

Midsummer Message
July 7, 2023



Dear CSM Community,

I hope you are enjoying your summer and the warm, sunny days. Fourth of July has come and gone and hopefully you had a wonderful celebration with family and friends.

As always, thank you to facilities, ITS, and public safety teams for your efforts over the summer in such an efficient manner. On my summer campus walks, it is a pleasure taking time to chat spontaneously with folks and see the beautiful outcomes of your work.

Summer is always a good opportunity (even if we're working) to take personal time to recenter, reflect, and rejuvenate, and enjoy personal interests and passions—such as for me reading. I have enjoyed reading Peter Attia's *Outlive: The Science & Art of Longevity*. He considers the concept of longevity, distinguishing between lifespan and healthspan, the physical and mental quality of life over time. He describes medical "tactics" across five broad domains for improving healthspan: exercise, nutrition, sleep, emotional health, and supplements.

As we consider our fall return to welcome back returning students and welcome new folks to our campus, I am reminded about how much control we have over our well-being and how we consciously have the day-to-day capacity to think differently about healthful practices both inside and outside the classroom. The working environment we shape for ourselves is also our students' learning environment. I am looking forward to implementing our college wellness plan in Fall 2023.

Check out exciting midsummer campus updates:

Board of Trustees Enrollment Goal of 15%

Enrollment is up for Fall 2023 and we have met the district enrollment target. As you may be aware, as a district we have agreed to pursue a goal of 15% growth in unduplicated student headcount. I am thrilled to share CSM is set to exceed the 860-student goal. Thank you to Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Carla Grandy and Deans for their leadership support of team

members in being responsive in actions that ensure we have classes offered when and in what modality students need them.

Summer Leadership Retreat

On June 5 and 6, we held our annual summer leadership retreat. Topics included designing the ideal campus culture of the future, health & wellness, belonging, innovation, student success journey, communication for leading change, and institutional benchmarks. Over 60 participants engaged in thoughtful dialogue, inquiry, and dance.



The beautiful Filoli Historic House and Garden, campus leaders enjoying activities, and guest presenter Dr. JD Schramm working with campus leaders in a breakout session.



CSM campus leaders enjoying conversation, collaboration, and activities lead by Dr. Kelly McGonigal.



CSM Summer Leadership Retreat 2023.

We will use this experience to support and inform team planning across the campus for the next academic year and reconvene for a half-day in September to continue this work. CSM's abiding commitment to excellence and actionable outcomes inspires us to put our values into practice. Thank you to Elizabeth Tablan for her incredible efforts in making the Summer Leadership Retreat such a success.

Here is an overview/timeline of the college work ahead:

Fall 2023

- State of the College Address at Fall Convocation
- Finalize and Implement Institutional Benchmarks
- Launch Interactive Education Master Plan Website 2.0
- Share Out Enrollment Sustainability and Growth Plan
- Finalize and Implement College Wellness Plan
- Kick-Off Professional Development Plan Team

Spring 2024

- Finalize and Implement PD/Cross-Racial Solidarity Framework
- First Assessment of Institutional Benchmarks and Data Culture

New KCSM Manager and Jazz on the Hill

Please take the time to stop by the KCSM radio station and meet Dr. Robert Franklin, our new jazz aficionado and general manager.



Dr. Robert Franklin is a broadcast educator, award-winning producer, administrator, and ground-breaking journalist. Dr. Franklin's production portfolio contains examples of compelling programming, in-depth interviews, and world-class documentaries. His innumerable awards proves that he is a gifted and talented broadcast journalist. Dr. Franklin won the Best Documentary award for his film "Rise: Mickey Leland-World Citizen".

In July 2023, Dr. Franklin's award-winning public affairs program, "Like It Is" is being distributed nationally to audiences of Native Voice One. "Like It Is" programming features compelling, thought-provoking conversations.

Dr. Franklin works well with diverse constituencies. He establishes rapport easily among administrators, faculty, staff, and students. These skills afford him the opportunity to take the initiative to form collaborative relationships between multiple departments within the campus community. He was selected Educator of the Year by the Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument.

In Maryland, Dr. Franklin developed innovative programs with his staff that brought recognition to WESM. Dr. Franklin provided, through radio, a reading services for the blind. His recognition in many areas brought him the prestigious Joan Shorenstein Barone Congressional Journalism Fellowship, involving a year working in Congress. Dr. Franklin is a PhD. graduate of Arkansas State University.

On Saturday, June 10, Jazz on the Hill returned. This year's event was a collaborative effort between the SMCCC Foundation, KCSM, and CSM, and hosted approximately 3,000 community members. Live acts included Berkeley High School Combo along with CSM Little Big Band (with Director Patrick Wolff and special guest Bruce Forman), Mimi Fox Trio, Akira Tana Group with John Handy, and DJ Harry Duncan. The Spanish Harlem Orchestra headlined the event.

There were arts and crafts vendors, and plenty of opportunities to enjoy the sun, the music, and the spectacular views. To see photos from the event, please visit our [Jazz on the Hill](#) webpage.

CSM One Book Continues: Beyond the Gender Binary

For Fall 2023 convocation on August 15, we are thrilled to have Alok Vaid-Menon (they/them) continue the conversation on Belonging, Compassion, and Racial Justice at CSM. Alok is an internationally acclaimed writer, performer, and public speaker. As a mixed-media artist their work explores themes of trauma, belonging, and the human condition. If you would like to familiarize yourself with Alok, check out their interview on [The Man Enough Podcast | ALOK: The Urgent Need for Compassion](#).

The college will discuss and reflect on *Beyond the Gender Binary* for the academic year as we come together to realize how best to express and integrate LGBTQAI+ solidarity and equitable practices into our college system. Copies will be available for free in the library, learning center, bookstore, division offices, office of student life, and president's office beginning the week of August 7. Please pick up a copy when you can.



Enjoy the rest of summertime! (Even if you are on campus working!)

Thank you for all you do.

Jennifer