



# President's Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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*“If you have the confidence and determination, you are already halfway there.”*

2019 CSM grad Nancy Madriz, who transferred to CSU Long Beach to study supply chain management and operations.

## CSM Conducts Emergency Preparedness Training Exercise



Photo by Julio Ruggiero.

The San Mateo County Community College District Office of Public Safety organized a three-day training exercise to prepare for campus emergencies at CSM. Held June 24–26, the training provided in-depth training for CSM employees in a range of emergency scenarios such as medical emergencies, acts of violence, earthquakes, fire and other situations.

SMCCCD Emergency Preparedness Manager Ben'Zara Minkin, an experienced firefighter, medic and instructor at CSM's Fire Academy, has organized the training program for all three campuses and the District Office. Approximately 40 CSM building captains participated in June, giving CSM valuable practice in potentially life-saving procedures.

SMCCCD campuses are organized with a system of building captains — employees who are responsible for providing local assistance in case of an emergency in any particular campus building. Building captains supplement Public Safety officers, who could be overwhelmed in a major emergency.

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Building captains received intensive training in the use of emergency radios, first aid, fire suppression, moving injured parties on staircases, and other techniques. They also received an overview of the National Incident Command System, which is the protocol used by law enforcement, fire and rescue personnel to manage emergencies.

Further training will be organized during the year.



*Photos by Julio Ruggiero and Rich Rojo.*



## CSM Art Professor Profiled in Oakland Magazine

Susan Matthews, adjunct professor of art at CSM, was profiled in the June issue of Oakland Magazine. Matthews, a respected painter, creates canvases inspired by Afro-Cuban cultural traditions. She has studied and traveled extensively in Latin America and Africa and has exhibited her work in Africa, Cuba and Alaska. She has taught at CSM since 1978.

See the story in Oakland Magazine: <http://www.oaklandmagazine.com/June-2019/Susan-Matthews-Goes-Large-for-More-Impact/>



Visit Sue Matthews' website: <https://www.susanmatthewsgallery.com>

## CSM Music Faculty Member Conducts at Carnegie Hall

CSM music professor Shulamit Hoffmann conducted a 165-member choir and orchestra in a June 16 performance at Carnegie Hall. Hoffmann's Peninsula-based vocal ensemble, Viva la Musica!, performed with several other choirs from around the country in the finale concert of MidAmerica Productions at the legendary concert hall.

Hoffmann traveled with her ensemble of 72 singers, including three former CSM students, for the performance. It is her third appearance at Carnegie Hall (her second as a conductor). Previously, Hoffmann has led choral and orchestral tours to Vienna and Salzburg (2006, for Mozart's 250th birthday celebration), Prague and Dresden (2011), Vilnius, Riga, Tallin, Helsinki, and St Petersburg (2017).



*Photos courtesy of Shulamit Hoffmann.*



Hoffmann has taught at CSM since 2002. She has also taught at Notre Dame de Namur University as well as universities in Idaho, Utah and South Africa.

Her ensemble, Viva la Musica!, performs winter and spring seasons each year in the Bay Area. For Ludwig van Beethoven's 250th birthday celebration in 2020, they will perform Beethoven Ninth Symphony with Bay Area Rainbow Symphony at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, June 13, 2020.

Also for Beethoven's birthday, the ensemble will return for three performances in Vienna and Salzburg in December 2020. Singers or anyone interested is welcome to contact Hoffmann for information at [shu@machutch.com](mailto:shu@machutch.com) or call (650) 346-5084. ■



*Photo courtesy of Shulamit Hoffmann.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Laser Studio @Library Makerspace**

Thursday, July 25 • 2–4 pm  
Library Building 9, Second Floor

Learn how to engrave or cut with a laser printer.

### **San Mateo Farmer's Market**

Every Saturday, Rain or Shine • 9 am – 1 pm  
Galileo Lot 6

Enjoy one of the Bay Area's finest farmer's markets, with the best view in town!

### **The Sky Tonight Planetarium Show**

*Phantom of the Universe*

Friday, August 9  
7:30–8:20 and 8:30–9:20 pm  
Science Building 36, Planetarium

### **Jazz Under the Stars**

*Free Stargazing on CSM's Rooftop Observatory*

Saturday, August 10 • 8:30–10:30 pm  
Science Building 36, Rooftop Observatory