Welcome Back from Spring Break!

Many things are going on this week, including the start of 2nd-8-week classes.

(By the way, those are great ways to get used to the pace of a quarter system if you're headed for a school with that kind of schedule. Summer sessions help in that way, too.)

But let's talk about this week in particular:

Earthquake Kate is coming!

Dr. Kate Hutton, Staff Seismologist at Caltech will speak at Saddleback College
April 3rd / 10:30 a.m. / SM 313

No, we don't name earthquakes the way we do hurricanes. But after every earthquake, all the journalists head to Caltech, and we learn about what just happened from Dr. Hutton.
Now she'll be at Saddleback College as part of the 6th Annual Science Lecture Series presented by the Division of Mathematics, Science, and Engineering and sponsored by the Associated Student Government. As with all these lectures, "What Else Is Shakin'?" is open to the public and admission is free. (And there are prizes. We don't know the details of that over here at the Honors Program Office, though.)

From the MSE announcement:

"In this lecture, Dr. Hutton will talk about the story behind the earthquake scenario that was developed for the Great California Shake Out drill that has taken place every year since 2009.

"Dr. Hutton will also give some background information on plate tectonics and speak about some of the interesting earthquakes that have happened in the last few years. Plenty of time will be available for questions, so don't miss out!"

The Math, Science, and Engineering Academic Triathlon '15

MSE is very busy April 3rd.

After Dr. Hutton's lecture, take a small break and then move on to the 12th Annual Math, Science, and Engineering Academic Triathlon

2:00 - 5:30 pm in Room SM 104

Scholarships: $2800 total

Questions were written by faculty in mathematics and all the sciences. "You are not expected to be an expert in all of this. But students should have completed a good amount of math and chemistry and classes in the biological and physical sciences.

The approximately 250 questions on the 3-hour exam will be multiple choice and true/false.

Participants must be currently enrolled at Saddleback College and have not won a scholarship worth $400 or more in past years in the triathlon.

Bring a pencil, a photo ID, and your Saddleback College ID card. If you can't get your hands on that ID card, go get another one, and pay your Associated Student Body Stamp ($10) while you're at it, because that's where ASG gets the money to sponsor things like this and give away scholarships like this!

For more info, email Dr. Jane Horlings, bioprof@cox.net.
Mills College, the oldest women's college west of the Rockies, is ranked by U.S. News & World Report as #6 in Regional Universities (West) and #11 as a "Best Value" in the region.

The student/faculty ratio is small, and the college is a great size for its mission: Just under 1000 undergraduate and about 600 graduate students and about 600 graduate students.

Mills offers over 40 majors and 30 minors, but it also offers students the opportunity to work with faculty to design an individual course of study. (Their graduate school, which is coed, offers over a dozen programs and seven "Bachelor's to Master's Accelerated Degrees."

Mills College offers priority consideration for admission and substantial merit scholarships ($10,000 to $14,000) for students completing honors programs in community colleges in the Honors Transfer Council of California (that's us!).
Lokey Graduate School of Business

Mills students can take advantage of being in the Bay Area a number of ways, but one of the most special is the ability to cross-register for classes at UC Berkeley, which is less than 9 miles away. There’s even a shuttle bus running between the schools a dozen times a day Monday through Friday and several times on weekends as well. Cross-registration agreements exist also with St. Mary’s College of California and Sonoma State University.

Two more pictures, and then on to the Mills College site, where you can see more and find out more:

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http://www.mills.edu/transfer

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