



President's Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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Planning Begins for College of San Mateo's Centennial



Students on the steps of the Kohl Mansion, CSM's home from 1923 to 1927.

College of San Mateo opened its doors for the first time on August 28, 1922. Since then, the College has changed the lives of many thousands of students through education and career preparation.

The College will celebrate its centennial in 2022–23 with a major community outreach initiative, as well as commemorative videos, website, and special events. Acting President Kim Lopez has established a President's Centennial Committee to advise the College on these planning efforts. Members include San Mateo County business executives, elected officials and staff, nonprofit leaders, and other community members. In its first meeting on January 16, the group received an overview on the College, its students, the communities we serve, and the College's instructional programs. They also received a brief history of the development of the college, its prominent alumni, and the vision for the Centennial. The committee will focus special attention on programs, partnerships, and events that can establish strong and lasting

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impact on the community. This will likely include a gala celebration as well as a large-scale community “birthday party.”

This winter, CSM will also organize a work committee of students, faculty, staff, and alumni to plan the campus celebration. Under the leadership of Bill Rundberg and Gus Petropoulos, the emeriti faculty have nearly completed an oral history project of 100 video interviews. There is a vast digital archive of historic photos from College of San Mateo, Cañada College, Skyline College, and the San Mateo County Community College District. See smccd.edu/photoarchives. More materials will be developed in the coming years. ■

Faculty and Staff Prepare for Spring 2020 on Flex Day



CSM faculty and staff gathered on January 10 for winter Flex Day professional development opportunities. Keynote Speaker Rhonda Magee, professor of law at University of San Francisco, started the day with a keynote on “Mindful Reflections on Equity and Inclusion.” Professor Magee led a full house in Bayview Dining Room through a description of contemplative pedagogy—incorporating mindfulness and personal experience into education—as well as a meditation session. Professor Magee is author of the recently published [*The Inner Work of Racial Justice: Healing Ourselves and Transforming Our Communities Through Mindfulness*](#) and an expert in contemplative pedagogy, race law, identity-sensitive pedagogy, and critical race perspectives on the intersection of race and immigration. Some of her talks are available on [YouTube](#).

The educational equity theme continued with an extended workshop entitled “Check Your Privilege: Unpacking Your Relationship with White Privilege.” Led by guest Myisha T., an Oakland based speaker, mental health advocate, and life synergist, the four-hour session presented tools to help



identify your personal relationship with power, privilege, and racism. Myisha T's workshop is rooted in the restorative justice framework, which allows each individual participating a place to be seen and known. The goal is to understand how your individual actions contribute to outcomes and impact both students and colleagues in our CSM community.



Faculty and staff circulated among many other Flex day sessions. Topics included the new library online catalog; evaluating constructive and equitable feedback; tutoring resources; Canvas grading, marketing your program; and assessing your syllabus through an equity lens. The College community then had an opportunity to enjoy lunch before breaking for afternoon division meetings. ■



Classes Begin for Spring 2020



CSM welcomed students back on January 13 for the Spring 2020 semester. Admissions & Records extended its hours to help students register and access the

classes they need, and CSM Student Ambassadors staffed welcome tables to answer questions from new students. Our student photographer, Celeste Safie, captured the day with these photos.



Center for Equity, Leadership & Community Set to Open on March 11

Work has been progressing steadily on the new Center for Equity, Leadership, & Community, which will serve as a hub for many student support services. Opening formally in March, it is the new home of the Promise Scholars Program, Student Life & Leadership, SparkPoint and its food pantry, Mana, Umoja, Puente, the Honors Project, and Project Change. Students in CSM Learning Communities will be able to gather in spaces furnished with comfortable furniture, study tables and rooms, and even a gaming room. Student government will hold meetings in the large state of the art conference room, while Promise Scholars Program counselors will have private space to be able to work with their students. Located in the former Building 17, the space has been transformed into bright, open, and tech-ready space for supporting students.

A ribbon-cutting is planned for Wednesday, March 11, 2-4pm. Students are planning a mix of performances and presentations related to the programs in the Center. More information will be coming soon on this event. ■



UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Dates!

Ribbon Cutting: Center for Equity, Leadership, & Community

Wednesday, March 11 • 2-4 pm
CSM Building 17

Join students, faculty, staff, and community members for a celebration of the new Center for Equity, Leadership, & Community. This major renovation creates high quality space for CSM Learning Communities, SparkPoint, student government and the Promise Scholars Program. Watch the CSM website for details.

Bulldog Football Crab Feed

Friday, March 14 • 6-10 pm
Bayview Dining Room, Building 10

Early-bird Price: \$55 (before 3/1/2020);
\$65 after 3/1/2020

Please join us to support the Bulldog Football Program and celebrate Coach Larry Owens. The evening will feature a cocktail hour, crab and spaghetti dinner, silent auction and raffle.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2020

CSM Women's Basketball vs. Las Positas

Friday Jan. 24 • 5:00 pm
CSM Gymnasium Building 8

CSM Men's Basketball vs. Las Positas College

Friday Jan. 24 • 7:00 pm
CSM Gymnasium Building 8

San Mateo Farmers' Market

Every Saturday, Rain or Shine
Saturday, Jan. 25 • 9 am – 1 pm

February 2020

CSM Softball Doubleheader

Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020
10:00 am vs. Siskiyous
2:00 pm vs. San Jose
CSM Softball Field

Jazz Under the Stars

Free Stargazing on CSM's Rooftop Observatory
Saturday, Feb. 1 • 6:30–8:30 pm
CSM Science Building 36, Rooftop Observatory

CSM Softball Doubleheader vs. Merced

Tuesday, Feb. 4 • 12:00 and 2:00 pm
CSM Softball Field

CSM Women's Basketball vs. Ohlone

Wednesday, Feb. 5 • 5:00 pm
CSM Gymnasium Building 8

CSM Men's Basketball vs. City College of San Francisco

Friday, Feb. 7 • 7:00 pm
CSM Gymnasium Building 8

San Mateo County Astronomical Society General Meeting and Presentation

Guest Speaker Series

Friday, Feb. 7 • 8–9 pm
CSM Science Building 36, Planetarium

CSM Baseball vs. De Anza

Saturday, Feb. 8 • 1:00 pm
CSM Baseball Field

CSM Softball vs. Modesto

Tuesday, Feb. 11 • 3:00 pm
CSM Softball Field

CSM Women's Basketball vs. City College of San Francisco

Wednesday, Feb. 12 • 5:00 pm
CSM Gymnasium Building 8

CSM Men's Basketball vs. Cañada College

Wednesday, Feb. 12 • 7:00 pm
CSM Gymnasium Building 8

CSM Softball Doubleheader

Thursday, Feb. 13
10:00 am vs. Cosumnes River
2:00 pm vs. Fresno
CSM Softball Field