CSM marks 60 years with 'Diamond Decade Mania'

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Proceeds from the ‘Diamond Decade Mania’ support CSM’s Diamond Scholarship and Student Services.

“If you’ve benefited from attending CSM, hired students or graduates of CSM, or advanced your business thanks to CSM’s high quality educational services and assistance, consider being a ‘Diamond Decade Mania’ sponsor and ‘pay it forward’ to the next CSM student success story,” said CSM Foundation Director and ‘Diamond Decade Mania’ Event Chair Brenda Lowe.

Diamond Sponsors generously donating to the historic event are Coldwell Banker Jay Lilly Real Estate and the law offices of Hammad Matin, P.A., both located in La Plata. Businesses, alumni, staff and retirees are invited to become sponsors at any level and to make a difference in the lives of CSM students.

“We can’t thank our sponsors enough for being a part of our unique and rewarding journey,” shared CSM Foundation Chair Nancy Hempstead. “CSM pioneered the community college concept in our region and we, along with our regional partners, continue to pursue academic excellence for, and with, our students.”

“Never has the role of a community college been more important than it is today,” echoed CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy, who was appointed CSM’s fifth president in July 2017. “It is humbling and my honor to be the president of CSM at this pivotal moment in our college’s history. I am surrounded by amazing donors, scholars, faculty and staff, and together our commitment to providing an affordable, quality secondary education as ‘one college, one region’ is unrivaled.”

About the only thing that comes close to CSM’s strong force in the region for increasing financial stability and prosperity of Southern Maryland’s residents, Murphy added, “is our promise we are going to have a fantastic time at the Diamond Decade Mania.”

Plan to attend and meet Murphy and the entire CSM family at the ‘Diamond Decade Mania’ event. The evening will include music by BackFin Band, beverages by Port Tobacco Marina & Restaurant and food from Crabby Hog and other food trucks. Attendees are encouraged to dress in their favorite decade or celebrity. Sponsorships and tickets are still available. Tickets are $60 each. Anyone can enter the raffle to win an 18-karat diamond necklace valued at $3,600 donated by Joson Fine Jewelry & Home Boutique. Raffle tickets are $25 each and ticket holders do not have to be present to win.

To learn more about sponsorships or purchase a ‘Diamond Decade Mania’ event raffle tickets, visit https://Foundation.csmd.edu/mania, call 301-934-7647 or email csmfoundation@csmd.edu. To learn more about the history of CSM, visit https://csmd.edu/60th. Sponsors for the ‘Diamond Decade Mania’ to date include:

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The ‘Diamond Decade Mania’ is one of several signature events throughout 2018 to highlight CSM’s milestone — including concerts, the 27th Annual CSM Foundation Golf Classic and the upcoming CSM 60th Birthday Bash at the Blue Crabs Stadium Sept. 14, 2018, at 6 p.m. The CSM 60th Birthday Bash at Blue Crabs Stadium will be held at the Legends Club within the Regency Furniture Stadium, located 11726 Saint Linus Drive in Waldorf. For details and free tickets (while supplies last), visit https://Foundation.csmd.edu/birthdaybash