

Middle College News

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MC students end spring semester

The spring semester at College of San Mateo ended June 1 and Middle College students completed the spring at the June 2 graduation.

Enclosed are the final grades for the three high school classes.

Grades for college classes will be available on June 11. Check Websmart for grades.

Summer school in the SMUHSD starts June 8; CSM summer school begins June 22. The Middle College fall semester begins August 13.

All continuing and new Middle College students should have registered for fall and summer CSM classes. If there's a problem, contact Mr. Quigley at 574-6101 or middlecollege@smuhd.org

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Principal's Corner

By Greg Quigley



Middle College capped another tremendous school year on June 2 when 29 students participated in the Eleventh Commencement Exercises in the CSM Theater. Six students—Lena Jones, Luis Flores, Marcus Bush, Susie Lunardi, Stephanie Rich and Oren Gotesman—delivered motivational graduation speeches to the audience of 250.

Teachers Jennifer Fraser and Michael Clardy praised the students for their hard work through their years in the Middle College program. The teachers also acknowledged eight students for scholarships. Lunardi, Jones, Bush and Devin Dee were rewarded for their solid academic performances, Andrew Santana and Stephanie Rich were acknowledged for their consistently outstanding effort, Philip Chao received the "Student on the Rise" award, and Kristin McCormick was recognized for her spirit and for coordinating the senior memory book.

Dee also received a \$180,000 scholarship from the United States Navy, which awards four-year Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Scholarships to superbly qualified high school students throughout the country.

SMUHSD Associate Superintendent Kirk Black, CSM President Michael Claire and SMUHSD Trustee Stephen Rogers addressed the graduates. Cabrillo USD Trustee Dwight Wilson handed out certificates to the three CUSD graduates.

Since these students are completing their Middle College experience, we hope they're prepared for the challenges ahead. Some will continue at College of San Mateo and Skyline College. Others will attend UC Irvine, UC San Diego, San Francisco State, San Jose State, Humboldt State, Cal State East Bay, UCLA, Seton Hall, and MIT. We wish them our best and hope they let us know how they're doing.

Maria Varelas, who graduated from Middle College in 2004, addressed the graduates. Varelas graduated from UC Davis and teaches biology at San Leandro High. Sergi Goldman-Hull, who graduated with Middle College's first class in 1999, delivered a violin solo.

The seniors gave their internship presentations on May 28-June 1. The Powerpoint presentation was the culmination of a year-long internship assignment and the analysis of a problem at the worksite. Worksites included Mavericks Surf Shop, San Mateo Police Dept., San Mateo Daily Journal, the Miss Teri Dance Studio, Craig Burleigh Photography, Junior Gym, and La Boulanger.

The Middle College office will be open periodically in the summer. If you need to visit, please call before arriving to ensure that the office is open. Have a safe and relaxing summer!

Middle College Calendar

Date	Event	Time	Location
June 8	SMUHSD summer school begins		
June 11	CSM grades available on Websmart		
June 22	CSM summer school begins		
August 13	First day of Middle College classes	9am-noon	Bldg. 19, room 121
August 13-14	College textbook purchase	Noon-1pm	CSM Bookstore
August 14	Middle College classes	9am-noon	Bldg. 19, room 121
August 17-18	Middle College classes	9am-noon	Bldg. 19, room 121
August 19	CSM classes begin		
August 20	CRER 122 class begins	11:10-Noon	Bldg. 18, room 203
September 7	No school, Labor Day Holiday		
September 9	Middle College Back-to-School Night	6pm	TBD

✓ 2009-2010 Calendar

Middle College students begin high school classes on August 13-14, meeting from 9am-noon in Bldg. 19, room 121. The teachers are planning a field trip (site to be determined) for August 17 or August 18 from 8am-3pm. Students should make arrangements with employers so they don't miss this mandatory field trip. College classes begin on August 19; the fall semester ends December 18.

✓ Fall 2009 Applications

Middle College is accepting seniors and juniors for Fall 2009. Applications, accepted on a case-by-case basis, are available on-line at our website: www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/middlecollege or call 574-6101.

✓ CRER 121 and 122

All students are required to take and pass CRER 121 and CRER 122 to meet Middle College graduation requirements. Students who didn't pass CRER 121 can take the class during the summer. CRER 121 is offered June 22-July 2 from 10:40am-12:45pm Monday-Thursday. Students can earn one college unit. This class is available for students who are entering Middle College in the fall.

✓ CHSPE Registration

The California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) is offered to students 16 years and older who'd like to earn the equivalent to a high school diploma. Middle College students who have taken and passed the test in the past usually continue their education at the community college. The summer test date is June 20. The initial application deadline has passed. The emergency deadline is June 16. No walk-ins are admitted. Results are mailed by July 24. See www.chspe.net for more information.

✓ Summer Reading

Enclosed in this mailing is a summer reading list for junior and senior English. All students returning to Middle College must complete the reading and the accompanying assignments by August 13. Summer reading will be the first major grade in the English class. Go to www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/middlecollege/summer.asp for more information.

✓ Seniors plan for internships

All seniors must contact advisor Ms. Fraser this June to plan for their internship. Seniors can begin the assignment in the summer and not wait until school resumes in August. Seniors are required to put in 24 hours in a career-related field. This experience will be the basis for the mandatory Senior Project, to be completed prior to graduation. Email Ms. Fraser at fraserjen08@yahoo.com

Congratulations to the . . .

San Mateo Middle College High School Class of 2009!

Ryan Matthew Alvarado

Kristin Kayla McCormick

Marcus Bush

Avary Mitchell

Philip Chao

Louise Marie Modarresse

Eleni Chechopoulos

Stephanie Paige Rich

Jenny Cho

Kimberley Suzanne Rose

Maria Collantes

Andrew Daniel Santana

Celine Cuneo

Nicholas Anthony Shien

Devin Dee

Chris James Sigmund

Haley Michele Dilibero

Courtney Sandra Stalley

Luis Alberto Flores

Amanda Leinani SullivanLee

Oren Gotesmen

Sheryl Brittany Tom

Lena Lee Jones

Fiona Marie Tribble

Yuan-Kang Koh

Samantha Rachel Vingo

Andrew Hung Leong

Austin Robert Joseph Webber

Susie Rae Lunardi

Alexander Jacob

Econ team takes 4th place

By Michael Clardy

Six seniors traveled to the University of San Francisco on May 21 to participate in the International Economic Summit, sponsored by the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank. The event was designed to give student the opportunity to experience challenge associated with international trade. While the framework was root in economics, the students learned much about assessing national priorities. More importantly, they learned how those priorities were influenced by the competing interests of other nations.

The six students divided into two teams, representing Afghanistan and Estonia. Both teams did an excellent job in terms of researching their country and preparing for the summit. However, Afghanistan excelled by earning fourth place out of 67 teams. This is an astonishing feat considering the size of our school. The most impressive aspect of this victory was that our team took only 12 minutes to complete a task for which they were given 75 minutes. The organizers said that this was the fastest time that any team had completed the trading. The team accomplished this feat because they were superbly organized and they had a solid understanding of how the competing national interests would play off of each other.

I'm extremely proud of the performance of both groups! I look forward to taking next year's seniors.

MIDDLE COLLEGE TEXTBOOK POLICY (REVISED APRIL 2009)

Middle College requests that students purchase their own college textbooks from the CSM Bookstore or from an on-line textbook service. Students can write in and highlight in the books as needed, and later resell the textbook to the CSM bookstore or to an on-line business for a portion of the original purchase price. Students also can rent books from the CSM Bookstore. Many college students keep their college textbooks and use the books as a resource either for other courses or for occupational experiences.

Middle College has set up an account to help purchase textbooks for students with a financial need. Students who need financial assistance for textbook costs can complete a rationale for fee waiver. See the administrator for more information. These textbooks remain property of the SMUHSD and Middle College. Students who do not return these textbooks or who damage them will be responsible for paying for a replacement textbook. Student may not write in or deface the textbooks in any way.

The following guidelines have been established for Middle College students who need the program to purchase some or all of the college books:

- Books for dropped or withdrawn classes must be returned within first two weeks of the semester or student is responsible for purchase price of the book.
- Students are responsible for the cost of books in courses in which they receive an F or a non-credit grade.

Students are responsible for paying for study guides, workbooks, solution manuals, course syllabi, class supplies or materials, other disposable items, and other non-textbook items.