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# **Drive-Up Wi-Fi Now Available**

The San Mateo County Community College District launched free Wi-Fi access for students at all three campuses earlier this week. The new "Drive-Up Wi-Fi" service allows students to park in a specially designated parking lot on the campus of their choice, where they can access Wi-Fi to attend online classes or do schoolwork.

Reservations are required. Students can pick the campus most convenient to them, fill out the Eventbrite reservation form, print or download their Eventbrite ticket, and follow the instructions. Restrooms are available. Students have in/out privileges for the Drive-Up Wi-Fi lot between 6 am – 8 pm.

#### **Drive-Up Wi-Fi Hours**

#### Cañada College:

Monday - Friday, 6 am - 8 pm

#### College of San Mateo:

Monday - Saturday (except Fridays), 6 am - 8 pm

#### **Skyline College:**

Monday - Friday (except Wednesdays), 6 am - 8 pm

## **Drive-Up Wi-Fi Rules**

- Review COVID-19 symptoms and stay home if you are sick
- · Make a reservation on Eventbrite and bring your ticket to campus
- · Check in at the Public Safety Access Point
- Drive to the Wi-Fi lot and park in any space with a GREEN cone
- Only members of the same household in each vehicle
- All vehicle occupants must remain in the vehicle except to use restrooms
- Read and follow all rules on your Eventbrite ticket
- Abide by the Student Code of Ethics

# UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

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

Veterans Day: No Classes Wednesday, November 11

Last day to withdraw officially from a semester-long class with assurance of a "W" grade Tuesday, November 17

Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend No classes

Thursday, November 26 - Sunday, November 29

STAY UP TO DATE WITH CSM
STUDENT GOVERNMENT

View ASCSM Agendas & Minutes

Drive-Up Wi-Fi Website/Reservations

# Next Week: 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 12–9:45 pm.

The event brings the wonders of science alive to individuals and families throughout our 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, and more!

The keynote is titled *Astrobiology and Mars Exploration* will be presented by Dr. David Des Marais, Senior Space Scientist, Astrobiology Programs at NASA. This presentation will be followed by a Q&A session and some additional evening astronomy sessions.

Review the schedule, read presenter bios, and preregister for the sessions that interest you at <u>collegeofsanmateo.edu/familyscienceday.</u>



# Language Arts Centers Available for English/ESL Help

#### **Writing Center**

The Writing Center offers students in English Composition classes (100, 105, 110, 165, 850) one-on-one essay conferences with English instructors once per week.

Fall 2020 Remote Conferences

Monday & Tuesday
 Wednesday & Thursday Evenings
 Friday
 9 am - 4 pm
 9 am - 7 pm
 9 am - 2 pm

To look at appointment slot availability and to sign up, please visit the <u>SignUpGenius</u> website.

For those who are not enrolled in an English class, but are in a class at CSM, they can meet with an instructor for an essay conference through the Writing Center to review an essay they may have for another class or a personal statement. All the student would need to do is email the Writing Center at <a href="mailto:csmtwc@smccd.edu">csmtwc@smccd.edu</a> the morning they would like their appointment and, if there is an open appointment, WC staff can schedule them to meet with one of our instructors.

Also, students, whether they are currently in English or not, can drop by the "Virtual Writing Center' by using the Writing Center Zoom Link Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 11am-1pm and Wednesday 4:30-6:30pm. They can stop by and get their questions answered, learn how to sign up for appointments or just chat.

#### **ESL Center**

- By Email, csmeslcenter@smccd.edu:
  - Monday Friday, 9:00 am 6:00 pm
  - Saturday, 9:00 am 12:30 pm
- By Phone, 650-574-6437:
  - Monday Friday, 9:00 am 3:00 pm
- · By Zoom: Email or call to set up a Zoom meeting

#### **COMM Center**

Instructional Aide Jacqueline Swan offers online help through Zoom during her office hours of Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am - 12:15 pm at this link <a href="https://smccd.zoom.us/i/789199120">https://smccd.zoom.us/i/789199120</a>

# Become a CSM Student Ambassador



csm is looking for current students to assist with College of San Mateo's outreach and recruitment efforts. Student ambassadors serve as liaisons between the College, local high schools, and the greater community. Student ambassadors give presentations, assist with College events, and answer questions from current and prospective students.

TO APPLY FOR A POSITION,
PLEASE READ THE <u>IOB</u>

<u>DESCRIPTION</u> AND SEND YOUR
RESUME AND COVER LETTER TO

csmoutreach@smccd.edu.

# **Your Input Needed: Guided Pathways Survey**

What if Harry Potter's sorting hat made its way to CSM? The idea of being part of a community as you pursue your goal at CSM is not new. However, the Guided Pathways team wants to help bring this idea to life to help students like you connect with your major, career and life interests. Each cluster is made up of degree, certificate and career pathway programs offered at College of San Mateo within that area.

Can you find your area of interest on the graphic? For students who are still undecided we have designed the Explorer Experience as a community for students to access curriculum, activities and events that help clarify their options. This is a first draft of what we plan to launch after we've gotten feedback from students, faculty, and staff.



We need your feedback, so please take our 3-question survey today!

# **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.





SECOND HARVEST

## **CSM Wellness Center Releases New Overview Video**

The CSM Wellness Center released a <u>new video</u> this week that provides an overview of their services and how students can access these services.



Visit the <u>Wellness Center website</u> to schedule a free telemedicine appointment or get additional information.

# **Mental Health Peer Educators Offer Zoom Hangouts**

Hangout with the Mental Health Peer Educators to find out upcoming events and opportunities and learn more about on-and-off campus resources, including:

- CSM Wellness Center
- Active Minds (mental health club on campus)
- · Active listening and helping a friend in distress
- Healthy vs. unhealthy relationships
- · Coping with depression and anxiety
- · Sexual assault and consent
- · Eating disorders and body image
- · Self-care and stress-reduction
- · Substance use and harm reduction
- Suicide prevention
- · Other self-management and helping techniques

This is also a place to talk, connect, and make friends with your CSM peers!





Talk to your peers about CSM's on & off-campus resources to support your physical, mental social well-being!

Nada Ali: Mondays 1pm-2pm

Meeting ID: 985 9817 9379

Passcode: 043142

Tuesdays 9am-10am
Meeting ID: 951 8676 4143

Passcode: 025012

Milena Ortega: Tuesdays 12pm-2pm

Meeting ID: 995 1135 9517

Passcode: 396265

Edgar Molina: Wednesdays 1pm-3pm

Meeting ID: 954 351 8539

Alec Guiulfo: Thursdays 12pm-2pm

Meeting ID: 990 7814 8596

**Leila Rofii**: Fridays 10am-12pm

Meeting ID: 391 598 5516

Megan Bueno: Fridays 12pm-2pm

Meeting ID: 986 6310 1990

Passcode: 557014



# **Technology Hardware Request Form For Students**

Students, do you need a Chromebook, laptop, Wi-Fi hotspot, or calculator? If so, please fill out the <u>Student Technology Request form</u>. You will need to include your name and G-number. After completing the form, you will receive a response with information on whether the equipment is available and instructions for receiving it. Please note: Supplies are limited and the Library may not have the exact equipment requested available.

# David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarship Program

The application for the 2021-2022 David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarship is now available at the <a href="https://www.borenawads.org">www.borenawads.org</a> website. The Boren Scholarship provides unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate students to study abroad in Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East, where you add important international and language components to your education. You must be a U.S. citizen in order to apply for the David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarship.

Maximum scholarships awards are:

- \$8,000 for a summer program (only STEM students in the field of science, technology, and mathematics are eligible for this 8 weeks or longer summer program.
- \$12,500 for a semester program
- \$25,000 for a full academic year program.

While in high school or community college, you should have studied another language other than English. In exchange for this scholarship, you will need to be committed working in the Federal Government for a minimum of one year.

If you need additional information about applying for this scholarship, please contact the Counseling Staff (Joyce Griswold or Karen Sukle at (650) 574-6400 to make an appointment by Zoom with Arnett Caviel as soon as possible. The CSM application deadline date for applying for the Boren Scholarship is January 22, 2021.

# 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.

## **Draft District ADA Plan Released for Public Feedback**

The San Mateo County Community College District has spent the past year evaluating compliance of its facilities and services with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. ADA provides comprehensive civil rights protections to qualified individuals with disabilities in the areas of employment, public accommodations, state and local government services, and telecommunications.

The District's findings and recommendations have been assembled in a draft report that is ready for review and comment by our District community and the public. The draft ADA plan covers all three campuses and the District Office.

Read the report and provide feedback at <a href="https://smccd.edu/ada2020/">https://smccd.edu/ada2020/</a>

# **Are You Registered to Vote?**

If not, register to vote online at <u>registertovote.ca.gov</u> 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 <a href="https://www.smcvote.org">www.smcvote.org</a>.



# **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** 

