COM Alumni Fundraise for Marin City Youth Basketball Program

Two College of Marin alumni, whose passion for basketball and community service have re-ignited a youth basketball program at the Marin City Recreation Center, have launched a crowdfunding campaign to buy equipment for their youth teams. Garland Duhe, who played for the Mariners from 2010 to 2013, and Lorenzo Bynum, who played for the Mariners from 2009 to 2011, are inspiring a new generation of boys to learn life skills while playing basketball. They credit playing basketball at COM, and the dedicated coaches who pushed them to grow in the sport, for transforming their lives.

Duhe and Bynum are great examples of our alumni taking the experience and knowledge they gained at COM and giving back to the community. The young men, who volunteer coach at the Marin City Recreation Center, hope to raise $8,000 to buy enough equipment for the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade basketball teams they work with. They also help train high school players as well. The fundraising campaign is posted on GoFundMe.com.

Kudos

Community Education Administrative Assistant Valerie Marckwordt attended the Soroptimist International of Marin 2015 Awards Banquet on February 25. She was one of three winners of the Live Your Dream Award, which provides resources to women who are primary breadwinner of their families to improve their education, skills, and employment prospects. All three of the award-winners also happen to be COM alumni or current students. Congratulations Valerie, and congrats to Julia Bustinza and Christina Herrera as well!

Kinesiology and Psychology Instructor Dr. Cheryl Rogow was a presenter at the National University 2015 Performance Psychology Conference held February 20-21 in La Jolla, CA. During her presentation, she shared an academic project that inspired a student to apply performance psychology concepts outside of sport. The Introduction to Sport and Exercise Psychology course she teaches here at COM emphasizes the enhancement of performance and personal growth of athletes, coaches, and exercise participants. Students also learn mental skills that they can transfer from sport and exercise settings to their everyday lives. Each student puts together a mental skill or sport and exercise psychology related topic presentation for a specific target population as their final project. One exceptionally courageous student titled her project, “Ashley: Positive Thoughts were the Key Factors to Developing Confidence while Facing My Melanoma.” Her story was highlighted to show how performance psychology is relevant to healthcare.
Upcoming Events

Library Hosts Event to Help Students Pay Fines
The library is hosting a Food for Fines drive to help COM students pay off their library fines. From March 9 to 20, students and community members will get $2 in current fines waived for each can or package of non-perishable food they donate during the drive, up to $10 per person. Replacement fees for lost or damaged materials are not included. Donations will be accepted at the Circulation Desk only.

Please, no perishables, damaged/expired items, condiments, or glass containers. All donations will be reviewed by staff before acceptance. Donated items will go to College of Marin’s Single Stop food bank. Especially needed items are: peanut butter, rice, pasta, beans, canned meats (tuna fish, beef stew), and canned vegetables and fruit.

For more information contact Library Technician Bonita Dyess at (415) 485-9656.

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 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

*Talkback with the director
Proceeds benefit the College of Marin Drama Department.
Screening and Discussion of the Documentary *Straightlaced*

The College of Marin Diversity and Equity Advisory Committee along with Students for Social Justice will show the documentary film *Straightlaced* on Tuesday, March 17. The powerful documentary, directed by Debra Chasnoff, addresses the complexities of conceptions of masculinity and femininity for Generation Z, viewing the lives of teens and young adults through the lens of gender. All are welcome to view the film and participate in a conversation afterwards. For more information please contact Susan Rahman.

**Tuesday, March 17**
6:10 p.m.
Fusselman Hall, room 120
Kentfield Campus

**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, Social Sciences Instructor 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.

**Thursday, March 19**
10 a.m.
Learning Resources Center, Library
Kentfield Campus

**Cop’s Corner: Campus Safety Forum**

The Campus Police invite you to attend a lunchtime safety forum. Learn about a wide variety of health and safety issues that affect us on and off our campus. The event will include presentations on how to deal with an active shooter, consequences of driving under the influence, education and prevention of sexual assaults, and prevention of summer fires. A light lunch will be served and prizes will be raffled off.

**Thursday, March 26**
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge
Kentfield Campus

For more information contact Chief Lemay at (415) 485-9455.
ESCOM’s 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. Next in the series, author Cara Black discusses Murder on the Champ de Mars. Black is the author of 15 books in the bestselling Aimée Leduc series. 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, March 27
1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Learning Resources Center, Library
Kentfield Campus

Paul Smith – Solo Piano Recital
Performing Arts Instructor Paul Smith will perform two rarely heard sonatas by Beethoven and two monumental masterpieces of the romantic literature. As director of Contemporary Opera Marin, as well as in his instruction, Smith specializes in the production of new and modern operas. Sonata in F Major, Op. 54 and Sonata in E Minor, Op. 90 by Ludwig van Beethoven; Dante Sonata by Franz Liszt; and Fantasie, Op. 17 by Robert Schumann will be performed.

Friday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 29, 3 p.m.
Lefort Recital Hall / PA72
Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus

March 29, 2015, 7 p.m.
The Dance Palace
503 B Street
Pt. Reyes Station

Advanced Voice class Recital: Canzoni Italiani – Italian Songs and Arias
Directed by Linda Noble Brown

After Suor Cristina Scuccia clinched the final of The Voice of Italy television talent show last spring she said, “I have a gift to give, and I am giving it to you… It wouldn’t be worth much if I kept it for myself.” The Music Department agreed and are borrowing some of her country’s most popular songs to share their own gifts as they perform traditional Italian art songs, arias, and popular Italian music. Buon ascolto!

Wednesday, April 8, 11:10 a.m.
Lefort Recital Hall / PA72
Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus
Spring 2015 Solkov Work of Literary Merit Events
Social Sciences Professor Walter Turner will present James Baldwin and History at Santa Rosa Junior College as part of the Work of Literary Merit Events series. Turner also hosts the radio show Africa Today on KPFA. More information is available on the SRJC website.

Monday, April 6
Noon – 1 p.m.
Santa Rosa Junior College
Newman Auditorium

Ongoing Events

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.

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

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

Baseball
COM vs. Contra Costa College
Tuesday, March 10, 2:30 p.m. in San Pablo
COM vs. Contra Costa College
Thursday, March 12, 2:30 p.m. in Kentfield
COM vs. Solano College
Saturday, March 14, 1 p.m. in Fairfield

Have a great week,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President