



President's Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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“ Student Voice

“It sounded like a good idea, going back to school to try something that I’ve always wanted to do but never thought I could. It’s obviously a beautiful campus. That’s what hooked me, and I thought, ‘I gotta stay now!’”

New Career and Workforce Hub Connects Local Employers to Job-ready Students

In a healthy economy, it can be difficult for companies to find employees with the right skills and training. That is why CSM has created the Career and Workforce Hub to connect Career and Technical Education (CTE) students and alumni with employers. The Hub bridges the gap between employers and students by providing students with career exploration and preparation services, and working with businesses to create internships and employment placement.



College of San Mateo

The Career and Workforce Hub is headed by CSM's Director of Career Education, Ashley Phillips, who benefited from a pivotal internship opportunity early in her own career. She studied public administration and planned to work in human resources. "I had an internship in human resources," says Phillips. "Although I liked the people, the actual work wasn't fulfilling enough." That single internship experience helped her focus on her passion and pursue a career in her field that is personally rewarding.

Her vision, along with the Hub's, is to ensure that students have enriching experiences that help them build skills and focus on the careers they will have once they complete a class, certificate or degree at CSM.

The Hub reflects the increasing need for students to focus on their education and professional career aspirations concurrently. It allows CSM to respond to urgent economic and community needs and create access for underrepresented students.

With the Hub, students and alumni can work on the tools they need to secure an internship or job such as resume writing, interviewing skills, LinkedIn profile optimization and networking. The Hub also sponsors a speakers series, networking events and opportunities to connect to experts for informational interviews. Employers can work directly with the Director of Career Education to advertise open jobs and internships and develop a pipeline of trained candidates.

Students or alumni who need help updating a resume and LinkedIn profile, or finding an internship to explore their major, may reach out to the Career and Workforce Hub for assistance. Employers looking to access skilled local employees can contact the Hub at (650) 574-6296. ■

SparkPoint CSM Center Opens to Help Address Students Needs

College students are challenged every day by the cost of living in the Bay Area. Many struggle with bills, debt and food insecurity. In order to support their educational goals, College of San Mateo has partnered with United Way Bay Area to bring a SparkPoint Center to its campus.

The SparkPoint Center offers financial coaching, benefits enrollment and access to free groceries.

The SparkPoint CSM Center primarily serves College of San Mateo students, but is open to the entire San Mateo community. Coaches work with clients for up to three years to create a step-by-step plan to set and achieve personal financial goals. Students learn how to understand and budget their financial aid refunds and other sources of income, as well as credit history and how to build or repair credit scores.



Building 1, First Floor
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5 pm
Call to schedule an appointment (650) 574-7275



An inclusive, family-friendly space for students and community members

- ✧ Free One-On-One Financial Coaching
- ✧ Financial Education Workshops
- ✧ Eligibility Screening for public benefits
- ✧ Free weekly groceries & snack options across campus



SparkPoint can also arrange free tax preparation assistance with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. And in partnership with the San Mateo Federal Credit Union, SparkPoint helps clients manage their checking and savings accounts, including access to discounted or free banking services.

The SparkPoint coordinator helps students find, apply for, and manage their access to public benefits such as CalFresh, MediCal, and the Special Supplemental Nutrition for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.

The CSM SparkPoint Food Pantry



College students in the Bay Area are increasingly facing food insecurity, so SparkPoint CSM features a food pantry stocked with a variety of healthy options. It has dry and canned goods such as beans, rice, cereal, and pasta and perishables like milk, eggs, cheese, chicken, and fruit and vegetables. Second Harvest provides the food and students and community members can receive free groceries once a week.



Discounted Grab & Go Meals for Students

SparkPoint has partnered with the Bulldog Bookstore, Second Harvest, and Associated Students of CSM to provide an innovative new discounted meal program for students. CSM Grab & Go meals are available at the Bookstore to CSM students with ID. Meals include a sandwich, a few snacks (a piece of fruit & string cheese), and a bottle of water for \$5 (a retail value of about \$9). Modeled after a similar program at Cañada College, CSM's Grab & Go program has already distributed more than 500 meals in its first month.

Finally, SparkPoint has also replicated an initiative started at Skyline College called SparkPoint Snacks that provides baskets around campus with free snacks for students. The baskets are distributed at key student support offices like EOPS, the Career Center, and the CSM STEM Center.

United Way Bay Area has now opened 22 SparkPoint Centers in the region. All three SMCCCD colleges now have a SparkPoint Center (SparkPoint Skyline College opened in 2010 and SparkPoint Cañada College in 2015). The centers have been immensely successful:

- Clients see an average monthly salary increase of \$807 after two years in SparkPoint
- 74% of SparkPoint clients maintain their financial goals moving forward
- 4,656 people have received one-on-one financial coaching

Together, CSM, Cañada College and Skyline College have distributed more than 200,000 pounds of food and provided financial counseling to more than 200 students in the past year.

SparkPoint CSM is headed by Emily Barrick, a licensed physician assistant and the director of the CSM Wellness Center, and Program Coordinator Nicole Salviejo.

CSM will celebrate with a Grand Opening for the new SparkPoint Center on Wednesday, November 14 in College Center Building 10, from 11:30-2:30 pm. This event is open to all students, faculty, staff, and community members. See CollegeofSanMateo.edu/Sparkpoint for details. College of San Mateo gratefully acknowledges its partners, United Way Bay Area, San Mateo Federal Credit Union and Second Harvest. ■

Record Turnout for Faculty and Staff at Fall 2018 Flex Day

More than 170 CSM faculty and staff took part in a day of presentations, panels and professional development workshops designed to engage the campus community for Flex Day on October 10, twice as many as attended last year. It was the highest number of faculty and staff attending a non-mandatory Flex Day. CSM closed its administrative offices so that all staff could attend.

The day began with College updates by President Mike Claire, Academic Senate President Jeramy Wallace, and Classified

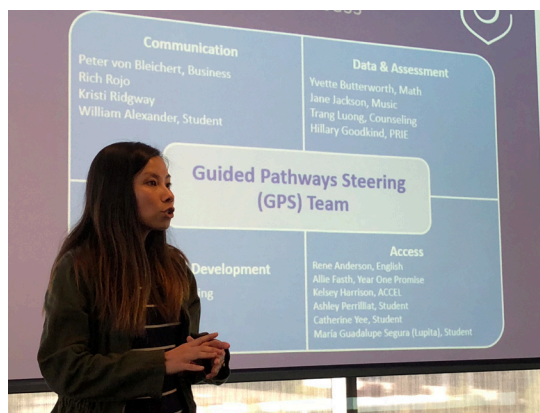




Senate President Fauzi Hamadeh. President Claire shared the progress on CSM's Educational Master Plan (first draft is ready for campus circulation); the searches underway for Vice President of Instruction, Dean of Language Arts, and Dean of Planning, Research, Innovation and Effectiveness;

accreditation (institutional report will be finished this summer with a site visit in fall 2019); budget and the revival of a campus Finance Committee; and the stellar performance of CSM's first year of the Year One Promise program. Jeremy Wallace, entertained the audience with a report on academic senate business while holding his five-month-old son, Charlie, in his arms. The Classified Senate report covered updates on the new transportation committee and the importance of staff getting more involved.

CSM's Guided Pathways team presented two sessions. In the first, a packed house listened to a panel of four students discussing their experiences with student support services and the challenges they face at CSM. The GP team then provided an overview of the process to date at CSM and the next steps as CSM focuses on designing its new pathways this spring. Faculty and staff also flocked to sessions on program review, employee benefits, educational equity, supporting undocumented students, and other topics. ■



Former Prime Minister of Australia Speaks at CSM

More than 100 CSM students had the opportunity to hear the former Prime Minister of Australia speak on campus. The Honorable Kevin Rudd, who served as Prime Minister of Australia from 2007-2010 and again in 2013, spoke in the CSM Theatre on September 13 about U.S.-China relations.



Mr. Rudd served as Australia's 26th Prime Minister (2007-2010, 2013) and as Foreign Minister (2010-2012). He led Australia's response during the global financial crisis, reviewed by the IMF as the most effective stimulus strategy of all member states.

He is a Distinguished Fellow at Chatham House in London, a Distinguished Statesman with the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, and a Distinguished Fellow at the Paulson Institute in Chicago.

The event was sponsored by the Asia Society of Northern California. It is believed to be the first time a former head of state has visited the College of San Mateo campus. ■

Former CSM Track Coach Joe Mangan Inducted into Hall of Fame

This summer, the inspirational former CSM Track Coach Joe Mangan was inducted into the California Community College Cross Country/Track and Field Coaches Association Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony was held August 4 at the group's annual convention in Walnut Creek.

For nearly 40 years, Joe Mangan has served student-athletes in California, with the past 35 at a California community colleges. Mangan served as head coach at CSM from 1996 to 2016. During his coaching career, Mangan



guided 96 conference champions, 24 regional champions and 12 state champions in track & field along with 19 top 10 regional finishes and 5 top 10 state finishes as a team. In cross country, he guided 3 regional cross country individual champions and 5 top ten individual finishers at the state championships. Mangan was named the 2013 California Community College Men's Track & Field Coach of the Year.

Mangan's coaching career began in 1981 at Homestead High School in Cupertino. He continued on to coach at Foothill College, Indiana University, where he helped lead the Hoosiers to two Big Ten Conference Indoor Championships and many other honors.

When CSM installed a new track facility, Mangan graciously welcomed other teams by putting on 40 track meets (2006-2016), including four CCCAA State Track and Field Championships.

Mangan also remains active at CSM where he has served on the Academic Senate and on numerous campus wide committees. A trusted friend, advisor and mentor, Mangan has guided and inspired countless numbers of athletes and coaches. ■

CSM Softball to Play Stanford on October 25

For the second consecutive year, the Bulldog Softball team will play Stanford in a fall match. The action begins at 5pm on Thursday, October 25 at Boyd and Jill Smith Family Stadium on the Stanford campus.



The game gives both teams a chance to gain experience in non-league competition early in the season. For the Bulldogs, it's a chance to play a NCAA Division I team at a faster speed than usual. And there is the thrill of playing at Stanford stadium -- an opportunity most players in the Bay Area grow up only dreaming about. The team is excited for the game and looks forward to seeing CSM supporters in the stands! ■

Visual Artist Pantea Karimi Joins CSM Faculty

CSM has added an exciting new adjunct faculty member to its extensive roster of working artists. Pantea Karimi is a well-established artist who works in installation art, prints, virtual reality and video projection. Her work is in public and private collections around the world. She has exhibited in Iran, Algeria, Croatia, the United Kingdom and the United States. A new exhibition of her multimedia work, “Visual Thinking: Six Ways of Picturing Knowledge,” opened recently at MIT’s Rotch Library gallery. It will be on view through December 14.

Karimi will be teaching drawing and graphic design courses in Spring 2019. She is based in Palo Alto. Learn more about her work at panteakarimi.com. ■

CSM Events Highlights

October-November 2018

Career Awareness and Exploration Fair

What's Your Why? Purpose, Path, Possibilities

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

11 am - 2 pm

CSM College Center Building 10, Bayview Dining Room

CSM Students can meet professionals from a range of job fields, ask our speakers about career pathways, learn about new opportunities, and explore possibilities.

CSM Softball vs. Stanford

Thursday, October 25, 2018

5 pm

Stanford University

Come out and cheer on the Bulldogs!

The Escalation Workshop

Thursday, October 25, 2018

4 pm - 6 pm

CSM Building 16, Room 206

One in three women and one in four men will be in an abusive relationship in his or her lifetime. The Escalation Workshop consists of the eye-opening film, Escalation, followed by a guided discussion led by CSM's Mental Health Peer Educators.

21st Annual Fall 2018 Health Fair

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

10 am - 2 pm

CSM College Center Building 10, Bayview Dining Room

Healthcare professionals and agencies from the community will be available to offer a wide variety of health assessment services and health education information. The Health Fair is open to all students, faculty, staff and the community.

Dia de los Muertos Community Celebration

Thursday, November 1, 2018

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

CSM's annual Dia de los Muertos celebration features dance and music performances, art, a car show, face painting, and altars/ofrendas by many campus and community groups.

CSM VROC Toys for Tots Toy Drive

November 2 – December 6, 2018

Central Hall Building 16, Room 150

Join the CSM Veterans Resource Opportunity Center (VROC), CSM Veterans Club and the US Marine Corps Reserve in spreading holiday joy by donating new and unwrapped toys to our Toys for Tots toy drive.

CSM Blood Drive

Thursday, November 8, 2018

10 am - 4 pm

CSM DaVinci Lot 3

Be a hero and save lives!

CSM Baseball vs. West Valley

Friday, November 9, 2018

2 pm

CSM Baseball Field

Come out and support the Bulldogs!

The Sky Tonight Planetarium Shows

Friday, November 9, 2018

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

CSM Planetarium

Come for a live presentation about what's visible in the night sky tonight, followed by a full dome immersive movie about fascinating topics in astronomy! The 50-minute show runs twice, at 7:30 and 8:30 pm.