

Dear Colleagues, we are excited to share with you news and updates for Spring/Summer 2017. Thank you for your continued support of our three San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley. View all 11 issues of the Newsletters [here](#).

### IMPORTANT NEWS & UPDATES FOR SPRING & SUMMER 2017

#### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: HIGH SCHOOL PARTNER WORKSHOP IN SAN FRANCISCO

Back by popular demand! High school guidance counselors and administrators are cordially invited to apply for our 2017 High School Partner Workshop (July 5 - July 8) in sunny San Francisco & Silicon Valley! This complimentary two-day, action packed event will include:

- Informational sessions on admissions, student life, immigration, and housing
- Discussion of the transfer process with our Transfer Center staff and University of California, Berkeley officials
- Tours of our three Colleges, elite universities and City of San Francisco

Apply now for the 2017 Workshop [here](#)  
For details, visit ([www.smccd.edu/international/hsworkshops.php](http://www.smccd.edu/international/hsworkshops.php))

#### MEET SOME OF OUR TRANSFER STUDENTS:



Raihan Amir  
Malaysia,  
**Boston University**  
(Cañada College)



Roma Fung,  
China  
**UCSB**  
(Skyline College)



Vina Wong  
Hong Kong  
**Cornell University**  
(College of San Mateo)



Zulaikha Rasid  
Malaysia  
**Colorado School of Mines**  
(Cañada College)



Minh Ho  
Vietnam  
**USC**  
(Skyline College)



Syafi Abdullah Sani,  
Malaysia.  
**Purdue University**  
(College of San Mateo)

**THIS JUST IN:** UCLA reported our 2016 transfer numbers increased by 55% to 93! We continue maintaining a 95% transfer admission rate to UC Davis (n=253)! 2017 enrollments at our 3 colleges have increased by 32% from 2016!

#### SKYLINE COLLEGE AMONG TOP AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES TO HOST YOUNG AFRICAN



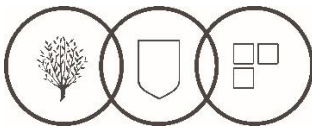
**LEADERS** Skyline College is the only community college selected by the US State Department and IREX to host [Mandela Washington Fellows](#) in the summer of 2017. This is the flagship program of the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI). **Dr. Tammy Robinson** (pictured) stated

Skyline College is proud to represent all community colleges in the US to demonstrate the United States' commitment to invest in the future of Africa. Below is a list of some of the elite American universities selected:

- Skyline College
- Case Western Reserve University
- Dartmouth College
- Lehigh University
- Northwestern University
- Purdue University
- Syracuse University
- Rutgers University
- University of San Diego
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- UT-Austin, and others

#### UC BERKELEY SUMMER ACADEMY (Earn UC Berkeley credits now!)

Multiple departments of UC Berkeley teamed up with San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley to successfully roll out the first ever Access Berkeley Summer Academy. This is a high intensity comprehensive 6-or 8-week pre-college summer program based on successful designs for high school students from select high schools worldwide. Access Berkeley Summer Academy is designed to provide a small group learning environment for talented and motivated high school students who want to experience university and college life and to receive early admission and guidance for transfer admission or direct admission. Students attend regular UC Berkeley classes offered during the summer, receive support from our program staff, receive tutoring, go on excursions in the San Francisco Bay Area and have fun learning with other high school students from around the United States and other countries.



### HOUSING UPDATE

we have increased the number of our homestay families to 132! These host families value their relationship with San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley due to our Colleges' great reputation.



Julnar Msalam

We will soon be updating our housing webpage with a user-friendly format that includes

pictures, host family videos and student videos. We received 50 new student applications for the spring semester of 2017. All 50 were successfully placed. We encourage you to contact Julnar directly at [housingcoordinator@smccd.edu](mailto: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 [www.smccd.edu/international/housing.php](http://www.smccd.edu/international/housing.php)

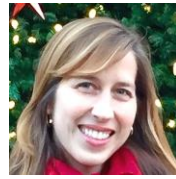
**IN-COUNTRY COLLEGE ORIENTATIONS** In June, we will be hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> In-country College Orientation Sessions in China (Beijing and Shanghai), Nepal (Kathmandu), Myanmar (Yangon) and Indonesia (Medan). Our 2016 orientation attendance went beyond our expectations. Many parents came with their children and were extremely pleased with our programs, service and commitment. Stay tuned for details.



During the 2016 In-country College Orientation, Mr. Dennis Zheng, Student Trustee (Skyline College) spoke to our admitted freshmen at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Guangzhou.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TRANSFER FAIR AT THE COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO** On May 1st from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., we are hosting an International Student Transfer Fair at the College of San Mateo. We will be inviting our university transfer partners to participate, which could result in more than 45 universities from California and across the country attending. Our international students will have an opportunity to find out about transfer opportunities and admission requirements.

### MEET KEY ADMINISTRATORS



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