President’s Weekly Briefing—March 13, 2014

College Trustees Honor Women’s History Month
College Trustees voted Tuesday to honor Women’s History Month with a proclamation recognizing the contributions that American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made to the growth and strength of the country in countless recorded and unrecorded ways. The resolution recognizes the role women have played in the labor force, in the volunteer force, in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in the nation, and in major progressive social change movements. Observance of March as Women’s History Month celebrates local, state, and national women and the aspiring women students and staff of College of Marin who actualize their dreams and hopes for the future.

Regional Quarterly Economic Update
Despite a seasonal drop in employment (2.1 percent) during the winter months, our region saw a 3.6 percent pick-up in the numbers compared to a year ago and Marin County continues to rank lowest in unemployment, according to the California Employment Development Department. The state department released the latest employment figures for January last week.

In the West Bay counties of Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo, a state-defined “metropolitan district,” the total number of jobs decreased seasonally to 1,076,400 (23,300 jobs) between December and January. In January, the unemployment rate in our three-county district was 5.1 percent, up from a revised 4.6 percent the month before. This was below the year-ago estimate of 6.4 percent. It is still lower than an unadjusted unemployment rate of 8.5 percent for California and 7 percent for the nation during the same period. Marin County had an unemployment rate of 4.7 percent. San Mateo County has a rate of 4.9 percent, and San Francisco County had 5.3 percent.

Breaking down the regional job losses, the state estimated that leisure and hospitality decreased by 6,400 jobs seasonally, most of which were losses in food services and bars. Trade, transportation, and utilities lost 6,100 jobs, with most of the cutback in department, clothing, and other stores after the end of the holiday shopping season. Professional and business services followed a typical seasonal decline in January with a 3,300-job contraction, and private educational and health services fell by 3,000 jobs, which was attributed to the winter break on campuses.

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The U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics, which released employment figures for February last week, reported there has been little change since December. Over the year, the number of unemployed persons and the unemployment rate were down by 1.6 million and 1 percentage point, respectively. Nationally, the jobless rate for adult men was 6.4 percent; for adult women, it was 5.9 percent; and teenagers had 21.4 percent unemployment. The jobless rate for whites was 5.8 percent; for blacks, 12 percent; Hispanics, 8.1 percent; and for Asians, 6 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

This regional quarterly economic update is presented as part of College of Marin’s Strategic Plan Action Step 13.1 to communicate information from the business community to the college community.

College Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting
The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at the Indian Valley Campus. Meeting materials are available online at the College of Marin Webpage, under Board of Trustees. You are invited to attend College Board of Trustees monthly meetings or watch meetings live or recorded online. The 2014 schedule of meetings and Board packet materials are also online.

The next regular Board meeting is:

Tuesday, April 15, 2014, 6:30 p.m.
Student Services Building, Cafeteria
Kentfield Campus
Upcoming Events

Award-Winning Western-Style Taming of the Shrew Plays Final Weekend
By William Shakespeare
Directed by James Dunn

If you haven’t yet experienced the award-winning westernized presentation of Shakespeare’s Taming of the Shrew by Director James Dunn, this is your last opportunity! Come celebrate the Drama Department’s 50th anniversary with this iconic take on a classic, which won the “Best of the Fringe” at the Edinburgh Festival in 1971 and was presented in a command performance to Her Royal Highness, Princess Margaret and her family. This show is great fun for the whole family and is a terrific way to introduce youngsters to Shakespeare.

Friday, March 14, and Saturday, March 15, 8 p.m.
Sunday, March 16, 2 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre
Kentfield Campus
Tickets: $20 general; $15 seniors; $10 COM employees, students, and alumni (free weekend parking).
Discount $15 general admission tickets available for groups of 10 or more adults.
Box Office: (415) 485-9385. Open through Friday, 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. and one hour before Saturday and Sunday performances. Online tickets: Brown Paper Tickets

Moodle Open Lab at the SMN Computer Lab
You are invited to the Moodle Open Lab every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. in SMN 130. Ask questions, share with colleagues, or update your skills. To see the latest schedule, check out the Faculty Support Services webpage. No registration is necessary, just drop in. For more information, call (415) 485-9540.

Dates of upcoming sessions:
- March 20
- March 27
Dance to the College Jazz Ensemble Tonight at the Sausalito Seahorse
Cayce Carnahan, director

The COM Jazz Ensemble performs the second Thursday of each month at the Seahorse in Sausalito. Enjoy great music, great food, and great atmosphere. Bring your dancing shoes and swing the night away. There is no cover charge. More information is available online or call (415) 485-9460. To receive performance notices electronically, subscribe by email.

Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Sausalito Seahorse
305 Harbor Drive, Sausalito
Free

Alumni Exhibit of Four Emerging Artists Opens Tomorrow
The work of four extraordinary artists will be on display in the new College of Marin Fine Arts Gallery Alumni Exhibit, a showcase of explorations in multiple mediums opening March 14. The alumni artists—Barbara Obata, Mary Huntsman, Evan Hobart, and Malena Lopez-Maggi—all studied art at the College and return at different places in their professional careers. The College Fine Arts Department has been a platform for each of the artists, who have have gone on to pursue undergraduate and graduate degrees, and successful careers as professional working artists.

Obata’s work combines sculpture and performance into a hybrid drawing practice that explores and celebrates the power of mark making. Huntsman uses traditional and modern materials and techniques to express ideas of sanctuary, strength, fragility and journeys. Hobart draws inspiration for his work in ceramics from the surrounding environment and a desire to create narrative, thought provoking pieces. Lopez-Maggi works with multiple mediums and is most intrigued by the intersection of art with other disciplines and the materiality of light and color.

Friday, March 14 – April 11
Artists Reception: Friday, March 28, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
College of Marin Fine Arts Gallery
Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus
Free

Fine Arts Gallery Hours: Weekdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Free Retirement Income Workshop on March 17
The Retiree Support Program is sponsoring a free retirement income workshop on Monday, March 17. This workshop will provide valuable information to all College employees—not just those who are close to retirement.

There are many retirement plan options available and if you have done any research on the plans, you may have more questions than answers. Or, you may not be aware of how you can benefit from even a small contribution to a plan. This workshop will help guide you through the maze of retirement options and help direct you in your planning.

Topics will include:
- What’s the difference between a 403(b) plan and a 457(b) plan?
- To Roth or not to Roth.
- Do you have a retirement income gap? Find out what it is and eliminate it.
- How is Social Security impacted by your retirement benefits?
- Do you know how much you will need to retire comfortably?

The District’s retirement plans administrator, Tax Deferred Solutions (TDS), will be conducting this informative workshop at the Kentfield Campus. Find out answers to these and other retirement questions on:

**Monday, March 17**
10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Physical Education Center, room 61
*Refreshments will be served*

For more information contact Edna Smith at 415-457-8811 ext. 7799.

Open Forums with the Superintendent/President
Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to bring their ideas, questions, and other topics of discussion to one of two open forums scheduled on **Tuesday, March 18**.

**Indian Valley Campus**
Tuesday, March 18, 2014
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Building 17, room 100

**Kentfield Campus**
Tuesday, March 18, 2014
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge
Psychedelic Jazz Group to Host “Master Miles Davis” Class
Come master the funky, rockin' jazz style of Miles Davis with Miles Ahead, a Bay Area psychedelic jazz group dedicated to the artist’s explorations of the late ’60s and early ’70s. This master class is open to the public.

Tuesday, March 18, 6 p.m.
Performing Arts Building, PA 75
Suggested donation: $5
Parking: $3

Free, Anonymous STD Testing Available
The Student Health Services Office is offering free, pain-free, anonymous testing of sexually transmitted diseases. Tests for chlamydia and gonorrhea are provided on a drop-in basis. Tests for HIV are provided by appointment only.

Wednesday, March 19, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Health Services Portable, parking lot 6
Kentfield Campus
(415) 485-9458
Free

Documentary Film Screening with Professor as Discussant Leader
Social Sciences Professor Walter Turner will be the discussant leader at the upcoming screening of the film The Trials Of Muhammad Ali directed by Bill Siegel. The film is a feature-length documentary covering Ali’s toughest bout, his battle to overturn a five year prison sentence he received for refusing U.S. military service. The screening is part of the California Film Institute Community Cinema Series.

Monday, March 24, noon – 2 p.m.
Christopher B. Smith San Rafael Film Center
1118 Fourth Street
San Rafael 94901
Spring Dance Concert—Earthly Flight  
Choreography: College of Marin Dance Faculty  
Production design: e. “Ernie” Ernstrom

You are invited to celebrate dance at the annual spring dance concert, *Earthly Flight*, directed by the College Dance Department faculty, with guest artists to be announced.

**Friday and Saturday, April 4, 5, 11, and 12, 8 p.m.**  
James Dunn Theatre  
Kentfield Campus  
$15 general; $10 students, seniors, employees, and alumni  
**Box Office:** (415) 485-9385. Open Tuesday through Friday, 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. and one hour before Saturday performances.

Advanced Voice Class Performs Liebesjahre  
Art Songs by Robert Schumann  
Instructor: Linda Noble Brown

Arguably one of the greatest composers of the Romantic era, Robert Schumann was thoroughly committed to the idea of music being composed to register the feelings, thoughts and impressions garnered by a sensitive spirit on its journey through life. Prior to 1840, Schumann had written almost exclusively for the piano. In 1840 alone, however, the year he finally married his bride Clara, Schumann wrote 168 songs. Biographers have attributed the sweetness, the doubt and the despair of these songs to the varying emotions aroused by his love for Clara and the uncertainties of their future together. Please join us as we explore these beautiful, heartfelt songs.

**Monday, April 7, 11:10 a.m.**  
Performing Arts Building, Lefort Recital Hall, PA 72  
Kentfield Campus  
Free.  
Parking $3. Please purchase daily parking pass from machine in Parking Lot 2 (across Sir Francis Drake Boulevard) and park in student lot.

For more information, please call the Performing Arts Office at (415) 485-9460.
Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden Spring Plant Sale
Come explore the Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden annual sale and celebration with farm tours, bouquet-making, tastings, face painting, live music, free mini workshops and, of course, delicious Marin Organic Certified plants, produce, and flower sales. The farm is producing vegetable starts, culinary and tea herbs, annual and perennial flowers, berries, fruit trees and native plants and seasonal produce. Topics of mini workshops include: reducing water use in edible gardens, tomato growing, and choosing summer garden varieties. All proceeds support the operation of the Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden.

Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden
Indian Valley Campus
Information: (415) 720-2051, Amy Ridout, or contact the Conservation Corps North Bay.

Dedication of the Humiston Reading Room
You are invited to the dedication of the Humiston Reading Room, a beautiful location on campus in which to enjoy the pleasures of the written word. The room was made possible through a generous bequest by the Thomas Frederic Humiston Trust. Humiston believed that community colleges offered everyone a chance to obtain a college education and pursue their dreams. He attended Santa Ana Community College and transferred to Stanford University where he earned a bachelor’s, a master’s and a doctorate degree. He served as an officer in WWII and during the Korean War and later worked for many years as a counselor at San Francisco City College. After retiring from City College in 1975, he delighted in taking classes at College of Marin. It was his wish to provide College of Marin Emeritus College students with just such a place to experience literature. There will be hors d’oeuvres and a ribbon cutting.

Tuesday, April 15, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Student Services Building, Emeritus Center, room 146
Kentfield Campus
RSVP by calling (415) 485-9648 by Thursday, April 10.
Ongoing Events

New Members Sought for Measure C Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee

Applications Due March 28

Committee members are being sought to serve on the College of Marin Citizens’ Oversight Committee for the Measure C bond program. We especially need a member from a business organization located in the District. The committee is seeking applications for members to represent various interests such as:

- a community at-large resident
- a bona-fide taxpayers association member
- a student enrolled and active in a community college support group
- a member of a senior citizens organization
- a member representing the business community located in the district
- a member active in a college support organization

Applications are due Friday, March 28. The College of Marin Board of Trustees will appoint new members on Tuesday, April 15. Oversight committee members cannot be employees, officials, vendors, consultants, or contractors of the College. For application information, contact the Modernization Department at (415) 485-9518.

Measure C was a Proposition 39 bond that required the formation of a Citizens’ Oversight Committee to ensure the financial accountability for projects funded by a $249.5 million bond earmarked for facilities modernization. More than 63 percent of Marin County voters passed Measure C in November 2004. College of Marin Board of Trustees established the independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee on December 14, 2004.

Emeritus Student Center Features Watercolor and Pastel Artist

Boston-born painter Judith Klausenstock is the featured artist in the current exhibit sponsored by the Emeritus Students of College of Marin. She attended the Massachusetts School of Art and received her BFA at Harvard University. She also studied at San Francisco State University, the University of California, and here at COM. Klausenstock uses watercolor and pastel as her main media and focuses on rendering the essence of the subject matter as she uses light and shadows to emphasize space, color, and dimension. Her works have been shown throughout the country and many are now part of private and public collections.

Exhibit runs through March 28

Gallery hours: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Emeritus Center
Student Services Building, room 146
Kentfield Campus
The Looking Glass Quarterly Seeks Submissions This Month
The College Literary Magazine Student Club is gearing up for a new issue of *The Looking Glass Quarterly*, a magazine that supports the literary and artistic creativity of College students, faculty, and staff. The club is seeking submissions this month of fiction, non-fiction, art and poetry. Named after Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking-Glass, and What Alice Found There*, the publication strives to be an open-minded venture dedicated to the promotion of art and culture in and around the College of Marin. Submission guidelines can be found at the club [website](#). Submit your work by **Tuesday, April 1** to thelookingglassquarterly@gmail.com.

Support Scholarships, College Programs, Departments, and Special Projects through Payroll Deductions
As a result of several requests from faculty and staff, the College Advancement Office is now accepting payroll deduction contributions for the support of departments, programs, student scholarships, and special projects. To start payroll deduction, please complete and submit a [Payroll Deduction Form](#). If you would like to use payroll deduction to establish a student scholarship, please also complete a [Scholarship Donation Form](#). For more information call the Communications, Community Relations, and Advancement Office, ext. 7648.

Free On-Campus Tax Preparation at Single Stop
Get help with tax preparation services, learn about benefits you might be eligible for, and improve your financial skills at Single Stop, an on-campus center that provides FREE services to students, student family members, faculty, and staff. A host of services are available, including certified tax preparation services **through April 15**. Services also include: health coverage information, grocery assistance, affordable housing options, and utility discount assistance. Single Stop also provides referral information for childcare services, cash assistance, financial advising, and legal consultation. To learn about the many services that Single Stop offers or to become eligible to win a Kindle Fire or backpack full of supplies (including an 8 GB flash drive, note book, and index cards), stop by the Single Stop office to participate in raffles during the spring 2014 semester. Contact **Edwin Towle**, Single Stop coordinator, at (415) 457-8811 ext. 7761 to schedule an appointment.

**Mondays – Thursdays**, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
**Fridays**, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Student Services Building, room 124
Kentfield Campus
Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden Stand Open Wednesdays
The produce and flower stand for the flagship organic farm and teaching garden is open for business every Wednesday, rain or shine. Bring your own bag and select your favorite fresh produce and flowers. Launched in the spring of 2009, the farm and garden is part of an initiative developed from a countywide commitment to teach Marin residents about the valuable role of agriculture in Marin County and to promote local food systems. It is the only teaching farm in Marin County.

**Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
Indian Valley Campus

Police Escorts and Evening Assistance Available for Staff and Students
The College of Marin Police Department offers on-campus escort services to walk staff and students to and from their vehicles and classrooms. To arrange for an escort, contact Campus Police **Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.** at (415) 485-9455, call Dispatch at (415) 485-9696 to have police personnel contact you to make arrangements, or stop by the Police Department in building TB1 during normal business hours.

Evening public service assistants are available on both campuses Monday through Thursday. If you need assistance, please call one of the numbers listed below:

- **Kentfield Campus**, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m., (415) 747-0699
- **Indian Valley Campus**, 4 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., (415) 747-0658

If you would like a campus police officer to contact you, call dispatch at extension 7696 or (415) 485-9696. **For life- or property-threatening emergencies, call 911.**
Sports

Baseball
Bay Valley Conference Games
Men’s Baseball vs. Yuba
Saturday, March 15, 1 p.m. in Marysville
Men’s Baseball vs. Napa
Tuesday, March 18, 2 p.m. in Napa
Men’s Baseball vs. Napa
Thursday, March 20, in Kentfield
Men’s Baseball vs. Napa
Saturday, March 22, 1 p.m. in Napa
Men’s Baseball vs. Los Medanos
Tuesday, March 25, 2 p.m. in Kentfield
Men’s Baseball vs. Los Medanos
Thursday, March 27, in Pittsburg

Track and Field
Hornet Invitational
Friday, March 14, 9 a.m. at CSU Sacramento
San Diego State Invite
Saturday and Sunday, March 21-22, time TBA at CSU San Diego
College of Marin Invite
Friday, March 28, time TBA in Kentfield

Swimming and Diving
Solano Invitational
Saturday, March 29, all day in Fairfield

Submissions to the Weekly Briefing
Please submit information no later than Friday for the next week. Submissions received later than Friday will be included in the following week’s edition.

Have a great weekend,

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Superintendent/President