



President's Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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"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").



CSM English Professor and SLO
Coordinator Madeleine Murphy.



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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." ■

Spring Career Fair Attracts Local Employers



Photo by Julio Ruggiero.

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

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. ■



Photos courtesy of Carol Ullrich.

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.



Photo courtesy of Enya Nava.

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 Men-docino 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 400 meals, 400 bobas, and 100 portable chargers. The lines were never ending and all of the food was used. ■

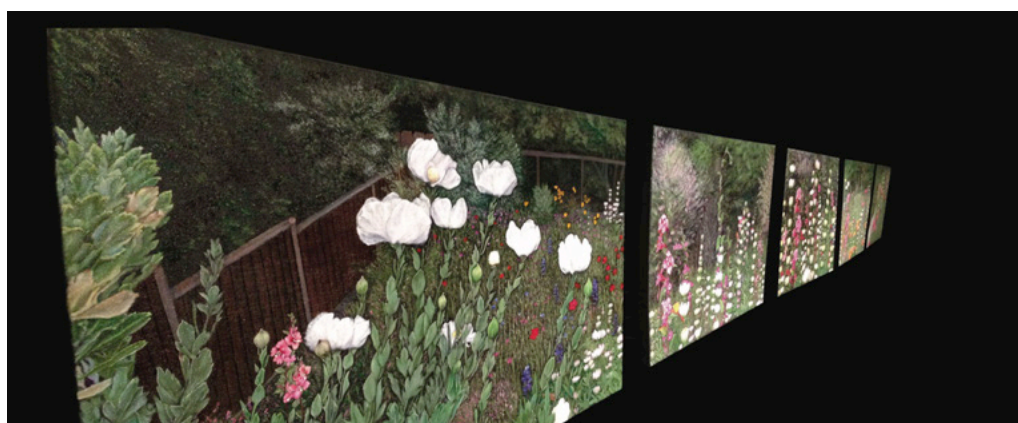
Asian Pacific American Film Festival Celebrates its 10th Anniversary

CSM's annual Asian Pacific American Film Festival celebrated its 10th year on May 3–4, 2019. Organized by Ethnic Studies faculty member Lewis Kawahara, this year's film selections included *The Worlds of Bernice Bing*, by Madeleine Lim; *Leitis in Waiting*, by Dean Hamer, Joe Wilson and Hinalaimoana Wong-Kalu; *3 Boys Manzanar*, by Preeti Mankar; *Keepsake*, by Megan Lau; *I Say Dust*, by Darine Hotait; *Our Man in Tokyo: The Ballad of Shin Miyata*, by Akira Boch; and a performance by Aileen I. Cassinetto, San Mateo County Poet Laureate. ■



Photos by Gino de Grandis.

32nd Presentation on Art and Science



For the 32nd 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, *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. ■



Left to right: Professors Diana Bennett, Hyla Lacefield, and Vera Fainshtein. Photos by David McLain.

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.