

A photograph of two women celebrating a graduation. The woman on the right is wearing a black graduation cap and gown with a purple and white stole. She is holding a blue diploma cover that says 'College of San Mateo'. Both women are smiling broadly with their mouths open. Confetti is falling around them. A bouquet of pink and yellow flowers is visible in the bottom right corner.

Impact

REPORT 2023-2024

College of San Mateo

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President's Message

I am excited to present College of San Mateo's 2023-2024 Impact Report. This year has been marked by the outstanding accomplishments of our college community. Each of these milestones is deeply inspired by the unwavering support and dedication of our partners throughout San Mateo County and by the students, faculty, staff, and administration of our campus community.

The past year has showcased our collective commitment to excellence while navigating rapid changes. This Impact Report celebrates our achievements and serves as a launching point for our continued efforts to make an even deeper impact in our community.


Our commitment to equity and social justice remains at the forefront of our mission. We are dedicated to fostering an environment where every student feels valued, receives the support they need, and feels that CSM is a place where they not only belong but are celebrated. This year, we have enhanced our mental health and wellness services. Our new wellness initiatives are designed to provide comprehensive support, ensuring our students thrive both academically and personally.

In addition to our academic endeavors, CSM has deepened its engagement with local communities and industry leaders. These partnerships create opportunities for students to explore the intersections of science, technology, and business, enriching their educational experience and preparing them for the future. We are grateful to the San Mateo County Community College District Board of Trustees for their advocacy and support, particularly in championing Senate Bill 893, Free College, which has been instrumental in making higher education more accessible to all.

We plan to expand our community outreach efforts and strengthen our ties with local organizations and industry leaders to create even more opportunities for our students. Our goal is to ensure every student has the tools and support they need to succeed in an ever-evolving world and competitive workforce.

As we move forward, we remain steadfast in our commitment to continue building a community that embraces each and every member. Our collective experiences will guide us as we strive to enhance our services, expand our reach, and create lasting, positive change.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication.


Manuel Alejandro Pérez, Ed.D.
President, College of San Mateo



Me complace presentar el Informe de Impacto 2023-2024 del Colegio de San Mateo. Este año ha estado marcado por los extraordinarios logros de nuestra comunidad universitaria. Cada uno de estos hitos está profundamente inspirado por el apoyo inquebrantable y la dedicación de nuestros socios en todo el condado de San Mateo y por los estudiantes, profesores, personal y administración de nuestra comunidad universitaria.

Este Informe de Impacto celebra nuestros logros y sirve como punto de partida para nuestros continuos esfuerzos por tener un impacto aún más profundo en nuestra comunidad.

Nuestro compromiso con la equidad y la justicia social sigue siendo una de las prioridades de nuestra misión. Nos dedicamos a fomentar un entorno en el que cada estudiante se sienta valorado, reciba el apoyo que necesita y sienta que CSM es un lugar al que no sólo pertenece, sino que se le celebra.

Además de nuestros esfuerzos académicos, el Colegio de San Mateo ha profundizado su compromiso con las comunidades locales y los líderes de la industria. Estas asociaciones crean oportunidades para que los estudiantes exploren las intersecciones entre ciencia, tecnología y empresa, enriqueciendo su experiencia educativa y preparándolos para el futuro. Agradecemos a la Junta de Fideicomisarios del Distrito de Colegios Comunitarios del Condado de San Mateo por su abogacía y apoyo, en particular defendiendo la Ley 893 del Senado estatal, Colegio Gratuito, que ha sido fundamental para que la educación superior sea más accesible para todos.

Tenemos previsto ampliar nuestros esfuerzos comunitarios y estrechar nuestros lazos con organizaciones locales y líderes del sector para crear aún más oportunidades para nuestros estudiantes. Nuestro objetivo es garantizar que todos los estudiantes dispongan de las herramientas y el apoyo necesarios para triunfar en un mundo en constante evolución y en una mano de obra competitiva.

A medida que avanzamos, nos mantenemos firmes en nuestro compromiso de seguir construyendo una comunidad que acoja a todos y cada uno de sus miembros. Nuestras experiencias colectivas nos guiarán en nuestro esfuerzo por mejorar nuestros servicios, ampliar nuestro alcance y crear un cambio positivo y duradero. Gracias por su apoyo y dedicación.

~Manuel Alejandro Pérez, Ed.D.



Nasasabik akong ipakita ang Ulat ng Epekto (Impact Report) ng Kolehiyo ng San Mateo sa taong 2023-2024. Ang taong ito ay minarkahan ng mga namumukod-tanging tagumpay ng ating komunidad sa kolehiyo. Ang bawat isa sa mga tagumpay na ito ay lubos na naiinspirasyon ng walang humpay na suporta at dedikasyon ng ating mga kasosyo sa buong San Mateo County at ng mga mag-aaral, guro, kawani, at administrasyon ng aming komunidad sa kampus.

Ang nakaraang taon ay nagpakita ng ating sama-samang dedikasyon sa kahusayan habang nagna-navigate sa mabilis na mga pagbabago. Ipinagdiriwang ng Ulat ng Epektong (Impact Report) ito ang ating mga tagumpay at nagsisilbing lunsaran para sa ating patuloy na pagsisikap na magkaroon ng mas malalim na epekto sa ating komunidad.

Ang ating dedikasyon sa pagkakapantay-pantay at panlipunang katarungan ay nananatiling nasa unahan ng ating misyon. Kami ay nakatuon sa pagpapaunlad ng isang kapaligiran kung saan ang bawat mag-aaral ay nakadarama ng pagpapahalaga, natatanggap ang suporta na kailangan nila, at nararamdaman na ang CSM ay isang lugar kung saan hindi lamang sila nabibilang kundi ipinagdiriwang.

Bilang karagdagan sa ating mga akademikong pagsisikap, pinalalim ng CSM ang pakikipag-ugnayan nito sa mga lokal na komunidad at mga lider ng industriya. Ang mga partnership na ito ay lumilikha ng mga pagkakataon para sa mga mag-aaral na tuklasin ang mga intersection ng agham, teknolohiya, at negosyo, na nagpapayaman sa kanilang karanasan sa edukasyon at naghahanda sa kanila para sa hinaharap. Kami ay nagpapasalamat sa San Mateo County Community College District Board of Trustees para sa kanilang adbokasiya at suporta, lalo na sa pagtataguyod ng Senate Bill 893, Libreng Kolehiyo, na naging instrumento sa paggawa ng mas mataas na edukasyon na mas madaling makuha ng lahat.

Habang tayo ay sumusulong, nananatili kaming matatag sa aming pangako na ipagpatuloy ang pagbuo ng isang komunidad na yumakap sa bawat miyembro. Ang aming mga sama-samang karanasan ay gagabay sa amin habang nagsusumikap kaming pahasayin ang aming mga serbisyo, palawakin ang aming abot, at lumikha ng pangmatagalang, positibong pagbabago.

Salamat sa inyong walang sawang suporta at dedikasyon.

~Manuel Alejandro Pérez, Ed.D.



我很高兴向大家介绍圣马特奥学院 (CSM) 2023-2024年的影响力报告。今年是我们学校获得杰出成就的一年。这些里程碑中的每一步都深受圣马特奥县的合作伙伴及我们学校的学生、教职员工和管理层的坚定支持和奉献。

在过去的一年中，我们在经历快速变化的同时，也展现对卓越的共同承诺。这份影响力报告庆祝我们所取得的成就，并作为我们继续努力的起点，为我们的社区带来更深远的影响。

我们的使命仍然是促进公平教育和社会正义的承诺。我们致力于营造一个环境，让每一位学生都感受到自己的价值，获得他们所需要的资源，并觉得CSM不仅是他们的归属，更是值得讚扬的地方。今年，我们加强了心理健康和保健服务。我们新的健康计划旨在提供全面的支援，确保我们的学生在学业和个人方面都能成长茁壮。

除了学术方面的努力，CSM也加深了与当地社区和产业领导者的合作。这些合作关系为学生创造了探索科学、技术和商业交叉领域的机会，丰富了他们的教育体验，并为他们的未来做好了准备。我们感谢圣马特奥县社区大学董事会的倡导和支持，特别是在支持参议院第893号法案“免费大学”方面，该法案在使所有人更能更容易地取得高等教育的方面发挥了重要作用。

我们计划扩大社区外展工作，加强与当地组织和产业领袖的联系，为我们的学生创造更多的机会。我们的目标是确保每位学生都能在不断发展的世界和竞争激烈的就业市场中成功取得所需的能力和资源。

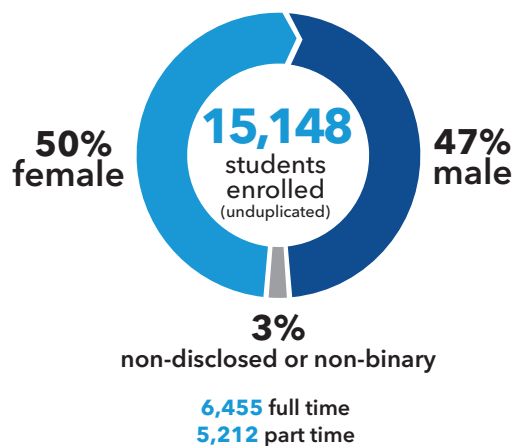
在我们向前迈进时，我们仍坚定地承诺继续建立一个包容每位成员的社区。我们的集体经验将引领我们努力提升我们的服务，扩大我们的覆盖范围，并创造持久、积极的改变。感谢您对本校的坚定支持和奉献。

~Manuel Alejandro Pérez, Ed.D.

College of San Mateo 2023-2024 | By the Numbers



FAST FACTS



GRADUATES

859 Associate Degrees

346 Certificates
(awarded 2022-2023)



18% LOW-INCOME
5% WITH A DISABILITY
2% VETERANS



COURSE DELIVERY

- In Person 67%
- Online 18%
- Hybrid 9%
- Synchronous 6%



RACE/ETHNICITY

- Hispanic 33%
- White, Non-Hispanic 25%
- Asian 20%
- Multiracial 8%
- Filipino 6%
- Black, Non-Hispanic 3%
- Unknown/Undisclosed 3%
- Pacific Islander 2%



GEOGRAPHY

- San Mateo County 85%
- San Francisco County 4%
- Alameda County 3%
- Santa Clara County 3%
- Contra Costa County 1%
- International Students 1%
- Other Counties 3%

45% **FIRST GENERATION**

Students who are the first in their family to attend college

WOMEN'S SPORTS



- Basketball
- Beach Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Softball
- Swimming & Diving
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Water Polo

MEN'S SPORTS

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Swimming & Diving
- Track & Field
- Water Polo

PROGRAMS

75 A.A. / A.S. Degree Majors

90 Certificate Majors

ACCREDITATION

Fully accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

ENROLLMENT FEES*

\$46 per unit

*Free for San Mateo County residents pursuing a degree or certificate

\$1,332/year
full-time (12 units)



FINANCIAL AID

39% of students receive aid. More than \$11 million is awarded annually.



DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

- Associate in Arts
- Associate in Arts - Transfer
- Associate in Science
- Associate in Science - Transfer
- Certificate of Achievement
- Certificate of Specialization

35+

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

including career, honors, cultural, special interest and sports

TOP FEEDER HIGH SCHOOLS

- 1 Hillsdale HS (San Mateo)
- 2 Aragon HS (San Mateo)
- 3 San Mateo HS
- 4 Carlmont HS (Belmont)
- 5 Burlingame HS
- 6 Mills HS (Millbrae)
- 7 Woodside (Redwood City)
- 8 Capuchino HS (San Bruno)
- 9 Half Moon Bay HS
- 10 Sequoia HS (Redwood City)





Spending Snapshot

FINANCIALS

Free College – Our Investment is You!

College of San Mateo continues to be a vehicle of economic mobility for the residents of San Mateo County. In 2023-2024, as part of the SB893 initiative, CSM provided more than \$3,400,000 in free tuition to county residents attending the College.



Groceries



Health &
Wellness Services



Financial
Assistance



Transportation
to Campus

Investments at a Glance

Category	Percentage
Instruction	53.46%
Direct Student Support	21.56%
College Support Services	21.37%
Instructional Support	3.61%

The 2023-2024 academic year kicked off with the grand opening of CSM's new Wellness Center in Health & Wellness Building 5, Room 302. This new campus space features a comprehensive student health center, including 3 new exam rooms and a lab, 5 dedicated personal counseling offices, a conference room, and a waiting room with a beautiful view of CSM's campus.



emergency food, housing
& transportation support
for students



free tuition
for San Mateo
County residents





A Recap of Academic Year 2023-2024

YEAR IN REVIEW

Inspiring Curiosity: Family Science Day

CSM welcomed more than 1,000 attendees, primarily families with young children, for a day of interactive science activities. The event fostered a love for science and learning in a family-friendly environment.



A Celebration of Culture: Día de Los Muertos

CSM's Puente Latinx Club and EOPS (Extended Opportunity Programs & Services) hosted a vibrant Día de Los Muertos/Day of the Dead community celebration. The event featured a performance by Calpulli Tonalehqueh and honored cultural traditions.



CSM's SparkPoint Serves as Model

Local government officials visited CSM's SparkPoint Center to observe its model community support services. SparkPoint provides resources and coaching to help individuals achieve financial stability.



A Recap of Academic Year 2023-2024



CSM's Block Party Brings Community to Campus

The 2nd Annual Spring Block Party at CSM welcomed hundreds of new, returning and prospective students. The event featured free food, DJs, giveaways, and resource tables from various CSM programs and community organizations.



College Tour Episode Highlights CSM

CSM was featured in an episode of *The College Tour* on Amazon Prime, which followed the journeys of 11 students and highlighted the diverse experiences and opportunities available at CSM.



Ethnic Studies Department Produces Film Series

CSM hosted a series showcasing films that highlight diverse cultural perspectives. The three-day event provided an educational platform for discussions on ethnic studies, food justice and social justice.



Teaching & Learning: The Core of Our Mission

Where Science & Art Connect

CSM student Alexandra Szabo exemplifies academic excellence through her participation in NASA's prestigious Psyche Inspired internship program. Collaborating with top NASA scientists and Arizona State University faculty, Szabo delved into space exploration and mission planning. Her interdisciplinary approach, blending science and art, led to innovative contributions celebrated in the NASA Psyche Inspired Online Showcase. Recognized with the Michael Chriss Astronomy Award at CSM, Szabo's journey reflects the transformative power of curiosity and dedication. Her mentor, Professor Elisha Polomski, praises her unique ability to merge art and science, predicting a future of bold exploration and continued academic achievements for Alexandra.



Bulldog Football Success On & Off the Field

CSM's football team had an outstanding fall 2024 semester, achieving success on and off the field. Not only did they clinch the Nor Cal Championship for the second year in a row, but they were also named the Bay Six Conference Champions. The team also excelled in the classroom, with an impressive average team GPA of 3.42. And 94 players achieved GPAs of 3.0 or higher, marking an incredible 42 consecutive semesters with an average team GPA above 3.0. By the end of the academic year, 23 football players were committed to transferring to four-year universities, many of which are division one schools.



Teaching & Learning: The Core of Our Mission



MESA's Impact on STEM Education

The Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program at CSM is designed to support educationally disadvantaged and low-income students to excel in math and science and attain STEM degrees. Throughout the year, CSM's MESA program has actively promoted STEM education through numerous events. The Second Annual Day of Science, co-hosted with Stanford University's Community College Outreach program, featured scientific talks, a STEM career panel, and student research presentations, drawing over 130 attendees. Additionally, CSM MESA students attended various conferences including the SACNAS National Diversity in STEM Conference in Portland, Oregon, where they engaged with industry leaders, participated in workshops, and explored career opportunities. These activities underscore MESA's commitment to fostering STEM pathways and empowering underrepresented students.



Learn & Grow: Professional Development at CSM

This past academic year at CSM has been marked by significant professional development activities, including four College Flex Days and two Districtwide Flex Days. Opening day for the academic year featured an inspiring lecture by Alok Vaid-Menon, an internationally acclaimed writer, performer, and public speaker known for their work on gender, queer liberation, equity and creativity. Alok's keynote set a positive and thought-provoking tone for the year.

This past year also marked the launch of our REAL (Redesign for Equity & Accessibility Lab) Faculty Fellowship program. Nine faculty members participated in the inaugural cohort, representing four instructional divisions and eleven different disciplines. The program includes rigorous workshops and collaborative efforts to enhance course equity and accessibility.

REAL



Redesign for Equity & Accessibility Lab

2023-2024 REAL COHORT, YEAR ONE

9 faculty members	4 instructional divisions	11 different disciplines
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Providing Support for Our Students

Meeting Students' Basic Needs

In a county that is home to several of the nation's most affluent neighborhoods, food, housing, and financial disparities can disrupt students' abilities to reach their full college and economic potential. CSM SparkPoint's work is a testament to the power of community-based partnerships. These partnerships, with United Way Bay Area and Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, are the backbone of our operations, along with the invaluable support of our student assistants.

FOOD

SparkPoint Free Grocery Center | Drive-thru grocery distribution
Semester food grants | Grab-and-go hot lunches
CalFresh enrollment | Grocery & gas gift cards

HOUSING

Emergency housing | Housing navigation | Pipelines to local programs

FINANCIAL

Financial coaching | Tax preparation assistance | Scholarships
Public benefits enrollment | Budgeting & transfer prep

2023-2024



1,496

students
received
SparkPoint
services

287

emergency
overnights /
hotel rooms for
students provided

1,292

students
picked up
groceries for
their households

159

students increased
their financial literacy
via personalized
financial coaching

660

students received
monthly funding
toward groceries, toiletries
or on-campus meals

New Resource for CSM Students

The 2023-2024 academic year marked the launch of the Office of the Ombuds at CSM, becoming a pivotal resource for our students. This new office provides a confidential, impartial and independent environment where students can voice concerns, resolve conflicts and seek neutral guidance on academic and personal issues.



OFFICE OF
THE OMBUDS

INFORMAL | CONFIDENTIAL
IMPARTIAL | INDEPENDENT



By offering mediation services and advocating for fair processes, the Ombuds ensures students' rights are protected and their voices heard. This initiative has significantly fostered a supportive campus atmosphere, enhanced student well-being, and promoted a culture of open communication and trust at CSM.

2023-2024 OMBUDS, YEAR ONE

THE SPRING 2024 SEMESTER SAW AN 85.7%
INCREASE IN TRAFFIC OVER FALL 2023

Providing Support for Our Students



Transportation as a Means to Promote Equity

In our ongoing efforts to address transportation inequities in the Bay Area, CSM has continued to support two student transportation assistance programs for our students. Launching in 2022, we partnered with the ridesharing tech company Lyft to create the Lyft Rides for CSM Students program. This initiative offers current CSM students the convenience of one free roundtrip ride to and from the college daily. The program caters to students residing along the coast, in the East Bay, and those living farther away on the Peninsula.



Additionally, in 2023, we launched the Free CSM Shuttle for Students. This free service operates daily, providing hourly pick-ups and drop-offs between the Millbrae BART/Caltrain Station and CSM. Through these transportation assistance programs, we aim to enhance accessibility for our students, enabling them to overcome transportation barriers and fully engage in their educational pursuits at CSM.



2023-2024 CSM LYFT RIDES

173,000

miles

15,900

rides

287

unique
riders

55

rides
per rider

2023-2024 CSM SHUTTLE

13,500

total
ridership

67

average
daily rides



Wellness Center Promotes Support Resources

CSM's Wellness Center, a champion of equitable student support, thrived during the 2023/2024 academic year, providing 1,829 personal counseling hours and 1,231 health center appointments. The Mental Health Peer Educators (MHPEs) facilitated 263 individual activities that engaged 4,640 students and were attended by 545 faculty, staff, and administrators throughout the year, demonstrating the center's commitment to our campus' well being. Events like the 'Send Silence Packing' exhibit – in partnership with the Active Minds student club – addressed mental health stigmas. The biannual Health Fairs offered free dental screenings, blood pressure checks, wellness resources and more, fostering a supportive, healthy community at CSM.

2023-2024 CSM WELLNESS

1,829

personal
counseling hours

1,231

health center
appointments

263

mhpe-hosted
events





Community Collaborations: Where Great Things Happen



Paid Internships Provide Valuable Opportunities



In fall 2023, CSM partnered with Stanford University to launch its first equity-focused paid internship program for CSM students. This initiative provided valuable internships, quality work experiences, and mentorship from Stanford professionals. It included administrative internships, career development support, networking, resume and interview workshops, and a wrap-up event with certificates. Building on this success, CSM expanded the program in spring 2024 for the summer session, incorporating more local employers. Partners included the County of San Mateo (San Mateo County Libraries), San Bruno Park School District, and Rising Sun Center for Opportunity. The program was supported by CSM-run recruitment events, networking opportunities, career readiness workshops, and a kick-off event.

Dual Enrollment: Working with Local High Schools

For the 2023-2024 academic year, CSM's Dual Enrollment program focused on strengthening student-centered partnerships with San Mateo Union High School District and Cabrillo Unified School District. The year emphasized building classroom culture through equity-focused instruction. Our faculty developed new activities and engaging strategies to enhance student learning through dynamic experiences inside and outside the classroom. Dual Enrollment students participated in exciting work-based learning experiences such as workplace simulations, field trips, and guest lectures. CSM and our partnering high schools are committed to creating greater access for underserved students, increasing their awareness, confidence, and future opportunities in higher education at CSM and beyond.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

San Mateo County Coastsides Engagement

In the fall of 2023, CSM hosted our Find Your Future Series, aiding coastsides residents in career and college exploration. In April, CSM joined the Farm Workers Convention in Pescadero, serving over 100 families. Early summer saw CSM at Midpen Moonridge's open house event, engaging Latinx families with college information. CSM also participated in Half Moon Bay's Fourth of July event with the Dream Big Pop-Up. Partnering with the Opportunity Center of the Coastsides, Midpen Moonridge, and Main Street, CSM hosts pop-ups to boost coastsides community engagement and educational access.

DUAL ENROLLMENT SNAPSHOT – FALL 2023 / SPRING 2024





Inspiring Students to be Their Best

STUDENT SUCCESS

Recognizing Outstanding Students & Staff

This past year, CSM proudly hosted the 2nd Annual Student Life & Leadership Awards Ceremony, honoring the exceptional contributions of our students, clubs and employees. The event celebrated the positive impact of student leaders, support services, faculty, staff and campus events on retention and graduation rates. It was a joyous occasion, reflecting a year filled with remarkable achievements and dedication within our campus community.

2023-2024 Recipients

Allan R. Brown Outstanding Student Service & Leadership Awards:

- **(Aki) Angela Dayang**
- **Haley Donoho**
- **Enzo Ferreira**
- **Miles Harris**
- **(Herbert) Unt Bhone Mo**
- **Brittany Shive**
- **Antuaneth Sosa**

Club Advisor of the Year Award: **Dulce Martinez Luna**

Equity & Justice Impact Award: **Paola Mora**

Outstanding Student Club

Programming Award: **CSM Mental Health Peer Educators**

Lifetime Achievement Award: **Lisa Suguitan Melnick**



The Success of Student-Led Antiracism Projects

CSM's Title V Grant for Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs) has funded nine innovative, student-led antiracism projects to foster an inclusive campus environment. These initiatives, ranging from literary circles and healing circles to art projects and community voices zines, empower students to address racism and anti-blackness. The grant supports student media websites, cultural competency art programs and interdisciplinary educational trips. This collaborative approach unites students, faculty and staff in creating lasting change. By encouraging active student participation and providing necessary resources, CSM demonstrates its commitment to student success and advancing racial justice on campus.



Inspiring Students to be Their Best

CSM-MIT Transfer Student Offers Sage Advice

Guillermo Mendoza Contreras, a first-generation college student from Carlmont High School, began his higher education journey at CSM before transferring to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to major in mechanical engineering. At CSM, Guillermo joined the MESA program, student government, and the Drone Mapping Club, which led to a pivotal research internship at Stanford. His mentor there encouraged him to apply to MIT.

Guillermo emphasizes the importance of small class sizes, professor's office hours, and peer study groups at CSM, advising new students to solidify their fundamentals and consult STEM transfer counselors early. He credits CSM's resources and support, especially from MESA Director Olivia Viveros, for helping him seize opportunities. At MIT, Guillermo works on developing a space object detection sensor system and is set for a summer internship at NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab.



Student Veterans Group Gains Momentum

CSM's Student Veterans of America Chapter participated in the SVA Regional Summit in Nashville, Tennessee, where they united with other chapters nationwide. This summit focused on supporting student veterans' educational and leadership development. CSM's student veterans engaged in workshops and discussions, enhancing their leadership and community connection skills. A notable highlight was their community service project, transforming a local middle school by building tables and planter boxes. Club Leader Juan Flores-Velazquez emphasized the summit's impact, stating it broadened their perspectives and strengthened their community. This experience has empowered the chapter to elevate its campus impact and drive meaningful change locally and nationally.





2024 Commencement Ceremony

COMMENCEMENT

College of San Mateo concluded the spring semester with its 102nd Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 24. The iconic College Heights Stadium welcomed hundreds of graduates from CSM's Class of 2024. A total of 1,520 degrees and certificates were awarded, symbolizing the hard work and dedication of the graduating class. The stands were filled with the cheers of friends and family members, creating a vibrant atmosphere as the graduates entered the stadium and took their seats on the field.

Dr. Richard Storti, CSM Acting President, delivered greetings and introductions, followed by a welcome from John Pimentel, President of the SMCCCD Board of Trustees. Alex Guiriba, Interim Vice President of Student Services, then took the stage to recognize the contributions of recent retirees. Also in attendance on the President's Platform were Melissa Moreno J.D., SMCCCD Chancellor, and Aaron McVean, SMCCCD Vice Chancellor of Educational Services & Planning.

Enzo Ferreira, President of the Associated Students of CSM, shared details about the graduating class, highlighting their diverse backgrounds and achievements. This year's student speaker, Thuc Nguyen, captivated the audience with her inspiring journey as a Vietnamese immigrant and first-generation college student. She spoke about overcoming poverty

and homelessness, her passion for inclusive education, and her dedication to the visual and performing arts.

Claudia Sandoval, a celebrity chef and entrepreneur who won the sixth season of MasterChef U.S. with Gordon Ramsay, delivered the keynote address. Chef Claudia shared her experiences from her culinary career, emphasizing themes of perseverance, creativity, and the importance of community support.

Dr. Carla Grandy, CSM Vice President of Instruction, then presented academic honors, followed by Todd Windisch, President of the Academic Senate, who formally presented the Class of 2024. Graduates proudly crossed the stage as their names were called to receive their degrees and certificates.

The celebration continued after the ceremony, with attendees gathering in the Bayview Dining Room for a lively reception. The reception was a fitting end to the day, as it provided an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the hard work, achievements, and success of CSM's Class of 2024.

Watch the recorded livestream of the ceremony:
collegeofsanmateo.edu/grad24



CSM's Class of 2024

Total Degrees & Certificates Awarded	1,520
Graduates with Honors	109
First-Generation College Grads	489
Promise Scholar Grads	191
Veteran Grads	42
DACA/Dreamers/AB540 Student Grads*	29
International Student Grads	26
Foster Youth Grads	2
Oldest Grad	69
Youngest Grad	18

*Immigrant Students

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Thank You to
Acting College President
Dr. Richard Storti

We sincerely thank Dr. Richard Storti for his exemplary leadership as CSM's Acting President during the 2023-2024 academic year. His dedication and vision have greatly benefited our college community. As he transitions back to his role as Executive Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services at our San Mateo County Community College District Office, we acknowledge his significant contributions and unwavering commitment to CSM. We deeply appreciate Dr. Storti's service and leadership throughout this past year.



Best Wishes to
Vice President of Instruction
Dr. Carla Grandy

CSM is proud to announce that our Vice President of Instruction from 2022 to 2024, Dr. Carla Grandy, has been re-assigned to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to lead the State Chancellor's Climate Fellows Program. This is an incredible opportunity for Dr. Grandy, and we look forward to seeing her impactful work at the state level. We are fortunate to have Danni Redding Lapuz stepping in as Acting VPI, applying her wealth of experience to lead this exciting new chapter for our Office of Instruction.

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