun closed

April 16 – May 19, 2018  
Reception at CSM Library: April 23  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm



Promotional exhibit poster created by digital media student, Marine Kazaryan

The outstanding Exhibit of Contemporary Iranian Design will be on display at CSM from April 16 to May 20, 2018. It contains posters by 50 artists, including world-renowned designers such as Majid Abbasi, Reza Abedini, Homa Delvaray, and many others. This is the first that the work will be shown in the United States.

The posters will be on display at the CSM Library, the Health Center (1st floor) and College Center (1st floor, in front of the elevators). There will also be an opening

reception at the CSM Library on Monday, April 23rd between 12:00pm and 1:00pm.  
(Submitted by Vera Fainshtein) ■

## CSM Partners with Maker Faire President for Industry, Career & College Day

CSM is proud to introduce Maker Faire's first Industry, Career and College Day, hosted in partnership with Cornell University College of Engineering. The event is designed to give upper level high school and university students, makers and enthusiasts an opportunity to explore career paths, education and job opportunities related to making. The event will be held at the San Mateo Event Center on Friday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The opportunity originated through a partnership with Dale Dougherty, founder and CEO of Maker Media, Inc. in Sebastopol, California, and Maker Faire president and creator.



Programming includes a rich lineup of speakers sharing stories of their journeys and visions on the future of Industry. In partnership with Cornell Engineering, a select number of students will have the opportunity to pitch their ideas on stage for a chance to win a special advantage in the Cornell Cup, Cornell's college-level embedded design competition. A speech will be given by CSM's President Mike Claire, and welcome efforts are being made by CSM to involve many San Mateo high school students in the event, at no cost to them and includes a free lunch.

This event is open to all local high schools and colleges! ICC is complimentary for upper level, 11-12th grade high school students and college students with valid student I.D's. Space is limited. ■

## CSM Wins Top Honors for Marketing Video

CSM's promotional video, "Welcome to College of San Mateo," was awarded the gold medallion for best college promotional brand video by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations, District 6. The district includes all community colleges in California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Hawaii and the Pacific territories. The awards were announced in March at the district's annual dinner in Las Vegas.

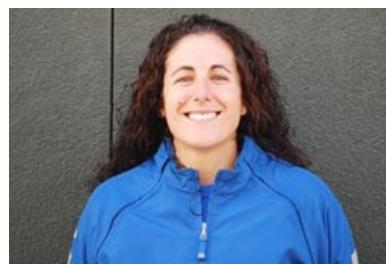




The 4-1/2 minute video features students, staff, faculty and CSM's spectacular scenery to give prospective students an overview of all the college has to offer. It may be viewed on CSM's YouTube channel, or at [collegeofsanmateo.edu/president](http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/president). ■

## Coach Nicole Borg Leads 400th win for Lady Bulldogs

It was perhaps fitting that the 400th softball victory by College of San Mateo softball coach Nicole Borg and her staff — 6-4 over host Ohlone College — also gave the state top-ranked Lady Bulldogs a game and a half lead over the rival Renegades in the Coast North Conference.



Borg and assistants Toby Garza and Dale Bassman reached the milestone in their 12th season together directing the CSM program, which has reached the California Community College Athletic Association Final Four tournament each of the past five seasons. The overall record is 400 wins and just 122 losses. ■

## Former CSM Linebacker Hired As Assistant Coach For Cal Poly

Matt Ta'ufo'ou, a former CSM linebacker who went on to play for Iowa State for three seasons, was hired in April 2018 to coach the outside linebackers at Cal Poly.

Matt earned 81 tackles as a freshman at College of San Mateo before taking his talents to Iowa State. He played in two games in 2009, was limited by injury to five games with two starts in 2010, notching 20 tackles, and played in 12 games with six starts as a senior in 2011, finishing with 72 tackles, four for loss.

Matt also posted a career-high 10 tackles against both Rutgers and Texas A&M and recorded eight stops in victories over Iowa and Kansas. He played in the Pinstripe Bowl in 2011 at Yankee Stadium as the Cyclones lost to Rutgers 27-13.



At College of San Mateo, Matt earned Junior College All-American honors as well as first-team all-conference accolades, coached by Larry Owens. He went on to earn his bachelor's degree in communications studies at Iowa State in 2012.

"Matt comes from four years as the linebacker coach at a very successful community college program, working under community college Hall of Famer Larry Owens at College of San Mateo," Cal Poly head coach Tim Walsh said. "He played at Iowa State, wants to be a Division I coach and this is the right step for him and our program. ■"

## One Love Foundation Holds Workshop

On April 4th at 5:00 pm, the College of San Mateo Athletic Department hosted a workshop conducted by the One Love organization in the main gym. Over 150 student athletes attended the event. The One Love organization was founded by the mother of Yeardeley Love, a University of Virginia lacrosse player who was brutally beaten to death



by her boyfriend. The One Love Foundation workshops focus on the epidemic of relationship abuse in our society: One in every three females goes through relationship abuse in their life, and one in every four males goes through relationship

abuse. As part of the four pillars of CSM's athletic department (academic success, athletic success, community service, and personal development), the workshop was emotional, engaging and impactful. *(Submitted by Andreas Wolf)* ■

## CSM Softball Clinches League Tie; Baseball Wins First Place Battle with Chabot

The league-leading College of San Mateo softball and baseball teams extended their win streaks this week.

The state top-ranked CSM softball team has clinched at least a tie for the Coast North League title. The Bulldogs will play Ohlone at CSM on April 24 to determine the league champion. CSM currently leads Ohlone by 1 ½ games in the Coast North. San Mateo will host Santa Rosa in a non-league game Thursday (3 p.m.) and play a non-league



crossover at Cabrillo on Saturday (noon).

Meanwhile, the Bulldogs baseball team completed a crucial 2-game sweep of Chabot College this week, displacing the Gladiators from a first place tie in the Coast Golden Gate Conference standings. CSM and Mission now share the lead at 11-5 with four games remaining – including a pair of head-to-head meetings to end the regular season (April 24 and 26). San Mateo has now won its last five games. ■



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## World Gala

*A campus-wide celebration of global culture and diversity*

**Friday, April 27 • 6 pm - 9 pm**

CSM College Center Building 10, Bayview Dining Room

This event brought together 200+ students, faculty, staff, and family members to celebrate the diversity of our campus in the past two years.

**Cost:** \$10 Admission (CSM students/ staff/ faculty free)

## CSM Jazz Ensembles Concert

**Friday, April 27 • 7:30 - 9:30 pm**

CSM Theatre Building 03

The Award-Winning College of San Mateo Jazz Ensemble will present a concert of contemporary and big band jazz from composers Jim McNeely, Jeff Beal, Greg Adams, Vern Sielert, and many others. Special guests for this concert will be the Central Middle School Jazz Band.

## CSM Track & Field - Coast Conference Championships Finals

*Pizza and Documentary on Veterans @ PTSD*

**Saturday, April 28 • All Day Event**

CSU-East Bay

25800 Carlos Bee Blvd

Hayward, CA 94542

Come out and support the Bulldogs!

## CSM Symphonic Band Festival

**Wednesday, May 2 • 7 pm - 9:30 pm**

CSM Theatre Building 03

The CSM Symphonic Band will host and perform with the Ralston Middle School String Orchestra, Central Middle School Symphonic Band, and Serra High School Symphonic Band in an evening of outstanding symphonic and classical music.

## CSM Swimming - State Finals

**Thursday, May 3 • 10 am**

De Anza College

21250 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Come out and support the CSM swimmers at the State Finals!

## 9th Annual CSM Asian Pacific American Film Festival

**Friday, May 4 • 5:30 pm**

CSM Theatre Building 03

*Spoken Word Performance & Screening*

Jason Magabo Perez, spoken word performer, and two screenings: *Leonora, archive of* by Perez and *Moving Walls*, A Film by Sharon Yamato Magabo.