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Internationalization series webinar explores religiosity & migration

Story and illustration by Malia Savella

The first installment of California State University, Monterey Bay's (CSUMB) internationalization series was hosted by the College of Extended Education and International Programs (EEIP) and the Academic Committee on International Programs (ACIP) on Sept. 24.

The event highlighted assistant sociology professor Tolga Tezcan, who holds a doctorate in sociology and social policy and currently researches Turkish migration to Western Europe. Tezcan wrote a chapter in the recently-published "Handbook of Culture and Migration" titled "Contextualizing religiosity and identity in the case of Turkish immigrants in Western Europe," looking specifically at transnational marriage; this work was the cornerstone of Tezcan's presentation.

Tezcan decided to cover this topic after looking at several types of migration, namely return migration, for Turkish immigrants.

"When I browsed data and then interviewed people, I realized that religiosity is always [a] significant factor in what I am studying," Tezcan said. "And the reason is that national identity and religious identity are so interwoven in Muslim community."

His research addresses the change in religiosity immediately after migration, as well as two years into settlement.

Tezcan focuses on the marriages between the children and grandchildren of past Turkish immigrants (called receiving partners) and current Turkish immigrants (called migrating partners).

"Marriage migration has presented a new form of migration in Western Europe," Tezcan said. "All the old international migration theories were based on guest workers, but now we are mostly dealing with marriages."

Not only is transnational marriage one of the only viable avenues of migration, but it is seen as a way to ensure traditional continuity in the migrant community.

Tezcan compiled the survey data of around 1,200 Turkish spouses from 2010-2011 and 2012-2013 to examine their religiosity as it relates to their integration into Germany and the Netherlands, as well as the desired religiosity of partners.

He found that desired and reactive religiosity had much to do with who holds power in the relationship. For instance, receiving husbands preferred a migrating wife that was more religious because it better guaranteed that the husbands could keep their patriarchal status, and receiving wives preferred less religious husbands for the opposite reason.

The religiosity of migrating husbands and wives after two years of settlement also differs. Migrating wives became less religious over time, due to their contact with the surrounding culture. Migrating husbands, on the other

hand, became significantly more religious to cope with the hardships of their move.

"Facing lower network support and a greater dependence on the in-law family places [migrating husbands] in a position where they rely more on mass networks," Tezcan said.

Such as religion, the resettlement of spouses can either be a secularizing or theologizing experience, depending on how empowered they feel by the transition.

"What makes transnational marriages sociologically relevant lies in its multilayered set of discussions," Tezcan said. "Not only is it concerned with cross-border mobility, but also with family integration [and] gender, ethnic, and religious group identities."

In a Q&A session following the presentation, he connected the current migratory patterns of Turkish immigrants to the history of American pilgrims, insofar as religion serves as a symbol of identification. He also shared tentative research suggesting that the main factor of compatibility for transnational marriages is class - the lack of which could lead to divorce.

Tezcan's thorough analysis calls attention to the global attention placed on migration and ethnic identity.

The next installment of the internationalization series will take place on Oct. 22, and will feature sociology professor Angie Ngoc Trần in a discussion of economic migration between Vietnam and Malaysia.

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Black Money Matters



Story by Cassidy Ulery
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Teaching Otters financially-savvy skillsets is part of The Center for Black Student Success (CBSS) at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB)'s goal. Professor Umi Vaughan, along with financial coach Byb

Bibene, hosted the first virtual workshop as part of CBSS' "Black Money Matters Financial Literacy" series on Sept. 23.

"Students are exposed to techniques and good habits to work with their money," Vaughan said. "And make their money work for them."

Bibene hails from Congo and holds a master's degree in finance. Beyond the finances, Bibene also works as an artist - performing as a writer, poet, actor and dancer.

"Eventually, I used my financial background to help people," Bibene said. "I noticed when I moved to the Bay Area that financial literacy was an issue and financial literacy rates were low."

Working with individuals and families, Bibene provides solutions for a wise and stable relationship with money. As a licensed financial educator and planner, he aspires to give the necessary tools for making investment decisions and understanding financial knowledge.

Starting the event with the definition of financial literacy, Bibene then asked the audience to participate in a questionnaire surrounding feelings on money.

After the questionnaire, Bibene discussed statistics about Black family financials and individual earnings.

Noting that unemployment rates have been decreasing, Bibene is aware that all communities have been affected by COVID, increasing the severity of situations for some.

Bibene stressed the importance of making sure one's needs are being met before offering assistance to others,

reducing the risk of winding up in debt or being unable to pay bills.

Various forms of saving and investment plans and accounts were shared by Bibene, as well as giving in-depth information on how to access them and the benefits they could provide.

"I encourage everyone to build their financial portfolio," Bibene said. "You put your eggs in different baskets, and today we have many apps that can help you grow and save your money."

Apps such as Acorns, Ally, CapWay and Robinhood were recommended by Bibene, and he gave the audience links to 38 different Black-owned banks and credit unions.

Budgeting is essential for making smart financial decisions.

"Budgeting is knowing where your money goes," Bibene said. "Instead of wondering where it went."

Bad spending habits include shopping when bored, running up credit card debt and not paying your credit card bill on time, which can damage one's credit score.

Bibene suggests avoiding spending money on frivolous items such as Starbucks coffee drinks or wearing designer clothes, when cheaper alternatives exist such as brewing coffee at home or utilizing thrift stores.

Join CBSS on Oct. 28 for an author's conversation with Professor Tianna Paschel. Paschel works at UC Berkeley in the sociology and African-American studies departments, and she will discuss Black politics in the United States.

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Food Festi-Ful



Otter Kitchens employees prepare plates of delicious donuts for hungry CSUMB students at the food festival on Sept. 24.

Story by Cassidy Ulery
Photos by Joshua Label

Dozens of Otters were gathering at the Dining Commons at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) to indulge in the street food stations on Sept. 24. The temporary stations were part of a series being hosted by Otter Kitchens to bring flavor and fusion to students' appetites.

Alex Perez, Otter Kitchens marketing manager, believes in making mealtime an all-around delightful experience.

"The idea is about bringing joy to food," Perez said. "There are the traditional gluten-free and vegetarian options, as well as four new stations for students to try."

Each station - "Rooted," "Flame," "Mexican," and "Dessert" - were consistent with various new entrees and choices, complimentary to all palette types.

Rooted was offering students loaded baked potatoes, barbeque cauliflower wings and cornbread. Flame was dishing up cheesy roast beef fries, while the Mexican station had street tacos and Dessert provided freshly-made donuts - complete with sprinkles.

Otter Kitchens will be hosting another food festival towards the end of October.

Entrepreneurs pitch their ideas

Story by Daniel Gallo

Illustration by Malia Savella

Entrepreneurs dove into the Otter tank to pitch their businesses at the virtual Startup Investment and Community Capital Expo at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) on Sept. 23.

The event was packed full of engaging speakers, informative panels and emerging companies.

Brad Barbeau, Executive Director of the Institute for Innovation and Economic Development at CSUMB, welcomed attendees to the event with the theme of new frontiers.

Barbeau believes there's an immense level of opportunity for rising entrepreneurs.

"The disruption in our patterns of work and life has created a fluid environment that is rich in possibilities for start-up companies," Barbeau said.

Challenges like climate change and COVID-19 have left entrepreneurs with an opening to pioneer solutions to new problems.

AirSet, a start-up pitched by speaker Devin Carlson, capitalizes on the pandemic. The company constructed an airflow monitoring system designed for health care settings.

The AirSet team crafted the first Smart Damper, tracking and reporting airflow compatible with existing hospital infrastructure.

Carlson walked investors through the business model.

"We've developed an air balance as a service system," Carlson said, "coupling the device sale as well as the software subscription that provides data and visualization."

The Women in Venture Finance Panel analyzed what matters in investing and the impact of women in start-up businesses.

Olivia Owens, General Manager of IfundWomen of Color, discussed strategies for women at the beginning of their start-up journey.

"Having funding solutions helps women-owned businesses get to the later stages of capital," Owens said.



Owens believes founders should know when and how to use different funding options.

Namrata Banerjee, Director of VentureBridge, provided her perspective as an investor.

"There are many reasons for why we need more women allocating capital," Banerjee said. "The main reason is that it's less intimidating to approach a person that looks and talks like you."

The LatinX Entrepreneurs Panel was an expo highlight, with insight from professionals with rich experience and diverse backgrounds, showing the importance of entrepreneurship in Latin America.

Panelist and Author Pedro David Espinoza discussed meeting with various CEOs to complete his publication - Differences That Make a Difference.

Espinoza leads the Silicon Valley Leadership Group by supporting the next generation of Latino and Black entrepreneurs through access to networking and capital.

His first book examines companies innovating through inclusion.

Look out for the promising event start-ups presented at the expo. While the world faces an array of new complications, the wealth of opportunity in entrepreneurship expands.

Students seek employment at virtual job fair

Story by Daniel Gallo

Students presented themselves to employers at the Job and Internship Fair at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) on Sept. 21. Opportunities were inclusive of software engineering positions, working with the federal government and part-time hospitality.

Rhonda Mercadal Evans, Associate Director for Advising, Career and Student Success at CSUMB, hosted the virtual event and encouraged attendees to prepare elevator pitches, highlighting individual capabilities.

Students entered breakout rooms with employers to discuss opportunities, application deadlines and available positions.

Managing academic responsibilities and finding work is a balancing act, a challenge understood by Jenna Fletcher, the assistant manager at Pebble Beach Resort Company.

Fletcher discussed potential job opportunities with students. She suggested looking for part-time jobs that can accommodate busy schedules, from the front desk to restaurant manager, salary positions that provide valuable work experience.

Finding jobs that deliver more than a paycheck can enhance a resume, which was expressed by Lindsey Ochoa, AmeriCorps VIP Volunteer.

"This isn't a job," Ochoa said. "This is a paid experience."

AmeriCorps members discover what it means to serve others with professional and personal involvement.

AmeriCorps produces volunteer support infrastructure, assisting locals, underserved communities, and the marginalized.

Students interested in social justice can apply for an ambassador position at Teach For America, a paid internship for passionate undergraduates.

Katie Stephens-Rich, Director of Underclassmen Recruitment at Teach For America, described the initiative.

"We're about eradicating inequity," Stephens-Rich said. "Finding diverse leaders to make an impact in low-income communities."

Business and accounting majors had the opportunity to meet with Fernando Castro, California Franchise Tax Board recruitment coordinator.

Castro guided students through the application process, creating a personal profile with resumes and transcripts and the exam process, which consists of an experience questionnaire.

Castro explained his recruitment mindset.

"We're investing in you to hire after graduation," Castro said.

Jackie Mahoney, Talent Acquisition Manager at Capital Insurance Group, brought an extensive selection of work opportunities to the virtual event.

Capital Insurance Group offers internships in software engineering, communications, project management and administrative assistance.

For students looking to finance their future, visit the career development page on the CSUMB website.

Students paint their way into learning about diversity



Students show off their freshly painted tote bags in the North Quad on Sept. 24.

Story and photo by Anna Stubler

Students were gathering on the North Quad lawn at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) to paint tote bags with the theme of diversity on Sept. 24. The event, led by North Quad Resident Advisor Kathy Navarro, is part of a series of residential events highlighting diversity.

Navarro played Bachata music, while chatting with residents and painting her own bag - a rose with multicolored petals - which is her representation of diversity. Other attendees were painting multicolored jellyfish and geometric shapes.

Narora Alcaide Echeverria, an international student, painted her favorite saying “comerte el mundo,” or “eat the world” onto her bag. She describes the saying as similar to “hungry for success.”

The event gave students a way to destress, meet new people and be creative. Navarro hoped that the event would be a fun activity for residents, and provide them with a bag they can take home with them and use for more sustainable shopping trips.

Psychology alumni share wisdom

Story by Bryan Chavez

Psychology alumni from California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) held a panel discussion about how working in their field has been for them after graduation, and what current psychology students can expect from master’s degree and their field of work on Sept. 23.

Karla Matisas, a school psychologist in the Salinas Union high school district, spoke on the most challenging parts of transitioning into an internship after finishing the program.

“The hardest part was actually transitioning,” Matisas said. “Knowing that I was on my own, and I had to make decisions that basically changed students’ lives and their families without much support.”

Being hired during the pandemic, it was easy to feel alone navigating a new job wondering if she was making the right calls for the interests of the students.

Matisas wasn’t the only feeling out of place after going into the field.

Stephanie Rivas, school psychologist at Reeves Sunset middle school in the Central Valley, said that she didn’t feel too prepared after graduating from the program.

“With this job, you’re going to have to learn along the way,” Rivas said. “You see the different domains we have to know and there’s just no way we can learn all of that in a three-year program.”

While you may have the knowledge, you’ll never feel prepared going into it. Because you have that foundation, it makes it a little easier.

For advice to first-year students in the graduate program, Rivas gave words of encouragement.

“You belong in the program,” Rivas said.

Imposter syndrome is real and it still hasn’t gone away even for a professional like her.

“It’s important not to question yourself and where you are at because you do belong there,” Rivas said. “Even if you don’t have the answers, you know how to find it.”

For psychology students in graduate school looking to get an internship, Laura Quiroz from the Hollister school district recommends looking into job fairs.

CSUMB offers great resources and variety with its job fairs. Additionally, undergraduate students can even look into shadowing a school psychologist.

For those interested in jobs and internships relevant in the field, visit www.edjoin.org.

Students step into the world of business

Story by Malia Savella
Photos by Joshua Label

The College of Business (COB) at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) hosted a careers in accounting and finance networking event for students to connect with local employers like Hayashi & Wayland, Dole, Driscolls, Mossadams, Deloitte and many more on Sept. 23.

Many businesses were advertising opportunities as part of their fall recruiting season. Others were just happy to spread awareness of their cause and strengthen their relationship with the CSUMB community.

Students benefited from the chance to practice professionalism in their field of interest, supported by many accompanying COB staff. Attendees could be seen trading flyers, merch, resumes and business cards.



Potential employers speak with interested Otters at the accounting networking event on Sept.

Otters end spirited game in a tie



CSUMB's Miguel Guerrero (#12) competes for the ball against Toros player Alfredo Garcia (#12) on Sept. 25.

Story by Anna Stubler
Photos by Arianna Nalbach

The Otters faced off against the Toros across the soccer field on Sept. 25. Men's soccer teams from California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) and California State University, Dominguez Hills competed in spirited soccer matches at CSUMB resulting in a tie.

Within minutes of the Men's game beginning, grass was flying and whistles were being blown.

Although there was little action on the scoreboard, with the match ending in a 1-1 tie after overtime, on the field it got physical. Several yellow cards were handed to CSUMB's players and the Toros earned a red card, after #15 David Aguilar of Dominguez Hills pulled down CSUMB's #9 Antonio Ordoñez.

The Otter men's team boasts a diverse roster. Local and international players fill out the team with #3 Colin O'Mahony hailing from Cork, Ireland and #23 Henry Greiner from Munich, Germany.

The head coach, Graeme Jaap, played professionally in Scotland before coaching soccer in the United States.

Both bystanders and players were yelling throughout the match, with one player yelling "Mama Mia!" in frustration.

The Otters managed to tie up the game with only three minutes left. Marcus Decouto took the shot that tied the game and pushed the match into overtime.

The Otters travel to Stanislaus State on Oct. 1 for their next game.



Ryan Anderson (#17) and Nico Virga (#5) block Toros player Michael Vega (#25)'s shot, while CSUMB and Toros players prepare for action by the goal on Sept. 25.

Otters efforts are thwarted by the Toros

Story by Anna Stubler
Photo by Arianna Nalbach

Following the men's match against the Toros, the women Otters competed on Sept. 25. The game between California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) and California State University, Dominguez Hills was fast-paced and evenly matched.

The game was tied 1-1 at halftime following goals by Alexandra Diaz for the Otters and Patricia Rubio-Martinez for the Toros shortly after Diaz.

After halftime Otter Sierra Levy broke the tie at the 75 minute mark running past Toro goalie Ashley Correia, and scoring the second point for the Otters after teammate Alexandra Diaz's opening goal.

However, the Otters couldn't hold onto the lead with Nia Thompson scoring a pair of goals for the Toros. Within minutes of her first goal Thompson snuck the final goal past Otter goalkeeper Maleni Morales in the 79th minute for the winning point, for a 3-2 final score in the Toros' favor.

The Otters travel to Stanislaus State Oct. 1 for their next match.



Tannin Klunis (#8) keeps the ball away from rival Toros players Julia Burdick (#12) and Savannah Boone (#3) on Sept. 25.

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President Ochoa office hours updates

Campus

Story by Helene Kristensen and Bryan Chavez

California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) President Eduardo Ochoa held his virtual office hours where he informed students about current affairs on campus, and answered questions sent in by students and their parents on Sept. 20.

Ochoa started the event with his opening remarks regarding some of the measures the university has taken to make sure students are safe on campus.

“We have taken multifaceted steps to ensure the health and safety of our campus population,” Ochoa said. “We have upgraded the ventilation system in all of our buildings, and deployed portable HEPA filters wherever appropriate.”

“We also have a campus wide vaccine requirement, which we are enforcing through the online vaccine registry, unless students have a medical or religious exemption,” Ochoa said.

In addition to the vaccine requirement, free COVID-19 testing is available on the second floor of the Otter Student Union - both for students and staff who remain unvaccinated, and students who are concerned about recent contact with the virus even if they are vaccinated.

If a student living on campus tests positive for COVID-19, they are quarantined in an individual unit with its own bedroom and bathroom for two weeks, where they get all their meals delivered to them.

While positive cases are still being reported on campus, they are limited and under control as of now.

Several students had questions regarding when all of the dining locations would open on campus, as well as when all stations in the Dining Commons would be open.

Dean of Students Leslie Williams stated that they are working on opening the other dining facilities in the Otter Student Union (OSU) as soon as possible, they just need to get enough staff.

“It will hopefully open at the end of the month,” Williams said.

Ochoa echoed Williams’ statement.

“There have been challenges hiring staff because of the nationwide labour market,” Ochoa said. “However, we are making every effort to re-staff.”

Larry Samuels, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives and Executive Director of University Corporations, was able to confirm that they are still hiring, and if there are individuals who are interested in working with the university’s partners in housing or dining, they should reach out.

Ochoa addressed questions of menu changes and when all of the Dining Commons food stations would open.

“We will take the feedback and convey it to our food and service provider,” Ochoa said. “I believe the intention is to come up to full strength, as soon as we can get our staffing up to full capacity.”

Samuels added to Ochoa’s statement.

“By the looks of it, it should be happening early or mid next week,” Samuels said. “The Otter Express is currently being renovated and ready to come online in limited fashion - the back half of the Spring semester is our current target.”

The new Otter Express will combine private sit-down dining, with the ability to order take-out, offering students an upgraded experience.

In terms of graduation, Ochoa confirms that there will be a face-to-face, in-person graduation. The graduating class of 2020, as well as 2021 will all be able to attend should they wish.

No dates have yet been determined, but Ochoa said they would most likely go over two days seeing as there would be quite a large number of graduates.

In terms of how the upcoming Spring semester will look like, Provost Katherine Kantardjieff replied.

“At this point in time, we are building a Spring schedule that we are asking colleges to build that closely resembles what the schedule looked like prior to the pandemic,” Kantardjieff said.

Kantardjieff added “as need arises they may review certain courses on a case by case basis to determine if they should be moved to a hybrid or online environment.”

The audience was wondering if CSUMB would offer evening and weekend classes for those who needed it and Kantardjieff was able to confirm.

“We are exploring the use of more evening time blocks which will help us better utilize our facilities and our scheduling blocks,” Kantardjieff said. “But we have to look at the staffing needs that go with it to ensure there is sufficient support for students.”

September’s Nintendo Direct Highlights

8-Bit

Story by Arianna Nalbach
Illustration by Malia Savella

Thousands of Nintendo fans tuned into the Nintendo Direct livestream on Sept. 23, hoping for some exciting news. However, while the majority of this Nintendo Direct was lackluster, there were still a few announcements to look forward to.

Nintendo Direct is an excellent opportunity for Nintendo to show off new games and projects coming up, but most of this livestream consisted of updates to games already released, expansion packs or announcing upcoming announcements.

One of the largest disappointments was for fans of “Super Smash Bros: Ultimate.” Fans of the series were hoping to hear who the last fighter was going to be, but instead learned Nintendo would be announcing the last fighter in a separate video.

The final Mr. Sakurai Presents will reveal the last fighter for “Super Smash Bros: Ultimate” on Oct. 5. It will air at 7:00 a.m. PST.

That being said, this Nintendo Direct was not all doom and gloom. There were still some exciting announcements that came out of it.

Viewers were able to get a bit more information about upcoming titles such as “Mario Party Superstars,” launching on Oct. 29, with pre-orders currently available and “Splatoon 3,” which is scheduled to release sometime in 2022.

Another thrilling announcement was an expansion pack for the online subscription. With the Nintendo Online + expansion pack, players will be able to play a collection of Nintendo 64 and Sega Genesis games.

Nintendo has not revealed the price of this subscription yet; however, they did announce that a wireless Nintendo 64 controller and Sega Genesis controller will be available for purchase, for \$49.99 each.

Fans of Animal Crossing were thrilled to see a teaser of Brewster finally coming to “New Horizons.” There will be a direct dedicated to “Animal Crossing: New Horizons” sometime in October, but Nintendo has not yet given a specific date.

While it was just a teaser, this was definitely a highlight of September’s Nintendo Direct.

However, the most joyous part of this Nintendo Direct was the announcement of a new Kirby game.

“Kirby and the Forgotten Land” is set to release sometime in Spring 2022. It is the first 3D Kirby game, allowing players to explore the levels in a way they never have before.

There isn’t too much information on the game yet, but “Kirby and the Forgotten Land” appears to be set in a dystopian world and looks like it will be one of the mainstream games, following the traditional gameplay Kirby fans are used to.

While this Nintendo Direct was short and consisted mostly of updates and expansions to games, hopefully there is more good news to come from Nintendo in the upcoming months.



Wadjda: A girl's journey to buy a bicycle

Monte's Movies

Story and screenshot by Anna Stubler

Viewers looking for an introduction to Saudi Arabian film, "Wadjda" is a good, if not depressing choice. The 2012 film was directed by Haifaa al-Mansour - Saudi Arabia's first female director. The film is also the first to be entirely shot in Saudi Arabia.

Wadjda takes viewers into the life of a young Saudi girl. In the film, Wadjda and her mother face similar difficulties to the filmmaker - who also could not

associate with male crew members in public, making directing particularly hard.

All Wadjda wants to do is buy her own bike to race her best friend - a boy, with his own bike. However, girls don't ride bikes in Saudi Arabia and Wadjda needs money to buy her own.

This leads Wadjda, the converse-wearing, American-radio-listening protagonist, to join a religious group, entering a competition about knowledge of the Quran.

Wadjda, an entrepreneurial child, realizes that if she wins, she'll earn prize money for the bike.

Along the way, the movie exposes many rules present in Saudi society and gives viewers a glimpse into a culture they may be unfamiliar with.

Although the story could make viewers sad or angry at times because of the challenges Wadjda and her mother face, it is well worth watching.



How are you handling the stress this semester?

Otter Chatter by Jennifer Gibbs



Mikayla San Paolo
Social & Behavioral Sciences
Third-year

"I would say try to do something fun to distract yourself once in a while. Go to the beach or take a picnic in the quad. Make sure you have some time for you."



Mayrie Chua
Business
First-year

"It's my first year and I don't have too many credits, so it's going pretty well."



Stephanie Arteaga
Communication Design
Third-year

"It hasn't been too stressful for me because I'm a third-year transfer. The only thing that is stressful sometimes is the early classes. But making sure I have a good schedule is important, like going to bed on time, and if I have assignments due, I make sure to do them in groups."

Monterey Bay Aquarium celebrates Sea Otter Awareness Week



Selka cleans her face with her otterly adorable paws as she swims a lap around her tank on Sept. 24.

Story and photos by Arianna Nalbach

For Sea Otter Awareness Week, the Monterey Bay Aquarium was scheduled to host two live streams on their Twitch, YouTube and Facebook accounts. Due to technical difficulties, only one of the events was live streamed; however, recordings of both of the events can still be found on YouTube.

Throughout the entire week of Sept. 19 to 26, the aquarium had a 24/7 live feed of the sea otter exhibit on their social media accounts. The aquarium held a fundraiser for Sea Otter Awareness Week through this live feed and the live event “An Otterly Pawsome Job.”

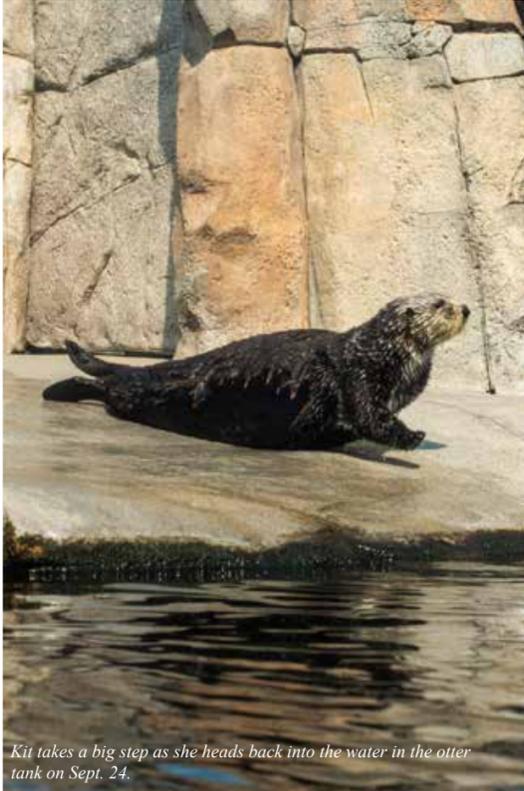
The fundraiser had a goal for \$5,000, but has raised just more than \$1,200 at the time of publication.

In the first event, “Float Down the Coast,” the Monterey Bay Aquarium partnered with Defenders of Wildlife to take a virtual trip down the coast of California to learn about the science, stories and conservation of sea otters from different experts.

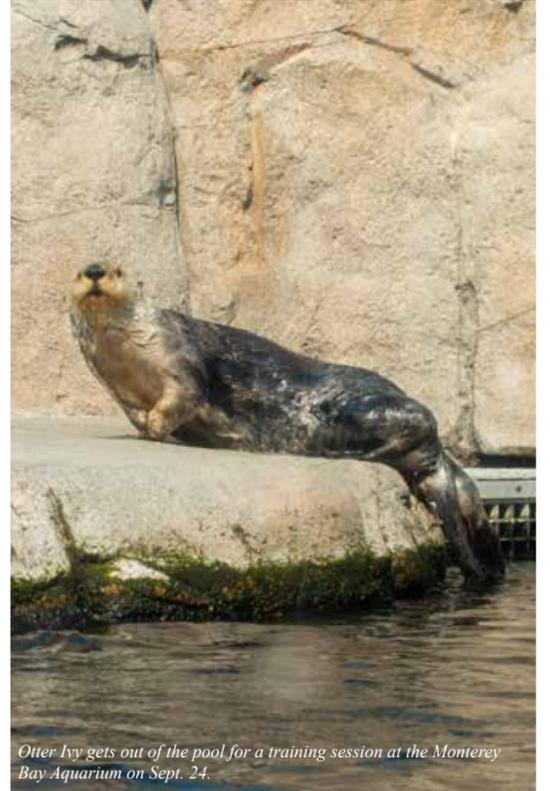
For the second event, “An Otterly Pawsome Job,” Patrick Webster and Emily Simpson from the social media team welcomed sea otter aquarist Stephany Simmons onto the stream.

Simmons spoke about her role in the aquarium and with the otters, and she answered questions from the live chat about otters.

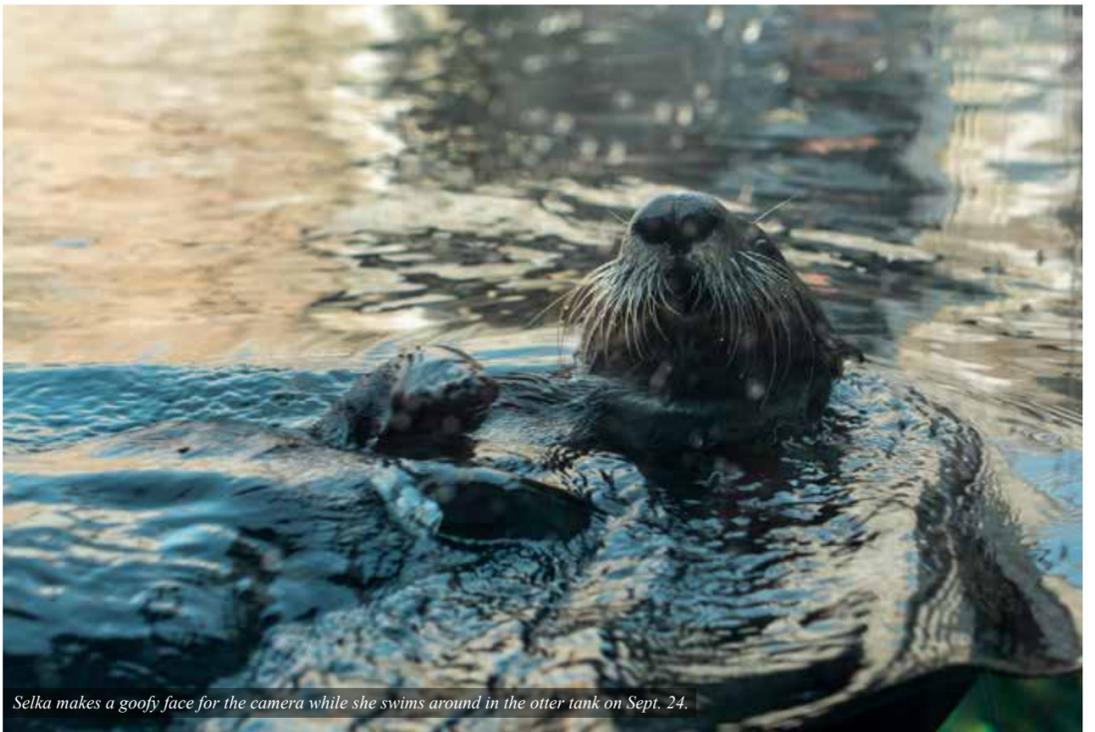
While Sea Otter Awareness Week has come to a close, those interested in learning more about the otters can watch back the recordings of both events through the aquarium’s website at <https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/sea-otter-awareness-week> or visit the aquarium to see the otters in person!



Kit takes a big step as she heads back into the water in the otter tank on Sept. 24.



Otter Ivy gets out of the pool for a training session at the Monterey Bay Aquarium on Sept. 24.



Selka makes a goofy face for the camera while she swims around in the otter tank on Sept. 24.

Can you unscramble these gemstones-related words to reveal their true meaning?

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4	5	9	7	2	3	6	1	8

amethyst, garnet,
emerald, sapphire,
moonstone, topaz,
diamond, opal,
jasper, jade