

CSM Transfer Student Launches Transfer Podcast



Ariana shares advice to students about her CSM experience and the transfer process.

CSM alumna Ariana Davarpanah recently transferred to Stanford University, beginning her first semester this fall. After posting about her academic journey over the summer on her LinkedIn page, other students began reaching out to ask questions about her experience. As the inquiries continued, Ariana realized her story could help inform and inspire others. In order to share with a broader audience, she created a podcast focused on transferring from community college to a four-year university.

Titled *Transfer Tea*, the podcast is “meant to create a community for successful and prospective transfer students to learn about the process, share stories, and promote community college and transfer success.” New episodes are posted every Tuesday.

[Transfer Tea Podcast](#)

Campus Parking Lot Wi-Fi and Hotspots Coming Soon

College of San Mateo, Cañada College, and Skyline College are committed to assisting our students. In an effort to provide students with reliable, high-speed internet access—and in keeping with social-distancing directives issued by county, state, and national officials—we will be providing “Wi-Fi Parking Lot” during the Fall 2020 semester on each college campus where any enrolled student can access the internet. The expected rollout is around mid-September.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Labor Day Weekend: No Classes
Saturday, September 5 –
Monday, September 7

Last day to declare Pass/No Pass option for semester-long classes with this option
Monday, September 7

Last day to drop semester-long classes without appearing on the student’s record.
Monday, September 7

Last day to apply for Fall 2020 A.A./A.S. degree or program certificate.
Friday, October 2

Flex Day: No Classes Professional Development for Staff, Faculty, and Administration
Thursday, October 15

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In addition, CSM is in the process of purchasing hotspots for students. More information on these services will be sent out soon.

ASCSM: Who? What? Why? When?



The Associated Students of CSM is the officially recognized student government organization of the College. Made up of student leaders elected by their peers in the spring, the members of student government fulfill three important roles on campus: event and activities planning; local, statewide, and national advocacy; and, most importantly, representation of the student voice in the College's decision-making process. Students in the California Community Colleges are required to be part of the College's governance system, something unique in higher education. Student representatives participate in all major college policy development committees and work alongside faculty, staff, and administrators to move the College forward.

The ASCSM Student Senate meets every Monday at 2:15 pm while classes are in session. Meetings are open to the public. More information about Student Senate meetings, including agendas, minutes, and how to connect via Zoom may be found at collegeofsanmateo.edu/ascsn.

GET INVOLVED!

JOIN A STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD

Advocacy Board

The Advocacy Board works on behalf of students at the local, state, and national levels. By learning the ins and outs of the legislative process and how to lobby for student needs, the group advocates for laws and policies that will directly impact students daily.

[Advocacy Board Application](#)

Cultural Awareness Board

The goals of the Cultural Awareness Board are to advocate, educate, and promote equity, diversity, and social justice at CSM. Collaborating with the College's Learning Communities, Multicultural and Dream Center, and other programs, the board works to recognize and celebrate the uniqueness of CSM's students.

[Cultural Awareness Board Application](#)

Programming Board

The Programming Board organizes events that are designed to help build bonds among the students at CSM. The board plans a broad range of inclusive fun and educational activities to enhance students' social experience, foster engagement, and develop connections within the Bulldog community.

[Programming Board Application](#)

Public Relations Board

Help increase awareness of the Associated Students and our events and activities. Through social media and other platforms, the Public Relations Board works to promote, inform, and engage students in the various events sponsored by ASCSM.

[Public Relations Board Application](#)

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have general questions and aren't sure where to start, check out one of the three services below.

Online Drop-In with a Student Ambassador

Need help adding or dropping classes? Want advice from a peer? Drop in through Zoom to speak with a student ambassador when it's convenient for you.

No appointment necessary Monday–Thursday from 8 am – 7 pm and Fridays from 8 am – 1 pm.

[Connect with a Student Ambassador](#)

Welcome Center

The Welcome Center is available for assistance with navigating the College. For help or more information on how to access services, we can be reached via Zoom (daily drop-in hour), phone or text at (650) 542-0515 or (650) 793-0215,

[Visit the Welcome Center Website](#)

Technical Support

Get help through Zendesk for your student email, Canvas, Zoom, and much more. Support is available by mail, chat, phone, and text.

[Get Technical Assistance](#)

Wildfire Relief for Displaced Students

The San Mateo County Community College Foundation has set up an emergency fund for SMCCCD students affected by wildfires. If you have been displaced or otherwise impacted by the recent fires, please complete [this online form](#).

To qualify for emergency funding students must:

1. Be enrolled in at least one unit for Fall 2020
2. Be able to show that they live in an area affected by the fires (i.e. areas under current or recent evacuation orders)

The online form will remain active through the Fall 2020 fire season.

Emergency Food Distribution Expands to Skyline College

The San Mateo County Community College District, in partnership with Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, has expanded food distribution to Skyline College. Those in need can pick up fresh food at Skyline every Wednesday from 11 am to 1 pm by driving through the designated pickup location.

This expands on the weekly distribution that's been happening at CSM every Friday from 11 am to 1 pm. Each family receives a 39-pound box of food worth about \$60. The food distribution is open to the public and serves a large number of college students as well as community members.

Both distribution sites will operate into December 2020. See fliers below for full event details.

Free GROCERIES

San Mateo County Community College District
Emergency Food Distribution

Fresh Produce. Healthy Options. On Us.

FREE DRIVE-THRU COMMUNITY MARKET

at Skyline College

Every Wednesday

(Extended thru December)
11am - 1pm

LOCATION:
Skyline College
3300 College Drive
San Bruno, CA 94066
(Use Skyline Blvd Entrance)

- COVID-19 guidelines will be observed
- Only drive-thru pickups will be served
- Open to students and the community
- This does not impact public charge
- No I.D. required to pick up food

Please call 650-738-7970 for weather closure updates



   

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FREE DRIVE-THRU COMMUNITY MARKET

at College of San Mateo

Every Friday

(Extended thru December)
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

LOCATION:
College of San Mateo
1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd.
San Mateo, CA 94402
(Beethoven Parking Lot #2)

- COVID-19 guidelines will be observed
- Only drive-thru pickups will be served
- Open to students and the community
- This does not impact public charge
- No I.D. required to pick up food

We've increased the number of families we can serve!



   

Virtual Transfer Day 2020: Tuesday, September 8

CSM's Transfer Day returns on Tuesday, September 8 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Representatives from UC, CSU, and private/independent universities (both in California and out of state) will be available virtually to answer questions regarding transfer admissions requirements, major preparation courses, minimum GPAs for high-demand majors, student housing, financial aid, student support services, and more!

A list of university reps participating in Transfer Day is listed below. For more information, visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/transfer and click on "Transfer Day."

Antioch University (Los Angeles)
Brandman University
Biola University
California Baptist University
California College of the Arts
California Institute of Integral Studies
Columbia College of Hollywood
CSU Bakersfield
CSU Chico
CSU Channel Islands
CSU Maritime Academy
CSU Monterey Bay
CSU Northridge
CSU Sacramento
CSU Stanislaus
Dominican University of California
Fresno Pacific University
Gonzaga University
Hawaii Pacific University
Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU)
Hope International University
Holy Names University
Hult International Business School
Humboldt State University
Laguna College of Art & Design
Los Angeles College of Music
Loyola Marymount University
Marymount California University
Menlo College
Mills College
Mount Saint Mary's University
National University
Otis College of Art & Design
Pacific Oaks College

Pacific Union College
Palo Alto University
Portland State University
Roseman University of Health Sciences
Saint Mary's College
Samuel Merritt University
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Sonoma State University
Southern California Institute of Architecture
Southern Oregon University
Stanford University
University of Alaska, Anchorage
UC Berkeley
UC Davis
UC Irvine
UC Los Angeles
UCLA School of Nursing
UC Merced
UC Riverside
UC Santa Barbara
UC San Diego
UC Santa Cruz
University of La Verne
University of Redlands
University of Nevada, Reno
University of the Pacific
University of San Francisco
USF Evening Business Program
University of San Diego
Whittier College
William Jessup University

CSM's Transfer Services

CSM's Transfer Services provides a full range of services to students seeking to transfer to a university.

Stay up-to-date on all important transfer information for the University of California, California State University, and Private University systems by registering for [Transfer eNews](#), our email newsletter.

Transfer eNews will provide you with email notifications about:

EVENTS

ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSITY REP APPOINTMENTS

TRANSFER CLUB

WORKSHOPS AND MORE!

Learn more at the Transfer Services website.

Transfer Services

Save the Date: Family Science & Astronomy Festival + Makerspace

CSM's annual Family Science and Astronomy Festival + Makerspace returns this year in a virtual format. Live sessions will be held through Zoom on Saturday, September 26, from 12–9:30 pm.

The event brings the wonders of science alive to individuals and families throughout the community. Young scientists-in-the-making can tune in to make comets with Chef Ed, construct molecules out of mini marshmallows, stargaze with astronomy faculty, attend the live keynote speaker presentation, and more! More details to come over the next few weeks.

Telemedicine Appointments Available for CSM Students



CSM's Wellness Center is offering free telemedicine services to students!

These services are available Monday-Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm. Students can schedule an appointment by visiting collegeofsanmateo.edu/wellnesscenter and clicking on the blue telemedicine appointment button. They will be greeted by a Wellness Center team member who will schedule a confidential Zoom health appointment.

By accessing this service, a medical clinician will be able to provide students with free health advice, referrals to internal and external resources, treat a variety of illnesses and injuries, and refill certain medications, including birth control.

Are You Registered to Vote?

If not, register to vote online at registertovote.ca.gov by October 19 (completed by 11:59 pm) to receive a ballot in the mail. You'll have three choices for how to vote: mail, drop box, or Vote Center.

From October 20 through Election Day, November 3, you can register to vote conditionally and receive a provisional ballot at any Vote Center in San Mateo County. To find locations and operating times for Vote Centers, go to www.smcvote.org.

