President’s Weekly Briefing—February 6, 2015

Mini-Med School with UC Davis a Great Success
On Saturday, January 24, the James Dunn Theatre opened its doors to four highly respected medical experts and over 200 members of the community. Our Community Education Department partnered with the UC Davis School of Medicine’s Mini-Medical School (MMS) for a half-day program on the science of aging well. Sponsored by the Haddie Emeritus College Scholarship Fund for Older Adults, top faculty members of the Schools of Medicine and Nursing provided current, evidence-based information on how bodies age and how to avoid the pitfalls of aging.

We were fortunate to have such esteemed faculty sharing this important information with our community. Dr. Michael McCloud, clinical professor of medicine and geriatrics, started off the presentations with a discussion on the anatomy of aging. He was followed by Professor of Medicine and Cardiology Dr. Charles Whitcomb, who spoke on heart health; and dietician Marlia Braun, PhD, who covered nutrition and supplements. The presentations closed with pharmacist Timothy Cutler, a professor at the University of San Francisco School of Pharmacy, discussing the critical topic of managing medications.

Coordinating the MMS would not have been possible without the vision of Trustee Eva Long and the leadership of Director of Community Education, Lifelong Learning, and International Education Jason Lau. Special thanks to the amazing efforts of the Community Education staff; the event went brilliantly because of their hard work and dedication.

Farewell and Best Wishes to Jason Lau
Many of you know that last week we bid farewell to Jason Lau and wished him all the best as he begins a new job at Sonoma State University as executive director of personnel, programs, and business operations for the School of Extended and International Education. During the three years Jason was with us he made many positive contributions that led to considerable growth and expansion in his area. He has taken Community and International Education to new heights and set them on a course to continue making upward progress. Congratulations, Jason, and good luck in this new endeavor.

Open Forums Scheduled for February 26
Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to join me at one of the two open forums scheduled this month for an open discussion of ideas and other items of interest.

Indian Valley Campus
Thursday, February 26
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Building 17, room 100

Kentfield Campus
Thursday, February 26
3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Student Services Building,
Deedy Staff Lounge
District E-Mail Addresses Have Changed
Moving forward, user profiles will be derived from official/legal names within Banner. This adjustment is necessary because of the integration of an ever-increasing number of systems. Provisions will be available to accommodate an alternate first name, nickname, the use of middle name in lieu of first name, even alternate display names. However, the last name must be consistent across our systems for smooth account synchronization and auto-provisioning. If you wish to have your last name modified, please work with the Human Resources Department to get it changed in Banner.

New username: the format of your previous username was FirstNameLastName; your new username format will be FirstInitialLastName. This format will be significantly shorter and more convenient for the majority of our users. In the case of duplicate usernames, the middle initial will be added as necessary.

New email address: the format of your previous email address was FirstName.LastName@marin.edu; your new address will be NewUsername@marin.edu. Please, note that the "dot" is removed to be consistent with your new username. The previous email address will be relegated to an alias. All mail sent to the previous email address will be seamlessly delivered to the new address.

Cop’s Corner: How to Contact Campus Police
In the event of a life or death emergency, to report a crime in progress or suspicious activity, or if urgent police assistance is needed, call Campus Police at 911, at ext. 7696 from a campus phone, or (415) 485-9696 from a cellphone for the 24-hour dispatcher.

For services that do not require an immediate response, please call (415) 485-9455 from a cellphone, or ext. 7455 from a campus phone. As this is a business line, there may or may not be someone in the office available to answer the phone, so it may be two hours or more before messages are received.

Campus Police normal business hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Campus Police Department is now located in building VS1 on the Kentfield Campus; and in Building 11, room 106 at the Indian Valley Campus.
Kudos
Social Sciences Instructor Robert Ovetz has been invited to convene a panel at the American Association of University Professors 2015 Annual Conference on the State of Higher Education in Washington, DC. This conference coincides with the organization’s 100th anniversary. The panel will discuss research into the changing division of labor in community college teaching and its impact on student learning and success. Ovetz will be presenting the findings from a forthcoming article on this subject in the journal Working USA.

Upcoming Events

One Book One Marin
Every spring in Marin County everyone is invited to read the same book at the same time. This year's book, At Night We Walk in Circles by Daniel Alarcón, is available through the library. Events related to the book are about to begin at libraries throughout the county, including at College of Marin. Here are two events you might enjoy:

- **David King** will lead a discussion of the book on Wednesday, February 11, at 7 p.m. at the Corte Madera Library.
- **Yolanda Bellisimo** will offer a public lecture "Peru’s Struggle for Democracy" on Thursday, March 19, 10 a.m. at the College of Marin Library in Kentfield

For more information: [www.onebookonemarin.org](http://www.onebookonemarin.org)

Staples Advantage Training
In the near future Staples Advantage® will become the College’s provider for business and office supplies. Staples will eventually replace Office Depot and all orders will be placed through the new online system. All College employees are invited to attend an online training session held Thursday, February 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Dial (866) 876-6741 and enter passcode 529366. More details about the program will be forthcoming. If you have questions, contact the account manager Tom Croley or David Erlenheim.

Music Recital
On Thursday, February 12, music faculty and staff will hold a free lunchtime recital for open to students, staff, and the community at 12:30 p.m. in the Lefort Recital Hall. All are welcome to attend.

**Thursday, February 12, 12:30 p.m.**
Lefort Recital Hall (PA 72)
Free admission, parking $4
Drama Department Presents *Love Letters*

Friday night sold out, tickets still available for Saturday and Sunday

By A.R. Gurney

**Robert Wilson**, director

A limited engagement production of A.R. Gurney’s *Love Letters* starring **James Dunn** and **Anne Ripley** will be performed Valentine’s Day weekend. Characters Andrew Makepeace Ladd III and Melissa Gardner are lifelong friends whose correspondence begins with early childhood notes, and continues over their lifetime. This piece is evocative, touching, and frequently funny. It’s eloquently clear that their attachment to each other remains strong through both good times and bad. Get in the spirit of Valentine’s Day; this is a true love story you won’t want to miss.

Tickets to this special fundraiser production are sold out for Friday, February 13. Get your tickets for Saturday and Sunday before they are gone, too!

**Saturday, February 14, 7:30 p.m.**
**Sunday, February 15, 2 p.m.**
Studio Theatre (PA 32), Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus
Suggested donation: $25

Please contact Kim Foulger, (415) 485-9555 to reserve your seats. This performance is not part of the subscription season. Proceeds benefit the COM Drama Department.

*Love Letters is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York*

**ESCOM Presents Afternoon Author Series**

As part of the Haddie Mini Lecture Series, Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM) is delighted to partner with Book Passage in bringing a free series of outstanding authors to the community. The series begins with Author Don George discussing *An Innocent Abroad*. In the book more than 20 well-known writers and celebrities share the travel experiences that shaped their personalities and changed their lives. A book signing will follow the lecture and books will be available for purchase. Parking is free for this event. More information is available on the Community Education website or by calling (415) 485-9652.

**Friday, February 27**
1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Learning Resources Center, Library
Kentfield Campus
Drama Department Retrospective Exhibition Commemorating 50 Years of Performances

To celebrate 50 years of outstanding performances the Drama Department has created a retrospective exhibition showcasing photographs; reviews; programs; audio clips featuring directors, actors and set designers, and video clips of past performances. Former students, staff, and faculty are invited to travel back in time through nearly 3,000 photographs and find themselves as they walk through the gallery and celebrate their contributions to the department’s history. Current students, faculty, staff, and the public can learn all about the department’s rich history. Historical photographs will be available for purchase with all proceeds benefiting the Drama Department.

March 6 – March 22
Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Fine Arts Gallery, Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus
Free admission, contributions welcomed

Drama Department Presents The Comedy of Errors
By William Shakespeare
Directed by James Dunn

As the final production celebrating their 50-year anniversary, the Drama Department presents William Shakespeare’s hilarious farce, The Comedy of Errors. This entertaining and accessible work was the first play ever presented at the College in 1964. Directed by COM’s own James Dunn, The Comedy of Errors is full of chase sequences, mistaken identities, ridiculous brawls, and so much more.

March 5*, 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, and 21, 7:30 p.m.
March 15** and 22, 2 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre, Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus
Non-subscription single ticket prices: $20 general, $15 seniors, $10 students/COM employees and alumni

*Pay-what-you-will preview
**Talkback with the director
Proceeds benefit the College of Marin Drama Department.
Ongoing Events

Covered California Enrollment Help
The open enrollment period for health insurance through Covered California ends February 15. Covered California navigators are available at three Marin County locations to give information about the different options and help individuals enroll. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call (415) 755-2586 or email Marin Community Clinics.

Ayris Hatton Drawings and Paintings at Emeritus Center
The current art show at the Kentfield Campus Emeritus Center Line and Shadow, Faces and Figures featuring work by Ayris Hatton continues through March 30. Hatton is a contemporary realist who paints figures, landscapes, still life, and genre in water color and oil. She also sculptures figures in clay and casts them in bronze. Emeritus Center hours are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The show is open to the public.

Online Writing Center Open for Spring Semester
The Online Writing Center (OWC) is open 24/7 to help students with writing assignments for all college subjects. Students can get free help with grammar, idea development, and organization, as well as with research and essays. There are self-help materials and instructional specialists (tutors) who respond to student posts within 24 hours. The OWC also assists students with transfer, scholarship, and job applications, including resumes and cover letters.

Instructors: If you would like an in-class orientation for your students, please contact the spring 2015 OWC Coordinator Alisa Klinger. If you would like to submit your writing assignments for posting in the OWC so that instructional specialists can best guide your students, or if you would like a course forum folder created for your particular course(s), please send your request to Alisa at your earliest convenience.

Online writing services are available to faculty and students in all disciplines until the end of the spring semester.

Free Tax Preparation at Single Stop
The Single Stop Office will be offering free tax preparation for students every Monday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through April 15. To qualify for free tax help the previous year’s income must be less than $53,000. U.S. citizenship is not required. This service is available on a drop-in basis only, no appointments will be taken. Call Single Stop Coordinator Tara Arenas at (415) 457-8811 ext. 7761 for more information.
Seasonal Flu Shots Now $5 for Students
The College of Marin Health Center will be offering seasonal flu shots to students for $5, faculty and staff for $10; and to the community for $20. Fees go to help support our Nursing Program. Appointment dates and times are listed online. Call (415) 485-9458 for an appointment or more information. The Health Center is not a Medicare provider and is not able to bill insurance plans. Anyone wishing to receive a flu shot must be 18 years of age or older.

Fall Sports

Men’s Basketball
COM vs. Solano College
Wednesday, February 11, 5:30 p.m. in Kentfield
COM vs. Alameda College
Friday, February 13, 5:30 p.m. in Alameda
COM vs. Mendocino College
Wednesday, February 18, 5:30 p.m. in Kentfield

Women’s Basketball
COM vs. Solano College
Wednesday, February 11, 7:30 p.m. in Kentfield
COM vs. Laney College
Friday, February 13, 6 p.m. in Oakland
COM vs. Mendocino College
Wednesday, February 18, 7:30 p.m. in Kentfield

Baseball
COM vs. Reedley College
Saturday, February 7, 2 p.m. in Reedley
COM vs. Diablo Valley College
Tuesday, February 10, 2 p.m. in Pleasant Hill
COM vs. San Mateo College
Thursday, February 12, 2 p.m. in San Mateo

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
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