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UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT



All of us have been hearing in the news about the staggering nationwide student loan debt which now exceeds \$1 trillion dollars. In fact, student debt is now larger than credit card debt. This is becoming a serious issue in many ways. Graduating from college, burdened with debt affects not only the job offers that a person

can consider but also impacts family planning decisions—the ability to buy a first home and other consumer purchases. I meet people every week who tell me that they are thrilled they began their higher education at CSM. Their reasons are varied but they all agree that CSM's affordable tuition is one of the top reasons. I also meet individuals every week whose student loans from four-year institutions exceed \$30,000. They are now quite upset with themselves for not starting at CSM and taking advantage of much lower tuition and class sizes while still getting a quality education.

In this issue of Discover CSM magazine, you will learn more about how CSM's academic and workforce development programs are putting people to work. That's a major function of community colleges, and we do it exceptionally well. Our wonderful staff and faculty take great

pride in being a part of our students' successes. I think you will enjoy the stories highlighting some of CSM's employees and how they are actively transforming lives.

I also invite you to discover CSM's exciting 2012-2013 schedule for The Arts at CSM. We are proud to offer the Southern Maryland community an array of programming that is second to none in the state. Our ticket prices are very affordable (some are even free!) and our productions are getting rave reviews.

Looking forward to seeing you on our campuses,

Bradley M. Gottfried, PhD
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U.S. Air Force Veteran Takes to the Open Road

When Michael Edwards gets behind the wheel of his Peterbilt tractor trailer, he is looking at a console just a few buttons, gauges and switches shy of an airline jet—or so it seems. Everything is easily within reach and accessible the moment he needs it, including an impressive 10-speed gearshifter with tortoise-shell knob and a computer with monitor that links the truck with Edwards' dispatcher. He is buckled in and sitting 10 feet off the ground on air suspension seats with 210 gallons of diesel and 22 tons of cargo on 18 wheels.

On a recent job, he added a few more wheels, picking up nearly 100 state-of-the-art racing bikes from the Washington, D.C. area and Denver for delivery to the U.S. Triathlon Olympic Trials in San Diego.

When Edwards retired from 24 years of U.S. Air Force service, he hadn't considered truck driving as his next career, but "I saw this brochure from CSM on truck driver training and thought that it might be a fall-back career until I figured out what I really wanted to do. I didn't think I would love it as much as I do."

"Mike is as reliable as they come. I have 70 trucks and 100 operators and he is one of my best. As former military, he gets all his ducks in a row, takes care of himself—looks good—and gets the job done," said Prime Inc. Fleet Manager Brian Singleton who has worked with Edwards for two years—and roughly 300,000 miles from east coast to west coast and the Mexican border to central Canada.



CSM CDL Instructor Eric "Mac" McCollum has trained more than 1,600 students.

A Long Way to Go, Short Time to Get There

CSM's Certified Driver Licensing Training Turns 20

Since Eric "Mac" McCollum began training truck drivers nearly 20 years ago, he has instructed more than 1,600 students to clutch through 10 gears as the lead instructor for the College of Southern Maryland's truck driver training program.

When McCollum first drove a truck—in the early 1970s—there were few requirements and regulations. "Back in the day you didn't need a CDL license—it was the Wild West." The numbers of injuries and deaths from tractor-trailer related accidents prompted Congress to enact the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act requiring standardized training and licensure for all truck drivers. CSM opened its training center in 1992—the year the legislation took effect.

"Today's driver has to know how

to do more than just steer. They must be computer-literate to be able to access GPS information, they must be trained and receive Homeland Security clearance for hauling hazardous materials and they must specialize in the type of truck they are driving—tanker, mixer, dump or flatbed. With some trucks carrying more than \$1 million in cargo, companies have installed 'black boxes' that provide monitoring through in-truck satellites," said McCollum.

"When you think about it, you have a driver with a truck that is worth between \$100,000 and \$200,000—just the tractor and then the trailer is another \$30,000. Then they may have \$1 million or more in cargo in the back. Companies want to know where that cargo is at any given time."

CSM Salutes Newest NET Graduates



CSM recognized the first graduates of the Nuclear Engineering Technology (NET) Program during spring commencement. From left, Tara Ann Marie Wille, Jacqueline M. Quan, James Samuel Fowler IV, Jonathan Kane Varesko, Herman George Douglas and Ron M. Wilkinson are applauded by CSM Trustee Julie Sickle, Wille's aunt. Missing from the photo of graduates was Aaron Coons, of Owings, who graduated with highest honors and celebrated the evening at the hospital with the birth of his first child. This program is in partnership with Constellation and CENG.

Alliance for Workplace Excellence Recognizes CSM as a 'Triple Winner'

The College of Southern Maryland is named as a 2012 "triple winner" by the Alliance of Workplace Excellence for the college's commitment to its employees and the community.

"We are excited with the validation of our continued progress towards workplace excellence. This is our ninth year winning this award and we are in good company with other area employers. It is always a pleasure to have your employee

engagement efforts recognized but this year it is extra special with the addition of awards for our eco friendly and health and wellness programs," said CSM Human Resources Associate Vice President Denise Bailey Clark.

CSM is one of 18 companies who are triple winners—recipients of the Workplace Excellence Seal of Approval, the Health and Wellness Trailblazer Award and the EcoLeadership Award.



Did You Know?

CSM's partnerships with 34 universities, such as Johns Hopkins, University of Maryland College Park, Towson, UMUC, and more, provides students the opportunity to earn their bachelor's degrees.

Succeeding On, Off the Field

National Society for Leadership and Success

CSM honored two international students from Cameroon: Gilles Che, left, and Samson Defeugaing, here with their 'American Mom' Debbie Galeano of Waldorf, with induction into the National Society for Leadership and Success. The pair were among 48 students recognized for community action, volunteerism, personal growth and strong leadership. Che and Defeugaing as student athletes competed with the 2011 CSM soccer team that reached the national championship held in Arizona. Both have transferred on soccer scholarships to pursue their bachelor's degrees, Che to Wingate University in Wingate, N.C. and Defeugaing to Wayland Baptist University in San Antonio, Texas.



Operation UNDERSTANDING

As a veteran of the Vietnam War, CSM Languages and Literature Professor Wayne Karlin understands transitioning from military to civilian life and is a co-sponsor of the college's Veterans Club with CSM Adjunct Professor Barbara Link. The goal is to assist veteran students make connections with others who share their concerns and experiences. To connect with students who have no military experience, the Veterans Club set up an exhibit of photos, stories, medals and citations called "Operation Understanding." Karlin, right, is joined by Nick Engels, who served two tours in Iraq.



1 of Every 19 Students Using Veterans' Benefits at CSM

Heroes Scholarship Campaign Continues through November 11



La Plata Student Association Treasurer Alexis Crawford, left provided yellow ribbons for the lapels of local heroes gathered as part of the 9/11 Responders Recognition.

With more than 870 students using veterans' benefits to pursue their degrees at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) since last fall, the CSM Foundation has launched its second annual "CSM Heroes Campaign" in honor of those who served our country as well as first responders who risk their lives daily for the safety of others.

Currently one out of every 19 students is using veteran benefits to pursue an associate's degree at CSM. Last year and throughout the summer, CSM served 879 students using veterans' benefits, with the majority attending from Charles County at 42 percent and 37 percent from St. Mary's County.

The CSM Heroes Campaign, which continues through Nov. 11, raises funds to support students studying to become first responders, specifically in emergency medical services, criminal justice, fire science technology or homeland security programs, or students using veteran benefits as part of the U.S. Department of Veterans

Affairs Yellow Ribbon Program.

"The college is privileged to serve more than 800 of our veterans every year. These individuals deserve our financial support so that they can achieve their goals," said CSM President Dr. Brad Gottfried.

The CSM Foundation marked Sept. 11 with the launch of its second annual CSM Heroes Campaign with the help of members of the La Plata Campus Student Association (SA) who offered commemorative yellow ribbons and patriotic pins as part of its 9/11 Responders Recognition. SA Treasurer Alexis Crawford, a second-year student in accounting, asked those assembled outside the Learning Resource Center to pause for a moment of silence to honor veterans and in support of our local heroes.

For information on "CSM Heroes Campaign," contact Martina Arnold at 301-934-7649 or martina.arnold@csmd.edu, or visit www.csmd.edu/Foundation. For information on CSM services available to student veterans, visit www.csmd.edu/Current/Veterans/

Talking With Her Hands Really, Really Fast

CSM Staffer is Interpreter for Deaf at Graduation, Community Events

CSM Service and Volunteerism Coordinator Heather Zeolla became interested in sign language growing up. “I would find myself watching interpreters at different events and be completely fascinated by the language. I worked at a camp that served children who were deaf and enjoyed it so much I decided to pursue learning the language,” said Zeolla. She learned sign language through the Deaf Studies program at Towson University and she has been working as an interpreter for people who are deaf ever since. “Interpreting is very different from sign language itself—the skills needed for interpreting are much more advanced and require a lot of practice. I started with small meetings and classes and have worked up to larger presentations and events.”

In May 2012, Zeolla stood at the edge of the stage in CSM’s Physical Education Center gym, set up for the Honors Convocation, and used American Sign Language to announce award recipients and relay speaker comments on their accomplishments to deaf attendees. “National ADA (Americans with Disabilities) Month is a wonderful time to celebrate the accomplishments that have been made in ensuring equal opportunities for people with disabilities,” she said. “Often times it is forgotten that people with disabilities are ‘people first’ and that no matter what the disability, there is access to support services to ensure they can lead positive and productive lives just like everyone else.”



CSM’s campuses are accessible to patrons with disabilities. Audio description for the visually impaired and sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired and deaf are available with a minimum two-week advanced notice. If you are interested in these services, contact the academic support/ADA coordinator at 301-934-7614.

CSM and Towson 2 + 2

Marine Studies to be Teacher

Rwanda was only 10 years removed from a national genocide that nearly destroyed the country when Gunnery Sergeant Vincent Juarez, of Accokeek, was assigned to open the Marine Corps detachment at the American Embassy in Kigali in 2005. Juarez, who had served at embassies in Hong Kong and Seoul, said that because of the poverty he saw, his work in Rwanda was especially heartbreaking. It wasn’t all bad though. Since his time in Rwanda, Juarez would find the love of his life and the motivation to pursue a career in teaching.

“I got to travel the world and see a lot of kids out there, and I wanted to see for myself if I could make a difference for the kids in this country. What better way to do that than to be a teacher, to be a mentor, to be a model,” Juarez said.

When Juarez retired from the Marine



CSM elementary education student Vincent Juarez, who retired from the Marine Corps in 2009, drew on his teacher education training as he patiently listened to talkative 3- to 5-year-olds when he read “Percival the Plain Little Caterpillar,” by Helen Brawley as a celebrity reader at the St. Charles Children’s Learning Center at CSM.

Corps after 21 years, he enrolled in CSM’s elementary education program. Now a sophomore, Juarez has had classroom opportunities that have solidified his decision to teach. Through a partnership between CSM and Towson

University with the 2+2 transfer program, students can spend their first two years at CSM with the remaining two years, including summers, at Towson’s extension center at the Waldorf Center for Higher Education.

LET'S GET REAL ABOUT THE REAL COST OF COLLEGE

What's it WORTH?

The College of Southern Maryland is addressing the student debt crisis head-on by educating students and parents on the savings they will realize when students start their academic careers at a community college. "The student loan debt is a national problem—and we have a solution," said CSM President Dr. Brad Gottfried of the affordability of community colleges.

District of Columbia last year. Additionally, programs exist that provide a seamless transition, such as the college's engineering partnership with the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center (SMHEC), the University of Maryland College Park and the U.S. Navy. Read on for more examples of how Real Students at CSM are getting Real about their college costs.

Recent reports show Maryland with the highest average student loan debt in the nation, with the June 2012 average student loan balance among borrowers in Maryland is \$33,667. The average student debt for CSM students in 2010-11 was \$4,958.

"...with tuition and fees costing less than \$4,000 a year, matriculating at CSM makes so much sense."

Dr. Brad Gottfried, President of the College of Southern Maryland

"I am a bit biased, but with tuition and fees costing less than \$4,000 a year, matriculating at the College of Southern Maryland makes so much sense. Students earning their associate's degrees at CSM and then transferring to complete their baccalaureate degrees can save an average of \$28,000. And, due to our many articulations with our four-year partners, it is a seamless transition," said Gottfried. CSM students successfully transferred to 110 different bachelor-degree colleges and universities in 31 states and the



Academic Achievement = Exceptional Promise

CSM Graduate Earns Regents Scholar Award



“Those were the hardest three years of my life,” said Cassi Velazquez, 24, of Waldorf, of the years after high school when she felt unfulfilled because she was not learning. Married with two young children, she enrolled part-time at CSM and after two semesters she became a full-time student with a plan: to work toward becoming a pediatric dentist. “Financing my education was made possible due to three factors: **scholarships like the Federal Pell Grant and Maryland Educational Assistance Fund; CSM's student assistant program**, where I was able to **earn money in La Plata's testing center** while still being able to work around my busy class schedule; and,

finally, the **performance awards that I received from my participation in CSM's Student Government Association**,” said Velazquez.

In May she graduated from CSM with highest honors and two associate's degrees, and she has earned the Shaeffer Regents Scholar award to study full-time at the University of Maryland College Park this fall. The award covers the costs for in-state tuition and mandatory fees, living expenses comparable to university room and board charges and \$500 each semester toward educational expenses. “Your selection was due to your outstanding academic achievements and exceptional promise,” said University System of Maryland Chancellor William E. Kirwan in his letter to Velazquez.

Student Success: We're all Part of the Journey

Just as they stood by and supported her throughout her academic career, Prince Frederick Campus Academic/Transfer Advisor Valerie Kirchman, left, and CSM Career Services Administrative Assistant Tracy Sewell flank 2012 Spring Commencement's most senior

certificate candidate for graduation, Diane Edmonds-Vitashoka. Edmonds-Vitashoka, of La Plata, credits the duo for **helping her plan her schedule and locate grants to help her pay for tuition**, “I want people to know that whatever obstacles you face, no matter how old you are, you can reach your goals,” Edmonds-Vitashoka said.



A Career Path that is Music to His Ears

After Traveling the World, William Malatesta Finds Success Close to Home

CSM's Outstanding Physics Student recipient William A, Malatesta has earned a bachelor's degree from the Berklee School of Music in Boston and a master's degree from the University of London: School of Oriental and African Studies. He is well travelled and has lived in Italy and India. He speaks three languages and is conversant in several more. However, upon returning to the United States, Malatesta recognized that being a Renaissance man is no assurance of financial security. He entered CSM to study engineering and has successfully met the requirements for the cooperative program with CSM, University of Maryland and Patuxent River, where he receives a full tuition scholarship and paid internship from the U.S. Navy. Over the summer, Malatesta worked at Pax River as he continued to teach and perform music.



Sue Behmke: Leaving a Legacy

Retiring nursing professor Susan N. Behmke, MS, RN, right, is recognized for her contributions to CSM's nursing program by the spring 2012 class of nursing graduates. "You are the nurse I strive to be every day," said Health Sciences Chair



Dr. Laura Polk to Behmke who served CSM for 28 years.

In her honor, the Susan N. Behmke Legacy Scholarship was established for Southern Maryland residents entering the first or second semester of the Practical Nursing (PN) Certificate or Associate Nursing Degree (AND) program. Students will be required to submit an essay entitled, "What Life Experiences Influenced Me to Choose Nursing."

Find out more about this and other scholarships through Scholarship Finder at www.csmd.edu/Financial/Scholarships

CSM Honors Professors Emeritus



CSM has honored nine faculty and two administrators with emeritus titles, most recently to Virginia McGovern, left, and Pat Genz, right, as retiring Physics and Engineering Professor Neal Wilsey looks on.

Professors Emeritus

Patricia A. Genz
Roger Horn
Shirlee A. Levin
Dr. Virginia G. McGovern
David. C. Richard
Janice Spotz

Judy F. Thomason
Dr. Edna M. Troiano
Josephine S. Williams

Presidents Emeritus

Dr. Elaine Ryan
Dr. John M. Sine



Business and Technology Professor Dr. Mary Beth Klinger, recently honored with CSM's Faculty Excellence Award for full-time faculty, believes in the power of education to open doors, and she says that she tries to impart that philosophy from the first day of class.

"Just the fact that [students] can do it, that they can get an education, that they can have a future, that they can have opportunity," Klinger said.

She has taught a variety of business classes: management, marketing, entrepreneurship and small business management.

But she says her favorite has always been the college's broad-based

introductory business course that applies to a number of degree programs at CSM. "It's a survey class where we touch on all the different functions of a business, look at marketing and finance and human resources and operations . . . small business entrepreneurship, global business, technology.

"The courses I teach are very much applicable to everyday living. For example, the unemployment rate, the housing market crisis, what the Federal Reserve is doing with the money supply, how a company is marketing their product, the human resources—are they hiring, are they not, how are they hiring?"

Like many instructors at CSM, Klinger has grown to appreciate the diverse experiences of her students. There are the uncertain ones, like the older student who had been e-mailing Klinger frequently about her worries and concerns before the class even began. There are the working ones, like the night shift employee at Walmart who has trouble getting to class in the morning because he's been up all night. "You deal with some many different lifestyles, some people are coming from high school, some have been in the workforce for 35 years and are trying to come back . . . some are trying again, some are changing professions. I like to work with the different variety of students, reaching them in the best way possible depending on what their needs are."

"The courses I teach are very much applicable to everyday living"

Dr. Mary Beth Klinger, Business and Technology Professor

Following a Pathway to Prosperity

Michael Pasqualle, of California, Md., enrolled in CSM's Career Starters heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) helper **apprenticeship training** after he graduated from Chopticon High School. Pasqualle was subsequently hired by ADJ Sheet Metal, and a year later he received his letter of apprenticeship. "This opportunity means things to me: first, I will be able to learn specialized skills with many career paths; second, I'll earn a living,

family-supporting wage with benefits including pension with 401K workers benefits and nine paid holidays," said Pasqualle, at the signing of an articulation agreement between CSM, Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association/ Mid-Atlantic Chapter, and Sheet Metal Workers International (SMACNA-SMWIA) Union Local 100. "I now have a pathway to a career and a pathway to prosperity. To add it all up, I have a future."



Math Team Sponsor Finds Excitement in Numbers, Spring Fling Activities

Mathematics Professor Steven Hundert, with 25 years of service to the college, wasn't about to let Leonardtown Campus students have all the fun during May's Spring Fling—he climbed the 40-foot ladder, strapped in, grabbed the Zip-Line handles and zoomed ahead. That's pretty much how he lives his life.

Prior to teaching, Hundert had spent a couple of years traveling: living in a kibbutz in Israel, hitchhiking around Europe, living on his brother's farm in Nova Scotia and working as a ski lift operator in Tahoe. Then it was time to train for a real job, he said. While in graduate school at the University of New Hampshire, Hundert worked as a teaching assistant and enjoyed it. "I taught classes a bit and loved it," he said adding that once he found his passion, he never looked back.

As one of the sponsors of CSM's Math Team, Hundert congratulated the team for a great year. "In the spring semester, we were No. 1 in the state, No. 3 in the Mid-Atlantic region out of 18 schools and No. 35 in the nation of the 191 schools that participated." He said that factoring in the fall results, "We were No. 2 in the state for the year, No. 4 in the region and No. 41 in the nation." CSM had two exceptional players, according to Hundert: Timothy Kaniss, of Hollywood, was first in the state followed by Ngan Ngo, of Waldorf, as second.



Did You Know?

30% 

of students with loans drop out with no degree

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Preparing Educators to Transform Schools

"CSM is working with the three local county school systems to integrate a systematic plan for professional development of pre-service teachers and current public school teachers to address the effective teaching of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) from kindergarten through college. It is much more than increasing the rigor and expectations in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines, but rather showing how all of these fields work together and create a synergy around STEM education," said College of Southern Maryland Institute for STEM Director Robert Farinelli.

Margy Stevens, the executive director of the Dayton Regional STEM Center, above, discussed how the professional development that teachers receive through STEM Fellowships is transforming schools in her community of Dayton, Ohio. Steven's presentation during the Regional Conference offered during STEM week in spring 2012 at video discussing the Dayton Regional STEM Center model is available via CSMDTube at <http://bit.ly/IJZFYT>.



Preparing the Next Generation of Tinkerers



Heather Stripling, right, of Waldorf, a CSM biotechnology major who has tinkered with things since she was a toddler, assists a student from Kings Christian Academy during a robotics competition at CSM earlier this year. "Working with kids is fun. It's interesting to watch the younger competitors because their imagination is limitless as to what they'll do out on the robotics field and some teams are surprising because of it," she said.

Stripling is a member of CSM's Robotics team, the Talons, which competed at the national championships in Anaheim, CA. Stripling wants to transfer to the University of Maryland to continue working toward a degree in bio-engineering. When she saw a television program on military veterans receiving prosthetic limbs, she began focusing on a career that would enable her to work on designing and advancing prosthetics.

A Day of Combining Physics, Amusement



Physics and engineering students from CSM's Leonardtown and Prince Frederick campuses joined college students from around the region to participate in "Physics Day" at Six Flags Amusement Park in Largo. The field-trip event drew an estimated 2,000 middle and high school students from throughout Washington, D.C. to experience acceleration, circular motion, free-fall and Newtonian mechanics first-hand, and to showcase how physics relates to everyday experiences.

"Teaching other people principles of physics is the test of whether or not you truly know the principles of physics—especially when you are teaching it to a group of strangers in an amusement park," said CSM sophomore Jack Kenney, of Dameron, a mechanical engineering major.

On the Leading Edge

Celebrating Excellence within Southern Maryland

Southern Maryland celebrated businesses and executives for their demonstrated excellence during the 12th annual Leading Edge Awards at the Greater Waldorf Jaycees Community Center.

Honoring individuals and businesses that spur economic growth within the region, the event showcases those who exemplify the qualities synonymous with business success: performance excellence, innovation and an unwavering dedication to customers and staff, according to Dr. Daniel Mosser, vice president of CSM's Division of Continuing Education and Workforce Development.

Christine Wray accepted the CSM Partnership in Education Award for MedStar St. Mary's Hospital during the 12th annual Leading Edge Awards. Serving the community since 1912, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital is a full-service hospital committed to delivering state-of-the-art emergency, acute inpatient and outpatient care. MedStar St. Mary's Hospital has provided generous support of CSM's prestigious nursing and healthcare programs, Twilight Performance Series, student-athlete and wellness programs, and programs related to the Leonardtown Campus Wellness and Aquatics Center. MedStar St. Mary's Hospital has also been a partner in education by utilizing CSM's educational and training resources to offer their employees workforce development opportunities.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Honored during the 12th Leading Edge Awards were, from left, Chaney Enterprises President and CEO William F. Childs IV as CEO of the Year; Christine Wray for MedStar St. Mary's Hospital as CSM Partnership in Education; Glen Ives for Sabre Systems, Inc. as The Patuxent Partnership Member Firm of the Year; Aaron Krebeck for Charles County Public Library as Charles County Technology Company of the Year; Brian Keesee, owner of Crown Trophy of Waldorf and Pothole Pros, as SBDC Small Business Person of the Year; and Donna Croll for Calvert Systems Engineering, Inc. as Calvert County Business of the Year.



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SBTDC Counselor Honored for Assistance to Small Business

Maryland Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC), Southern Region Business Counselor Bill Hitte has been recognized as a member of the Maryland SBTDC Million Dollar Club. The recognition is designated for SBTDC counselors who have assisted a client with a single transaction which results in obtaining financing of \$1 million or more.



Hitte was recognized for facilitating more than \$2.2 million in small business loan assistance for nine Southern Maryland firms in 2011 and for his overall dedication in serving small businesses. This is the fourth year since the recognition level was initiated five years ago that Hitte has received this honor.

Department of Labor Awards CSM with \$1.5 Million Grant

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has awarded CSM a \$1.5 million grant to provide trade skills training for juvenile ex-offenders. The Juvenile Offenders Building Skills (JOBS) project, a collaboration of CSM and more than 30 strategic partners from Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties, will provide a variety of skills training in HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) and plumbing to 96 young adults between the ages of 18 and 21 years old who have been involved in the juvenile justice system.

"CSM's vision of transforming lives through lifelong learning and service applies to every person in our community including young adults who have been in trouble. It's a vicious cycle of getting in trouble for some of these young people and by working with government agencies and social service organizations we can help break that cycle and help these individuals realize their potential," said CSM President Dr. Brad Gottfried, adding that the grant funds are allowing CSM to build a model program that can be emulated in other communities.

Dr. Tracy Harris Appointed Vice President, Dean Leonardtown Campus



CE Building Renovations to Begin

The extreme makeover of the Career Education (CE) Building, the last of the three original buildings located on the La Plata Campus, begins this fall. Similar to the Business Building, the CE Building will be expanded to two stories and be resituated. The 24,840-square-foot building will house classrooms, computer labs, tutoring rooms and Student Success Center in addition to staff and faculty offices. Dustin Construction Company has been awarded the \$14.9 million construction contract with anticipated completion in spring 2014.

The College of Southern Maryland announces the appointment of Dr. Tracy A. Harris of Hollywood as vice president and dean of the college's Leonardtown Campus.

Harris has more than 26 years of higher education experience, and most recently he served as dean of enrollment services with Prince George's Community College, with prior experience in admissions and financial aid at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and at University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

Harris received a doctorate of philosophy, community college leadership, from Walden University; a master



of public administration from University of Pittsburgh with certification in personnel and labor relations; and a bachelor in administration of justice from Pennsylvania State University.

He and his wife and two children have lived in St. Mary's County since 2006.

Honoring President Emeritus, Dr. John M. Sine

The accomplishments of President Emeritus Dr. John Sine has been celebrated with the naming of a room in the Center for Business and Industry (BI Building) in his honor. Sine was joined by members of his family as CSM's trustees and former colleagues gathered in the Center for Business and Industry for the unveiling of a plaque naming room BI-103 the Dr. John M. Sine Room.

Sine served as the college's second president from 1982 to 1998. He joined the college in 1961 shortly after it was founded and served 37 years, including 16 as president when he was instrumental in expanding the college's presence into Calvert and St. Mary's counties in order to serve the region's residents.

"John had a vision, that vision was the College of Southern Maryland. To be able to serve all three counties as equally as we can, that's John's vision," said CSM President Dr. Brad Gottfried.

During a room naming ceremony in his honor, CSM President Emeritus Dr. John Sine and his wife Joan listened as CSM President Dr. Brad Gottfried lauds the contributions Sine made to the college and the Southern Maryland community during his 16 years as president.



CSM President Emeritus Dr. John Sine is joined by his family during a room naming ceremony in his honor, including, first row, from left, Brendan Sine, Julia Reese Sine, Joan Sine, John Sine, Clara Watkins and Evan Sine; second row, from left, Zachary Landis, James Landis, Andrea Sine Watkins, Tara Sine Landis, George Watkins, JoAnne Hungerford and John Dent Hungerford.

Scholarship is Legacy to Longtime Friend

He was an artist, a musician, a pilot and a friend. Then he was gone.

“He was such a very good friend to so many people. He’s gone and we feel like he was snatched away from us,” said Carmen Nance-Gambrill of the void left by the passing of Dennis Lake Smith, of Solomons. “I think of Dennis so much, and I wanted a way for his name to live on.”

With her husband, Matt Gambrill, she found a way to honor her friend by creating the Dennis Lake Smith Memorial Art Scholarship at the College of Southern Maryland Foundation.

Smith is remembered as a saxophone and harmonica player with the Southern Maryland band “Round Midnight” and was learning to play the accordion. He flew with his Solomons Island friends to New Orleans for JazzFest as a way to share his passion for music. Although he was offered a scholarship to the Julliard School of Music, Smith chose to study

art at the Maryland Institute of Art and was the artist who designed the first Cavalier billboard welcoming visitors to Calvert County. Smith graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University later in life, while working full time. He was a software applications engineer with Wyle Labs in California.

“So many of the friends who Dennis brought together through his love of music and art came together again in a big way,” Gambrill said of more than \$3,800 raised from Smith’s friends and family for the scholarship fund by holding a reception at Carmen’s Gallery, her Solomon’s business.

“Southern Maryland is home to some of the most talented and creative artists. The Dennis Lake Smith Memorial Art Scholarship continues the legacy of Dennis Lake Smith and ensures that Calvert County students attending CSM have the resources they need to keep the arts alive in Southern



Maryland,” said Development Director Martina Arnold. For information on the scholarship, visit www.csmd.edu/Foundation. For information on establishing a scholarship, contact Arnold at 301-934-7649 or martina.arnold@csmd.edu.



A Lasting Walk to Honor Loved Ones

Family and friends gathered at the James C. Mitchell Center for Health Technology (HT Building), La Plata Campus to honor colleagues and remember loved ones as part of a brick laying ceremony.

Among those remembered with bricks placed on the walkway were Professor Larry Chappellear, Judith Shorter Farrall, Roland “Teddy” Gutrick, Ethelmae M. Lilly, Catherine Parker Lovely, Pearl and Valette Proctor, Marge Ridgell, Paul M. Rosinski, Viola Jean Rupp, Professor Ed Schauf and Patricia Schwier. Those honored were Col. Mary L. Boyd (Retired), the Ives family, Timothy and Theresa Johnson, Arlene Kirby, Jay and Mary Lilly, Dr. Edith Patterson, Jo Ann Ptack, Dr. FJ Talley, Dr. Debra Tervalda and Margaret Thomas. Shown are Jay Lilly, Foundation Chair with his wife Mary and Reuben Lilly Sr. with the brick remembering Ethelmae Lilly.

The CSM Honorary Brick Program is a lasting celebration of those who have a special connection to CSM and the Southern Maryland community. As a tribute to a family member, a friend or to represent a special occasion, the brick is inscribed and placed among other honorary bricks. Bricks are available for \$200 and provide financial support to the college and its mission. For information on the program, visit www.csmd.edu/Foundation.

Discover THE ARTS AT CSM

www.csmd.edu/Arts

Have you noticed that the Arts at CSM have received a makeover to match the excitement and anticipation about the many programs that are lined up for the 2012-13 season?

For more than four decades, The Arts at CSM have enthusiastically showcased a fascinating diversity of the talented artists and performers from within the Southern Maryland community and all across the nation. This year we are even more eager than ever to promote remarkable talent at CSM!

From a host of theatrical productions, dinner theatres and dance, to the highly regarded Ward Virts Concert Series, an amazing assortment of musical performances and a spectrum of Visual Arts in the Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery, we are fully committed to showcasing the arts—including student artists and faculty from all three of our campuses.

These events could not be possible without the continued generous support from the many considerate sponsors like you. Our sponsors—local business, civic associations, CSM faculty, staff and students, and citizens from all around the area—fully believe in enabling the College of Southern Maryland to make available the necessary resources that allow these tremendous performers to shine brightly.

No matter how large or small, the College of Southern Maryland is sincerely appreciative of your continued and unwavering support. Check out www.csmd.edu/Arts for a complete listing of upcoming events for the season, and visit www.csmd.edu/Foundation today and become a “CSM Strong” Friend of the Arts!

So behold the “Spotlight on Theatre,” “Tap into Dance,” “Segue into Music,” and “Envision the Visual Arts,” already in season! We look forward to joining you at the many exciting performances scheduled for this season, and beyond!

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SPOTLIGHT ON THEATRE

You may leave CSM’s theatre with many different emotions—and that’s just what’s intended. CSM’s theatre program exposes students and audiences to all types of theatre, from a “Broadway & More” series, presenting full-length shows including an annual Dinner/Dessert Theatre, a fall musical, and a winter cultural production, to a new outdoor RenFest with plays and music of the Renaissance era. Actors and technicians get to flex their creative muscles in the “Children’s Theatre” series because characters, costumes, props, and set pieces often reflect the lives of animals, fanciful creatures, and storybook characters brought to life. Finally, “Cause Theatre” uses the stage to challenge students and audiences to dig down deep and take a hard look at various social and health issues prevalent in our society today.

Auditions for all theatre productions are open to students, staff, and community members and many productions involve collaboration with the music, dance, and visual arts programs. Professional guests, such as The National Players, round out our seasonal offerings.



TAP INTO DANCE

From breath-taking ballet to hot new hip hop, CSM’s dance program offers performance opportunities by way of a dance ensemble that you can watch perform twice a year.

Besides ballet and hip hop, ensemble dancers perform a variety of styles including jazz, contemporary, and many others. Dancers also have opportunities to participate in musical productions produced by the theatre program as well as accompanying musical ensembles on occasion. Talented community members may participate in the CSM Dance Ensemble and ballet class through the college’s continuing education program.



SEGUE INTO MUSIC

Complex vocal harmonies and richly layered jazz are just two areas in which CSM's music program offers diverse vocal and instrumental performing opportunities. Vocalists can perfect their talents with *Southern Mix*, a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, or by way of the CSM Chorale.



Instrumentalists may rehearse and perform with the *Solid Brass*, CSM's Jazz Ensemble or *Ritmo Caché*, CSM's Latin Ensemble. For the first time in Spring 2013, students may also perform with the Southern Maryland Concert Band for credit.

In addition to regular performances each semester, CSM offers a performance series of student, faculty, and professional artists throughout the year. Most music performances during the year are on the La Plata Campus with the Ward Virts Concert Series taking place on the Prince Frederick Campus. During the summer, the Twilight Performance Series offers music and theatre on all campuses. CSM musicians have opportunities to collaborate with the theatre and dance programs as well.

ENVISION THE VISUAL ARTS

Hand-thrown pottery, painstakingly detailed oil paintings, and sometimes rather avant-garde works are all welcome additions to CSM's numerous gallery exhibits. The



Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery hosts professional art work in a variety of media—all of which include an exhibit opening with a gallery talk and a classroom visit/demonstration by the regional and national artists. While students learn from master artists, they may also participate in a juried exhibit of student work at the end of the academic year. Also housed in the Fine Arts Center is the Walter Grove II Memorial Art Gallery where visitors will find changing exhibits of student work reflecting the direction and quality of assignments completed by students enrolled in studio arts classes. The public, as well as the student body, faculty, and staff, are welcome to view the exhibits and attend the free receptions.

Connections

literary series

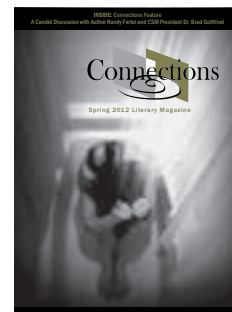
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FALL 2012 EVENTS

Fall 2012 "Connections" Magazine Publication Reading

December 7, 2012 | 7:30 p.m.
La Plata Campus
Center for Business and
Industry (BI Building),
Dr. John Sine Room 103

Tickets: Free



"Connections" Literary Magazine is a regional literary journal published twice a year that features poems, stories, artwork, and photography of Southern Maryland. Also included in each issue is featured material from visiting authors.

Copies of the books featured in the Connections Literary Series can be purchased at any CSM College Store location or online at www.csmd.edu/CollegeStore.

For advance tickets please contact the CSM Box Office at bxoffc@csmd.edu or 301-934-7828.

Want to be published?

Poetry, short stories, and black-and-white photography accepted. Guidelines for submissions are available online at www.csmd.edu/Connections.

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THE ARTS

PERFORMANCE DETAILS

Ticket prices and times vary by event. For more information visit www.csmd.edu/Arts.

Performances take place at CSM's La Plata Campus, Fine Arts Center (FA Building) unless noted otherwise with the following key:

(LAPL) - La Plata Campus (LEON) - Leonardtown Campus (PRIN) - Prince Frederick Campus

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SEPTEMBER

STEVEN BLEICHER

Exhibit: September 4 - October 4

RED HERRING

Dessert Theatre:

September 20 and 27 | 7 p.m.

Dinner Theatre:

September 21 - 22 | 6:30 p.m.

September 28 - 29 | 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

ROMEO AND JULIET

National Players

October 4 | 8 p.m.

IT'S NOT YOU, IT'S ME

Cause Theatre: *Ending Relationships*

October 5 | 8 p.m. (PRIN)

October 11 - 13 | 8 p.m. (LEON)

October 18 - 20 | 8 p.m. (LAPL)

ROBERT SOREL, VIOLIN WITH

NARCISO SOLETO, PIANO

Ward Virts Concert Series

October 7 | 3 p.m. (PRIN)

JANICE KNIFE

Gallery Talk: October 9 | 12 p.m.

Exhibit: October 9 - November 9

MOBY DICK

Children's Theatre

October 12 | 7 p.m.

October 13 | 2 and 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY

UNLEASHED! THE SECRET LIVES

OF WHITE HOUSE PETS

Children's Theatre

February 1 | 7 p.m.

February 2 | 2 and 7 p.m.

MISTO DI VOICI ENSEMBLE

Ward Virts Concert Series

February 10 | 3 p.m. (PRIN)

JONATHAN GARN

Gallery Talk: February 12 | 12 p.m.

Exhibit: January 28 - March 28

I NEVER SAW ANOTHER BUTTERFLY

February 14 - 16, 21 - 23 | 8 p.m.

FACULTY MUSIC SHOWCASE

February 28 | 8 p.m.

MARCH

SNOW WHITE GOES WEST

March 1 | 7 p.m.

March 2 | 2 and 7 p.m.

THERESA BICKHAM, SOPRANO AND

RACHEL ROULET, PIANO

Ward Virts Concert Series

March 10 | 3 p.m. (PRIN)

MARCH/APRIL

STOP KISS

Cause Theatre: *Homophobia*

March 14 - 16 | 8 p.m. (LAPL); April 5 | 8 p.m.

(PRIN); April 11 - 13 | 8 p.m. (LEON)

PURCHASING TICKETS AND BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

Individual ticket prices and times vary by event. Performances, times, and locations are subject to change without notice. For more information, directions, and tickets contact the Box Office or visit www.csmd.edu/Arts.

The Box Office for all three campuses of the College of Southern Maryland is located in the Fine Arts Center on the La Plata Campus, 8730 Mitchell Road, PO Box 910, La Plata, MD 20646-0910.

All reservations for arts events are handled through this single Box Office.

BOX OFFICE CONTACT

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301-934-7828 or
301-870-2309, ext. 7828

BOX OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Friday: hours vary
Tuesday: 2 - 6 p.m.
Wednesday and Thursday: 12 - 5 p.m.
The Box Office opens one (1) hour prior to each performance

SEASON PASSES

Each year we offer a deeply discounted **Season Pass** for those who want to enjoy all that CSM ARTS has to offer. For an investment of \$100, a season ticket holder receives...

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2012 - 2013



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NOVEMBER

FACULTY MUSIC SHOWCASE

November 1 | 8 p.m.

URINETOWN

November 8 - 10, 15 - 17 | 8 p.m.

LUCY SNELL, FLUTE AND TAKAKO MATO, CLARINET, WITH STEPHEN JOHNSON, PIANO

Ward Virts Concert Series
November 11 | 3 p.m. (PRIN)

MICHAEL KOLSTER

Gallery Talk: November 15 | 12 p.m.
Exhibit: November 13 - December 15

BARBERSHOP CHORUS CONCERT

November 30 | 8 p.m.

DECEMBER

257TH ARMY BAND

December 1 | 4 and 7:30 p.m.

DANCE PERFORMANCE

December 3 | 8 p.m.

CHORALE CONCERT

December 6 | 8 p.m.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE CONCERT

December 7 | 8 p.m.

LATIN ENSEMBLE CONCERT

December 8 | 8 p.m.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

THE EMPTY CHAIR

Cause Theatre: The Effect of Suicide
January 25 | 8 p.m. (PRIN);
January 31 - February 2 | 8 p.m. (LEON);
February 7 - 9 | 8 p.m. (LAPL)

APRIL

JAZZ FESTIVAL

April 5 - 6 | 8 p.m.

MARIAN MURPHY POWELL, SOPRANO

Ward Virts Concert Series
April 7 | 3 p.m. (PRIN)

CO-MOTION DANCE THEATER

Professional Dance Company
April 12 | 8 p.m.

ANNUAL STUDENT JURIED SHOW

Gallery Talk: April 16 | 12 p.m.
Exhibit: April 8 - May 8

RENEEST (RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL)

Period plays, music, and more
Chorale Concert April 18 | 8 p.m.
Festival April 19 - 20 | 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

LATIN MUSIC FESTIVAL

April 26 - 27 | 8 p.m.

DANCE PERFORMANCE

April 29 | 8 p.m.

MAY

SOUTHERN MARYLAND CONCERT BAND

May 3 | 8 p.m.

BARBERSHOP EXTRAVAGANZA

May 4 | 4 p.m.

BRIAN GANZ, PIANO

Ward Virts Concert Series
May 5 | 3 p.m. (PRIN)

US NAVY BAND SEA CHANTERS

May 10 | 7:30 p.m.

of \$100, a season ticket holder receives a ticket to all 27 events being offered during the season, a savings of up to 50% if purchased separately.

A new **Children's Theatre Combo Ticket** is available for those who want to attend all three (3) CSM Children's Theatre productions of the season for \$15 (adults/seniors) or \$12 (youth in high school or below).

Also new this year is the **Fall Ensemble Combo Ticket** for those who want to attend each of the five CSM Music and Dance Ensemble performances in the fall of 2012 for \$15.

FIELD TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

A number of productions will be offered as weekday matinee performances during the 2012-2013 school year to provide cultural field trip opportunities to local schools, home schools, camps, and senior centers. Reservations are required. For a listing of weekday matinee productions and general guidelines, visit www.csmd.edu/Arts/schoolyear.html or contact the Box Office for more information.

The Ward Virts Concert Series is presented by Edward and Patricia Mehosky, St. Clair and Mary Tweedie, Gerry Van De Velde, and Rene Cunningham.



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BIG DREAMS START WITH SMALL GIFTS

November 14, 2012

You can help make **CSM STRONG** for a stronger Southern Maryland. Invite your family and friends to **THE BIG GIVE** online fundraising event on November 14. CSM will unite with the 16 other Maryland community colleges in a **24-hour, online fundraising** event. So, for 24 hours, starting at midnight on **November 14**, the CSM Foundation challenges you to guide your friends and family to **GIVE BIG** by donating online—creating a spectacular display of support.

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