



A Message from CSM President Dr. Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza

Dear CSM Students,

I hope your summer is going well and you have been able to reconnect with family and friends in person. I'm excited to return to CSM after serving as the vice president of instruction at Skyline College, and before that as a dean and director at CSM. I consider this college to be my home, and I'm honored to serve you as [CSM's president](#).



A quote from Malcolm X has helped me keep my focus recently, and I would like to share it with you: "I'm for truth, no matter who tells it. I'm for justice, no matter who it is for or against. I'm a human being, first and foremost, and as such I'm for whoever and whatever benefits humanity as a whole."

After more than a year of distance and hybrid learning, racial injustice, and reckoning, we envision what is next: contemplations about recovery, reflections about purpose, and the meaning of human potential. We still have many challenges in front of us, but together I know we can reach our individual and collective goals.

With this in mind, here are a few important updates for fall:

- We are adding classes with a goal of offering at least 30 percent of our schedule in person. You can view a list of all in-person and hybrid classes by clicking the college-specific links in the blue box at the top of [WebSchedule](#).
- We will be reopening on-campus student services beginning early August. These include the Welcome Center, Enrollment Services, Learning Center, Library, and more. A full list of re-openings will be sent out in the next few weeks.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Fall Registration

Currently Underway

Fall Semester Begins

Wednesday, August 18

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- The SMCCCD Board of Trustees has adopted a vaccine mandate for both students and employees. We will learn more about how this mandate will roll out and be enforced as our Board and District Office develops a more specific vaccine policy. Plans are also in the works to offer vaccinations on campus. Specific details on the policy, exemptions, and vaccination clinics will be sent to you very soon.
- Whether you choose to be vaccinated or not, it is up to each of us to take measures to keep ourselves safe in the community. I have included links to recent literature about vaccines at the end of this message. The safest path from a scientific viewpoint is to get a vaccine, but we recognize that not all will or can choose this path. Either way, we ask that you use your judgment as to your safety and circumstances.

I hope these updates provide a preview of what's to come. We are working diligently to finalize the details on these updates and will get them out to you as soon as possible. I appreciate your patience.

In partnership,

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Vaccination Information Resources:

- [CDC Science Brief: COVID-19 Vaccines and Vaccination](#)
- [Yale Medicine: 5 Things You Should Know About the Delta Variant](#) (Points 2,4,5)
- [Los Angeles Times: How effective are COVID-19 vaccines against the Delta variant?](#)
- [Pfizer says COVID vaccine is highly effective against Delta variant](#)
- [Moderna Says Studies Show Its Vaccine Is Effective Against The Delta Variant](#)
- [Johnson & Johnson Effectiveness Against Variants](#)

Ask the Doctor: COVID-19 Vaccines

This ongoing feature addresses common student health questions, answered by CSM College Physician Dr. Jennifer Yang.

Dear Doc: I heard that the Covid-19 vaccine is going to be mandatory for college students returning to campus this Fall semester. Is that true? What's the difference between an EUA vaccine and one with full FDA approval? How worried should I be about the Delta variant? —Waiting to See

Dear Homer J. Anonymous: Hundreds of colleges across the nation including community colleges, UCs, and many private colleges, have made Covid-19 vaccinations mandatory for the upcoming Fall 2021 semester. CSU campuses will require the vaccine, pending Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approval.

Some unvaccinated people are waiting for the FDA to give full approval of the Covid-19 vaccine because it will give them more confidence in the safety of the vaccines. The major difference between an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) vaccine and a fully-approved



FDA vaccine is the amount of follow-up data that is collected, 2 months versus 6 months. Both must meet rigorous safety and efficacy measures, so there is no difference in that respect.

If you are waiting for full FDA approval before getting vaccinated, be forewarned. When the next outbreak is upon us, it may be too late to train your immune system how to fight off the latest strain. It takes 2–6 weeks to be considered fully vaccinated. Covid-19 is now a preventable illness, but the latest Delta variant is very efficient at hopping from person to person. Protect yourself by wearing a mask, staying distanced, and getting vaccinated ASAP.

I know the vaccine is a tough sell to someone who is young and healthy. But this is your chance to stop these variants from continuing to mutate. We need you. Our vaccines are still effective against this Delta variant, but given free rein, viral mutations may eventually outsmart our vaccines.

If you would like to help by harnessing the power of social media, become an ambassador for the nationwide, student-led Covid Campus Coalition. [COVID CAMPUS COALITION - Home \(weebly.com\)](https://www.covidcampuscoalition.org/)

We encourage students to schedule appointments with a CSM Nurse or the College Physician by emailing csmwellness@smccd.edu, calling (650) 574-6396, or visiting our website, collegeofsanmateo.edu/wellnesscenter. Telemedicine services are available Monday–Thursday from 9 am – 3 pm while classes are in session— there is no charge for health appointments.

CSM Alumnae Selected as Gates Cambridge Scholar

Former CSM student and UC Berkeley graduate [Kayla Brown](#) was recently selected as a [Gates Cambridge Scholar](#) for the Class of 2021. The scholarship, which fully funds about 25 U.S. students to study at the University of Cambridge each year, involves a rigorous selection process, and is one of the most competitive and prestigious scholarships in the world, with an acceptance rate of around 1 percent.

Kayla transferred from CSM in 2017 and earned her undergraduate degree in media studies and public policy from UC Berkeley in May 2020. While she loved her time at Berkeley, many of her most impactful courses were taken at CSM, including philosophy, world religions, and English. She says, “this scholarship made me reflect on how far I’ve come on my academic journey, and how dearly I miss CSM!”



Kayla now works for Business for Social Responsibility (BSR), a global business network and non-profit consultancy, on projects related to technology, ethics, and human rights. She will earn an MPhil in Sociology at the University of Cambridge funded by the Gates Cambridge Trust.

Congratulations to Kayla on this outstanding accomplishment!

Asian Pacific American Leadership Development Program Launched

The Asian Pacific American Leadership Program provides cultural support and leadership development opportunities for Asian Pacific American (APA) identifying students at CSM through intensive and culturally centered dialogues and intentional mentorship.

Commitment:

- Attend a mandatory orientation on September 10, 2021
- Attend 3 workshops in the Fall semester
- Facilitate 2 workshops in the Spring semester

Benefits:

- Earn a \$500 stipend upon completing the program
- Gain a support network with other students on campus
- Reflect on your own identity development
- Learn leadership skills and have opportunities to apply those skills to real-life projects

[Application Link](#) - the application is due on Friday, July 30th, 2021.

We are looking for six students to join us in the program, the commitment is for one academic year from Fall 2021 to Spring 2022.

For more info, please email nguyenminhan@smccd.edu or luongt@smccd.edu.

APA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

WHAT IS THE COMMITMENT?



ATTEND THE ORIENTATION IN SEPTEMBER



ATTEND 3 WORKSHOPS IN THE FALL



FACILITATE 2 WORKSHOPS IN THE SPRING SEMESTER

one with another member and one as a large group for AAPI History month in May



OTHER HOURS BY ARRANGEMENT

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BY JULY 30TH, 2021

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/APALDP](https://bit.ly/apaldp)

Student-Designed Centennial Logo Winner Announced

Congratulations go out to CSM graphic design student Ryan Kelley for the selection of his CSM Centennial logo as the official logo of CSM's 100th birthday celebration. Congratulations also go out to the three finalists who also submitted outstanding designs for consideration: Katherine Moudry, Bryan Bowman, and Wilhelm Habla. To see all the finalist logos and the designers' bios, visit this [Centennial Logo Winner & Finalists webpage](#).

If you'd like to get involved in, or stay informed of, CSM's upcoming Centennial celebrations, please fill out this [Centennial Interest Form](#).



In Memoriam: CSM Alumnae Boryana Dineva

The CSM community was saddened to learn about the recent passing of CSM alumnae Boryana Dineva.

Boryana graduated from CSM in 2008. She spoke six languages and was very active in campus as a student senator, co-founder of the German Club, and on-campus tutor. She regularly volunteered in the community and would later go on to start a green jewelry company. After marrying her husband, Jeffrey Brian Straubel, the couple started the [Straubel Foundation](#) which focuses on environmental sustainability.

Boryana and her brother were featured in a 2008 CSM [student experience story](#), and she returned to CSM as the [2018 Commencement speaker](#) (speech begins at 29:11). Her [obituary](#) was published by the New York Times on July 1.

Our hearts go out to her family, friends, and colleagues.

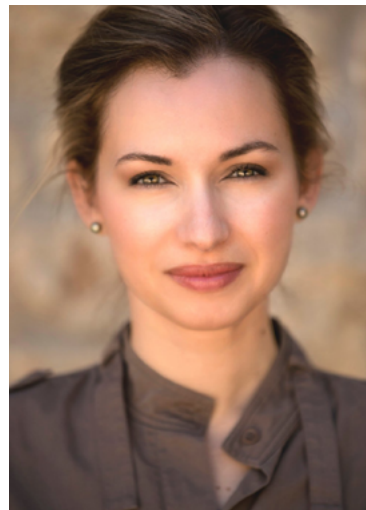


Photo source: [Straubel Foundation](#)

Immigration Legal Q&A Session: Tuesday, July 27



**Immigration Institute
of the Bay Area**

SMCCCD Dream Center's Present:
**IMMIGRATION LEGAL
Q&A SESSION**

TUES. JULY 27, 2021
TIME: 4PM
REGISTER HERE:
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/SUMMERLEGAL](https://tinyurl.com/summerlegal)

Join the SMCCCD Dream Centers for a Legal Q&A session with Immigration Institute of the Bay Area (IIBA). Ask them legal questions anonymously about important immigration updates, and learn about different immigration programs.

For more information or to submit your questions for this session contact:

**Leslie Hernandez lhernandez@iibayarea.org or
(415) 528-6004**

HIRING 20-21 SCHOLAR INTERNS!

Are you passionate about social justice issues? Would you like to get PAID to create change in your communities?

Application Opens: 7/13 6pm

Informational: 7/15 4:30pm
<https://tinyurl.com/scholars2021>
Session will be recorded

Application Due: 7/22 4:30pm

Compensation: 10-15 hours/week at \$18

Requirements:

- Proof of US work eligibility
- Mandatory Training: August 10-14 TBD
- Serve full year term
- Available Friday's 2-4pm



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Applications Open to Join CSM Umoja Community



The CSM Umoja Community is 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).

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 – 4 pm

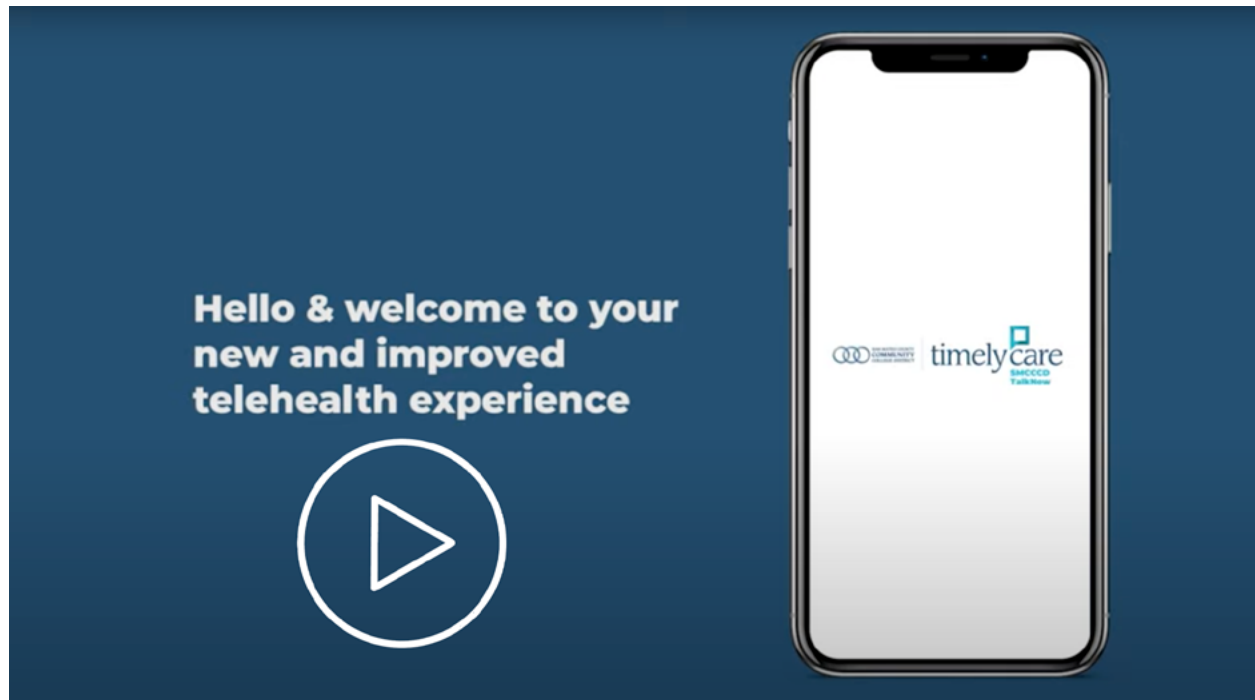
Connect with a
Student Ambassador

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

CSMTalkNow is now SMCCD TimelyCare



CSMTalkNow – our free, 24/7 mental telehealth program – is now TimelyCare with a new, enhanced mobile and desktop app that makes it easier to find care whenever you need it, wherever you are.

What This Means for You

San Mateo Community College Students will continue to have access to services like **TalkNow 24/7** – with the added benefit of shorter wait times, more flexible appointment scheduling, and an easier-to-use mobile and desktop app.

How to Enroll

1. Go to timelycare.com/SMCCD .
2. Click “Sign In” as a first-time user. If you’re on your phone, you’ll be prompted to download the **TimelyCare app**.
3. Follow the prompts to create your new username and password.
*You must use your .edu email address.
4. If you were previously using the TimelyMD app to access services, you can delete that once your new account has been set up.

As a reminder, TimelyCare licensed providers are available for mental health support via phone or secure video visits. Have questions? Visit timelycare.com/SMCCD to find FAQs or chat with us for technical support.

Family Science Day Coming in September



Save the date!



College of San Mateo's Virtual Family Science Day

Saturday, September 25, 2021

Our annual festival brings CSM faculty and community members together to bring the wonders of science to your family. This year it will be held through Zoom, featuring both live sessions and on-demand recordings.

View our past line-up and recordings at:
collegeofsanmateo.edu/familyscienceday

Need to Get a COVID-19 Vaccine? Find a Nearby Clinic



Vaccine Clinic Schedules

 **SAN MATEO
COUNTY HEALTH**
All together better.

Visit the San Mateo County Health [Vaccine Schedule](#) to locate a convenient site.

Apply Now for COVID-19 Emergency Rent Relief

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors allocated \$1 million to the San Mateo County Emergency Financial Assistance Program to help renters earning 60 percent or below of the area's median income who do not qualify for the state's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). ERAP is open to renters who have experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19, have past due rent and a household income not more than 80 percent of the area median income. Landlords with income-eligible renters experiencing a financial hardship due to COVID-19 with past due rent can also apply. Applicants may qualify regardless of immigration status and will not be required to show proof of citizenship.

Learn more about the program and apply at this [assistance website](#).

Peninsula Museum of Art Presents “iNDiViDUALiTY”

A new show celebrating joyful Black artistry and creativity



Left: Queer Embrace by Demetrius Philp; Center: If A Probability by Adegbenro Adeola Damilare; Right: Harmony by Studio BLK

Visit the Peninsula Museum of Art at The Shops at Tanforan this summer for a truly exceptional experience as we host “iNDiViDUALiTY,” an exciting new show celebrating joyful Black artistry and creativity curated by local artistic collaborative, Uni.Verse Studio. This large group show will occupy the entire space and feature original paintings, photography and beautiful illustrations by its all-Black creatives in addition to work by premier African artists. A highlight of the exhibition will be a vibrant display of photographs capturing the unapologetic energy of several Black Bay Area artists and LGBTQ+ activists. iNDiViDUALiTY will transport you into a space filled with Instagrammable moments, iridescent photography, cultural art and interactive environments.

Peninsula Museum of Art presents:

“iNDiViDUALiTY”

July 17 – September 19, 2021

Space 204, The Shops at Tanforan, 1150 El Camino Real, San Bruno

peninsulamuseum.org

