President’s Weekly Briefing—January 24, 2013

Flu Season Procedures
Below is a message from Vice President of Student Services Jonathan Eldridge, Interim Dean of Instruction Cari Torres, Director of Student Affairs/Health Center Arnulfo Cedillo, and Health Center Nurse June Lee.

In light of the national flu epidemic, the College of Marin Health Center has taken a number of necessary precautionary steps, including:

- Putting up signage in all restrooms on washing hands and covering up when coughing
- Strategic installation of sanitizer dispensers around campus, but especially where water is not readily available
- 150 doses of the flu vaccine on hand at the Health Center that are available to students and staff for a minimal cost
- Working very closely with county health offices

Perhaps most importantly, students who contract influenza have been instructed to stay home so as to minimize further infection on campus. We ask your assistance with this as follows:

- Provide students who are ill with clear instructions on how to make up work and/or complete assignments
- Please reinforce with your classes the points listed above
- Contact Arnulfo Cedillo or June Lee if you have questions or need more information

Career Technical Education North Bay Update
At the conclusion of fall 2012 semester, Executive Dean Nanda Schorske hosted a regional meeting of the directors and deans of the four North Bay county community colleges and Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) of Marin, Napa, Solano, and Sonoma Counties. This newly formed partner group met to begin planning to support a new initiative established by Vice Chancellor Van Ton-Quinlivan, called Doing What MATTERS for Jobs and the Economy. The expenditure plan requires that colleges embark on planning to braid the funds of SB1402 EWD, SB1070, and Perkins 1B to enable the targeting of investment against priority and emergent sectors of importance to regional economies. Braiding of funds is a resource allocation strategy whereby categoricals are applied toward a unified framework, rather than administered in isolation.

This spring the colleges and boards are embarking on collaborative planning for submission of joint applications for career and technical education and economic workforce development funds. College of Marin has a long and successful history as a partner in these funding partnerships. Over the next four months the colleges will be meeting with the WIBs and Marin Economic Forum, where the college will engage the county employers in market analysis and researching market trends to identify priority growth and emerging sectors needing additional support over the next year. The funding stream currently supporting career programs in place...
now, including auto tech, auto collision repair technology, court reporting, environmental landscaping, emergency medical technician, nursing, dental assisting, medical assisting, early childhood education, multimedia, and others at COM will continue to be funded under another Perkins funding stream.

Opening Night Gala Performance of *Big River*
Directed by **James Dunn**
Musical Direction by **Paul Smith**
Choreography by **Sandra Tanner**
Based on the book by **William Hauptman**

Reserve your tickets today for a gala event celebrating the dedication of the James Dunn Theatre and 80th birthday party for **James Dunn**.

**Gala Pre-show Talk and Reception with James Dunn—$65**

**Opening Night Performance and Post-show Party**

**Preferred Seating and Parking**
Friday, March 1, 2013, 6:30 p.m.
John H. Myers Rehearsal Hall, PA 75
Performing Arts Building

**Opening Night Performance and Post-show Party—$40**
Friday, March 1, 2013, 8 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre

The Marin County Premier of *Big River* is presented by special arrangement with Rodgers & Hammerstein Theatricals. As American as apple pie, *Big River* recently played to sold out houses at TheatreWorks in Palo Alto. Based on *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by **Mark Twain**, this show is everyone’s favorite bad boy adventure story. Tom Sawyer, The Duke, The King, and all the other wonderful characters from Twain’s masterpiece come to life as Huck Finn and Jim, the runaway slave, raft their way down the Big Muddy—the mighty Mississippi River. With a musical score reminiscent of the music of preCivil War days in Missouri, this show will be a wonderful outing for the entire family.

Tickets are limited, RSVP recommended. All proceeds will benefit College of Marin Performing Arts Programs. Contact the box office at (415) 485-9385 for tickets and information.

**Additional performances of *Big River***
February 28 (Pay-What-You-Will Preview)
March 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 8 pm
March 10 and 17 at 2 pm
Tickets: $25 general, $18 seniors, $15 students, $10 children 12 and under
Spring 2013 Welcome Week
College of Marin will host its spring 2013 Welcome Week February 19 through 21 at the Kentfield Campus and February 19 and 20 at the Indian Valley Campus. Vendors will be on site at both campuses with special offers for students, staff, and faculty. Featured vendors include: The Marin Independent Journal, San Francisco Chronicle, Comcast, Verizon, Redwood Credit Union, Riley’s Art Supplies, Gideon Bible, Blue Cross, Allstate, KMEL, Live 105, Lobo’s Ice Cream, Marin Education Fund, Union Bank, Citibank, Wells Fargo, and many wonderful art and jewelry vendors. Make sure to take a break and join in the festivities. For further information, please call Vickie Lamke in the Student Affairs Office at (415) 485-9376.

Kentfield Campus
February 19, 20, and 21
10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Learning Resources Center Quad

Indian Valley Campus
February 19 and 20
10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Building 27, Internet Café Quad

Sign Up for COM’s Emergency Notification System—AlertU
You can be notified immediately by text message of campus closures and emergencies by signing up for AlertU, the college’s emergency notification system. Marin Community College District Police Department, with sponsorship from alertu.org, has an emergency SMS messaging platform to enhance communication services during crisis situations.

AlertU will allow Campus Police to broadcast critical information, in real time, to the mobile devices (cell phones, etc.) of all employees and the student body. This is particularly important for those who may be in, or near, a crisis zone.

To sign up, go to AlertU and follow the directions. There is no cost to sign up for this service; however, standard text message rates may apply.

Call for Submissions—Kudos Section
Please help recognize the exemplary work and outstanding achievements of our faculty, staff, and students by submitting information for the kudos section of the President’s Weekly Briefing.

Deadline
Submit the information in the format described below by noon Wednesday for publication in the following week’s briefing. Submit information by e-mail to Nicole Cruz and Cathy Summa-Wolfe, with the word kudos in the subject area. Please include the following information:

Awards recognition
If the individual has won an achievement award, please include the name of the recipient, their COM title, the name of the award, the name of the organization bestowing the award, the date that the award was given, where the award was given, and why the award was given.

**Publications**
For books, please include the title of the book, the name of the author, their COM title, the name of the publisher, and date of publication. Also, include a brief description about the book and any special recognition that the book and/or the author has received.

**Articles**
For articles, please include the name of the author, their COM title, the title of the article, the name of the periodical, the volume number, the date of publication, a brief description of the article, and any special recognition about the article and/or the author.

**Art shows**
For fine arts shows, please include the name of the artist, their COM title, the location of the show, the name of the show, the title of the work, the medium in which the work was created (oils, ceramics, water color, metal sculpture, etc.), a brief description, and any special recognition that the artist or work has received.

**Professional presentations**
For presentations at conferences or other events, please include the name of the employee, their title, the name of the conference, the date of the conference, the title of the presentation, and a brief description of the presentation.

**Performing Arts**
For performing arts events including theater, dance, and music, please include the name of the faculty or staff member, their COM title, the name of the performance, date of the performance, time of the performance, location, fee, contact information, and description.

**Athletics achievements**
Include the name and title of the coach or coaches, name of team, and a complete description of what they have achieved.

**Other**
You may also submit recognition of faculty and staff for other reasons at your discretion, including appointments to statewide or local professional organizations, grant awards, development of new program or class, or other acknowledgements.

**Call for Submissions—Events and Community Calendars**
The Office of Communications, Community Relations, and Advancement would like to help you promote your special event. Please submit information four weeks in advance by e-mail to **Nicole Cruz** and **Cathy Summa-Wolfe**. Include the title **events** in the subject area. Please indicate if the public is or is not invited to attend. If the public is invited, the information also will be distributed to local media outlets.
Please forward the information using the following format:

- Name of the event
- Date(s)
- Time(s)
- Location
- Fee
- Contact name and phone number
- Ticket sales information

Also, include a paragraph describing the event, biographies of performers, and other pertinent information.

**In Memoriam**
Former COM Instructor **Don Urquhart** passed away peacefully on January 13 surrounded by family at his home in Fairfax. Don taught electronics, computers, and telecommunications at the college for 25 years and attended COM prior to becoming an instructor. He was an avid fly fisherman, jazz enthusiast, and is lovingly remembered for his marvelous sense of humor and his love of family. On behalf of the college I extend condolences to Don’s daughter **Gaylene Urquhart** and grandson **Jesse Harbison** who both work at the Kentfield Campus.

**Sports**
**Men’s Basketball vs. Napa**
Friday, January 25, 7:30 p.m. in Kentfield

**Men’s Basketball vs. Mendocino**
Wednesday, January 30, 7:30 p.m. in Ukiah

**Women’s Basketball vs. Napa**
Friday, January 25, 5:30 p.m. in Kentfield

**Women’s Basketball vs. Mendocino**
Wednesday, January 30, 5:30 p.m. in Ukiah

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President