

WE ARE THE COMMUNITY'S COLLEGE



IMPACT REPORT 2024-2025

College of San Mateo

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President's Message

At College of San Mateo, education is liberatory. It is part of our vision as a College. We support students to strengthen their voice and build power within their communities in order to shape their future. This year, we further moved that belief into practice by continuing to align who we are with what we do every day.

Our federal designations as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) and an Asian American, Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) are not just titles. They are commitments to serve our communities. They challenge us to design courses, services, and spaces where culture is an asset, belonging is fundamental, and success is shared.

I would like to highlight two new additions to the College that really brought these commitments to life. This year, CSM launched its Pride Center, the first in our District. The Pride Center provides a daily, visible home for our 2SLGBTQIA+ community (Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual). Its programming, peer leadership, and on-site counseling reflect the lived experiences of our students, especially our 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

We also brought CSM closer to where people live and work. With the opening of College of San Mateo Coastside, families can enroll, meet with a counselor, and take a class right in Half Moon Bay. Bilingual town halls, family nights, and partnerships with local organizations continue to shape the site. College of San Mateo Coastside shows what it means to build community with community.

To us, liberatory education means removing barriers and opening doors: through research and internships, industry visits, and civic engagement, to opportunities that change lives close to home. It is the daily work of faculty who strengthen teaching with a focus on equity; staff who connect students to basic needs, wellness, and financial aid; and community partners who welcome our students into real-world learning.

These pages show the results: champions on the field, scholars in labs and studios, innovators in classrooms and makerspaces, and leaders who lift others as they rise. Together, we are building pathways that honor identity, expand opportunity, and advance shared prosperity across San Mateo County. We are excited to show you some of the ways in which College of San Mateo is helping to shape San Mateo County's future.


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



En el Colegio de San Mateo, la educación es libera. Forma parte de nuestra visión como institución. Acompañamos a nuestros estudiantes para fortalecer su voz y construir poder en sus comunidades con el fin de construir su futuro. Este año llevamos aún más esa creencia a la práctica, alineando quiénes somos con lo que hacemos cada día.

Nuestras designaciones federales como Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) y Asian American, Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) no son solo títulos; son compromisos de servicio a nuestras comunidades. Nos retan a diseñar cursos, servicios y espacios donde la cultura sea un beneficio, la pertenencia fundamental y el éxito se comparta.

Me gustaría iluminar dos adiciones a nuestro Colegio que realmente dieron vida a estos compromisos. Este año, CSM lanzó su Pride Center, el primero en nuestro Distrito. El Pride Center ofrece un hogar visible y cotidiano para nuestra comunidad 2SLGBTQIA+. Su programación, el liderazgo entre compañeros y la consejería en centro reflejan las experiencias vividas de nuestros estudiantes, en especial de nuestra comunidad 2SLGBTQIA+.

También acercamos CSM a donde la gente vive y trabaja. Con la apertura de College of San Mateo Coastside, las familias pueden inscribirse, agendar cita con un consejero y tomar clases allí mismo en Half Moon Bay. Foros bilingües, noches de familia y alianzas con organizaciones locales siguen dando forma a este sitio. CSM Coastside demuestra lo que significa construir comunidad con para la comunidad.

Para nosotros, la educación libera y significa eliminar barreras y abrir puertas: desde la investigación y las prácticas profesionales, las visitas a la industria y el compromiso cívico, hasta las oportunidades que transforman vidas cerca de casa. Es el trabajo cotidiano del profesorado que fortalece su enseñanza con enfoque en la equidad; del personal que conecta a los estudiantes con necesidades básicas, de bienestar y de ayuda financiera; y de socios comunitarios que invitan a nuestros estudiantes a que tengan experiencias reales de aprendizaje.

Estas páginas muestran los resultados: campeones en la cancha, personas investigadores en laboratorios y estudios, innovadores en las clases y makerspaces, y líderes que elevan a los demás mientras avanzan. Juntos, construimos caminos que honran la identidad, amplían la oportunidad y promueven la prosperidad dentro del Condado de San Mateo. Me da gusto mostrarles unas formas de las cuales el Colegio de San Mateo está ayudando a dar forma al futuro del Condado de San Mateo.

~Manuel Alejandro Pérez, Ed.D.



Sa Kolehiyo ng San Mateo, ang edukasyon ay mapagpalaya. Bahagi ito ng aming bisyon bilang isang institusyon. Sinusuportahan namin ang mga estudyante upang palakasin ang kanilang tinig at bumuo ng kapangyarihan sa loob ng kanilang mga komunidad upang hubugin ang kanilang kinabukasan. Sa taong ito, lalo pa naming isinabuhay ang paniniwalang iyon sa pamamagitan ng patuloy na pagsunod sa prinsipyo na ang aming pagkakakilanlan ay dapat makita sa aming araw-araw na gawain.

Ang aming mga pederal na pagkilala bilang isang Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) at isang Asian American, Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPI-SI) ay hindi lamang mga titulo. Ito ay mga panata upang paglingkuran ang aming mga komunidad. Inaanyayahan kami ng mga ito na magdisenyo ng mga kurso, serbisyo, at mga espasyo kung saan ang kultura ay isang yaman, ang pakikipagkapwa-tao ay pangunahing halaga, at ang tagumpay ay sama-samang isinusulong.

Nais kong bigyang-diin ang dalawang bagong inisyatiba ng Kolehiyo na tunay na naghatid-buhay sa mga panatang ito. Sa taong ito, inilunsad ng CSM ang Pride Center nito—ang una sa aming Distrito. Ang Pride Center ay nagsisilbing araw-araw at nakikitang tahanan para sa ating komunidad na 2SLGBTQIA+ (Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, at Asexual). Ang mga programa, pamumuno ng kapwa estudyante, at onsite na pagpapayo ay sumasalin sa mga karanasan ng ating mga estudyante, lalo na ng ating komunidad na 2SLGBTQIA+.

Pinalapit din namin ang CSM sa mga lugar kung saan nakatira at nagtatrabaho ang mga tao. Sa pagbubukas ng College of San Mateo Coastsides, maaaring mag-enroll ang mga pamilya, makipagkita sa tagapayo, at kumuha ng klase mismo sa Half Moon Bay. Ang mga bilingual na town hall, mga gabi para sa pamilya, at pakikipagtulungan sa mga lokal na organisasyon ay patuloy na humuhubog sa lugar na ito. Ang College of San Mateo Coastsides ay nagpapakita kung ano ang ibig sabihin ng pagbubuo ng komunidad kasama ang komunidad. Para sa amin, ang mapagpalayang edukasyon ay nangangahulugang pagtanggap ng mga hadlang at pagbubukas ng mga pinto—sa pamamagitan ng pananaliksik at internship, pagbisita sa mga industriya, at pakikilahok sa sibikong gawain—patungo sa mga pagkakataong nagbabago ng buhay sa mismong komunidad. Ito rin ay ang araw-araw na gawain ng mga guro na pinapalalim ang pagtuturo na may pokus sa katarungan; ng mga kawani na nag-uugnay sa mga estudyante sa mga pangunahing pangangailangan, kalusugan, at tulong pinansyal; at ng mga katuwang sa komunidad na malugod na tinatanggap ang aming mga estudyante sa mga tunay na karanasan sa pagkatuto.

Ipinapakita ng mga pahinang ito ang bunga ng aming gawain: mga kampeon sa larangan ng isports, mga iskolar sa mga laboratoryo at studio, mga innovator sa mga silid-aralan at makerspace, at mga lider na itinataguyod ang iba habang sila'y umaangat. Sama-sama, bumubuo tayo ng mga landas na nagpaparangal sa pagkakakilanlan, nagpapalawak ng mga oportunidad, at nagsusulong ng kolektibong kasaganaan sa buong San Mateo County. Nasasabik kaming ibahagi sa inyo ang ilan sa mga paraan kung paano tinutulungan ng College of San Mateo na hubugin ang kinabukasan ng San Mateo County.



在圣马特奥学院，教育具有解放力量。这是我们学院愿景的重要组成部分。我们支持学生增强自己的声音，在各自的社区中建立力量，以塑造他们的未来。今年，我们更进一步地将这一信念付诸实践，不断将“我们是谁”与“我们每天所做的事”对齐。

我们作为西班牙裔服务机构（HSI）以及亚裔美国人、美国原住民及太平洋岛民服务机构（AANAPISI）的联邦认定，不仅仅是一个称号。这是我们服务社区的承诺。这些身份促使我们设计课程、服务和空间，让文化成为资产，让归属感成为核心，让成功得以共享。

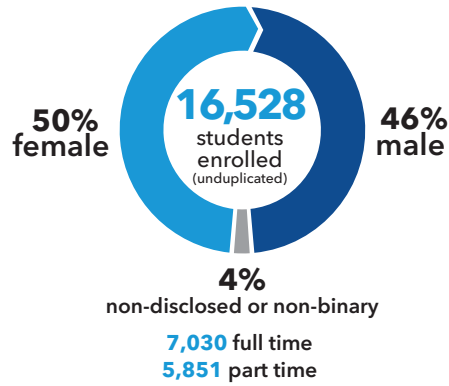
我想特别强调学院的两个新举措，它们真正体现了这些承诺。今年，CSM 启动了其 Pride Center，这是我们学区内的首个此类中心。Pride Center 为我们的 2SLGBTQIA+ 社群（双灵、女同性恋、男同性恋、双性恋、跨性别、酷儿/疑问者、间性人和无性恋者）提供了一个每日可见的家園。它的项目安排、同伴领导力以及现场咨询服务，反映了我们学生，特别是 2SLGBTQIA+ 学生的真实生活经历。

我们还让 CSM 更贴近人们生活和工作地方。随着圣马特奥海岸校区的开放，家庭可以在半月湾现场报名、与辅导员会面并上课。双语市政会议、家庭之夜和与本地组织的合作不断塑造该校区的面貌。圣马特奥海岸校区展示了什么是真正“与社区共同建设社区”。对我们而言，解放性的教育意味着消除障碍、打开大门：通过研究和实习、产业参访和公民参与，为学生创造改变人生的本地机会。这也是教师每天以公平为核心提升教学质量的工作；员工帮助学生满足基本需求、身心健康及经济支持的努力；以及社区伙伴欢迎学生走入真实世界学习的方式。

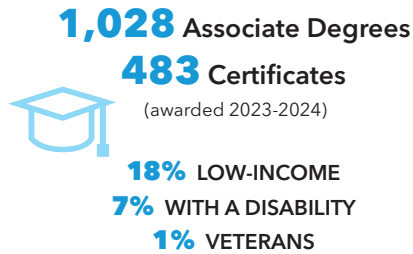
这些页面展示了我们的成果：运动场上的冠军，实验室和工作室中的学者，教室和创客空间里的创新者，以及在成长中提升他人的领导者。我们共同在圣马特奥县建设一条条尊重身份、扩大机会、推动共享繁荣的道路。我们很高兴向您展示圣马特奥学院如何助力塑造圣马特奥县的未来。

College of San Mateo 2024-2025 | By the Numbers

STUDENTS



GRADUATES



COURSE DELIVERY

- In Person 55%
- Online 36%
- Hybrid 9%



RACE/ETHNICITY

- Hispanic 33%
- White, Non-Hispanic 24%
- Asian 20%
- Multiracial 8%
- Filipino 7%
- Black, Non-Hispanic 3%
- Unknown/Undisclosed 3%
- Pacific Islander 2%



GEOGRAPHY

- San Mateo County 86%
- San Francisco County 4%
- Alameda County 3%
- Santa Clara County 2%
- Contra Costa County 1%
- International Students 1%
- Other Counties 3%

44% **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

76 A.A. / A.S. Degree Majors

94 Certificate Majors

TRANSFER ADMISSIONS

89% of CSM applicants to UC or CSU were admitted in 2023-24.

93% CSU ACCEPTANCE RATE

83% UC ACCEPTANCE RATE

ACCREDITATION

Fully accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior 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

37% 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

FEEDER HIGH SCHOOLS

- San Mateo HS
- Hillsdale HS (San Mateo)
- Aragon HS (San Mateo)
- Carlmont HS (Belmont)
- Burlingame HS
- Mills HS (Millbrae)
- Capuchino HS (San Bruno)
- Woodside HS (Redwood City)
- Sequoia HS (Redwood City)
- Half Moon Bay HS
- Terra Nova HS (Pacifica)
- Westmoor HS (Daly City)
- Pescadero HS



2024-2025



Free College at CSM. Our Investment is You!

Having completed its third year of a five-year pilot, Free College (Senate Bill 893) keeps the promise simple: reduce the cost so San Mateo County residents can focus on progress. Since Fall 2022, total enrollment has increased by 24%, and 26,656 students in San Mateo County have directly benefited from zero-tuition access, a real opportunity for many first-generation and historically underserved learners. By March 1, 2026, the San Mateo Community College District will submit a state report on access, outcomes, and fiscal impact, while our Trustees and the Chancellor continue to prioritize program sustainability.

CSM student Maryanna Oliveira shows what this looks like. She arrived unsure if college was financially possible, and then Free College cleared the path. With fees waived, she built a full schedule that fed both her transfer goals and her curiosity (yes, even a favorite songwriting class).

"CSM gave me the opportunity I needed to turn that around," she says, on track and thriving.

To watch her short video visit
collegeofsanmateo.edu/maryanna
or scan the QR code.



*"CSM gave me
the opportunity
I needed"*

~Maryanna Oliveira



What Free College Covers (SB 893)

Enrollment fees: Waives the state-mandated \$46 per unit fee for San Mateo County residents enrolled at our colleges.

The "Three Ts" for students with financial need: Targeted support for transportation, textbooks, and technology; select other required campus fees may also be covered.



Free College provides
targeted support for:

Transportation

Textbooks

Technology



Teaching for Tomorrow

Teaching and learning at CSM is a continuous journey of equity and innovation, where faculty pursue professional development and tenure milestones while engaging with leading voices. Our Spring 2025 Flex Day programs, or professional development days, included Dr. Gina Ann Garcia who spoke with the College about our HSI (Hispanic-Serving Institution) identity, and Dr. Keali'i Kukahiko who shared thoughts on the imperatives of AANAPISI (Asian Amer-

ican, Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution) designation. These reflections on our federal designations strengthened our mission and educational planning, ensuring alignment with the needs of our diverse students. Meanwhile, students carry this excellence forward, from groundbreaking STEM internships to hands-on industry tours, showcasing how CSM prepares learners for transfer, careers, and leadership in their communities.

Enseñanza Para el Mañana

La enseñanza y el aprendizaje en CSM constituyen un camino continuo de equidad e innovación, donde el profesorado avanzó en su desarrollo profesional y en los distintos logros de título mientras conectaban con voces líderes. Nuestros programas de Flex Day de la primavera de 2025 – jornadas de desarrollo profesional – incluyeron a la Dra. Gina Ann Garcia, quien conversó con el Colegio sobre nuestra identidad como HSI (Institución al Servicio de los Hispanos), y al Dr. Keali'i Kukahiko, quien compartió reflexiones sobre los imperativos de la designación AANAPISI (Institución al Servicio de los Asiático-Amer-

icanos y Nativos de las Islas del Pacífico). Estas reflexiones sobre nuestras designaciones federales fortalecieron nuestra misión y la planificación educativa, garantizando la alineación con las necesidades de nuestros estudiantados de diversas comunidades. Mientras tanto, nuestros estudiantes proyectan esta excelencia hacia el futuro, desde prácticas profesionales innovadoras en STEM hasta visitas técnicas a la industria, que muestran cómo CSM prepara nuestros estudiantes para la transferencia, las carreras profesionales y el liderazgo en sus comunidades.

Faculty Who Never Stop Learning

CSM faculty translated research into practice through transparent grading, accessible course design, and belonging-first pedagogy refined in the Equitable Grading Labs. The work aligns with our HSI & AANAPISI *servingness* and scales through peer-led Redesign for Equity & Accessibility Lab (REAL) cohorts and a growing repository of templates, fostering better teaching, stronger outcomes, and lasting change.

REAL



Redesign for Equity & Accessibility Lab



Research Starts Here

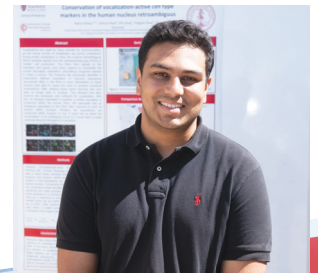
CSM's MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) program supports first-generation, low-income, and historically under-represented students in STEM on the path to transfer and bachelor's degrees. MESA students returned from summer internships at top Bay Area labs and shared projects in artificial intelligence, biology, and engineering. They presented the tools they used, ranging from data pipelines and wet-lab protocols to rapid prototyping, as well as what they learned about research culture. Each came back with mentors, results, and a clear plan for the next step.

Where Coursework Meets Careers

Guided by faculty, business students toured Adobe's San Jose HQ to see how product, finance, and marketing teams operate day-to-day. Adobe professionals guided students through a real-world corporate work environment, observed high-level collaboration across multiple functional teams, and addressed career-related questions. Students left the site visit with a clear understanding of how the coursework and group assignments in their classroom relate to what they observed at Adobe. Industry touchpoints like this open doors to possibilities for our students.

Mapping a Future in Computational Biology

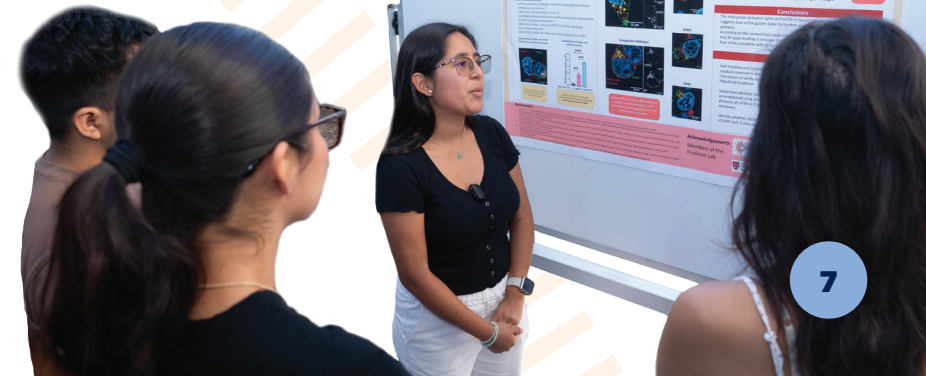
Honors Project learning community scholar KyiLei Aye earned a Stanford Winetraub Lab internship through Stanford's CCOP-CORE (Community College Outreach Program – Opportunities in Research Engagement), a paid 10-week research internship for community college students. She contributed to computational biology research, analyzing skin images with machine-learning models to support non-invasive cancer detection, earning third prize at the Stanford Undergraduate Research Conference and co-author credit on a scholarly paper. Read more at collegeofsanmateo.edu/kyilei.



Adobe



STEM Presentations
by MESA Students



Building Belonging, Advancing Equity

Equity at CSM is not just a value; it is a practice embedded across our campus that we strive to make stronger every semester. This year, we celebrated our federal designations as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) and Asian American, Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI), which affirm our responsibility to create inclusive pathways to completion and beyond. Our community gathered for cultural celebrations, including *Día de Los Muertos*, Lunar New Year, Kamayan Night, and Black History Month. We opened our

College of San Mateo Coastsides educational site at Half Moon Bay, bringing opportunity and educational resources closer to the community. New spaces like the Pride Center gave students space to build community. Nationally, leaders like Dr. Finausina Tovo, who at the time was the Program Services Coordinator for CSM's MANA learning community, carried our message of equity to the White House, showing how CSM's commitment extends beyond San Mateo County.

Construyendo Sentido de Pertenencia, Avanzando la Equidad

La equidad en CSM no es solo un valor; es una práctica integrada en todo nuestro campus que nos esforzamos por fortalecer cada semestre. Este año celebramos nuestras designaciones federales como Institución al Servicio de los Hispanos (HSI) y como Institución al Servicio de los Asiático-Americanos y Nativos de las Islas del Pacífico (AANAPISI), que afirman nuestra responsabilidad de crear trayectorias inclusivas hacia la culminación y el más allá. Nuestra comunidad se reunió para celebraciones culturales como el Día de los Muertos, el Año Nuevo Lunar, la Noche Kamayan y el Mes de la Historia Negra. Inauguramos nuestro sitio educativo CSM Coastsides en Half Moon Bay, acer-

cando oportunidades y recursos educativos a la comunidad. Nuevos espacios, como el Pride Center, ofrecieron a nuestros estudiantes un lugar para crear comunidad. A nivel nacional, líderes como la Dra. Finausina Tovo, que en ese tiempo fue la coordinadora de servicios de programas de la comunidad de aprendizaje MANA de CSM, llevaron nuestro mensaje de equidad hasta la Casa Blanca, demostrando que el compromiso de CSM se extiende más allá del condado de San Mateo.

Connection & Care at CSM Pride Center

Opened in Spring 2025, the CSM Pride Center gives 2SLGBTQIA+ students a daily, visible home, created in response to the College's Campus Pride index national assessment and an internal campus survey that identified gaps in belonging, safety, and affirming services for 2SLGBTQIA+ students. The staffed space co-locates counseling, resource navigation, SafeZone training, student-led peer support, and workshops.



Policy Meets Practice: CSM in Washington

This year, CSM's Dr. Finausina Tovo joined Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (NHPI) leaders at the Inaugural White House NHPI Convening.



On an education panel spanning pre-K through higher education, she brought CSM's community-informed strategies into a federal conversation representing 1.6 million NHPI people. Her leadership connected policy dialogue to local practice at CSM, where the MANA learning community, which serves CSM's Oceania student population, marks its tenth year as a model for culturally sustaining support. We're proud to see CSM perspectives helping set the agenda for student-centered policy.

Students Leading the Way in Antiracism Work

When students lead antiracism work, solutions meet the moment. CSM's Title V HSI grant provided micro-grants that funded projects, such as a Literacy Circle centered on authors of color and peer programming to identify and address microaggressions. Along the way, students developed career-ready skills in project management, facilitation, and evaluation, while strengthening a sense of belonging and accountability across campus.

Celebrating Who We Are

From community traditional Kamayan feasts to student-led cultural celebrations like *Día de los Muertos*, CSM showcased the stories and traditions that define us. The result: stronger ties, deeper learning, and a campus that feels like a truly connected community. We will continue to make space for everyone to see their fullest selves reflected on campus.



Leaders, Scholars & Champions

In 2024-2025, student success at CSM was evident everywhere: on championship fields, in research posters, during startup pitches, and at community forums. A common thread runs through it all – equitable teaching, hands-on

practice, and strong support systems that turn opportunity into outcomes. These snapshots celebrate students who led, competed, researched, created, and brought our campus together.

Líderes, Académicos y Campeones

En 2024-2025, el éxito estudiantil en CSM fue evidente en todas partes: en los campos de campeonato, en los pósteres de investigación, durante las presentaciones de startups y en los foros comunitarios. Un hilo común lo recorre todo: enseñanzas con enfoque en la equidad, el aprendizaje práctico y fuertes

sistemas de apoyo que transforman la oportunidad en resultados. Esta vista celebra a estudiantes que lideraron, compitieron, investigaron, crearon y reunieron a nuestro campus.

Champions Across Seasons

Across football, softball, and track & field, the Bulldogs set the standard. CSM Football captured our second state championship in three years and earned civic recognition for excellence on the field and in the classroom from state-elected officials. Softball swept the playoffs to reclaim the state title and was also honored by elected officials. Track & Field added two individual state championships and nine Coast Conference gold medals.



Scholarship That Starts with Community

CSM's first-year experience seminar (College 1) supports students as they transition to college and introduces them to undergraduate-level research. The program hosted a symposium where students transformed their lived experiences into scholarship using author Tara Yosso's Community Cultural Wealth framework. Through posters, performances, and dialogue, they mapped six forms of cultural capital (aspirational, linguistic, familial, social, navigational, and resistant) and named the assets their families and neighborhoods bring to higher education.

Innovation for Community Good

When STEM meets entrepreneurship, our students build solutions that matter. A cross-college team of students, including Auner Barrios Vasquez, won the statewide business pitch competition with Urban Canopy, a retractable, solar-responsive awning designed to reduce urban heat where trees can't be planted. Along the way, they participated in a boot camp at Uber, ongoing coaching, and a final pitch before industry judges at PG&E. This opportunity sharpened their skills in human-centered design, rapid prototyping, and storytelling.



Auner Barrios Vasquez

Leaders Who Lift Others

From club officers to peer mentors, student leaders made the campus a welcoming and vibrant place. Our end-of-year Student Life & Leadership awards celebrate service, inclusion, and the courage to lead; skills that communities need. Congratulations to this year's honorees:

- Outstanding Student Club Programming Award:
CSM Mental Health Peer Educators
- Impact Award for Advising & Mentorship: **Gil Perez**
- Equity & Justice Impact Award: **Patrice Reed-Fort**
- Allan R. Brown Outstanding Student Service & Leadership Award:
Auner Barrios Vasquez, Sam LaCarrubba, Michael Llanell-Vararaj, Emily Manjarrez, and Kay Vazquez



Michael Llanell-Vararaj



Patrice Reed-Fort

Holistic Support for Every Student

We believe every student deserves the tools to succeed. This year, CSM celebrated the 1,000th graduate of the Promise Scholars Program, a model of comprehensive support that includes tuition, textbooks, transportation, and counseling. Through SparkPoint, CalFresh outreach, and new transportation

options like SamTrans Route CSM and Way2Go passes, we continue to break down financial and logistical barriers to education. Our Wellness Center and peer-led programs expanded mental health resources, ensuring students find care, connection, and community when they need it most.

Apoyo Integral para Cada Estudiante

Creemos que todo estudiante merece contar con las herramientas para tener éxito. Este año, CSM celebró a la persona número 1,000 en graduarse del Promise Scholars Program, un modelo de apoyo integral que incluye matrícula, libros de texto, transporte y consejería. A través de SparkPoint, la difusión de CalFresh y nuevas opciones de transporte como la Ruta CSM de SamTrans

y los pases Way2Go, seguimos eliminando barreras financieras y logísticas para la educación. Nuestro Wellness Center y los programas dirigidos por líderes estudiantiles ampliaron los recursos de salud mental, garantizando que nuestros estudiantes encuentren atención, conexión y comunidad cuando más lo necesiten.

Community Investment, Community Degrees

CSM's Promise Scholars Program is an associate degree completion program: up to three years of tuition and fee waivers, textbook support, priority enrollment, and monthly participation incentives, wrapped in relationship-rich advising. This year, CSM celebrated the 1,000th Promise graduate, part of a class of over 200 as the program continues to improve retention and completion rates for first-time, full-time students.



Transit That Works for Students

Transportation should not be a barrier to a degree. This year, we expanded a full suite of access programs: 5,000 free Way2Go passes districtwide through our partnership with SamTrans and county partners; unlimited rides on all SamTrans routes for eligible students; a new SamTrans Route CSM linking San Mateo Caltrain to the campus; and the free CSM Shuttle with direct connections to Millbrae BART, Hillsdale Caltrain, Hayward, and Half Moon Bay. Mobility is equity, and it is one way we serve our community.



Chapter of the Year, Culture of Care

CSM's Active Minds, the student-led chapter of a national mental-health education nonprofit, earned National Chapter and Student Leader of the Year, proof that advocacy works when services are strong. The Wellness Center turned momentum into access by hosting health fairs each semester serving hundreds of students, expanding peer education, and keeping personal counseling services accessible when students needed it.

Global Perspectives, Local Belonging

CSM's International Education Program welcomes students from around the world and equips them to thrive. Year-round programming brings global perspectives to campus through International Education Week, language and culture exchanges, career pathway panels, and community events. The annual World Gala celebrates culture and connection with students, families, and community partners. International students enrich every classroom, and we meet their contributions with an inclusive community and clear pathways to transfer and careers.



Expanding Access Through Community Partnerships

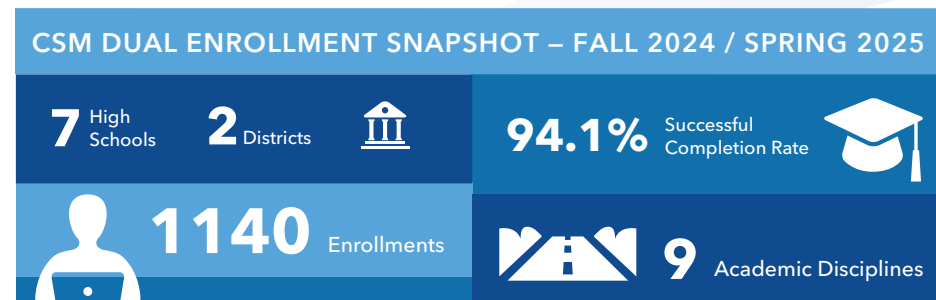
CSM's impact extends beyond the main campus and is grounded in strong and evolving partnerships. The grand opening of CSM Coastside in Half Moon Bay brought new educational opportunities to local residents, celebrated with town halls, family nights, and participation in the Great Pumpkin Parade. Partnerships

flourished through the Black Business Summit, the Bay Area Science Olympiad, and community health outreach events led by CSM nursing students. From community jazz festivals to providing local residents with additional ballot box access, we deepened our role as a vital hub for education, culture, and civic life in San Mateo County.

Ampliando el Acceso a Través de Conexiones Comunitarias

El impacto de CSM se extiende más allá del campus principal y fundado en alianzas sólidas y que siguen evolucionando. La gran inauguración de CSM Coastside en Half Moon Bay llevó nuevas oportunidades educativas a los residentes locales, celebrada con foros comunitarios, noches de familia y la participación en el Great Pumpkin Parade. Las alianzas florecieron a través del Black

Business Summit, el Bay Area Science Olympiad y eventos del bienestar comunitario liderados por estudiantes de Enfermería de CSM. Desde festivales comunitarios de jazz hasta brindar acceso a buzones oficiales de elecciones a los residentes locales, profundizamos nuestro papel como centro vital de educación, cultura y vida cívica en el condado de San Mateo.



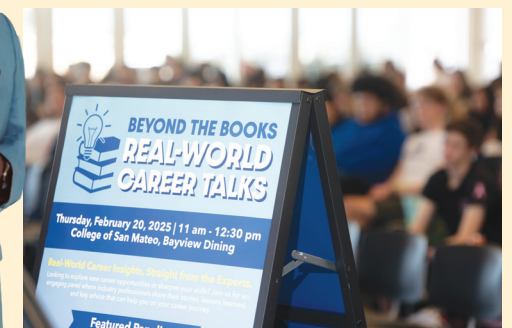
Dual Enrollment: College Courses in High School

CSM deepened student-centered partnerships with San Mateo Union and Cabrillo Unified school districts to bring college directly into high school classrooms. Faculty delivered equity-minded, hands-on courses that built belonging and connected learning to careers through field trips, guest speakers, and real-world simulations. Together with our partnering high school districts, we expanded access for historically underserved students and strengthened the pathway to CSM and beyond.



Learning With Industry

Industry engagement at CSM is hands-on, local, and built with partners. The Black Business Summit paired entrepreneurs and students for practical advice and access to small-business resources. Career Education Month featured site visits to local tech companies like Oracle, a career panel, and a networking night that paired students with mentors. Together, these partnerships create clear pathways to internships, jobs, and long-term growth.



College of San Mateo Coastside — Education Within Reach, in Downtown Half Moon Bay

As the community's college, we opened College of San Mateo Coastside in October 2024 to bring college closer to where Coastside families live and work. The site at 650 Mill Street in downtown Half Moon Bay is open five days a week, making it easy to get answers, enroll, meet with a counselor, or take a class close to home. In its first year, we held a public ribbon-cutting ceremony, participated in the Great Pumpkin Festival, and maintained a steady rhythm of engagement through open houses and family nights, a multilingual town hall, one-stop registration days, farmers' market tabling, and drop-in academic counseling.

Grounded in partnership, College of San Mateo Coastside is integrated into community life. We convened farmworker-focused programming and a week of events honoring farmworker contributions, and we strengthened ties with Ayudando Latinos A Soñar (ALAS), the Boys & Girls Club, and the Half Moon Bay Library to co-host bilingual workshops and outreach. For neighbors, local leaders, and employers, we are committed to partnering with our Coastside community to co-locate services, host workforce and college-going events, and build pathways that keep education and opportunity close to home.

Visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/coastside to connect with our Coastside team and see upcoming classes and events.



Commencement 2025

On May 22, College of San Mateo gathered at College Heights Stadium to celebrate the Class of 2025; an intergenerational cohort of 928 graduates awarded 1,282 degrees and certificates, ranging in age from 16 to 80. College President Dr. Manuel Alejandro Pérez marked his first full year with a message about agency, joy, and “heart-work,” while keynote speaker Dr. Belinda Hernandez-Arriaga from critical community partner Ayudando Latinos A Soñar (ALAS) and student speaker Amy Nguyen lifted stories of identity, belonging, and persistence that define our community’s college.

CSM’s Class of 2025

Total Degrees & Certificates Awarded	1282
Graduates with Honors	525
First-Generation College Graduates	447
Promise Scholar Graduates	284
Veteran Graduates	62
International Student Graduates	59
DACA/Dream Act/AB540 Student Graduates	39
Foster Youth Graduates	6
Oldest Graduate	80
Youngest Graduate	16

Commencement also highlighted the partners and programs that move students from access to achievement, including Promise Scholars, veterans, international students, and first-generation graduates, among others, underscoring our commitment to equity and academic excellence. The celebration closed with music, cultural acknowledgments, and the conferring of diplomas that marks each graduate’s accomplishments.

To watch the ceremony highlights and hear graduates in their own words visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/grad25reel or scan the QR code.

Visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/grad25 to watch a recorded livestream of the ceremony.



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