

Virtual Graduation & Transfer Celebrations Next Week



The end of the semester is almost here, and with it comes our traditional celebrations: Commencement and Transfer Tribute. All are welcome to watch the premieres and celebrate the achievements of our graduating and transferring students.

Stepping Up: A Transfer Tribute

Thursday, May 27 at 5:30 pm

[Premiere page](#)

CSM 2020 Commencement Ceremony

Friday, May 28 at 5:30 pm

[Premiere page & Social Wall](#)

Use **#grad2020csm** in your social media posts to share on our social wall.

CSM 2021 Commencement Ceremony

Friday, May 28 at 7:00 pm

[Premiere page & Social Wall](#)

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IMPORTANT DATES

Summer & Fall Registration

Currently Underway

Spring Final Exams

Saturday, May 22 – Friday, May 28

Spring Day/Evening Classes End

Friday, May 28

Summer Session Begins

Monday, June 14

STAY UP TO DATE WITH CSM STUDENT GOVERNMENT

[View ASCSM Agendas & Minutes](#)

Last Call to Vote for CSM's Centennial Logo

College of San Mateo's 100th birthday is coming in March 2022. Under the guidance of CSM Digital Media Professor Vera Fainshtein, ten students in the DGME 250 Internship class submitted logo concepts for consideration by the President's Office and CSM's Centennial Committee. The submissions were narrowed down to four options and now it's time to get your feedback on them. Voting closes tonight, Friday, May 21 at 11:59 pm.



[Review the finalists and submit your vote!](#)

CSM Ranked #2 Community College Twice

College of San Mateo was recently ranked the #2 community college for 2021 by two college informational websites: valuecolleges.com and collegeconsensus.com.



Applications Now Open to Join CSM Umoja Community



The CSM Umoja Community is now accepting applications for its 8th academic cohort, which runs during the 2021-22 academic year. The Umoja Community is an Afro-centric learning community and student support program that offers students a dedicated Umoja academic counselor, a retention specialist who supports students inside and outside the classroom, community building events and field trips, and a social and study space called the Village. The Umoja Community supports the whole student and as a result, Umoja students are twice as likely to graduate as their non-Umoja counterparts. Umoja graduates have also transferred to a wide range of UCs, CSUs, HBCUs, and private universities.

If you are interested in being a part of a nurturing academic program that highlights African American history and culture and values Black minds and leadership, the Umoja Community is for you!

The Umoja academic cohort pairs Ethnic Studies with English, Counseling, and Mathematics courses, and interested students should apply at www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/umoja or email Umoja faculty Jeramy Wallace (wallacej@smccd.edu) or Dr. Frederick Gaines (gainesf@smccd.edu).

Summer & Fall 2021 Registration is Open

Registration for the summer session and fall semester is OPEN! Stay on the path to achieve your educational goals and secure your spot today. View available classes at webschedule.smccd.edu. Summer session begins June 14. Fall semester begins August 18.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?



Virtual Front Desk 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 10 am – 7 pm and Fridays from 9 am – 6 pm.

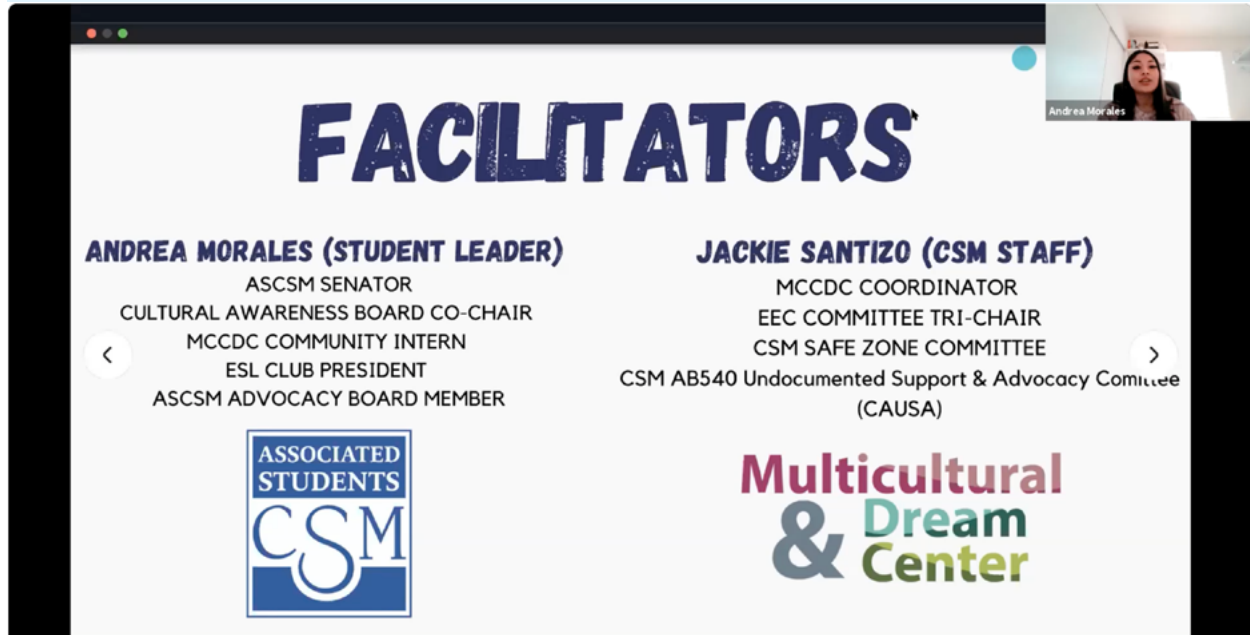
Connect with a
Student Ambassador

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

ASCSM/MCCDC Student Forum Recording



Did you miss the ASCSM & MCCDC Student Panel on April 21? Click the button below to get updates from CSM administration and staff, and hear the struggles students faced with their education and the socio-political issues during the 2020-2021 academic year.

[Watch the Recording](#)

Looking for a Summer Job? Check out Jobspeaker!

CSM students are invited to sign up for and browse [Jobspeaker](#), an online job portal that allows you to search for jobs and internships, post resumes, and apply for open positions.

[Sign Up and Browse Jobs Now](#)

Jobspeaker Highlights:

- Accessible 24/7 from your desktop or mobile device.
- Easily view career events and manage your resumes, cover letters, applications, interviews and more – all in one place.
- Save all job listing in one place and quickly rank each job, tracking your progress along the way.
- Create your online profile to promote your skills set, experience and enthusiasm to potential employers.



Summer 3D Printing & Laser Cutting

College of San Mateo Library Makerspace is accepting student and employee 3D Printing/Laser Cutting requests online.

How it Works:

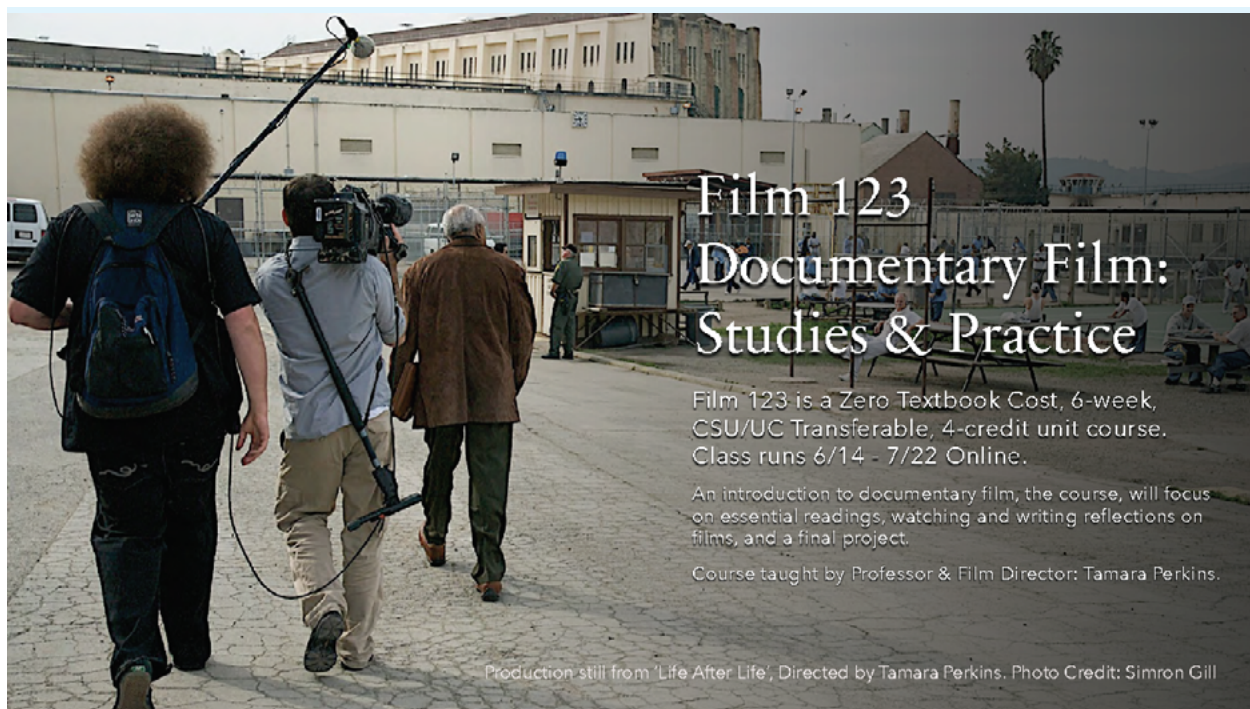
- [Submit a 3D Print/Laser Cut Request Online](#) between June 10 - July 22
- Allow 14 days for the request to be completed and wait for an email confirmation.
- When you get your confirmation, schedule a [curb side appointment](#) to pick-up your request.

For more information about 3D Printing/Laser Cutting visit the [CSM Library Makerspace page](#).

Questions? Please email Jason at yapj@smccd.edu



New Summer Course | Film 123: Documentary Film



Film 123 Documentary Film: Studies and Practice is a Zero Textbook Cost, UC/CSU Transferable, 6-week, 4 credit unit course. The course is being taught by Documentary Director and Professor, [Tamara Perkins](#), and runs 6/14/21 - 7/22/21. No prior experience or special equipment are needed for this course.

[Learn More About Film 123](#)

Global Virtual Internships



GLOBAL VIRTUAL INTERNSHIPS
Japan

Make global connections and gain career insights!



Nick
Skyline College
Costa Rica

"I interned virtually with an environmental foundation. Though I am still passionate about working in the field someday, working remotely has made me aware of a new facet of my field and the value of being able to communicate virtually."

A world of opportunity



Australia Canada India South Africa USA

 SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
smccd.edu/studyabroad

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 @smccd_study_abroad

Intern internationally from home this fall to complete a team project for a company in Australia, Canada, England, India, Japan, South Africa, or the U.S. (New York or San Francisco). Internships run from September 13 – December 3, 2021.

[Apply here](#) by Thursday, May 27, 2021 to be considered for the **Fall Global Virtual Team Internship Program and its accompanying scholarship***.

*The final deadline to apply for the Fall program is Thursday June 3, but students must apply by May 27 to be eligible for the program scholarship.

What's the benefit of participating in a global team-based internship online? The world of work is changing. Gain exposure to and proficiency within a remote workplace, experience working with a global team, expand your knowledge of an industry, further your understanding of global culture, and make international connections. Exact internships are determined through a placement process, but students may be matched with companies in various industries, including Business and Economics, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Marketing and PR, Policy and Government, Public Health and Education, Sustainability and Environment, Technology, and more.

To learn more, please visit the [Fall 2021 Global Virtual Internship page](#) or view the recording from our [information meeting](#) earlier this month. Read about a student's story from this semester's program [here](#).

To schedule a meeting with a study abroad advisor, please visit smccd.edu/goabroad or email studyabroad@smccd.edu.

FCC Launches Emergency Broadband Benefit

The Federal Communications Commission has launched a temporary program to help families and households struggling to afford Internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides a discount of up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.



Eligible households can enroll through a [participating broadband provider](#) or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an [online](#) or mail in application.

You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by visiting fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit, or by calling 833-511-0311

Virtual COVID-19 Vaccine Townhall (External Event)

The Oakland East Bay Alumnae Chapter is hosting a COVID-19 Vaccine Town Hall specifically for the black community. Everyone who wants the vaccine has had the vaccine. This event has been created to educate the black community and dispel the historical and current myths and encourage the black community to get vaccinated. The guest speaker is the young Black woman who is behind the science of and team leader for the mRNA vaccine for COVID-19, Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett from the NIH National Institutes of Allergies and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). She has truly made a difference in the world and for our nation.

Please join us for this amazing event highlighting Black Women in Science, COVID-19 Vaccine Town Hall on May 23rd from 1-2:30 PM (Pacific Time Zone).

Please share with your black communities and networks. Let's get the Black Community protected from the harms of the COVID-19 Virus.

Register at [this link](#).

May 2021

Week 3

COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER (AAPI) HERITAGE MONTH

INSPIRATION OF THE WEEK: MELE K. LATU

Mele is a long-term East Palo Alto resident and community advocate, of Tongan and Fijian descent. She was involved in local programs like the East Palo Alto Junior Golf Program and College Track. She began her work with One East Palo Alto, initially serving as a mentor to system-impacted youth for three summers during her college tenure. After graduating from university, she took a gap year and expanded her community engagement internationally to places including the Philippines, China, Australia, Aotearoa (New Zealand), and Tonga. Soon after receiving a call from her mentor Dr. Faye McNair-Knox she returned to take the position as the Program Coordinator for the Behavioral Health Advisory Group Ambassador Team/BHAGAT. After 4.5 years of mental health advocacy work, she transitioned to Emerson Collective, a social justice organization serving on the East Palo Alto Team as the Manager of Community Collaborations.



In December 2020, she was appointed to the Ravenswood City School District Governing Board and serves as the Board President - making her the first Pacific Islander and youngest woman in this district to fill this position. Mele also sits on the 'Anamatangi Polynesian Voices Board, Co-Chairs the East Palo Alto Climate Change Team, and serves on the San Mateo County School Boards Association, Board of Directors.

Mele is revered in the community as a force of faith pushing forward initiatives that continue to support equity and inclusion work, centering the voices of Pacific Islander voices and beyond.

THE FANANGA LITERACY PROJECT

The Fananga Literacy Project began in 2019 in partnership with the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) funded by the San Francisco Foundation to combat the literacy challenges the Pacific Islander community faces. The Fananga program is a support program that has been developed to help Pacific Islander students for OUSD Elementary School K-5 Pacific Islander students improve literacy and comprehension scores. This project delivers culturally relevant books, content, and events to raise awareness about Pacific Islander stories, culture, and history.

For more information and to support this initiative:
<https://www.ikunaed.org/fananga> + <https://www.ikunaed.org/>



<https://youtu.be/SDYDw3THxLQ>



<https://youtu.be/5kOCJvG8TfU>

THE FANANGA LITERACY PROJECT



<https://youtu.be/xN9dyWBYiLs>



<https://youtu.be/-vaUMHDD7jg>

For more information on the Fananga Literacy Project, visit:
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SPOTLIGHT ON PASIFIKA STORIES

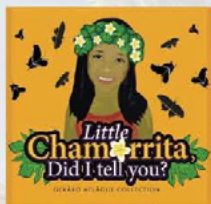
#PASIFIKAREADATHONCHALLENGE

Children's Books

Spotlighting children's books written/illustrated by peoples indigenous to Pasifika, also known as Oceania or the Pacific Islands, the below list is curated by Pasifika Early Childhood Educator:

Educator:

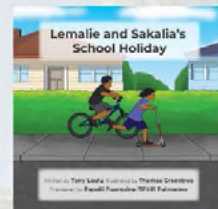
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(aglassofread.com).



Little Chamorrta, Did I Tell You?
By Mary Aflague

Mary Aflague

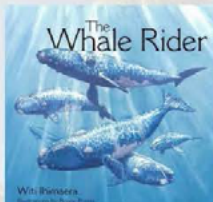
www.thriftbooks.com/a/may-aflague/2216174/



By Tony Lauulu

Tony Lauulu IG @chiefbookseries

www.chiefbookseries.com



By Witi Ihimaera

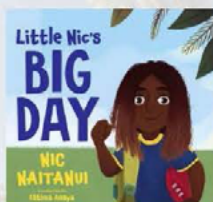
Witi Ihimaera IG @witi_ihimarera

www.read-nz.org/writer/ihimaera-witi/



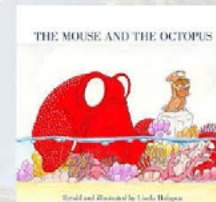
The Inventor
By Reina Vaai

Reina Vaai IG @reina_does_the_macareina



Little Nic's Big Day
by Nic Naitanui

Nic Naitanui IG @nicnat



The Mouse and the Octopus
Retold By Lisala Halapua

Lisa Halapua IG @lisalahalapua

www.talanoabooks.co.nz/

SPOTLIGHT ON PASIFIKA STORIES

Additional listings of Pasifika kidlit(erature) recommendations, curated by Pasifika reading/readers community:

- IG @thisislanderreads + linktree.com/thisislanderreads
- IG @tinytongantreasures + <http://tinytongantreasures.com/>
- IG @mylittletongan + www.mylittletongan.com
- IG @officialhyphenamerican + <http://www.tongavictoriabooks.com/>
- IG @ourlibros + linkin.bio/ourlibros
- IG @readswithrosa + linktr.ee/readswithrosa

AAPI RESOURCES

Emotional Support

- National Suicide Prevention Line: <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>
 - Asian Languages: 1-877-990-8585
- Asian Mental Health Collective Therapist Directory: <https://asianmhc.org/apisaa>
- (PIWI) Pacific Islander Wellness Initiative: IG @piwellnessinitiative
 - <http://www.facebook.com/PIWellnessInitiative/>
- Vaelupe Ma'aele, LMFT, Sāmoan Licensed Therapist: IG @pasifikarootedtherapy
 - linktr.ee/pasifikarootedtx
- Dr. 'Ofa Hafoka-Kanuch, PhD: IG @dr.Ofa
 - <https://balancehealthandhealing.com/author/ofa-hafoka-kanuch/>
- Pacific Islander Community Organization: IG @polysandmentalhealth
 - <https://www.facebook.com/polysandmentalhealth>
- Inclusive Therapists
 - www.inclusivetherapists.com
 - www.cliniciansofcolor.org
- National Queer and Trans Therapist of Color Network
 - www.nqttcn.com/directory

Organizations to Support

- EPIC (Empowering Pacific Islander Communities): IG @empoweredpi
 - linktr.ee/empoweredpi
- Anamatangi: IG @anamatangipolynesianvoices
 - <http://anamatangi.org/>
- Asian Law Caucus: www.advancingjustice-alc.org
- Bindlestiff Studio: www.bindlestiffstudio.org
- Asian Health Services: asianhealthservices.org
- National Council of Asian Pacific Americans List of Additional AAPI Organizations: www.ncapaonline.org/member-organizations

Report Anti-AAPI Incidents & Bystander Intervention Trainings

- Hate is a Virus: hateisavirus.org
- I Holla Back: ihollaback.org