



# President's Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

Acting President Kim Lopez ~ October 23, 2019

## EOPS 50th Anniversary Celebration



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In the summer of 1966, College of San Mateo created the College Readiness Program to provide financial aid, tutoring, and expanded outreach to students of color. A small but mighty group of 39 students joined the innovative program.

Those 39 students had no idea they were about to become the model for Community College Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS), a statewide program created by the state legislature in 1969. Born out of the Civil Rights Movement, EOPS is considered by many to be the original equity and student success program in California Community Colleges. EOPS provides academic, financial, and personal support for low-income students whose educational and socio-economic backgrounds might otherwise prevent them from successfully attaining their educational goals.

Today, EOPS offers eligible students assistance with counseling, priority registration, book service, tutoring, semester parking permits, grants, computer and printing access, assistance in the completion of financial aid and scholarship applications, transfer services, university tours, and study skills workshops. Its sister program, Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE), provides additional school supplies, parenting and self-development workshops, meal cards, and assistance with childcare costs.

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EOPS serves about 450 students each year, and CSM's research suggests that this is only half of eligible students on campus.

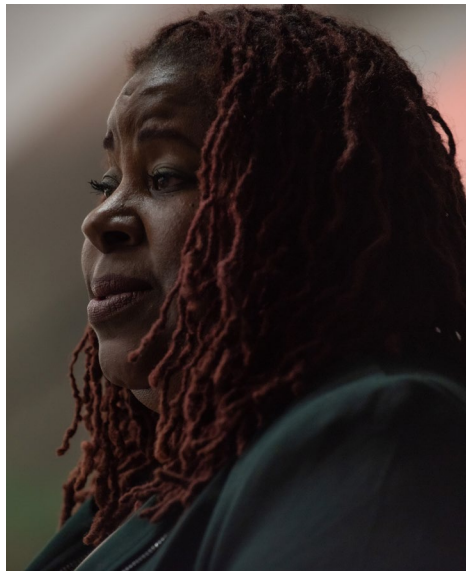
On October 3, more than 100 EOPS alumni, students, counselors and staff, CSM and SMCCCD administrators, and other community leaders gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of this landmark program. Among the speakers were CSM EOPS/CARE and CalWORKs coordinator Patrice Reed-Fort; Acting CSM President Kim Lopez, and Interim Chancellor Mike Claire. Danita Scott, who oversaw EOPS at CSM for many years, delivered a moving keynote on the history and significance of the program. Danita's sister Gerri gave an opening recognition of the land and its legacy of people, and Joan Dentler of State Senator Jerry Hill's office presented EOPS with a declaration recognizing the local and statewide impact of the program.

Guests enjoyed a rich evening of food, music, and entertainment. People danced to Professor Rudy Ramirez's band, Azul Latino. There was a stunning commemorative desserts table, and a photo booth that captured the energy of the night.



For information on EOPS, visit [collegeofsanmateo.edu/eops](http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/eops)







## California Community Colleges Board of Governors Visits CSM

On October 16, College of San Mateo was honored with a visit from members of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors. Board President Tom Epstein, Board Member Kevin Holl, and Student Representative Colm Fitzgerald spent the day meeting with College leadership groups. A wide range of students, faculty, staff, and administration was able to speak openly with the board members about the implementation of key initiatives such as AB 705, guided pathways, the Strong Workforce initiative, Vision for Success, and student aid.



The full day of discussions included:

- SMCCCD Board members, Interim Chancellor and CSM administrators
- Faculty Senate
- Institutional Planning Committee
- Associated Students of CSM
- Classified Staff Senate

President Epstein noted that he visits California Community Colleges regularly. This was his 48th college visit since joining the Board of Governors in 2014.

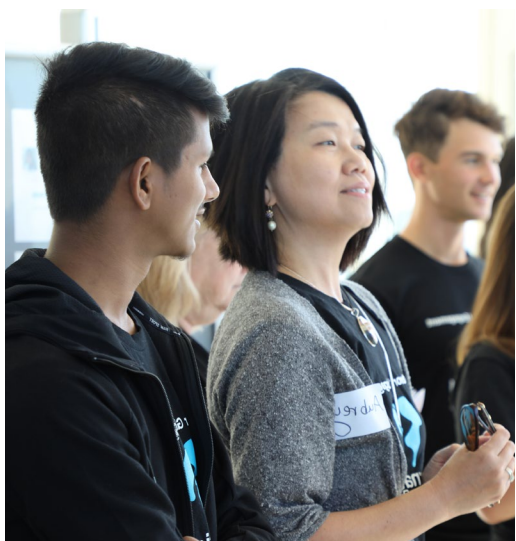


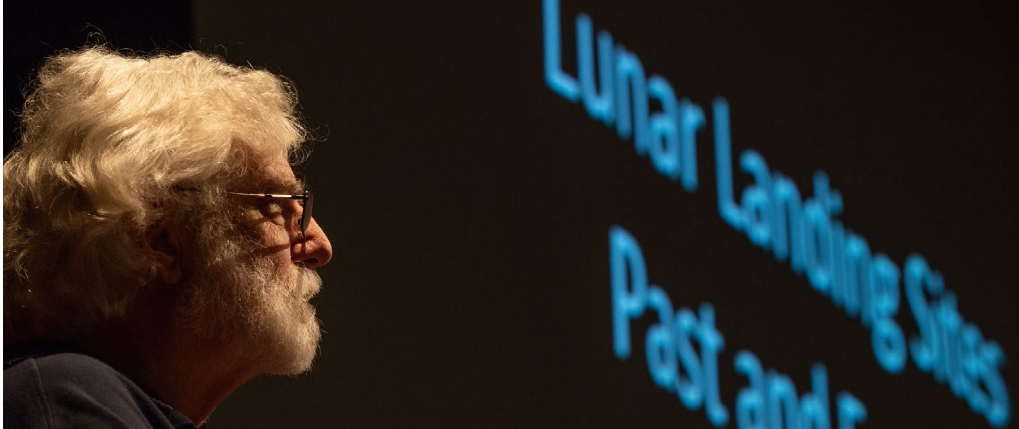
## Fall Flex Day Presents Myriad Professional Opportunities

CSM held its annual Fall Flex Day on October 9, with another lineup of inspirational speakers, campus updates, and hands-on workshops. Classes and offices were closed for the day, allowing more than 200 people to participate.

Dr. Gina Garcia of the University of Pittsburgh, a national expert on Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), gave an inspirational keynote address on decolonizing HSIs. The talk drew on her scholarly work and activism, which is devoted to disrupting the status quo of postsecondary education by bringing attention to the ways higher education has historically been committed to whiteness and regularly reinforces white narratives and white standards. She conducted a more detailed workshop later in the day for managers, faculty, and staff.

The Guided Pathways team offered a workshop on sorting academic programs into clusters that make sense for students. Other workshops included an update on the CRM implementation, suicide assessment, a Center for Global Engagement open house, a Project Change panel, and sessions on CalPERS, supervisory skills, and other topics.





## Annual Family Science & Astronomy Festival + Makerspace Draws More than 1,500 Community Members

On October 5, more than 1,500 community members descended on the CSM campus for the Annual Family Science & Astronomy Festival + Makerspace. The annual festival combines science demonstrations, model-making, lectures and planetarium shows intended to engage people of all ages. There were hands-on activities on astronomy, physics, biology, and engineering. The Makerspace offered workshops in electronics, crafts, media, and more.

The day wrapped up with a keynote by Dr. Brian Day on “Lunar Landing Sites, Past and Future,” and a telescope viewing on CSM’s rooftop observatory.



## CSM Honors Student Paper Gets Published

In the latest milestone for the CSM Honors Project, recent graduate Andreas Langenbacher was notified that his paper was accepted and published online by “Think You?!,” the journal of the Bay Area Honors Research Symposium. His paper, entitled “The Art of Creating a Piano Fantasy: Montage, Notation, Performance, “ was written under the mentorship of CSM professor Shulamit Hoffmann. The paper lays out the foundational work for a 10-minute piano piece he composed and performed at CSM last spring.

Langenbacher’s abstract reads: “I have created a ten-minute piano fantasy that is a suite of original compositions, and transcriptions and rearrangements of extant piano pieces. My piano fantasy contains media music—pieces from video games, anime, movies, and other types of entertainment and media—as well as elements and segments from the traditional classical repertoire. My goal was to create a piece that shows that media music can be as complex and beautiful as traditional repertoire, and that, because of that, media and traditional music can go hand in hand—making a new whole. I hope to convey what I love so much about pieces that easily go unnoticed in the background of media through my piece. To serve this purpose, I have performed my piece in public at the end of the semester, recorded myself, and uploaded it on the internet.”

Langenbacher, who studied biology at CSM, transferred to UCLA this fall. Read the full paper [online](#).

## Planning Retreat Sets Top Three CSM Priorities

On October 8, CSM faculty, staff, and administration leaders gathered for a full-day retreat to focus on the College’s top priorities. Held at the Sobrato Center for Nonprofits in Redwoods Shores, the workshop was a lively sequel to the initial planning retreat CSM held in May.

The group agreed to focus on three top priorities for the College:

1. Guided Pathways
2. Strong Workforce
3. Equity

Teams representing the three priorities gave energetic overviews of their project status and next steps.





Tabletop exercises and report-outs helped to illustrate the challenges faced on each initiative. After lunch, the group self-selected into work groups for each of the three priorities. Work groups will now spend the fall mapping College initiatives to the three top priorities and to the Education Master Plan.

## Bulldog Football Ranked #1 in the Nation



Top-ranked College of San Mateo, in its 98th football season, begins its quest for a fourth straight Bay 6 League title on October 19 at Santa Rosa Junior College at 5 p.m.

The Bulldogs, following a 5-0 non-league campaign, are ranked No. 1 in the nation among junior and community college teams in the Massey Ratings and No. 1 in the California Community College Football Coaches Association state ratings, compiled by the JC Athletic Bureau.

CSM, coached by Tim Tulloch, has been scoring at a 36.2 points per game pace while limiting opponents to just 7.0 points per game – the best defense among all 68 teams in the state. The Bulldogs have allowed only 73.4 rushing yards per game, leading all Northern California National Division teams (No. 2 in the state).



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Diversity in Tech

**Thursday, October 24**  
**4:30 - 6:00 pm**

CSM College Center Building 10, Room 195

Join us for a panel discussion with experts from industry and education who are working in technology fields like math, engineering, computer science, and biotechnology. Open to students, parents, teachers and the public.

## CSM Fall Health Fair

**Wednesday, October 30**  
**1:00 pm**

CSM College Center Building 10, Bayview Dining Room

Our Annual Fall Health Fair features more than 20 exhibitors plus health related resources, free food, flu vaccines, and giveaways.

## Día de los Muertos Community Celebration

**Friday, November 1**  
**10:00 am - 1:30 pm**

CSM College Center Plaza

This year's celebration features altar exhibits, craft-making, traditional foods, face painting, music, and dance!

## Jazz Under the Stars

*Free Stargazing on CSM's Rooftop Observatory*

**Saturday, November 2**  
**7:00 - 9:00 pm**

Come see craters on the first quarter moon, the rings of Saturn, star clusters, and more through our telescopes while listening to KCSM Jazz 91 FM.

## CSM Softball vs. SF State

**14 innings**  
**Sunday, Nov 3, 2019**  
**11:00 am**

CSM Softball Field

## California State Assembly Speaker Pro Tem Kevin Mullin

*Presentation and Q&A on California Politics & Government*

**Wednesday, November 6**  
**10:10 - 11:00 am**

California State Assembly Speaker Pro Tem Kevin Mullin will speak and answer questions about government and politics in California. Although he will be addressing political science classes, this event is free and open to the public.

## CSM Volleyball vs. Skyline

**Friday, November 8**  
**6:30 pm**

CSM Gymnasium Building 8

## Financial Stress to Fossil Wonderland: My Roundabout Journey Into Paleontological Research

*Part of the Science-in-Action Speaker Series*

**Wednesday, November 20, 2019**  
**5:30 pm**

CSM Science Building 36, Planetarium

Larry Taylor earned a master's degree in genetics, taught at a community college, worked in medical research at Stanford, and is now pursuing a Ph.D. at UC Berkeley. His research focuses on the migration behaviors of prehistoric whales. He has helped build a program that brings community college students to Berkeley for a fossil-based lab course.