

Dear Colleagues, we are excited to share with you news and updates for fall 2016. Thank you for your continued support of our three San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley. Download all newsletters [here](#).

IMPORTANT NEWS & UPDATES FOR FALL 2016

TRANSFER PROGRAM WITH UC BERKELEY



It's Official: all three colleges of the San Mateo Colleges (Cañada College, College of San Mateo and

Skyline College) are now UC Berkeley Transfer Pathway Colleges, paving the way for our aspiring students to receive regular one-on-one, onsite transfer advice from UC Berkeley. On July 6, UC Berkeley Chancellor Nicholas Dirks and San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley President Dr. Jing Luan signed transfer pathway partnership agreement. In the joint press release made public Oct 28, UC Berkeley's Asso. Vice Chancellor Russo stated "We invited San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley to be part of this small network of community colleges and we are looking forward to working with them directly and extensively to prepare students for UC Berkeley and other four-year selective universities".

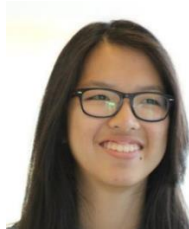
See the [Joint Press Release](#) between UC Berkeley & San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley.

MORE TRANSFER NEWS San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley increased the number of guaranteed transfer American university partners. In September, **Loyola Marymount University**, a premier private American university, signed its first Guaranteed Transfer Agreement with San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley. See [LMU's press release](#).

In 2016, the following universities entered into guarantee transfer agreements:

- University of La Verne (California)
- Tennessee Tech (Tennessee)
- Saginaw Valley State University (Michigan)
- Loyola Marymount University (California)
- SUNY Albany (New York)

A number of universities offering guarantee transfers to San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley also offer "transfer scholarships". For more information on our Guaranteed Transfer Universities, visit our site [here](#).



Janice Widodo from Indonesia, **UC Berkeley** (College of San Mateo)



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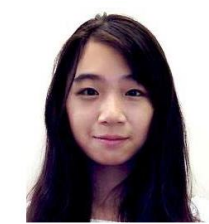
Juan Samuel from Indonesia. **UT Austin** (College of San Mateo)



Xi Cheng from China **UC Santa Barbara** (Skyline College)



Jiahui Tang - China **UC Berkeley & UCLA** (Skyline College)

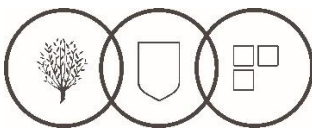


Xinyi (Magnolia) Huang from China. **UC Berkeley** (Cañada College)

JOINT SEMINARS WITH UC BERKELEY For the first time in its history, UC Berkeley joined San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley on worldwide informational seminars to promote the transfer pathway for all community colleges in the US. Ms. Leilt Habte, UC Berkeley Transfer Center Official, traveled to China, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, and Vietnam. She spoke about the advantages of international students starting their study abroad



US Ambassador Scott Marciel gave opening speech to our UC Berkeley Joint Seminar in Myanmar.



experience at a community college. She emphasized UC Berkeley's commitment to transfer students. She stated that 40% of American Bachelors' degree students start at a community college. International students should have community colleges as a main part of their plans.



Deputy US Ambassador to Indonesia, Mr. Brian McFeeters, gave opening speech to our seminar in Jakarta



Leilt of UC Berkeley and Jing with Minister of Higher Education in Ahmadabad India before our successful seminars in India.



Seminar in a grand hall of Shanghai No. 2 Foreign Languages School of Shanghai Normal University.

SCHOLARSHIPS To demonstrate our commitment to international education, Full Tuition Scholarships are available. In 2016, 10 students received this prestigious award plus additional 15 students who received other awards from the Global Beca Foundation. Congratulations to all the winners! For details of the scholarships, please visit: <http://smccd.edu/international/scholarships.php>

Meet Some of Our 2016 Global Beca Winners:



Cañada College

Luis Mendez is from El Salvador. He is talented in soccer and loves the intimate campus atmosphere of Cañada College and friendship from the faculty and students.



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Lin Let Hay Thi is from Myanmar who is thrilled to receive the Global Beca Scholarship and believes CSM is the place for reaching her goals



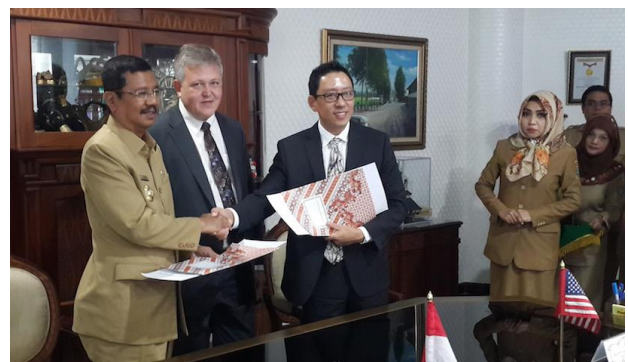
Skyline

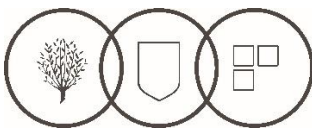
Naledi is from South Africa. A full scholarship recipient. She found Skyline College super supportive and she said "I love it here!"



Fall 2016 scholarship winners

OUR GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS In September, the Government of Northern Sumatra Providence of Indonesia signed agreement with San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley to form a partnership to promote enrollment and to assist with the selection and review of scholarship winners. The signing ceremony was witnessed by the US Consul General, Juha Salin.





In October, Diane Arguijo (pictured 3rd from the left below), District Director of International Education visited the MARA American Degree Preparatory Program Administrative Offices in Malaysia to update MARA on their current cohorts attending our three colleges and our new initiatives for future MARA cohorts. Ms. Arguijo met with Dr. Sakina Baharom, Head Education Sector for MARA Corporation, Mr. Ainul Anuar Bin Adam, MADPP Executive, Ms. Nurra Binti Mahadi, Executive for Business Development and Ms. Siti Aliah Binti Amirruddin, Executive for the Language Centre.



DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley travelled to Africa three times this year to promote our transfer pathways and develop partnerships.

We have teamed up with EducationUSA offices for them to provide application counseling to our prospective students. We met with several key high schools on the continent, including the African Leadership Academy to encourage them to take advantage of our unique transfer pathway programs to top universities. We are entering into MOUs with Johannesburg on offering distance learning programs. Later this year, we are discussing key program details with the Ubuntu Institute to host students aspiring to study in hospitality management programs.



Eugene Whitlock, General Counsel and Vice President of San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley and US Ambassador to South Africa, Patrick Gaspard.



Assistant Secretary of the US Commerce Department Marcus Jadotte (2nd from left) introduced Ghana Deputy Minister of Higher Education to Jing Luan with the US Ambassador Jackson looking on.

HOUSING UPDATE This year, we have successfully placed all homestay applicants in 50 families and we now have close to 140 local American families ready to take our students from our 3 colleges (Cañada College, College of San Mateo and Skyline College). These American host



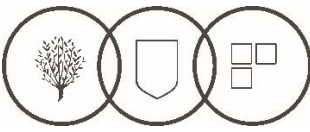
Julnar Msalam

families are within 60 minutes of our colleges. All our host families are native English speakers who are dedicated to enriching the lives of the students who live with them. Depending on student housing options, our homestays provide meals, utility fees, a private room, furnished bed, desk, and internet access.

As a team, Julnar Msalam and Stacey Carrasco manage each host family and coordinate the student referral process, and other student service needs. New applications are accepted for our Spring 2017 semester. Priority deadline is Friday, December 9, 2016.

We encourage you to contact Julnar directly at housingcoordinator@smccd.edu and check out the San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley Homestay Referral Program and other housing options in the area by visiting <http://www.smccd.edu/international/housing.php>.

PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATIONS In July, we hosted our first ever in-country orientation sessions in Beijing and Guangzhou. Attendance went beyond our expectations. Many parents came with their children and were extremely pleased with our programs, service and commitment. They all wanted us to come back in 2017.



Dennis Zheng, Student Trustee (Skyline College) spoke to our admitted freshmen at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Guangzhou.



We tried to get a group photo with some of our transferred students who gave up their summer vacation to travel with us to promote our colleges. The photo once again says "students are always students!"

NEW ONLINE APPLICATION In order to provide the most advanced capabilities and a better student/partner follow up service, we have engaged with the world's best online application vendor, Salesforce, to develop our 2nd generation online application. The new online application will take applications for Fall 2017 terms and beyond. For assistance with online application, please contact your College international admissions staff.

CAMPUS STUDENT LIFE HIGHLIGHTS

On a recent campus tour of UC Berkeley organized by **Skyline College**, students were wowed by the world best public university and its enormous

prestige and contributions to our world. They are inspired to strive for and apply to UC Berkeley, taking advantage of our one-on-one counseling and guidance from UC Berkeley. Photo below. Check out [Skyline College's Facebook](#) page.

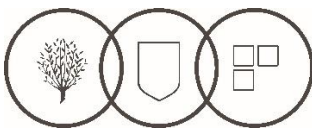


Cañada College hosted their STEM speaker series, including speakers from NASA, US Geological Survey, the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, among other highly recognized companies and agencies in the world.

The STEM Center at Cañada College		Science	Technology	Wednesdays:
STEM SPEAKER SERIES		Engineering	Mathematics	5:00-6:00 pm
FALL 2016		Location:		Bldg. 6-102
Sept 21		Alex Kaffka Vice President of Energy and Solar "Solar Power and Cañada College"		
Sept 28		Sherry L. Palacios, PhD Research Scientist, Bay Area Environmental Research Institute NASA Ames Research Center "What's it Like to Work at NASA as an Oceanographer?"		
Oct 5		Patricia Santana, MD Internal Medicine at Palo Alto Medical Foundation, San Carlos Center "My Journey to Becoming a Doctor"		
Oct 19		Lessandro DeSousa Design Engineer Consultant, BKF Engineers, Surveyors, Planners, Redwood City "From Cañada to Consultant, Designing your Path"		
Oct 26		Justin L. Rubinstein Research Geophysicist - US Geological Survey (Menlo Park) "A Man-made Earthquake Surge in the Central US"		
Nov 2			Connie Chung PhD Student Microbiology / Immunology Tory Johnson PhD Student Biochemistry Stanford University "Science Teaching Through the Arts"	

Cañada College established the first STEM Center among all California community colleges and have received the most scholarships from the National Science Foundation. Click [here](#) for more info and the [Cañada Colleges' Facebook](#) page.

Students had an up close and personal trip to the Gold Gate Bridge. See photo below. This is just one of the many recent student activities from the international



education office of **College of San Mateo**. Others include Indonesia Day, Burmese Light Festival, various sports competitions and World Chat. See [CSM Facebook](#) page.



to Skyline College. He relates well to the experience of being a student in a foreign country as he previously studied in China, Vietnam, and Mexico during his undergraduate education at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He is very passionate about supporting international students with achieving their educational and career goals during their experience studying in the United States.

MEET KEY ADMINISTRATORS



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INTRODUCING COLLEGE COUNSELORS



The International Student Center at Cañada College happily welcomes Gil Perez, its new counselor for international students. Gil's previous successful experience working with international students will be invaluable to the students. Here's a few words from Gil: "Hello students! I hope you are

all having a wonderful start to the fall 2016 semester! My name is Gil Perez and I am excited to join the International Student Center team in my role as a college counselor." Gil is available for appointments".

Silvana Grima at College of San Mateo is responsible for the processing and evaluation of international application materials and is a primary contact for prospective and new incoming international students. In addition, she assists with orientation and campus programming, event planning, and supporting the International Ambassador Program.



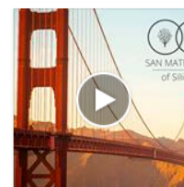
She serves as a college DSO, issuing I-20s and assisting students with SEVIS regulations. Prior to this position, Silvana served as the SEVIS coordinator at Pratt Institute and Assistant Registrar at New York Film Academy.



Carlos Romeo is the new full time international student counselor at Skyline College. He provides academic counseling services to international students, serves as one of the DSO's on campus, and assists new students with getting acclimated

To experience our campuses firsthand, please [take our virtual tour](#)

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Spring 2017 Application Deadline November 15, Supporting Documents Deadline November 21