

The Bulldog bulletin

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Year-End Message from Interim President Kim Lopez

Dear Students,

As we close out this year, I want to begin this message by commending you for your dedication, patience, and flexibility. In all of my years working within the community college system, I've never experienced a year as disruptive, challenging, and emotionally draining as this one. I can't even begin to imagine the variety of challenges many of you have been dealing with as you've balanced your personal responsibilities with your academic efforts.

Like many other educational institutions, CSM has undergone substantial transformations in how we deliver education, the tools we use to do it, and the new types of support offered for students—all with a geographically-dispersed student body and workforce. In normal times, systematic change at CSM can often feel like we're turning a battleship. This year has made us much more nimble and responsive to student, employee, and community needs, which will make CSM better moving forward.

As we deal with our current challenges and prepare for new ones, please know that our faculty, staff, and administrators are always thinking about you and how best to serve you.

We don't know exactly how next year will transpire, but the one thing I am most looking forward to is getting back on campus and seeing your faces. On behalf of all of us at CSM, I wish you and those close to you a happy and restful holiday break—you've definitely earned it!



What are you looking forward to in 2021?

Share Your Thoughts on this Padlet!

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IMPORTANT DATES

Spring 2021 Online Registration for New and Returning Students
In Progress

Fall 2020 Final Exams
Sunday, December 13 –
Saturday, December 19

Fall 2020 Classes End
Saturday, December 19

Fall 2020 official grades available on WebSMART
Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Spring 2021 Semester Begins
Tuesday, January 19

STAY UP TO DATE WITH CSM STUDENT GOVERNMENT

View ASCSM Agendas & Minutes

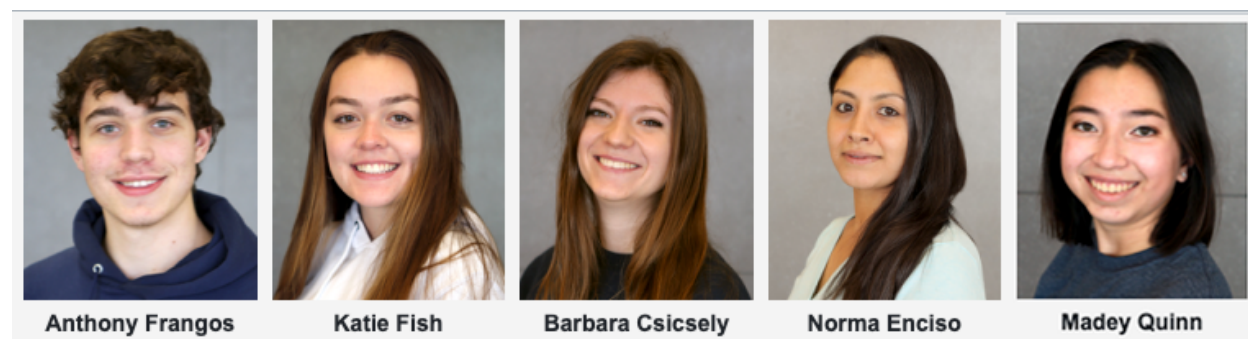
Have You Registered for Spring 2021 Yet?

Spring 2021 registration is now underway! If you haven't registered yet, here are three quick things you can do to help you prepare for registration:

- Check out Spring 2021 classes at [WebSchedule](#)
- Make a [Counseling appointment](#) to update your Student Education Plan (SEP)
- Apply for [Financial Aid](#)

Have Questions or Need Assistance During Registration?

Our student ambassadors are available for virtual drop-in Zoom hours to help answer your questions or if they can't answer them, guide you to who can. No appointment necessary! [View the Drop-In Schedule](#)



Do You Need to Borrow Equipment?

If you need a Chromebook, laptop, Wi-Fi hotspot, or calculator, please complete and submit the [Student Technology Request form](#). After submitting the form, you will receive a response to that contains information on whether the equipment is available and instructions for receiving it. Supplies are limited and the Library may not have the exact equipment requested available.

CSM's Virtual Campus: Your One Stop for Student Resources

The [Virtual Campus website](#) is designed to help students find what they need quickly. With three main sections, "My Classes," "Record & Resources," and "My Support Center" it's easy to find the most commonly requested information and links. And if you are taking classes at Cañada or Skyline, you can easily switch between each college's Virtual Campus with the drop-down in the upper righthand corner of the page.

Need to Brush Up on Your Math or Science Skills?

Join CSM's Math-Science Jam taking place January 4–8, 2021. Math-Science Jam is a week of free interactive virtual instruction designed to help you refresh your math skills and become familiar with upcoming course material. Topics include pre-algebra, algebra, statistics, pre-calculus, calculus, chemistry, physics, and more. Three daily Zoom sessions will be offered: 10 am – 12 pm, 1–3 pm, and 7–8:30 pm. Register now at collegeofsanmateo.edu/mathjam.

First TEDxCSM Engages the District Community

On the afternoon of November 13, the SMCCD community was treated to a special event, the first of its kind for the District: *Living in Uncertainty: TEDxCSM*.

The virtual webinar was open to the SMCCD community, and garnered over 120 attendees. Featuring six student presentations that were both academic and personal, the event was the brainchild of two international CSM students, Mark Wong and Manraj Gill. Both are active in CSM's Honors Project and Phi Theta Kappa club. After approaching Honors Project coordinator David Laderman over the summer, Manraj and Mark put together a project planning team lead by Austin Chan and other CSM students. Working also with PTK adviser Ron Andrade, the TEDxCSM team brought their vision to life.

One of the presentations featured the PTK Honors in Action project, focusing on the interplay between artificial intelligence and the search for a COVID-19 vaccine. Other presentations, mostly by CSM and a few Cañada students, covered a wide range of issues, including neurodegenerative disorders, space exploration, mental health stigmas in the Latinx community, Lupus and COVID-19, and autoethnographic poetry.

The event crystallized the visionary spirit of cross-disciplinary collaboration characterizing the students and faculty of our District.

TEDxCSM Presenters

Nicole Hong

Lupus: Living in Uncertainty, Every Day

Allison Cárdenas

Destigmatizing Mental Health in the Latinx Community

Syeda Zarifa Kabir, for PTK@CSM

Friend or Foe?: Artificial Intelligence vs. Covid19

Charles Cody

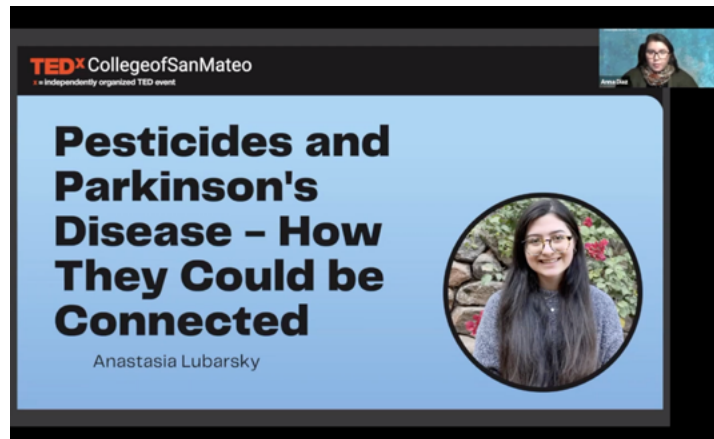
Single Stage to Orbit: Falcon 9 vs. Skylon

Anastasia Lubarsky

Pesticides and Parkinson's Disease: How They could be Connected

Michiko Kealoha, Mari Managadze, Adrian Afif

Chasing Rainbows: The Power of Collaborative Autoethnographic Poetry While Living in Uncertainty



[Watch TEDxCSM Recording](#)

Upcoming Event from International Education Program

You are invited to Winterfest 2020, hosted by the International Education Program. This event is open to all CSM students.

The poster features a blue background. At the top, a string of colorful Christmas lights (orange, green, red) hangs across the width. Below the lights, the word "WINTERFEST" is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters, with "2020" in a smaller, yellow, stylized font below it. In the center, white text reads: "JOIN US FOR GAMES AND CHIT CHAT! BRING YOUR FAVORITE HOT BEVERAGE! 2020 HAS BEEN A TRIP, SO LET'S TRY TO ESCAPE FROM THE CRAZINESS AND HAVE SOME FUN!". At the bottom left, there is an illustration of a grey fireplace with a red fire burning inside. Two red stockings hang from the mantel, and a red poinsettia plant is on top. To the right of the fireplace, the event details are listed in white text: "WHEN: Thursday, December 10", "TIME: 7:00 PM, California Time", and "ZOOM ID: 923 1502 9027". In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for the International Education Program at the College of San Mateo, featuring a green globe icon.

Looking for a Part-Time Job? Become a Student Ambassador

CSM's Marketing & Outreach Office is looking for current students to assist with outreach and recruitment efforts.

Student ambassadors serve as liaisons between the College, local high schools, and the greater community. They give presentations, assist with College events, and answer questions from current and prospective students.

Interested students should plan to be at CSM for at least four semesters including the current semester if applying for an ambassador position.

Visit the [Student Ambassador webpage](#) for more information.



LinkedIn Learning: Learn Anytime, From Anywhere



College of San Mateo's [Workforce Hub](#) is pleased to announce the roll-out of [LinkedIn Learning](#), a new e-learning resource available to students and recent alumni!

LinkedIn Learning is an award-winning industry leader in online training, with a digital library of over 10,000 courses covering a wide range of technical, business, software and creative topics. This is an excellent tool to help you prepare to enter a new career or up-skill for a new career or promotion.

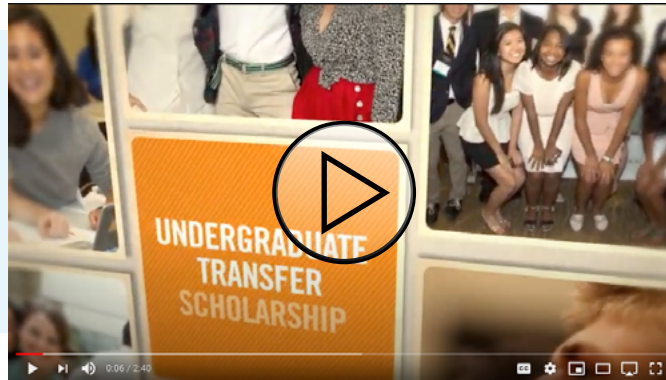
LinkedIn Learning Highlights:

- Accessible 24/7 from your desktop or mobile device.
- You may watch an entire course, or individual videos – some are as short as 4-5 minutes.

You have the opportunity to refine or develop your professional skills, learn new software, and explore other areas as you plan for your career growth.

Register for Your FREE LinkedIn Learning Account

Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Application Open



The Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is open and can be accessed at www.jkcf.org (scroll down to Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship section). The deadline to apply is January 6, 2021.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Sophomore Status - Be a current student at the College of San Mateo and plan to enroll full-time in a baccalaureate degree program at an accredited college or university in Fall 2021.
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or better.
- Demonstrate unmet financial need. They will consider applicants with family income up to \$95,000.
- No previous enrollment or attendance at a four-year institution.
- The scholarship will provide up to \$40,000 per year to attend a four-year accredited undergraduate college or university.

If you need additional information about 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.

Info Session on the Rennes School of Business in France

Join us for a live info meeting this Wednesday with representatives from the [Rennes School of Business](http://www.rennes-school.com) in France to learn about transferring for the 2021-2022 academic year. Learn about their International Bachelor Program in Business Management, the college application and French student visa process, student life in Rennes, updates regarding Covid-19, and additional relevant information for students interested in completing their bachelor degree at the Rennes School of Business.

Rennes School of Business in France - Info Meeting
Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 9:00 am Pacific Time

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/83350468983?pwd=bWJlUzZlNDVjZWZ6aGVlQTo9>

Meeting ID: 833 5046 8983 Passcode: 189351

To attend, please sign up [here](#). The meeting will be recorded and shared. If you would like to receive the recording, please be sure to sign up at the link above. Questions? Email studyabroad@smccd.edu.

Staying Healthy During the Holidays

Please help slow the spread of COVID-19 by following this advice:

Limit Your Socializing

Attending holiday parties and family gatherings will spread COVID over the next few weeks. Make responsible decisions that will minimize exposures.

Limit contact with people outside your household.

Always wear your mask, practice social distancing, and sanitize whenever you are around others.

Better yet, stay home and enjoy friends and family over Zoom. Read the state guidance on private gatherings and practice it!

Obey the Curfew

Much of California is under a stay-at-home order. Please stay home unless you are engaging in essential activity. See the State COVID-19 Restrictions website for more information. Education is an essential activity. Students and employees on campus for face-to-face classes or other operations are covered under the essential activities exception. Travel to and from campus is allowed.

If You Attend a Gathering, Get Tested!

If you attend a gathering, it is advised to get a COVID-19 test three to five days later—whether you think you were exposed or not. This can help you from spreading the virus to others.

[How to Get Tested in San Mateo County](#)

[State of California Testing Locator](#)

Next Bulldog Bulletin on Thursday, January 14, 2021

Due to the holiday break, the next Bulldog Bulletin will be published after the new year on January 14. We wish you and your family a happy holiday break and look forward to seeing you in spring.

