President’s Weekly Briefing—February 12, 2015

Campuses will be closed Friday, February 13, through Monday, February 16, for the Presidents’ Day holiday weekend.

Mid-winter Break Follows Holiday Weekend
The beginning of the semester tends to be a hectic time on campus, both for students who are finding their way to new classes and for the faculty and staff who are helping them. With the spring semester well underway, I hope you enjoy the long weekend, and are able to relax and catch your breath. As a reminder, while campus offices reopen on Tuesday, February 17, classes will remain out of session for the College mid-winter break through Saturday, February 21. Classes resume Monday, February 23.

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

Cop’s Corner: Volunteers Needed for Upcoming County Training
Marin County Law Enforcement will be holding SWAT/hostage, active shooter training at Lucas Properties Big Rock Ranch on April 25 and 26. They are in need of a few volunteers on Saturday April 25, and up to 30 volunteers on Sunday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Volunteers will assume roles in a hostage rescue scenario, act as suspects for a negotiations scenario, play employees who have been taken hostage, employees hiding for the SWAT teams to find, act as suspects, and act as if they have been injured and need to be rescued. Volunteers will interact with SWAT officers and hostage negotiators. Participating offices include the Marin County Sheriff’s Office; Central Marin, San Rafael, and Novato Police Departments; as well as San Quentin Prison. This event is not open to the public.

Training objectives will include fundamentals of room entry; and use of canine, robot, and agency team integration through building block training fundamentals. Some participants will need to be willing to be shot with simmunitions paint marker guns. Some safety gear will be supplied, but volunteers should bring their own gloves and head covering, if desired. They should also come dressed in bulky clothing. Participants will be asked to sign a standard waiver before entering the property. Individuals wishing to volunteer or get more information should contact Walt Kosta, (707) 557-4788.
Business Card Requests
With changes to the College’s email and login system, and the creation of new usernames, the College Operations Department wanted to make everyone aware that business cards will be modified later this year. Updates to business cards will be made after the final system changes have been implemented and phone numbers are updated with the new exchange. Your previous email address will continue to work, and will forward without interruption, for an extended period of time. You are encouraged to use up your current supply of business cards prior to ordering a new supply. Once the modifications have been finalized, the College Services Department will begin rollout of the updated business cards based on demand. However, if you run out of cards, or have other changes in the meantime, they will be happy to create and print cards for you. In addition, any new staff are welcome to submit an order.

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 began this week at libraries throughout the county, including at College of Marin. On Thursday, March 19, at 10 a.m. Yolanda Bellisimo will offer a public lecture "Peru’s Struggle for Democracy" at the College of Marin Library in Kentfield. More information is available on the One Book One Marin website.

Drama Department Presents *Love Letters*—This Weekend Only
Friday night sold out, tickets still available for Saturday and Sunday
By A.R. Gurney
Robert Wilson, director

Don’t miss *Love Letters* starring James Dunn and Anne Ripley this 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.

**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**

**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 sculpts 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.

**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.

Sports

Men’s Basketball
COM vs. College of Alameda
Friday, February 13, 5:30 p.m. in Alameda
COM vs. Mendocino College
Wednesday, February 18, 5:30 p.m. in Kentfield
COM vs. Yuba College
Friday, February 21, 5:30 p.m. in Marysville

Women’s Basketball
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
COM vs. Yuba College
Friday, February 21, 7:30 p.m. in Marysville

Baseball
COM vs. San Mateo College
Tuesday, February 17, 2 p.m. in Kentfield
COM vs. San Francisco City College
Thursday, February 19, 2 p.m. in Kentfield
COM vs. Diablo Valley College
Saturday, February 21, 2 noon in Kentfield

Have a great long weekend,

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Superintendent/President