



SAN MATEO COLLEGES
of Silicon Valley

FALL 2019 NEWS & UPDATES

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84% Transfer Admission Rates to University of California (UC) System

No. 1 in International Transfer Admission Rates to UC Berkeley

CUP (College University Partnership) Activities

Come to Study before 18 Years of Age and Join Our BAPA Summer Camp!

Our Colleges Promote University Transfer Education (UTA) Across the Globe

Annually Contributing \$33 Million to our Local Economy and Support 190+ Jobs

And much more...

Spring 2020 Application Deadline is December 1, 2019!



Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to share with you news and updates for Fall 2019. In this issue, we highlight our accomplishments in transfer education and remarkable student centered services.

I am also very pleased to let you know that I have been elected the president-elect of AIRC (American International Recruitment Council), which is authorized by the US Department of Justice and the US Commerce Department to certify agencies wishing to work for American universities to recruit students. I am humbled, honored and excited to lead this important national organization.



Through the San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley, the educational experiences of both international and US domestic students are enriched as students gain a higher level of cultural competency and are able to navigate an increasingly interconnected, interdependent global society and economy. Equally exciting, NAFSA informed us that annually the international students at our three colleges contribute more than **33 million US dollars** and support over **190 jobs** in our local community (Congressional District 14). Enjoy.

Spring 2019 Transfer Students

We are sharing a few exemplary transfer students among hundreds who have transferred in the last academic year.



May Myat Noe Tun, Myanmar
Skyline College
UCLA



Yuting Chen, China
College of San Mateo
UC Berkeley



Abiodun Foresythe, Nigeria
Skyline College
UC Berkeley & UCLA



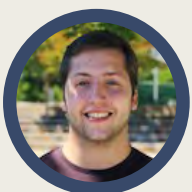
Ray Wijaya Kusuma, Indonesia
College of San Mateo
UC Berkeley



Bing Lin, China
Cañada College
UCLA



Wonsik Chung, South Korea
Cañada College
UC Berkeley



Bernardo Lacerda, Brazil
Cañada College
UC Berkeley



Yuele Zhang, China
Skyline College
UC Berkeley



Juyi Yang, China
Cañada College
UCLA



Athena Eleftheriades,
South Africa
College of San Mateo
USC



Nellyana Altuve Rojo, Venezuela
Skyline College
UC Berkeley & Menlo College
(\$82,000 scholarship)



Mei-Hsuan Yu, Taiwan
College of San Mateo
UC San Diego

Annual Transfer Data

ADMISSION RATE TO UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

The overall admission rate to the entire University of California system was 84% among our three colleges and CSM has the best overall rate in 2017-2018.

82% 

86% 

75% 

RANKING IN UC BERKELEY ADMISSIONS

Skyline College is ranked No. 1 in International Students Transfer Admission Rates to UC Berkeley in 2017-2018 (last official data available from the UC Office of the President).

UC Berkeley International Student Transfer Admission Rate

(Among all 120 California community colleges 2017-2018)

Top 20 Ranking	Name of Colleges	Admission Rate
1	SKYLINE COLLEGE	50%
2	SADDEBACK COLLEGE	43%
3	CAÑADA COLLEGE	42%
4	PALOMAR COLLEGE	38%
5	DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE	38%
6	CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE	33%
7	PASADENA CITY COLLEGE	33%
8	OHLONE COLLEGE	32%
9	SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE	32%
10	CITY COLLEGE SAN FRANCISCO	30%
11	EL CAMINO COLLEGE	29%
12	MIRACOSTA COLLEGE	27%
13	DE ANZA COLLEGE	27%
14	SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE	27%
15	COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO (CSM)	24%
16	MOUNT SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE	24%
17	BERKELEY CITY COLLEGE	23%
18	EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE	23%
19	SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE	22%
20	LANEY COLLEGE	21%
Statewide Average		25%

Source: UC Office of the President Official data:

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/infocenter/admissions-source-school>

San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley include Cañada College, CSM and Skyline College

Transfer with CUP

THE COLLEGE UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP (CUP)

What began as a loosely organized group of universities dedicated to providing transfer services to our three colleges, College University Partnership (CUP) has grown to include 143 members, with even a few from overseas. Our goal remains the same- promote University Freshmen Admissions (UFA) and University Transfer Admission (UTA). This aligns very well with the key trends of international education: intuitional partnerships. CUP is further leading the field through vertical integration to include high schools and other partners of secondary education.



JOINT TRAVEL WITH UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, CCTC TO PROMOTE TRANSFER EDUCATION IN UAE, MADRID, AND LONDON

Our College University Partnerships (CUP) include on occasion, joint travel abroad. In the case of UC Berkeley, the UCB Community College Transfer Center staff assists us with informational seminars on the 2 + 2 model. In September, Wissem Bennani, travelled with Leilt Habte, Associate Director of the UCB Community College Transfer Center, to present informational sessions in UAE. After UAE, Leilt Habte joined Diane Arguijo, in Madrid, Spain, to present at the Education USA Fair in Madrid and later, the Education USA Fair in London. In addition, they presented at high schools in Madrid and Valencia.

Our mission is to assist and educate our educational partners and prospective students abroad on the benefits of the 2 + 2 model. The community college to university transfer model provides access, affordability and more choice in planning for a higher education degree in the U.S.



Taipei, Taiwan

Mumbai, India

2019 PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION TO CAMBODIA, CHINA, JAPAN, INDIA, INDONESIA, MYANMAR AND TAIWAN

This summer, we successfully concluded our 4th In-country Pre-departure Orientation (iPDO) tour of 7 countries and 10 cities. We were met with excitement and admiration. The US Embassies and the Commerce Department provided unwavering assistance to our events. The audience was wowed by our student speakers who have either transferred to selective universities or have been enjoying the best time of their lives at our colleges.

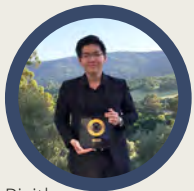


Gabriela Lucke, Danielle Powell, Diane Arguijo, Marcia Herra

PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP (HEP) CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

SMCSV was selected to present at the HEP conference on the following topic: "In Support of Global Learning, Online and On the Ground". Our session focused primarily on the importance of collaboration and working with key stakeholders in the pre-establishment process and building support for a global learning center. The conference was held in Guanacaste, Costa Rica, October 1-3, 2019. The presenters were Diane Arguijo, SMCSV District Director of International Education, Danielle Powell, Professor in the Communication Studies Department at Skyline College, and Gabriela Lucke, Director of International Relationships at Yonders, Costa Rica.

Student Highlights



Pisith

PISITH KEO

Pisith Keo is a Global Beca Scholarship recipient from Cambodia who is currently majoring in Business Administration with a 4.0 GPA at Cañada College. He is the president of the Cambodian Club, which he started a month after arriving in America. He is also the Mental Health Peer Educator at the Wellness Center, President of the Active Minds Club, English & Math Tutor in the Learning Center, and Student Ambassador in the International Student Center. In May, he received the Emerging Leader of the Year Award and received another scholarship from the SMCCC Foundation Scholarship.



Andreas

ANDREAS LANGENBACHER AND SU LATT PHONE

Andreas Langenbacher and Su Latt Phone from College of San Mateo participated in the Honors Project and were selected to present their projects at Stanford's Honors Conference in Spring 19. Andreas transferred to UCLA in Molecular and Cell Biology but was admitted to Duke University, Johns Hopkins, and UC Berkeley. Su Latt transferred to UC Berkeley in Electrical Engineering.



Su

THE SILICON VALLEY PATHWAY PROGRAM

The Silicon Valley Pathway Program (SVPP) will provide credit-bearing and intensive English language training to help international students develop academic critical skills across multiple modules. The courses will be provided at Skyline College beginning June and October 2020. SVPP applicants must be at least 16 years old with a High School Degree or equivalent and at least a 4.5 IELTS, 49 TOEFL, 85 Duolingo, or 45 PTE. Skyline College will start taking applications for the June session after January 15, 2020.

GLOBAL BAY AREA PATHWAY ACADEMY (GLOBAL BAPA)

Silicon Valley Intensive English Program (SVIEP) partners with Bay Area Pathway Academy (BAPA) to offer international middle school students (age 10-15) opportunities to experience US summer camps at College of San Mateo. Students will be taking ESL classes taught by SVIEP instructors as well as participating in a variety of enriching and fun activities offered by BAPA. SVIEP also customizes Global BAPA summer camp for international high school students (age 16+). Students will receive intensive English training from our TESOL qualified instructors, visit top universities and silicon valley tech companies in the Bay Area, and volunteer in local philanthropy organizations. For more information, email Yuri Goda at goday@smccd.edu and Ya-Chi Su at suy@smccd.edu.



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VIDEO OF OUR CAMPUSES

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MEET NEW STAFF MEMBERS



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