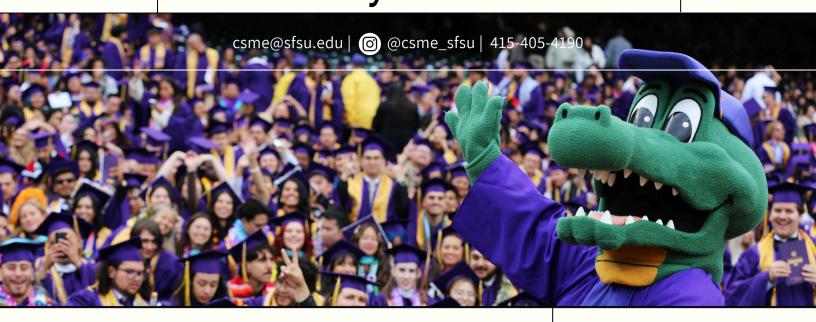
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# The Center for Science and Mathematics Education Monthly Newsletter

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## Welcome to May



Congratulations on getting through the school year which has no doubt been filled with plenty of ups and downs. All of your hard work has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. So, we hope you'll join us in celebrating your accomplishments with your fellow peers and family during the CSME annual banquet.

The banquet will be a great opportunity for you to meet the rest of the CSME cohort. There will be mini games and prizes given out, and don't forget to bring a plus one! Family and friends are welcome to attend the banquet as well.

Whether you are graduating this year or plan on continuing with CSME, we hope to connect with you again soon!

Enjoy your summer, CSME

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## WHERE TO FIND US

Our main office is located in the Creative Arts building in room 127. Feel free to drop by anytime for a quiet place to study or to grab a snack between classes. You're always welcome at CSME.



## **Learning Assistants**

Want to help facilitate active learning in science courses? Well, look no further. Become a Learning Assistant and support other students in science courses and earn credits in a unique and fun way.

## **Noyce STAJES**

STEM Teaching toward A Just and Equitable Society (STAJES) program is a National Science Foundation (NSF) funded program to provide scholarships to students who are committed to teaching science or mathematics in high-need school districts upon the completion of a single subject teacher credential program.

## **SF Math Circle**

SF Math Circle works to make math accessible, inclusive, and fun for 2nd through 8th graders in after-school classes and camps. We offer compelling, low-floor, high-ceiling activities that make mathematical thinking accessible and fun for students from diverse backgrounds.

## **Teacher Fellowship**

Each year, CSME supports a cohort of STEM majors and credential students interested in being K-12 teachers. Teacher Fellows create a supportive community of aspiring teachers who gain experience in the field while earning their degrees. Teacher Fellows receive a stipend, extra mentoring, special seminars and access to a dedicated study center.

# Supplemental Instruction

Take a fun one-unit SCI course to help study efficiently and effectively with your friends. Work in small groups on practice problems and activities to support learning in the parent STEM course with the help of two friendly undergrad facilitators.



STEM HOUSE

## **STEM HOUSE**

Local elementary classrooms partner with SF State by bringing their students to campus for an inspirational college science experience, complete with lab coats and goggles. STEM HOUSE arranges for undergraduate future teachers to spend a semester doing paired teaching with small groups of students in grades 3 through 5.

## **STEPS**

STEPS offers tutoring in STEM courses to community college students and community members. STEPS is designed to support CSME students in providing positive, encouraging, and effective tutoring in STEM courses.

# CSME EVENTS

### **CSME ANNUAL BANQUET**

Our annual banquet is coming up soon. We hope to celebrate this year's accomplishments with you all!

When: Fri, May 9th

4 PM - 7 PM

Where: Seven Hills Conference Center

800 Font Blvd

San Francisco, CA 94132



#### **CSME COFFEE CORNER**

Curious about CSME? Interested in learning more about our programs? Want to know more about becoming a teacher?

Visit our CSME office in person and get your questions answered over a cup of tea and some snacks. We are here for you.

Stop by and receive free CSME swag.

When: Every Friday

12 pm - 1 pm

Where: Creative Arts 127





## **Scholarships**

#### **Teacher Fellows**

Interested in becoming a K-12 STEM teacher and gaining support from a community of like-minded students who love science and math?

The Teacher Fellows Program is still accepting applications from students. Join Teacher Fellows and gain experience in the field while earning \$500 - \$1,500 a semester.

Visit our website to learn more about Teacher Fellows and consider applying to our program.

## **Opportunities**

#### **SF Math Circle**

SF Math Circle is hiring for Summer 2025. Earn at least \$20/hour to work with small groups of elementary or middle school students as they explore interactive, hands-on puzzles and games.

To find out more information and to apply, visit sfmathcircle.org/facilitators

#### **Learning Assistants**

Apply to become a Learning Assistant today! If you're an undergrad passionate about chemistry, physics, astronomy, computer science, or math, Learning Assistants might be for you. Visit our website <a href="mailto:csme.sfsu.edu/learning-assistants">csme.sfsu.edu/learning-assistants</a> or email Kim Coble (kcoble@sfsu.edu) to find out more information.

#### Free CSET Prep Class

SDSU offers FREE online CSET preparation classes that are open to the public- SDSU enrollment and San Diego residency are not required. They typically have Winter and Summer sessions, where they provide free materials and reimbursements for test fees (as long as the student pass the exam).

#### **Student Evaluation Proctor**

Scientific Adventures for Girls is seeking 6 Student Evaluation Proctors to proctor end of the year survey evaluations to their TK-6th grade girls in elementary schools in Richmond and Oakland. Proctors will be paid \$21/hour. Visit their website for more information and how to apply at scientificadventures.org/student-evaluation-proctor-jd

## **Support**

#### **Campus Resources**

SF State has an abundance of on-campus resources for students, ranging from food/shelter support to equity support.

Visit the student resources website at studentresources.sfsu.edu/resources

**CAPS:** If you're having trouble during this school year and need to talk to someone, visit CAPS (counseling and psychological services) <a href="https://caps.sfsu.edu">https://caps.sfsu.edu</a>

**TASC:** Find academic support at SF State's Tutoring and Academic Support Center (TASC). Visit their website at <a href="tutoring.sfsu.edu">tutoring.sfsu.edu</a>

**Safety:** If you're ever feeling unsafe around campus, call the police at (415) 338-7200 for an escort.

**The SAFE Place**: The SAFE Place is a survivor-focused, trauma-informed program that provides **FREE** and **CONFIDENTIAL** support services to survivors of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, and sexual harassment (sexual violence) while working with campus partners to end sexual violence. Visit their website at <a href="https://dos.sfsu.edu/safeplace">https://dos.sfsu.edu/safeplace</a>

# CSME'S MONTHLY BOOK LIST



We would like to share a selection of books and articles to help inform our community of ways we can be conscious of issues surrounding injustice and racism while celebrating the different cultures and identities that make our community rewarding and meaningful.

Stop by Creative Arts 127 and pick up something new to read.



#### **Five Practices for Equity-Focused School Leadership**

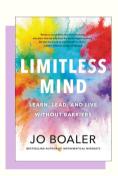
by Sharon I. Radd, Gretchen Givens Generett, George Theoharis, Mark Anthony Gooden

This timely and essential book provides a comprehensive guide for school leaders who desire to engage their school communities in transformative systemic change. For each dimension of diversity, the authors provide background information for understanding the current realities in schools and beyond, and they suggest "disruptive practices" to replace the status quo in order to achieve full inclusion and educational excellence for every child.

#### Limitless Mind: Learn, Lead, and Live Without Barriers

by Jo Boaler

Stanford University professor, bestselling author, and acclaimed educator Jo Boaler has spent decades studying the impact of beliefs and bias on education. In Limitless Mind, she explodes these myths and reveals the six keys to unlocking our boundless learning potential. Her research proves that those who achieve at the highest levels do not do so because of a genetic inclination toward any one skill but because of the keys that she reveals in the book. Our brains are not "fixed," but entirely capable of change, growth, adaptability, and rewiring.





Hungry Horace has bought a large doughnut to share with his friends at a party.

The doughnut has a hole in it as shown.

Horace has invited eight people to his house, including Greedy Graham, Fab Freda and Tidy Tina.

Fortunately, none of Horace's friends mind how much they get, as long as they get something.

How can Horace cut the doughnut into nine pieces USING AS FEW STRAIGHT CUTS AS POSSIBLE?

## PUZZLE CORNER

Do you have an interest in puzzles like this and teaching kids? Join SF Math Circle and teach 2nd - 8th grade kids while gaining teaching experience. Visit our opportunities page and find out how to join.

Got the answer? The first five people to visit our office, Creative Arts 127, with the correct answer will win a prize. The winners and the answers will be revealed in our next newsletter.

### We Would Love to Hear from You!

Your support and input at CSME is important to us. Let us know if you have feedback you'd like to offer—suggestions for student/teacher spotlights, book recommendations, etc. Have a club you'd like to advertise? Let us know about it!

Feel free to leave comments through the QR code or link provided! https://sfsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 74cHrE7WXy8imiO





## Q&A

Got more questions about the Center or one of our programs? Fill out our Qualtrics survey and we'll get back to you.

Feel free to leave any questions through the QR code or link provided. <a href="https://gfreeaccountssic1.az1.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV\_1YRXJxYRd509dNY">https://gfreeaccountssic1.az1.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV\_1YRXJxYRd509dNY</a>





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## **Donate to CSME**

If you'd like to help CSME continue to support equity in STEM education and teacher preparation on our campus and across the Bay Area, please consider a donation to our program. Visit our website at <a href="mailto:csme.sfsu.edu/donate">csme.sfsu.edu/donate</a>, click the 'Support CSME' dropdown menu, and select donate.

If you're interested in discussing a donation, contact our director, Tendai Chitewere (tendai@sfsu.edu).

Thank you!

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