

SAN MATEO COLLEGES
of Silicon Valley

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SPRING 2018 NEWS & UPDATES

WE ARE AMONG THE TOP 40!

According to the 2017 Open Doors report by IIE, San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley is one of the Top 40 community colleges with the most international students in the USA. We have continued our double digit enrollment increase. Our 2017 enrollment was up by **18%**! Our three colleges are the most popular colleges in Nepal and Myanmar. We are also ranked 3rd on college searches on China's Baidu engine.



Jing Luan, Ph.D.
President

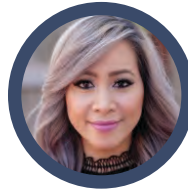
Dear Colleagues, we are excited to share with you news and updates for Spring 2018. Thank you for your continued support of our three San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley. View all 13 issues of the Newsletters here: smccd.edu/international/partners.php.

UC BERKELEY & STANFORD SUMMER ACADEMIES WITH SAN MATEO COLLEGES OF SILICON VALLEY

As part of the College University Partnership (CUP) founded by UC Berkeley and our colleges, international high school students can now receive personalized evaluation, advising and support for applying to world-class summer programs for up to 5 units at UC Berkeley or up to 8 units at Stanford University. Once assessed for eligibility by CUP advisors, students will be encouraged to apply for admission to UC Berkeley Summer Session and/or Stanford Summer Session. Admissions decisions are at the sole discretion of the respective institution. Please note, these two universities have different application deadlines.

High school seniors interested in attending our 3 colleges will receive priority review. Summer courses taken at either university will appear on the university's transcript and the credits can transfer to San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley upon admission to our 3 colleges.

Requirements for these two universities are different. To determine eligibility requirements in order to apply for the Stanford Summer Session and to receive Stanford sponsored I-20 for F-1 visas or to apply for UC Berkeley Summer Academy and to receive UC Berkeley sponsored I-20 for F-1 visas, interested students need to visit UC Berkeley web page (http://cep.berkeley.edu/community-college-transfer-center?qt-field_tabs=2#qt-field_tabs) or our web page www.smccd.edu/international/berkeleystanford. CUP advisors will guide students to take the right courses that fit their capacity and goals.



Cindy Nguyen

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR RESIDENCY (JULY 16-25)

We are pleased to announce that this summer we are offering a High School Counselor Residency Program instead of the popular 3-day workshop. The residency program is for professionals from around the world to meet and gain valuable training. The 10-day residency includes tours, presentations, and opportunities to shadow certain departments at our three colleges: College of San Mateo,

Skyline College, and Cañada College. Campus tours and office meetings will be arranged for UC Berkeley and Stanford as well.

Lodging accommodation will be provided for all 10 days of the residency, except that transportation and meals will not be provided during the dates of July 20-22 when high school residency is not in session.

The deadline to sign up is **April 1st** and applicants will be notified of our decision on April 16th. Due to the limited number of spots available, we can only accept one counselor per school and unfortunately, we are not able to provide an invitation for everyone. If interested, please fill out the application [HERE](http://www.smccd.edu/international/hsworkshops.php) (direct link: <http://www.smccd.edu/international/hsworkshops.php>).

For this year, EducationUSA advisers and U.S. Commercial Services specialists are also invited to apply. Please email our coordinator, Cindy Nguyen (pictured), at nguyencindy@smccd.edu for a separate application if you are an EducationUSA Adviser or a U.S. Commercial Service Officer.



MORE UNIVERSITIES SIGN TRANSFER AGREEMENTS

Ashland University and University of North Alabama have recently inked agreements with our Colleges to provide guaranteed transfers.

SUNY Stony Brook, a flagship university of the SUNY system, recently signed a transfer articulation agreement providing priority admission to our transfer students. Diane Arguijo (pictured), Director of International Education of San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley, commented that "as we develop the College University Partnership (CUP) program which includes targeted transfer support to our partner universities, we are generating interest among high school partners abroad and universities from across the country to partner with us."



GLOBAL BECA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS & EDUCATIONUSA APPLICATION FEE WAIVERS

While very few public institutions offer scholarships, we continue offering merit based scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$8,000. In 2017, we awarded 77 students with our prestigious Global Beca Scholarship. These students are from all continents of the world. Pictured above are Ray Wijaya from Indonesia and Alessandro Mazzora from South Africa. Any student who meets an EducationUSA Advisor in person at any of the 400 EducationUSA centers will receive an application fee waiver. Proof is required.



WESLEYAN COLLEGE OFFERS GUARANTEED TRANSFERS

President Luan signed agreement with Dr. Melody Blake, Provost of Wesleyan College, officially welcoming this premier women’s college into the College University Partnership. Wesleyan agrees to also provide Conditional Admission to eligible students admitted as freshmen by San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley. Wesleyan, located in Georgia, is a very popular name in China with a fairy-tale historical connection with that country. The famous Three Song Sisters (pictured in B&W) all attended Wesleyan.

TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR

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



Vimeo (for China): <https://vimeo.com/182585859>
YouTube: <https://youtu.be/kPSPDybuqcl>

Our Commitment to Africa



Stanford alum, “We now have students from Ghana, Ivory Coast, South Africa, Botswana, and Zimbabwe among others.” Eugene has been on every single one of the 8 trips to Africa.

Our decision to engage with students from Africa originated with the U.S. Department of Commerce. In March 2015, the Assistant Secretary of Commerce led a trade mission to the Ivory Coast, Ghana and South Africa for the purpose of introducing more U.S. institutions of higher education to students there. San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley led the charge on behalf of California Community Colleges.



Eugene Whitlock
Vice Chancellor

Since 2015, we have made 8 trips to Africa, with representation from each of the three colleges, including Skyline College President Dr. Regina Stanback-Stroud. We are very grateful to our partners at the Department of Commerce and EducationUSA offices throughout the region who have facilitated our relationships with local schools and other partners. “Our efforts are very successful,” says Eugene Whitlock, legal counsel and Vice Chancellor of Human Resources and

For our colleges, having students from Africa is a benefit to our students who are enriched by the presence of students representing all parts of the world. For our students from Africa, our colleges present the perfect point of entry to the American system of higher education. They appreciate the academic programs we offer here in the heart of Silicon Valley. Tungamirai Gunundu (Guidance) is from Zimbabwe, who maintains a 4.0 GPA, has adapted to life in the US very well. He is particularly happy with the warm welcome he received from our staff and students.



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.

- Algeria, May 10-11
- Botswana, March 20
- Brazil, March 19-21
- Cambodia, March 11-18
- China, March 23-25, June 29-July 1
- Colombia, March 4-7, 17-21*
- Dubai, May 7-8
- Egypt, May 2-6
- Finland, March 12
- Ghana, March 20-22
- Hong Kong, July 2
- India, February 5-8
- Indonesia, February 12-26
- Ivory Coast, March 23
- Jordan, April 28-May 2*
- Malaysia, February 12-14, March 4
- Myanmar, February 9-11, 16-20
- Nepal, January 31-February 4
- Norway, March 15- 16
- Panama, March 8-10, 22-25*
- Singapore, March 3
- South Africa, March 12-16, April 25-27*
- Sweden, March 13-14
- Taiwan, March 24-28
- The Philippines, March 8-10
- Vietnam, March 19-22
- Zimbabwe, March 17-19

* joint public service seminars with UC Berkeley

MEET KEY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATORS



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BROADENING HIGH SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

Global School Access

San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley have formed a partnership with Global School Access, an organization providing full-service student management for international students while partnering with over 70 high schools, mostly in the U.S. “We are very pleased with this partnership,” said Larry Lifson, President/CEO of Global School Access. “The three colleges in the San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley will provide elite transfer education for the international students we work with so they can gain full access to American higher education.”



Niles Shukla
UGF Founder

Unified Growth Foundation

Unified Growth Foundation has signed an MOU with our colleges to promote our elite programs and services among its schools in India, effectively making them our sourcing partner. The Founder of UGF, Mr. Niles Shukla, recently met with Dr. Jing Luan and Ms. Danni Redding Lapuz from College of San Mateo in Mumbai. He was inspired by the reputation and excellence of San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley and believes India is ready to take advantage of American community colleges. This partnership will aim to send more deserving students to transfer colleges, like San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley, where they study university-level courses in world class facilities within engaging academic environments before transferring to their dream universities. San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley have the largest number of American universities, many of them ranked in the Top 50, offering guaranteed transfer to our students. Ms. Shweta Upadhyaya, Head of International Affairs, said “These three colleges together have a very well thought out student services model rivaling that of the best universities and we are very excited to have the tie-up with San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley.”



H.E. Ly Chheng
(left) & Jing Luan

BELTEI Education

BELTEI Education comprises of BELTEI International School, BELTEI International University, and BELTEI International Relations in Cambodia with a group of 21 international school campuses and 2 international university campuses, has agreed to enter into a partnership with San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley for the purpose of promoting access to American higher education. Specifically, BELTEI Education will leverage the elite transfer capacity of the three colleges to help Cambodian high school graduates obtain high quality university classes in the three colleges with tuition savings up to \$30,000 a year plus possible scholarships. “We have found the three San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley ideal for our students who desire an affordable tuition in America yet with wide open transfer opportunities to eventually complete their bachelors’ degrees in American universities include many of them in Top 50,” said the Honorable H.E. Ly Chheng, Director General of BELTEI Group and the President of BELTEI International University after his meeting with President Luan.