

SAN MATEO COLLEGES
of Silicon Valley

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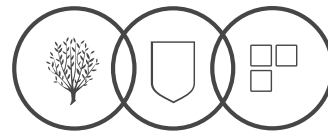
...and much more!

**FALL
2017
NEWS &
UPDATES**



Jing Luan, Ph.D.
President

Dear Colleagues, we are excited to share with you news and updates for Fall 2017. Thank you for your continued support of our three San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley. View all 12 issues of the Newsletters here: smccd.edu/international/partners.php.



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Diane Arguijo
District Director

TRANSFER WEBINARS

We are offering several free webinars on the benefits and advantages of attending community colleges which will focus on the university transfer admissions process. Webinars will include presenters from top US universities. Please check with Diane Arguijo, District Director of International Education for more information (arguijod@smccd.edu).

IMPORTANT UPDATES:

EDUCATIONUSA APPLICATION FEE WAIVER

Students who have met with and are referred by an EducationUSA Adviser in his/her country will have the application fee of \$50 waived. Proof of this service will be requested.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Competitive Global Beca scholarships are available for all admitted international students for tuition, up to \$8,000. Check our scholarship application page or the EducationUSA website for updates or for eligibility requirements

UC BERKELEY WORLDWIDE TRANSFER FORUMS

UC Berkeley again joins San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley to provide official information on transfers from community colleges to selective universities. Their forums schedule is as follows:

- Surabaya, Indonesia (Monday, Oct 2) 2-4pm
- Medan, Indonesia (Wednesday, Oct 4) 4-6pm
- Taipei, Taiwan (Friday, Oct 6) 6-8pm
- Taipei, Taiwan (Saturday, Oct 7) 1-3pm
- Shenzhen, China (Sunday, Oct 8) 2-4pm

NEW ONLINE APPLICATION

We have launched our new user-friendly application for students applying to our colleges now. Apply here: smccd.edu/international/admission.php

WE ARE NOW MOST POPULAR!

We have continued our double digits enrollment increase. Fall 2017 enrollment was up by 13%! We were rated as among the top fastest growing colleges by IIE 3 years in a row.

SILICON VALLEY INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM

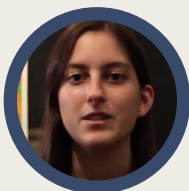
Our own intensive English program is taking applications on a rolling basis. Apply here: smccd.edu/sviep/

SMCSV HOMESTAY REFERRAL

In the first year of operation, our full service homestay referral program has placed 192 international students with American host families. There is a minimum two-month contract to join the program. For more information, contact visit our website at: www.smccd.edu/international/housing.php or contact Julnar Msalam at housingcoordinator@smccd.edu.

Our Berkeley Transfers Are Now in the Hundreds!

Meet six of our 2017 Berkeley Transfers:



Diana Alfaya Brito
Brazil
UC Berkeley
(Cañada College)



Caroline Barros
Brazil
UC Berkeley
(Skyline College)



Viet Cao Anh Nguyen
Vietnam
UC Berkeley
(College of San Mateo)



Cathrine Tu
China
UC Berkeley
(Cañada College)



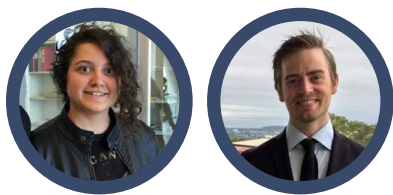
Mohammad Iswan bin
Zainol Bahar
Malaysia
UC Berkeley
(Skyline College)



Lihao Wang
China
UC Berkeley
(College of San Mateo)

APPLE SELECTS SKYLINE COLLEGE TO TEACH APP DEVELOPMENT CLASS

Skyline College is one of six community colleges—and the only one in California—to offer the curriculum designed by Apple: App Development with Swift. Skyline College offers Apple’s courses as part of its computer science and technology pathways this fall. “Swift” is a series of curriculum modules and resources designed for students who want to pursue careers in the fast-growing app economy. For more information on this program please contact Andrea Vizenor, Director of Career and Workforce Programs at vizenora@smccd.edu.



CSM STUDENTS RECEIVE RECOGNITION AT HONORS SYMPOSIUM AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Congratulations to two of our CSM International students: Kivilcum Cumbul from Turkey (left) and Alexander Einarsson from Sweden (right). Their Honors Projects received recognition by the Bay Honors Consortium Symposium at Stanford University. Kivi founded the Robotics Club and served as an academic tutor. She was awarded over \$9,000 in scholarships in 2017. She transferred to the University of Southern California in the field of Computer Engineering.

Alex researched statics in hockey and was a scholarship award winner while at College of San Mateo. He went on to receive a full scholarship for his studies at Amherst College in Math and Computer Science.



CAÑADA COLLEGE INTERNSHIPS

Dany Felten from Sweden (left) participated in OPT (Optional Practical Training) after completing her Theater Costuming program at Cañada College. She worked in the costume shop at California Shakespeare Theater in Berkeley and later the Lamplighters in San Francisco. After completing OPT certificate She was very happy to have the option to apply for an OPT. She jumpstarted her career by earn money as an intern.

Carmen Zhou (right), a Canadian student majoring in Interior Design, (pictured below) recently wrote about her CPT experience. She said “Cañada College’s CPT (Curricular Practical Training) program [allow me to be] able to work alongside and learn from people with years of experiences in my chosen field [and it] has helped improve my skill sets and develop confidence. Through CPT I have gained valuable practical working experiences that I cannot get from the classroom. She learned to hold a high standard for herself and the income from CPT helped her with my tuition and bills.

INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER FAIR AT COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO

On May 1st, we hosted an International Student Transfer Fair at the College of San Mateo. Representatives from more than 50 universities from California and across the country were available to discuss transfer opportunities and answer questions.

In-Country Pre-Departure Orientations

In June and July, we expanded our 2nd In-country Pre-Departure Orientation Sessions to include China (Beijing and Shanghai), Nepal (Kathmandu), Myanmar (Yangon) and Indonesia (Medan). These sessions were well attended and in some cities it was standing room only. Many parents came with their children and were extremely pleased with our programs, service and commitment.

Carlos Romero
Skyline College International Student Counselor



“I had the unique opportunity of helping to present Pre-Departure Orientations to incoming and potential international students from Myanmar, China, and Nepal. This was an amazing opportunity to meet the students and their families, to build relationships of support and to inform students on how to prepare for their future studies at one of our colleges. The students felt a greater amount of support for their future studies and they were able to have a familiar face to associate with when they begin their first semester.”



Five of our transfer students from Top 20 Universities giving testimonies.

High School Partner Workshop in San Francisco



Earlier in July, we held our 3rd Annual High School Partner Workshop. Ten high school counselors and administrators from six countries in Asia and South America attended. In addition to receiving a \$500 stipend, the hotel, meals and transportation costs were at no cost to the participants. The three days were filled with visits to our three colleges, Stanford University and the University of California, Berkeley. At our colleges, the group listened to presentations by our international program staff on admissions, immigration, student life, and student support services. International students from all three colleges shared their stories. On the last day, the group toured San Francisco.

MEET KEY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATORS



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TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR

Visit this website: smccd.edu/international/tours.php



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YOUTUBE.COM

Vimeo (for China): <https://vimeo.com/182585859>

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/kPSPDybuqcl>

MEET OUR IN-COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

If you seek instant information or request immediate responses to your questions, please feel free to contact our full-time staff in China and Vietnam. They are also reaching out to you to follow up on applications and provide you with many important updates.



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MEET WITH US IN YOUR COUNTRY

Our officials are traveling to your countries on the following dates. Please contact international@smccd.edu to get in touch with them.

Bahamas Oct 10-12
Cambodia Nov 13-17
China Sept 13-Nov 4
Botswana Sept 12-13
Ghana Sept 28-29
Hong Kong Sept 22-24
Indonesia Oct 1-Oct 13
Japan Sept 12-18

Macau Oct 19-20
Myanmar Sept 30-Oct 4
Nigeria Sept 23-27
South Africa, Sept 14-18
South Korea Sept 9-10, Sept 28-30
Spain Sept 20-22
Taiwan Oct 5-Oct 10
Zimbabwe Sept 16