



The Bulldog bulletin

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A Biweekly CSM Student E-Newsletter

Awesome Astronomy



College of San Mateo, long known for its astronomy courses and public programs, is one of a handful of California community colleges to offer associate degrees in the field.

CSM's Associate of Arts in Astronomy and Associate of Sciences in Astronomy degrees were approved in 2020, along with a new [Fundamentals of Astrophysics](#) course in which students learn and apply modern astronomical research techniques including astro-imaging, spectroscopy, and photometry and obtain and analyze data from observatories worldwide.

The programming was launched during COVID-19 in virtual classrooms, exemplifying CSM's commitment to advancing teaching and learning even in the most trying times.

The AS degree requires heavy coursework in math and physics and prepares students for university transfer and possible graduate-level study in physics, astrophysics or astronomy. The AA degree is meant for future K-12 teachers and other liberal-arts majors who want to include astronomy in their studies.

CSM is one of a few community college in the state to offer both AS and AA astronomy degree paths, reflecting the faculty's passion for offering a range of approaches to astronomy, from monthly drop-in stargazing and Family Science Days to preparation for advanced astrophysical research.

"You can teach it a high level with a lot of math, or you can teach it at another level when you're just out there looking at the stars," Astronomy Professor Darryl Stanford said. "But you want to teach it at a level that combines both."

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IMPORTANT DATES

Final Examinations (Day & Evening Classes)

Sunday, December 12 –
Saturday, December 18

Day & Evening Classes End

Saturday, December 18

Winter Recess

Thursday, December 23 –
Friday, December 31

STAY UP TO DATE WITH CSM STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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Spring 2022 Registration Open for All Students

Registration is OPEN for ALL new & returning students can register for classes In-Person & Online Classes - CSM will be offering both in-person and online classes in the spring semester, so you can take the classes that are right for you. Check out Spring 2022 classes on [WebSchedule](#).

Get Ready to Upload Your Vaccination Status - All students are required to be vaccinated in order to take in-person classes. Students must upload their vaccination. Complete the vaccination documentation process by following instructions below:

1. Log into [Websmart](#) and select the Student Services tab
2. Click on the "COVID-19 Vaccination" link at the top of the page and select one of the options below:
3. Select "Fully vaccinated"

Enter requested vaccine information AND upload a digital copy (jpeg, tiff, or pdf) of vaccination card or California digital vaccination record. International students should provide documentation that is translated into English. For more information, please visit smccd.edu/return-to-campus/students.php.

UC/CSU Transfer Application Deadline is Tonight

Feature provided by ASCSM, Active Minds, and the Transfer Club

As the deadline for the UC and CSU application approaches tonight, Associated Students of College of San Mateo (ASCSM), Active Minds, and the Transfer Club would like you to know the many ways that we are here to support you through this process.

As ASCSM and your student representatives, we are available if you need a peer to reach out to or if you would like to just let us know how the transfer process is treating you. We are here to listen to your joys and/or concerns and would love to hear what you have to say. To get in contact with us, please email public-relations@ascsm.org.

As Active Minds, we are here to listen to you on a personal level. Through the Wellness Center, we offer confidential individual counseling (as well as couples or family counseling) available in English, Spanish, Mandarin, and Japanese. To book an appointment, either email csmwellness@smccd.edu or call (650) 574-6396. For additional services that are available 24/7, please go to timelycare.com/SMCCD.

As the Transfer Club, we hold Drop-in Zoom meetings for any questions or concerns regarding the UC/CSU applications (link available on the Transfer Club homepage collegeofsanmateo.edu/transfer). Additionally, past recordings of previous information sessions can also be found on the homepage. While on the homepage, if you click the "Transfer Services" link, there are also YouTube videos with instructions on how to complete each of the applications.

Just a reminder that the deadlines for both applications are tonight, Tuesday, November 30th at 11:59 pm PST. We are here to support you! Good luck and remember that you've got this!

UC Application: universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

CSU Application: calstate.edu/apply

REMINDER

**Help to keep our college
community healthy and safe:**

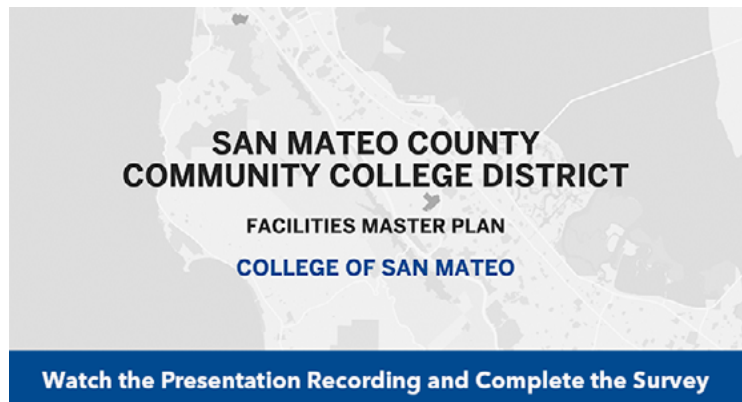
- Monitor daily for signs of [illness](#). Stay home if sick and report to appropriate instructor or college staff
- Report any household or community COVID-19 positive exposures ([reporting procedures](#))
- Wear a required [face covering](#) at all times while indoors. The face covering should have at least 2 layers, completely cover your nose and mouth, and fit snugly against the sides of your face
- Sanitize hands and work-spaces frequently to reduce the spread of germs

CSM Facilities Master Plan: We Want Your Feedback

The San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD) is undertaking the development of our Campus Facilities Master Plans (FMP). Please watch [the recording](#) of this virtual community meeting to learn more about this effort at College of San Mateo.

The meeting will introduce you to the process, objectives, and goals of the FMP and serve as a forum to share key findings from the initial phase of planning.

We also invite you to complete the CSM Facilities Master Plan [survey](#).



At the Root: A New Student Podcast

A Student Podcast

**Multicultural
& Dream
Center**

AT THE ROOT

A SEED TO YOUR HEART

A project that focuses on healing, uplifting, and unifying communities impacted by the socio-political climate.

LISTEN NOW ON ALL PLATFORMS.



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share your story or check our resourceS /sources



David L. Boren Scholarship Application is Open

The application for the 2022 David L. Boren Scholarship is now available at borenawards.org. Boren Awards provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate students to study abroad in Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East, where they can add important international and language components to their education.

Maximum scholarships award is:

- \$8,000 for a summer program (only STEM students in the field of science, technology, and mathematics are eligible for this 8-11 summer program).
- \$12,500 for a semester.
- \$25,000 for a full academic year.

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

Students who are interested in applying for this scholarship should contact the Counseling Desk (Build. 10, 3rd Floor) and make an appointment with Jesenia Diaz as soon as possible. The College of San Mateo deadline for applying for the Boren Scholarship is February 2, 2022.

Jack Kent Cooke Transfer Scholarship is Open



The deadline to apply is January 10, 2022.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Sophomore Status - Be a current student at College of San Mateo and plan to enroll full-time in a baccalaureate degree program at an accredited college or university in the Fall 2022.
- 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 \$55,000 per year to attend a four-year accredited undergraduate college or university.

For questions about the [Common App for Transfer](#), please go to the Common App for Transfer Help Center.

If you need additional information about this scholarship, please contact the Counseling staff (Joyce Griswold or Karen Sukle) in person or call them at 650-574-6400 to make an appointment to meet with Jesenia Diaz as soon as possible.

Upcoming CSM Events

Be sure to visit CSM's [Event Calendar](#) regularly to stay informed about upcoming events. Over the next few weeks, there will be UC and CSU counseling appointments and application workshops, MCCDC Legal Clinic sessions, and various athletic games.

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 – 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 during in-person operating hours, via Zoom (daily drop-in hour),

[Visit the Welcome Center Website](#)

