“Brilliant!” — CSM’s Presentation is a Hit at the ACCJC Conference

CSM’s Student Learning Outcomes coordinator, Madeleine Murphy, presented a popular session at the biennial Partners in Excellence conference of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). The conference took place April 20 – May 3 in Burlingame.

Madeleine’s session, dubbed “Let’s Hear It for Small Data: Building a Community of Practice on SLO Assessment,” was one of several that challenged some entrenched SLO practices and attitudes. The presentation showcased CSM’s new approach to SLO data collection and assessment. While the standard approach to SLOs relies on big-data analytics being used for trends and insights, CSM’s new approach takes the opposite, experimental model.

CSM faculty are invited to identify issues in student learning they would like to find out more about, to explore them using relevant data, and to share the results. The goal is to use SLO assessment to establish a culture of assessment and research, one that relies on robust collegial, interdisciplinary discussion.

The 2019 Accreditation conference turned out to be a timely and productive place to share this new approach, since SLO assessment is being re-evaluated at the highest levels of accreditation. WASC recently fielded a panel of assessment experts who conceded that, across the state, SLO assessment practices have largely failed to help institutions improve student learning (the panel used terms like “hot mess” and “spectacular fail”).
Spring Career Fair Attracts Local Employers

On April 30, CSM Career Services and the CSM Workforce Hub held their annual Spring Job Fair. Nearly 50 Bay Area employers were on hand to recruit students for internships as well as part-time and full-time positions, including the Golden State Warriors, AT&T, BART, the Belmont Police Department, Boys & Girls Club of the Peninsula, and many more. Hundreds of CSM students were able to connect to employers, learn about career opportunities, hone their networking skills, and practice making a good first impression.

The SparkPoint Center and United Way Bay Area also teamed up to bring local professionals to the event to coach students on resume writing, interviewing and job hunting. Several employers have already followed up with CSM to let us know they have scheduled job interviews with CSM students.

High School Students Get to Know CSM at Annual Connect to College Night

Connect to College is always one of the biggest events of the year at CSM, and this year was one of the largest turnouts ever. On April 18, more than 350 students and parents filled the Bayview Dining Room for an evening packed with information on how to apply, enroll, pay for, and succeed at CSM. Nearly 50 CSM divisions, departments, and student organizations recruited and networked with students.

One attendee called Madeleine’s session “brilliant.” Another attendee wrote, “For a few years I’ve been thinking about how to make activities like SLO assessment, program review, and accreditation more like professional development rather than record-and-report activities. I’ve been hard-pressed to figure out a way to make that happen. Your presentation, however, gave me a mechanism for accomplishing some first steps in that direction.”

Photo by Julio Ruggiero.
the prospective students. CSM transfer counselor Mike Mitchell, Promise Scholars Program director Tiffany Zammit, and Financial Aid technician Karen Chadwick presented to the crowd about how to access their programs. Four recent CSM graduates gave first-hand accounts of their experiences transferring to University of California, California State University, and private universities. A number of lucky attendees also walked away with $250 and $500 scholarships to help them get started at CSM.
Super Saturday Prepares Students to Enroll at CSM

More than 145 students came through Super Saturday on April 27. Financial Aid, MESA, and EOPS tabled and connected with students. The Super Saturday Team helped shepherd the students through assessment, orientation, a math workshop, and individual meetings with counselors. These incoming CSM students were able to meet and speak with current CSM students.

Over the last four years, the Super Saturday event has grown to involve more student services programs and more counselors each year. This year we needed 13 counselors to handle the student demand. The impact is clear: These new students left Super Saturday with a Student Education Plan (SEP) in hand and are now ready to register for classes at CSM.

ASCSM Celebrates Spring with a Carnival-themed annual Spring Fling

The Associated Students of College of San Mateo treated CSM students to a week of free food and giveaways with its annual Spring Fling. This year's Fling, from April 30 to May 1, was carnival themed.
On the first day, ASCSM senators gave out Costco pizza, Super Cue boba, cotton candy, snow cones, Nothing Bundt Cakes with free candy and portable chargers. On day two, there was free food from Pacific Dining including hot dogs, hamburgers, Krispy Kreme, Super Cue boba and more cotton candy and snow cones. Night students had free Mendocino Farm sandwiches, and Susie Cakes cupcakes.

With more hungry students to feed, ASCSM has increased the amount of food ordered for its events. The overall turnout was huge, with ASCSM handing out more than \textit{400} meals, \textit{400} bobas, and \textit{100} portable chargers. The lines were never ending and all of the food was used.

\section*{Asian Pacific American Film Festival Celebrates its 10\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary}


\begin{figure}[h]
\centering
\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{apaaff.jpeg}
\caption{Welcome to our 10\textsuperscript{th} CSM APAFF.}
\end{figure}

Photos by Gino de Grandis.

\section*{32\textsuperscript{nd} Presentation on Art and Science}

For the 32\textsuperscript{nd} year, CSM math, astronomy and physics professor Mohsen Janatpour delivered his "Presentation on Art and Science." Professor Janatpour is also a practicing artist, and this year’s lecture was highlighted by the unveiling of Mohsen’s latest multi-canvas artwork, \textit{Symvisio XIII}.

The presentation focused on the orthodoxy that science is detached from emotion, and that scientists search for facts dispassionately. It also examined the companion...
idea that artistic creation is an emotional endeavor and works of art reflect social or
individual emotions. In the light of 40 years of teaching science and approximately 30
years of practicing art, Mohsen examined these ideas in a lively lecture-demonstration.

The evening ended with a viewing of the night sky, courtesy of the San Mateo County
Astronomical Society and the CSM Astronomy department.

CSM and Cañada Collaborate
on Digital Media Exhibit

Digital Media faculty and students
at Cañada College and College of
San Mateo have collaborated to
mount a joint exhibition of student
work. The exhibit opened April 15 in
the CSM Library and will be on view
until May 17.

Featuring 2-D and 3-D work of
digital media and design students,
the exhibit showcases a rich range
of student talent as well as the
practical and technical skills taught
by these programs. Student works include illustrations, poster design, typography, and
constructed objects. The exhibit was organized by CSM Professors Vera Fainshtein and
Diana Bennett along with Cañada Professor Hyla Lacefield. An opening reception was
held April 24.
UPCOMING EVENTS

**Juried Digital Media Student Exhibit**
Through May 17 • CSM Library
See works by the talented students in the Cañada College and CSM Digital Media departments.

**Honors Project Student Showcase**
Friday, May 17, 2019 • 1:00 – 4:30 pm
College Heights Building 10, Room 468
Join us students from the Honors Project as they present their research inquiries and findings. All members of the CSM community are welcome. Poster Session runs 1–2 pm and presentations are from 2–4:30 pm.

**College of San Mateo Jazz Ensemble Concert**
Friday, May 17, 2019 • 7:30–9:30 pm
CSM Theatre Building 3
CSM’s legendary conductor Mike Galisatus leads the Jazz Ensemble in its final concert under his direction. Professor Galisatus retires this year. The Aragon High School Jazz Ensemble will also perform. Cost is $5 at the door.

**Stepping Up: A Transfer Tribute**
Thursday, May 23, 2019 • 4:00 – 6:30 pm
College Center Building 10, Bayview Dining
Join us for this festive celebration of transferring CSM students, with food, music, speakers and entertainment! All members of the CSM community are welcome.

**97th Commencement Ceremony**
Friday, May 24, 2019 • 5:30 pm
CSM Gymnasium

The CSM community celebrates student achievement with its 97th Commencement Ceremony, featuring keynote speaker Alfredo Aguirre (Class of 1973), LCSW, Director of Behavioral Health Services of San Diego County. Tickets are limited.
See collegeofsanmateo.edu/commencement.