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A Biweekly CSM Student E-Newsletter

Black History Month Events

Throughout February, College of San Mateo is hosting various special events celebrating Black History Month and honoring Black heritage. Activities for students and the campus community include several film screenings, guest speakers, a workshop, and the opportunity to join the CSM community on day trips to special events in San Francisco and Oakland. Below is a complete list of events for the month. For details on any of the events or to RSVP, check out the events on our events calendar.



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IMPORTANT DATES

President's Day Weekend February 18-21

Last day to apply for Spring 2022 A.A./A.S. Degree or Program Certificate Friday, March 4

> Spring Recess March 27 – April 2

STAY UP TO DATE WITH CSM STUDENT GOVERNMENT

View ASCSM Agendas & Minutes

Welcoming Back Students on Campus -Welcome Day & Week Events

The Associated Students of College of San Mateo (ASCSM) hosted Welcome Day and Week events for students on campus during the first two weeks of the semester. Students had fun socializing and could pick up free boba tea, sandwiches, and other college swag giveaways outside or in the Bay View Dining Hall. Additionally, college administration and staff spoke to gathered students about College of San Mateo's full return to campus this semester.



REMINDER

Help to keep our college community healthy and safe:

- Monitor daily for signs of <u>illness</u>. 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 <u>face cover-</u> ing 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 workspaces frequently to reduce the spread of germs



Upcoming Campus Town Halls

College of San Mateo will be hosting virtual town halls for candidates running to represent California's 14th Congressional District. College of San Mateo President Dr. Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza will moderate both town halls. The town halls will feature a panel of students from the campus student government organization (ASCSM) who will ask the candidates questions and provide time for questions from the audience. We welcome all students, college employees, and members of our community to join us for these special events.

CSM's town hall for the President of San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, and candidate for California's 14th Congressional District, David Canepa, will occur on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 3 pm. Please register for the event on the <u>town hall registration</u> webpage.

CSM's town hall for the Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore, and candidate for California's 14th Congressional District, Kevin Mullin, will occur on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 2 pm. Please register for the event on the town hall registration webpage.



San Mateo County Supervisor David Canepa.



California Assemblymember Kevin Mullin.

Student Tickets for Centennial Gala



The year-long centennial celebration of 100 years of Academic Excellence for College of San Mateo kicks off on March 31, 2022, with the Centennial Gala. On Tuesday, February 1, students received an email with a special link to purchase tickets for the Gala at Kohl Mansion in Burlingame. Tickets are going fast, so if you are interested in going, make sure to purchase your ticket today!

Please visit the <u>Centennial Website</u> for more information and sign up for the special forthcoming <u>Centennial Newsletter</u> to keep updated on all of the special activities the college has planned for the year-long celebration.

New Wepa Printing System at CSM

College of San Mateo has a new printing system for students on campus. Explore the many ways to print from your device or platform on the <u>Wepa User Guide</u>. Wepa printers are located in the Library, Learning Center, ESL Center, Math Resource Center, and Integrated Science Center. Check out the flyer below for more information.



Wellness Workshops



College of San Mateo's Wellness Center will be hosting virtual wellness workshops for students over the course of the month of February. Wellness workshop topics include:

- Is it Time to Change Your Birth Control?
- How to get Instagram-Worthy Skin
- Complementary & Alternative Therapies

For more details, including zoom links, please view this flyer.

Volunteer Opportunities



CSM Emergency Food Distribution:

Every Friday, College of San Mateo partners with Second Harvest of Silicon Valley for an emergency food distribution operation on our campus. Since April 2020, SMCCD has provided 6,105,057 pounds of food for 119,707 families offsetting \$10,928,052 in grocery costs. These food distributions have become a lifeline for our local community. We are currently seeking additional volunteers on Fridays to help with this incredible operation. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out our Food Drive Volunteer Sign-Up Form.

Sunnybrae Elementary School Library:

Sunnybrae Elementary School in San Mateo is looking for volunteer help in its library. Volunteers may help with general library operations and occasional events, such as a Book Fair from February 28 – March 4. For more information, please contact Career Services at <u>csmcareerservices@smccd.edu</u>.

Center for Civic Design:

The <u>Center for Civic Design</u> is a nonprofit looking for volunteers to be interviewed about their experiences with voting and the voting process. In particular, they are seeking to interview bilingual (Spanish/ English) speakers who are San Mateo County residents, ages 18-24, who are eligible to vote. If you are willing to participate in a one-hour interview, you will be compensated \$50 for your time. Visit the Center's <u>Registration webpage</u> to sign up for more information.

CSM Language Arts is Hiring a Student Assistant

College of San Mateo's Language Arts Division is currently looking for a student to be their Bilingual Outreach Assistant. Interested students can email the Language Arts Division Assistant, Maggi Li, at <u>limaggie@smccd.edu</u>. Please see the flyer for additional details.

LANGUAGE ARTS **DIVISION IS LOOKING FOR Bilingual Outreach Assistant** REQUIREMENTS: Fluent in speaking Spanish Comfortable writing in Spanish Up to 20 hours per week in Spring 2022 50% remote and 50% in LAD Office **JOB DUTIES:** Assist with phone calls and respond to emails Assist Spanish-speaking students SEND YOUR INTEREST EMAIL TO: limaggie@smccd.edu

Get Your COVID-19 Booster

The Centers for Disease Control and San Mateo County Health strongly recommend (but do not require) COVID-19 booster vaccinations to increase the effectiveness of normal waning immunity over time. The recent emergence of the Omicron variant further emphasizes the importance of immunization, boosters, and prevention efforts needed to protect against COVID-19. Here are guidelines for booster eligibility:

Age 18+

A booster dose of choice if the minimum time has passed since completing the primary vaccine series:

- Pfizer or Moderna Received the second dose at least 5 months ago
- Johnson & Johnson Received single dose at least 2 months ago

It is recommended that if you received a Johnson & Johnson vaccine, you strongly consider a Pfizer or Moderna booster.

Ages 12-17

• Pfizer - Received the second dose at least 5 months ago

Individuals who recently contracted COVID-19 need only wait 10 days after their positive test before getting their booster shot. Booster vaccinations continue to train the immune system to protect against severe disease from future COVID-19 infections.

Where can you get your booster shot?

- Your medical provider
- College of San Mateo Vaccination Clinic
- Your local CVS Pharmacy

You can also visit <u>MyTurn</u> to get a complete list of booster/vaccination providers.

Access to In-person Instruction and Services

As a reminder, students will not be able to register for in-person courses or access in-person services if not approved through the vaccination attestation or receiving a medical/religious exemption. Students who have not gone through the vaccination attestation approval process can still enroll in virtual courses and receive virtual student support. For more information, please visit our <u>Return to Campus website</u>.

The Return to Campus website provides students with important information on requirements and processes for returning on-site. There is a <u>FAQ Page</u> with detailed information on all types of questions relating to a return to being in-person and on campus.

Free COVID-19 Testing

COVID-19 testing services continue to be available at College of San Mateo for any student who wishes to get tested, subject to appointment availability. To schedule a free testing appointment, please visit this <u>Testing website</u>.

Every home in the USA is eligible to order 4 free at-home antigen COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship within 7-12 days. Please visit <u>this government website</u> to order your free tests today!

Face Coverings (Masks)

SMCCCD continues to make face coverings (masks) available to all students. Face coverings are required when indoors (unless actively eating or drinking) and free surgical masks are located at various locations throughout all buildings. In addition, KN95 respirators (masks) are available for free upon request at the college bookstore. Here is a helpful <u>USA Today Article</u> on reusing and storing your KN95 or N95 mask.



CSM students pick up their free KN95 masks at the Bulldog Bookstore. Photo credit: Jonathan Wax.

Upcoming Campus Vaccination Pop-up Clinics:

College of San Mateo parking Lot B (formerly known as Beethoven, Lot 2) will be hosting a COVID-19 Vaccination Pop-Up Clinic. For specific information on dates and times, please refer to the flyer below.

To make an appointment, please visit the State Vaccination website.



College of San Mateo Scholarships: 2022-2023

Submissions Deadline - Wednesday, March 2

- Many awards for incoming, continuing and transferring students
- Scholarship awards range from \$100 to approximately \$2500

The application for a large selection of scholarships is available online at <u>SMCCD'S Scholarship website</u> and is due by Wednesday, March 2, 2022 by 11:59 pm.

The following items are required for a complete application:

1. Fill out the <u>AcademicWorks online application</u> completely.

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- If you are a new applicant, click the <u>Sign Up</u> button to create your account.
- If you are a returning applicant, click the <u>Sign In</u> button to complete or update your scholarship application.
- CSM students must use your college-issued <u>my.smccd.edu email</u> address to sign in.
- 2. Personal statement (3 short essay questions)
- 3. One letter of reference (must be submitted online by March 2)
- 4. All unofficial academic transcripts must be uploaded through AcademicWorks.

Need assistance or have questions regarding either of these scholarship opportunities?

- Attend a <u>Scholarship Application Workshop</u> or watch our helpful videos on <u>SMCCCD Scholarship</u> <u>Application TV</u>.
- For additional scholarship opportunities please view the <u>External Scholarships</u> page on our <u>Scholarships</u> page.

Have additional questions? Contact College of San Mateo's Scholarship Coordinator, Karen Chadwick at <u>chadwick@smccd.edu</u>

Virtual Parking Permit Reminder:

Effective now, Cañada College, College of San Mateo, and Skyline College are introducing a virtual parking permit system for purchasing virtual parking permits on all San Mateo Community College District campuses. Essentially, your vehicle's license plate will act as your virtual parking permit. Individuals will register their vehicle plate information into an online virtual parking permit system when purchasing their permits. The permit software then generates a virtual permit linked to that vehicle's license plate number.

Permit enforcement on SMCCCD Parking lots begins on March 1, 2022. Visit the <u>parking</u> website and the <u>FAQs</u> page for more information, including how to purchase a permit.

The Honors Project Virtual Student Showcase:

Due to the impact of COVID-19, the Honors Project Student Showcase has gone remote and virtual. Thus, for your online intellectual enjoyment, we invite you to explore these compelling and provocative Honors Project student final presentations from the Fall 2021 Semester at your leisure and convenience. To view the presentations, visit the <u>Showcase</u> webpage.