

Dear Colleagues, we are excited to share with you news and updates for fall 2015. Thank you for your continued support of our three San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley. Download all newsletters [here](#).

**IMPORTANT NEWS & UPDATES FOR FALL 2015**

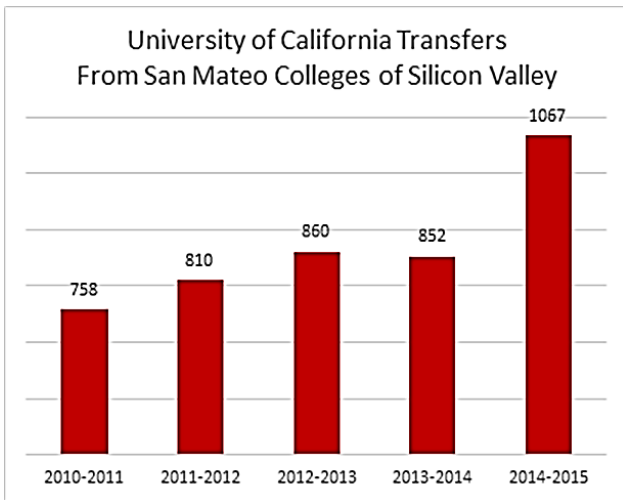
**Our Newly Revised Name!**

To assist your promotion of our great colleges and to better describe where we are, we have added “Silicon Valley” to our name. We are now “San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley” (SMCSV)!



**Transfer Success (some with scholarships!!!)**

In 2015, 236 students were admitted by UC Berkeley and our total transfer admission number over the years continue to show impressive growth! *Data reported by University of California admissions offices.*



The number of transfer students admitted by the University of California in 2015:

- 240 UC Davis
- 236 UC Berkeley
- 143 UC Santa Cruz
- 109 UC Santa Barbara
- 97 UC San Diego
- 77 UC Irvine
- 70 UC Riverside
- 64 UCLA
- 31 UC Merced

**More Transfer Success Stories:**



Fidel Dalgado, **Stanford University**, grew up in El Salvador (Cañada College)



Kevin Awonuga-France/Nigeria, **UC Santa Barbara** (Skyline College)



Dee Dee Pickard – **Stanford University** (College of San Mateo)



Tiffany Gwee – Malaysia, **Johns Hopkins University** with scholarship (Skyline College)



Lana Bakour – **UCLA** (College of San Mateo)



Darwin Silva – Uruguay, **John Brown University** with soccer scholarship (Cañada College)

**Skyline College Offers a Bachelor's Degree**

We are now one of the first community colleges that has been approved to offer 4-year Bachelor's degree. Our first program is in Respiratory Care, a health sciences major. See details here:

<http://skylinecollege.edu/respiratorycare4yeardegree/index.php>

**Complimentary High School Counselor Workshops in San Francisco (July 2015)**

For 3 days, 12 counselors from some of the best high schools in 10 countries visited our campuses, met with student panelists, discussed various admission and transfer matters with our staff and designated representatives from **UC Berkeley** and **St. Mary's College**. They loved our outstanding environments and the fact that we have the largest number of universities offering guarantee transfers to our students. One of the attendees said, "I realized that we can also send you kids who are best performing, not just those who want to take advantage of low cost and generous admission selectivity."

Applications for the 2016 workshop will be available January 2016.



The high school counselors were greeted by the Mayor of Redwood City and toured key historical sites.

**Invitation to Join Our High School Partnership Program**

Due to our outstanding reputation and unique location, the San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley attract high school students from all over the world. Many of them apply on their own. In our experience, it is not as ideal as students applying directly through our high school partnerships. Hebei International School, for example, was the first to join our partnership and has seen its students accepted to top universities with multiple offers. "Our students do not have to apply with limited information from within China. We send them to all three San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley whose job and reputation is to get them into top universities", said Principal Zhang of the school. Featured on the right is Xing (Star) Wei, who studied at Skyline College and is transferring this fall to UC Davis, ranked #38 in the world. "I would not have done this any differently", Star responded when asked if she was pleased with the academic programs.

Our partner high schools sending 5+ students a year automatically get a seat in our annual workshop held in the U.S for free. Other partner high schools have priority admission to our workshops. For further information and how to become a partner, please contact the Office of the Provost [luan@smccd.edu](mailto:luan@smccd.edu).



Star Wei, the first student in our partner Hebei International School, a proud recipient of the Global Beca scholarship, is transferring to UC Davis in 2015.

**We are Available to Speak about Life, Work and Study in the US**



As Provost of International Education and President of San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley who began as an international student, Jing has worked in the US for close to 30 years. Dr. Jing Luan has been an invited speaker on topics of American community colleges, and Life, Work and Study in the US.

As a former high school principal and community college counselor and ESL instructor, Ms. Diane Arguijo, Director of International Education, brings her expertise to studying abroad. Her speeches include many examples of student success from her 25 years of experience in secondary and higher education in the US.



Both Dr. Luan and Ms. Arguijo travel extensively. If visiting your region, they are available to speak on topics of interest to your students.

**Study California Latin America Delegation (October 10 - 20, 2015)**

On Oct 10, a group of California universities and colleges will travel to several countries in Latin America. Included in the trip is a historical visit to Cuba. The Delegation is organized by Study California ([www.studycalifornia.us](http://www.studycalifornia.us)) and will be headed by Dr. Jing Luan, Chairman of Study California. Study California represents all segments of higher education

in California, including members of the most prestigious educational institutions in the state. The US Commercial Services offices of the Commerce Department of the US and EducationUSA of the State Department of US are directly providing logistical and partnership support to the delegation.



**Meet Our International Admissions Officials at our 3 San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley:**

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