



MAXIMIZING ACHIEVEMENT IN STEM (MAS) FALL NEWSLETTER PART I



OUR ALUMNI GIVING ADVICE TO OUR NEW
COHORT 14 STUDENTS!

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DH 302

PROGRAM SERVICES

STEM COUNSELING

Appointments can be made through your [Corsair Connect](#) or by contacting us directly via email, phone, or through our [Appointment Request Form](#)



STEM Program Deadline Dates:

- 1st Counseling appointment **Friday, Oct 10th 10/10/2025**
- 2nd Counseling appointment **Friday, Dec 5th 12/13/2025**
- Peer Mentor check-in (workshop and/or one-on-one) **Once a semester**

COUNSELING CORNER



It's Transfer Season!

Ways to prep:

- Attend a [Transfer Center Workshop](#)
- Join the [Transfer Center Canvas Shell](#)
- Check in with a counselor for any transfer support/questions

PEER MENTORING AND TUTORING

STEM LAB HOURS:

**IIN-PERSON: MON-FRI: 8AM-5PM
LOCATION: DH 302**

**ONLINE: HOURS VARY - CHECK ONLINE
SCHEDULE [ZOOM LINK](#)**

**SUBJECTS: BIO, CHEM, CS,
MATH, ENGINEERING, & PHYSICS**

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION (SI)

**OUT-OF-CLASS SESSIONS THAT
HELP REINFORCE WHAT YOU
LEARNED IN CLASS.**

**[FULL SCHEDULE](#)
(AND LIST OF SI SUBJECTS)**



**Click the photo above to watch our
STEM skills week recap video**

TRANSFER UPDATES

Transfer applications (UC/CSU/HBCU/Private) can be submitted now! Please utilize the following compiled links and resources from the SMC Transfer Center:



APPLICATION SUPPORT

- Completing the UC Application workshop: step-by-step guide to completing the UC Application
- Completing the CSU Application workshop: step-by-step guide to completing the CSU Application
- Completing the Common Application workshop: step-by-step guide to completing the Common Application
- Transfer Application Support: meet with a counselor to review your transfer applications before you submit
- Transfer Talk Thursdays: meet with a counselor to review your transfer applications or answer any transfer-related questions

PIQ AND TRANSFER ESSAY SUPPORT

Considering applying to private schools? Be sure to register for the SAT!

- UC Personal Insight Questions workshop: tips on drafting your UC PIQs
- Writing and Humanities Tutoring Center (WHTC) Transfer Essay and PIQ workshop: interactive workshop on drafting your PIQs and transfer essays
- Writing and Humanities Tutoring Center (WHTC) Open Lab Drop In: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Drescher Hall 312B on Tuesdays + alternates on Thursdays.

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 1 - DECEMBER 1

UC AND CSU FALL 2025 TRANSFER APPLICATION FILING PERIOD FOR ALL APPLICANTS! APPLY NOW!

TRANSFER CENTER INFO



TEA TIME WITH
TRANSFER



TRANSFER TALK
THURSDAYS



INSTAGRAM



CANVAS SHELL

CONNECT WITH A TRANSFER TEAM MEMBER!



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STEM-TUNITIES (INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH)

NASA'S MISSION CONCEPT ACADEMY

**APPLICATION DUE:
NOVEMBER 30, 2025**

[MORE INFO HERE](#)

*** ELIGIBILITY: U.S. CITIZENS OR
PERMANENT RESIDENTS**

NASA'S NPWEE PROGRAM

**APPLICATION DUE:
NOVEMBER 30, 2025**

[MORE INFO HERE](#)

*** ELIGIBILITY: U.S. CITIZENS OR
PERMANENT RESIDENTS**

UCSC LAMAT SUMMER 2026 PROGRAM

**APPLICATION DUE:
DECEMBER 1, 2025**

[MORE INFO HERE](#)

*** ELIGIBILITY: ALL MAY APPLY**

SUMMER HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION PROGRAM (SHPEP)

**APPLICATION DUE:
FEBRUARY 5, 2025**

[MORE INFO HERE](#)

*** ELIGIBILITY: U.S. CITIZENS,
PERMANENT RESIDENTS, AND
INDIVIDUALS GRANTED DACA STATUS**

FALL 2025 PEER MENTOR WORKSHOPS



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WORKSHOP LOCATION

STEM Lab (Drescher Hall 302)
STEM Zoom Meeting ID: 832 1358 8446



*Attending one workshop (fall and spring semesters) fulfills the peer mentor contact requirement for STEM Program participants.

STEM Day: Bingo Social

Wednesday, November 5th, 11:30am-12:00pm
Location: STEM Lab (DH 302)
Presented By: **Abby**

UC Essay Writing Workshop

Tuesday, November 11th, 3:00pm-3:30pm
Location: STEM Lab (DH 302)
Presented By: **Lucas**

Any Questions? Feel Free to stop by the Lab or
Zoom and ask a mentor!

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☎ (310)-434-3988

🌐 www.smc.edu/stem

Hispanic Heritage Month

Alumni Spotlight



ALBERTO MEUNIER

Transferred to San Jose State University

**Major: Manufacturing Engineering
STEM/MAS Program Alumni**

Currently: Applications Engineer at Brooks Instrument.

"I love being an applications engineer because I get to work with cutting edge technology in a growing field (semiconductors)."

Advice: *"Be open to understanding how little you know. There's always something to learn. Make sure it's something you enjoy now. Also read "How to Become a Straight-A student" by Cal Newport."*

What are resources/support programs that helped you transition from community college to your transfer university?

MESA is good and AIAA or other professional societies related to your interests are ideal.

What is something you loved about being part of the STEM Program, perhaps a specific memorable experience OR a short reflection of how you've grown since the program?

The tutoring. I came in not knowing algebra. I saw all the tutors as geniuses. As I completed my engineering degree I realized it was all teachable.

Hispanic Heritage Month

STEMie Spotlight



MICHELLE LOPEZ

Current SMC Student

Major: Data Science

Role: STEM Tutor/Mentor

Cohort 13, STEM/MAS Program

“ The grade you get in
your class does not
determine your value”

Advice:

“Don’t be too hard on yourself. The grade you get in your class does not determine your value. As long as you try your best and have no regrets, you should be proud of yourself no matter what. It’s important to take things one step at a time and ask for help along the way.”

Helpful resources:

“The STEM Lab has been one of the most supportive places for me. It provides a great environment to connect with other STEM majors, receive advice, and overall grow as a student.”

About College Journey:

“My college journey has been full of growth and self-discovery. Learning how to balance school, work, and leadership has been a new challenge this semester, but the experiences have shaped me into a more confident and motivated student.”

SMC SCHOLARSHIP

APPLY FOR AN SMC

Scholarship

*ATTENTION CURRENT
SMC STUDENTS!*

Over \$1.1 Million Available In Scholarships This Year

Award Amounts: **\$250 - \$50,000**

Application Dates for 2026–2027 SMC Scholarships

- Current SMC Students: **October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.**
- Incoming First-Year: **February 3, 2026 to June 13, 2026.**

To learn more, visit smc.edu/scholarships.

**APPLY
NOW**



FINANCIAL AID



SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)

Students that receive financial aid must meet SAP standards.

Students that don't meet the standards can appeal by explaining their extenuating circumstances and what steps they are taking to resolve these circumstances.

1. The three SAP standards are:

- 2.0 GPA
- 67% course completion
- 90 unit limit

2. SAP is reviewed at the end of:

- Fall & spring semesters, and summer session.

3. What can I do if I am on SAP Disqualification status?

- Meet with my STEM counselor

[More info here](#)

COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAL GRANT

Did you know that there is a state grant program for CA Community College students?

[Click here](#) to learn more about it!

Not sure if you have Cal Grant this year? Check your status online at: www.mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov

E-DOCS

Reminder: Your financial aid is processed and ready once you have submitted ALL required forms online via your Corsair Connect, Financial Aid E-Docs portal.

Make sure to check your financial aid status at: smc.verifymyfafsa.com

RESOURCES: MATH MODULES

**Need more support in
Algebra, Trigonometry,
Statistics, or Calculus?**

**Add self-paced math
modules for more
resources!**

**Through these modules
you have access to
online textbooks,
instructional videos,
self-paced exercises
and self-check
assessments. To
access these modules,
you will need to self-
enroll using the link
below. Once you enroll
you will have complete
access to all the
content/material in the
modules.**



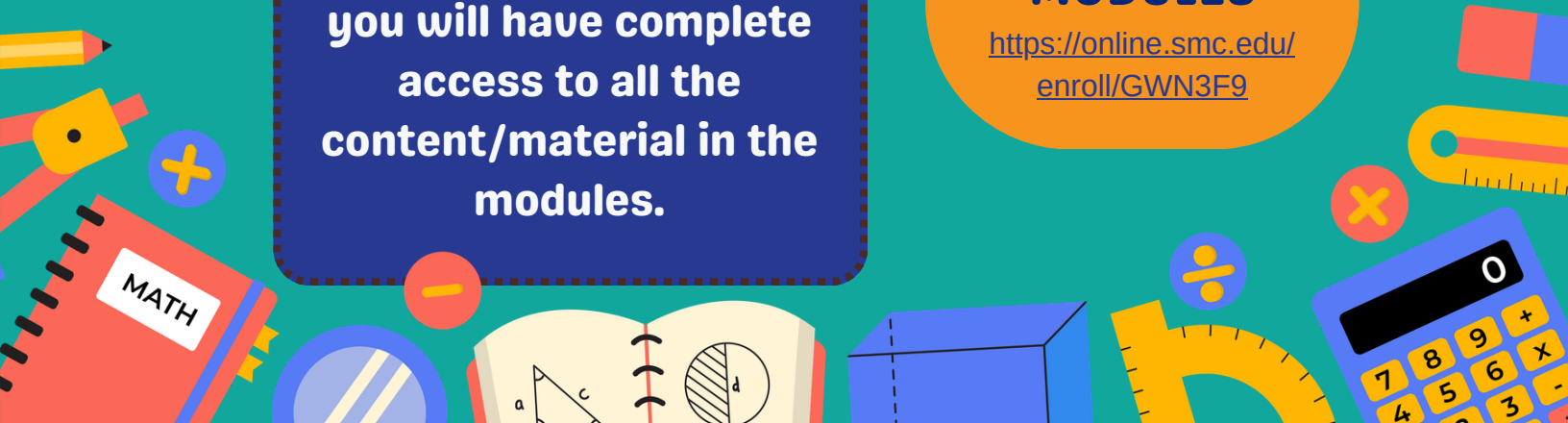
ALGEBRA, TRIGONOMETRY, AND STATISTICS MODULES

[https://online.smc.edu/
enroll/JJB9JL](https://online.smc.edu/enroll/JJB9JL)



CALCULUS MODULES

[https://online.smc.edu/
enroll/GWN3F9](https://online.smc.edu/enroll/GWN3F9)



FOOD RESOURCES



BODEGA (FOOD PANTRY)

Any currently enrolled student is welcome to come by during operating hours and receive non-perishable food items, fresh produce, and toiletries.

MONDAY: 10AM - 2:30PM

TUESDAY: 10AM - 2:30PM

WEDNESDAY: 10AM - 2:30 PM

THURSDAY: 12:30 PM - 5PM

FRIDAY: 10AM - 2:30PM

CALFRESH*

CalFresh is a program that helps individuals and families buy nutritious groceries and support their well-being.

Apply through
[GetCalFresh.org](https://getcalfresh.org)

***BENEFITS DELAYED FOR
NOVEMBER DUE TO GOV
SHUT DOWN**



Individuals and families should visit their local pantry for assistance (see links below).

Click here for [Food Resources](#)
Click here for [Food Bank Guides](#)



BODEGA BITES

*bodega
bites*

There are 15 SMC Bodega Bites locations that provide students with healthy snacks

CONTACT

Email foodsecurity@smc.edu for general support, questions, and program assistance.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



GO PASS

GoPass provides unlimited transit rides throughout L.A.

Pay the student benefit fee and get your Tap card to access unlimited free rides!

CHROMEBOOKS

Meet with a counselor to request a chromebook for the semester!



LENDING RESOURCES

Did you know you could borrow the following items from STEM?

- **LAB COAT (WHITE - CHEM 9, 10, 11, 12, 31)**
- **FLAME RETARDANT LAB COAT (BLUE - CHEM 21, 24)**
- **SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR**
- **GRAPHING CALCULATOR**

Just come to the STEM lab (Drescher 302) and we can help you out! (as long as supplies last)

