President’s Weekly Briefing—March 27, 2013

College of Marin Foundation Invites Public to Audit Forum
Monday, April 1
6 p.m.
College of Marin Cafeteria
Student Services Building
Kentfield Campus

The public is invited to attend a long-awaited presentation on the results of the 2011-2012 annual audit of the College of Marin Foundation.

Marin County Unemployment: The Best of the Worst
California and Rhode Island shared the nation’s top slot for unemployment with a rate of 9.8 percent for January 2013, according to the most recent government reports (http://www.bls.gov/news.release/laus.nr0.htm). Marin County, however, had an unemployment rate of 5.8 percent, the lowest unemployment figure in the state for the same month (http://www.calmis.ca.gov/file/lfmonth/sanfSpds.pdf). The number was a slight jump from a revised 5.6 percent unemployment rate for the county in December 2012 and a nice drop from 6.7 percent a year ago in the same month.

The high number for California, which is unchanged from December, reflects expectations of a slow hiring rate in the state for the year, according to economists.
The national unemployment rate was 7.7 percent for the month of February 2013. (http://www.ncsl.org/issues-research/labor/state-unemployment-update.aspx)

March Data Nugget: College Priorities and Your Role

1. Can you name College of Marin’s priorities?
   a. Strategic Plan 2012-2017 objectives
   b. Accreditation efforts
   c. Budget Reduction efforts
   d. All of the above
   e. None of the above
   f. Priorities not listed: ____________________

2. Do you know your role in these priorities?
   a. Yes
   b. No

You are encouraged to submit your responses along with comments online. Answers are anonymous.
Kudos

Congratulations to Court Reporting Instructor Oak Dowling who has been named County of Marin Volunteer of the Year for his dedication to the County Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST). Founded in 2008, Marin FAST works to identify and prevent elder financial abuse through education and social services referrals and legal action. The Marin County Board of Supervisors will present the award on April 23.

Governance Review Council Improves Online Presence, Transparency

Based on feedback from an annual survey of Participatory Governance System (PGS) Committee members and a college-wide survey last spring, the members of the Governance Review Council (GRC) have taken several steps to improve transparency and ensure accessibility to information about the system.

Committee Web Links

People who are interested in the governance of the college can find information about each governance committee on the Participatory Governance Web page where there are links to Web pages that explain the charge of each committee, its current members, agendas, and minutes.

New FAQ Page

There is also an online FAQ page to address many basic questions about governance. Visitors to this page will find a host of answers to questions about how our governance system works, which committees comprise the PGS, how recommendations move through the system, and how to find out when committees meet. It is a wonderful way to familiarize yourself with how the system works.

Governance Meeting Calendar

Lastly, a new online Governance Meeting Calendar lists committee meeting dates and times. There is a direct link on the College homepage under the Campus Events Calendars drop down menu. The link is also posted on the PGS Web page and on each committee’s Web page.

Direct Link to PGS Page

A new direct link to the Participatory Governance System Web page is found under the About the College tab that runs across the top of the www.marin.edu pages so it is much easier to find. The GRC mission is to monitor and evaluate the Participatory Governance System, to ensure processes are open and transparent, committees fulfill their charges and follow the guidelines outlined in the Participatory Governance System Plan, regularly communicate with constituents and make recommendations that are consistent with the mission of the College. We hope these improvements assist our colleagues, students, and staff to easily learn about and participate in the College governance.

COM Dance Department Presents Spring Concert: Moved

Choreography by College of Marin Dance Faculty
Production Design by e. “Ernie” Ernstrom

March 29 and 30 at 8 p.m.
April 5 and 6 at 8 p.m.
Kentfield Campus
James Dunn Theatre

Tickets are available for the annual Spring Concert Moved presented by the College of Marin Dance Department. This year’s show includes choreographed performances by our talented faculty and guest artists. Tickets are $15 for general admission and $10 for students and seniors. Contact the box office at (415) 485-9385 for more information.

Featuring Guest Performers:
Annalise Thompson – All four shows
Kaley Isabella Dance Company – March 29 and 30 only
Casey Lee Thorne, Inside Out Ballet – April 5 and 6 only

- By George!, choreographed by Deborah Graham, is an energetic and lyrical piece set to the music of American composer/songwriter George Gershwin.
- Kristi Kuhn’s Beyond, is a duet in which memories come alive to the music of Chopin’s Nocturn No. 7 in Minor.
- Guest soloist Kaley Isabella’s Self Portrait explores the evolution of identity.
- David Alonzo Jones’ Mayhem fuses fast-stepping jazz with hip-hop and adds the African-American social dance style–wobble– to create an explosive mixture.
- Alan Scofield’s Pains and Pleasures refers to affairs of the heart – from jealousy to ideal love to wild passion.
- Guest artist Annalise Thompson will present two solos: Dulamon, choreographed by Erin Derstine, is an impression of what it’s like to be swept into a tide pool, and La Esmeralda.
- Buscando, by David Alonzo Jones, features a hip-hop duet.
- In Dance Anyway, guest artist Casey Lee Thorne, of Inside Out Contemporary Ballet, recalls transitional moments in life, in which the tension between past, present, and future is tangible.
- Sandra Tanner’s Levedad Del Ser (lightness of being) is a dynamic and energetic dance for five, set to the compelling music of Rodrigo Y Gabriela and Bruno Coulais (composer for the film score for Coroline) and A. Filetta.

Professional Development: In-Person and 24/7 Online Training

Don’t forget to peruse the new online Professional Development Calendar to find professional development opportunities and information about training webinars and in-person workshops.

The Professional Development calendar replaces the old Faculty and Staff calendar. It is accessible from the College homepage under the Calendar of Events drop down menu (lower left side of page) and there is a direct link on the Professional Development Web page.
Faculty and staff can enjoy a variety of online professional development modules now available 24/7 including: *Veterans On Campus, Driving Student Success Through a Culture of Evidence, The College Coach Approach: A Low Cost, High Impact Strategy for Student Success,* and *Staying Smart: Strategies for Moving Forward with Assessment.* Explore the topics available using the online professional development modules.

**Upcoming Professional Development Workshops:**
Check the online professional development calendar for additional information and updates. All workshops are drop-in unless otherwise indicated. Workshops are open to all faculty and staff and can be used by faculty to fulfill professional development/Flex hours.

**Preparing Word Documents Using Universal Design Principles**
Friday, March 29
9:30 a.m. – noon
Science • Math • Nursing, room 130
Presenter: COM Instructional Technologist Alice Dieli

Preparing Word documents using Universal Design principles provides a framework for the document creator, a structure for navigation for the traditional reader, and makes the document accessible for screen reading tools. A document prepared using built-in styles maintains accessibility features when it is converted to PDF for uploading to a web-based learning environment. Workshop participants will learn how to use the tools in Microsoft Word 2010 including built-in styles and accessibility checker, and will convert their word document to an accessible PDF. This workshop meets objectives included in the College's Distance Education and Technology Plan.

**Advanced Voice Class Recital**
Vocalise—Art Songs of Sergei Rachmaninoff
Linda Noble Brown, instructor
Wednesday, April 3, 2013, 11:10 am
Kentfield Campus
Lefort Recital Hall, PA 72

**COM Art Gallery Presents: Rubbings—Drawing on the Past**
A retrospective exhibition of Bill Abright’s drawings from 1990 and 2005
Through April 5, 2013
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday
Fine Arts Gallery
Performing Arts Building at College Avenue and Sir Francis Drake Boulevard
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Testing

Students should be advised to register early for Intensive English Program (IEP) TOEFL testing on Friday, April 5, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Indian Valley Campus, Building 3, room 255. Space is limited to 20 students. Students need to arrive by 8:45 a.m. Students must also complete a noncredit/community services application for admission. The test fee is $30 and can be paid to the Admissions and Records Office at Kentfield in the Student Services Building or at the Indian Valley Campus in Main Building 27. Identification and receipt of payment must be brought to the test. Hand-scored results will be available by email Friday, April 5. Official score sheets are available for pick up at the IEP office 4 – 6 weeks later. A free practice test is available for checkout at the IEP office. For more information, contact Sara Oser at (415) 883-2211 ext. 8579.

Spring Plant Sale – Music, Food

April 20 and 21
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Indian Valley Campus
Parking available in lot 6 at end of campus

The Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden will hold their annual weekend plant sale. Enjoy live music, a farm tour, bouquet-making class, and learn something new about organic farming at one of the mini workshops. Visitors will be able to pick up certified organic vegetable starts, culinary and tea herbs, annual and perennial flowers, berries, fruit trees, and native plants. Also available will be seasonal produce, face painting, and tastings. The workshops are $25 each. For more information, contact the Conservation Corps North Bay at (415) 454-4554 or (707) 303-3069 ext. 279.

Spring Gardening: Planting the Main Season Garden

Presented by Amy Ridout, farm coordinator
April 20
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Register online

Flowers, Fruits and Herbs: Enjoying the Beauty and Bounty of the Main Season Garden

Presented by Wendy Johnson, Santa Rosa Junior College adjunct faculty member
April 21
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Register online

Earth Day Marin 2013 – Climate Change Solutions; A Day of Action

April 21
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Redwood High School, 395 Doherty Drive, Larkspur
College of Marin is co-sponsoring the annual Earth Day Marin event this year and our students in the Environmental Action Club and Biology Professor Joe Mueller’s Environmental Biology 138 course will be on hand to provide outreach support, hands-on education, and quantifying event goals and outcomes related to carbon diversion and other actions taken during the day.

It’s a family day with inspiring speakers, comedy, music, local organic food, and hands-on activities, including a carnival for kids developed by Greenwood School 7th and 8th graders. Entertainment and speakers include: Garth Lenz, TEDx prizewinner and photographer; Swami Beyonandananda, eco-savvy comedian; Jack Broadbent, CEO/Air Pollution Control Officer for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District; Peter G. Joseph, M.D. and co-founder of the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility; and numerous musical talents. More information, including volunteer opportunities, are online.

Healthcare/Dental Employment Fair
Medical and dental recruiters from all over the Bay Area will be at the annual spring Healthcare/Dental Employment Fair on Monday, April 22, in the Student Services Building, main floor from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students, College of Marin alumni, and members of the community are invited to learn about employment and continuing education opportunities. Healthcare agencies will be accepting resumes and applications. Anyone interested in a position in nursing or dental assisting should plan on attending. Contact the Job Placement Center at (415) 485-9410 for more information.

Campus Safety Workshops
Faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to attend one of the two upcoming campus safety workshops presented by COM Police Sergeant Todd Kidder and Officer Dustin Ruiz. Attendees will learn general information about emergency guidelines as well as ways to prepare and respond should there be an active shooter situation on campus. Faculty may use this workshop to fulfill Professional Development/Flex hours.

**Wednesday, April 24**
11 a.m. – noon
Kentfield Campus
Learning Resources Center, room 53

**Thursday, April 25**
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Kentfield Campus
Learning Resources Center, room 53

Drama Department Presents *I Hate Hamlet*
By Paul Rudnick
**Jeffrey Bihl**, director

April 25 (Pay What You Will Preview) at 8 p.m.
April 26, 27, May 3, 4, 10, and 11 at 8 p.m.
May 5 and 12 at 2 p.m
Studio Theatre
Kentfield Campus

His TV career in limbo, hot young TV star Andrew Rally has relocated to a gothic apartment in New York City. He has been offered the title role in *Hamlet*, but there’s a problem; he hates *Hamlet*! When the very inebriated ghost of John Barrymore appears in what used to be his gothic apartment, a wildly funny duel erupts between the two over women, art, success, duty, television and yes, the apartment! Tickets are $20 for general admission; $15 for seniors; $10 for students, COM employees, and Alumni. For tickets and additional information, contact the box office at (415) 485-9385.

**College Measure C Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee Seeks New Members**

Anyone who is interested in serving on the College of Marin Measure C Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee for the Measure C bond program needs to apply to one of seven available positions by **March 29**. The committee is seeking members with specific perspectives, including someone representing the community at large, a bona-fide taxpayer’s association, a student enrolled and active in a community college support group, a member of a senior citizens’ organization, a member active in a business organization representing the business community located in the district, and a member active in a college support organization. Applications are due March 29, 2013. Oversight committee members cannot be employees, officials, vendors, consultants, or contractors of the College of Marin. The College of Marin Board of Trustees will appoint new members in April. For application information contact the Modernization Department at (415) 485-9518.

The independent citizens’ oversight committee, established by a College of Marin Board of Trustees resolution in 2004, is responsible for ensuring the College’s financial accountability for projects funded by a $249.5 million bond earmarked for facilities modernization. The bond, passed by Marin County Voters in the November 2004 election, earned more than 63 percent voter approval. Measure C was a Proposition 39 bond that required the formation of a Citizen’s Oversight Committee.

**Deadline Approaching for College of Marin Scholarship Applications**

Each spring, College of Marin awards a variety of scholarships to College of Marin students for the next academic year. Awards, from $150 to $1500, are available for graduating students, students continuing their studies at College of Marin, and students transferring to 4-year schools.

**Application Procedures and Eligibility**

All application materials must be completed and received in the Financial Aid Office at either the Kentfield or Indian Valley Campus **by 4 p.m., Friday, April 5, 2013**. The Scholarship Committee reviews applications. Recipients are selected on the basis of financial need, academic performance and individual merit, in addition to the criteria that may have been specified by the
scholarship donor. Criteria vary according to the wishes of the donor and may require that the recipient be enrolled in a particular major or meet other qualifications.

To be eligible for a scholarship, students must meet the following criteria at the time of application:

- Have completed at least 15 units at College of Marin in a major or in general education
- Have a College of Marin cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.75
- Be enrolled in at least 6 units at College of Marin

Students must submit all of the following to the Financial Aid Office at either the Kentfield or Indian Valley Campus by 4 p.m., Friday, April 5, 2013:

1. The **completed and signed** application form
2. One letter of recommendation from a College of Marin instructional faculty member who is aware of the student’s current academic work
3. A one-page statement of the student’s current educational and career goals, personal achievements, and why the student is deserving of a scholarship

**Please note:** It is recommended that applications be typed or printed using black ink. The quality of your application will reflect the thoughtfulness and effort you put into it.

Applicants will be notified of their status in early May. At the Awards Ceremony held on May 22, 2013, recipients will be notified which scholarship they have received, the amount, and the procedures for receiving the scholarship. If you have questions, contact the College of Marin Financial Aid Office at (415) 485-9409.

Applications may be obtained from the Financial Aid office at either campus or downloaded from the College of Marin website.

**Free Tax Preparation Services Are Available at the Single Stop Office**

COM’s Single Stop Office offers free tax preparation, financial counseling, legal advice, and benefits screenings to COM students, faculty, and staff. Free tax preparation services are available now through April at the Single Stop Office. The goal of Single Stop is to provide students with additional resources to help increase retention and graduation rates. Single Stop also offers benefit screenings and application assistance, which can give students access to food services (CalFresh), low cost or free health insurance (Medi-Cal, CMSP and Healthy Families), child care services, affordable housing, CalWORKs, and cash aid programs (general assistance). For more information about tax preparation or other services, please contact **Edwin Towle, M.S.**, Single Stop Coordinator at the Student Services Center, Room. 124, call (415) 457-8811, ext. 7761, or email Edwin Towle.

**Electric Vehicle Club Hosts Hamburger Tuesdays**
Tuesdays are burger days throughout the spring semester thanks to the Electric Vehicle Club, which is hosting a weekly fundraiser to support the restoration of one of the College’s classic electric vehicles. The club will be selling beef and vegetarian burgers with the works for $3 or a burger with soda and chips for $5. The group is also selling energy drinks, water, fruit and ice cream. Hungry burger lovers will be able to find servers outside the IVC Cafeteria, Library, and Main Building 27 on Tuesdays, 10 a.m-1 p.m.

Sports

**Baseball vs. Napa College**
Thursday, March 28, 2 p.m. in Napa

**Baseball vs. Napa College**
Tuesday, April 2, 2 p.m. at College of Marin

**Baseball vs. Contra Costa College**
Thursday, April 4, 2 p.m. at College of Marin

**Baseball vs. Contra Costa College**
Saturday, April 6, 1 p.m. in San Pablo

**Softball vs. Contra Costa College—doubleheader**
Thursday, March 28, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in San Pablo

**Softball vs. Napa College—doubleheader**
Tuesday, April 2, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Kentfield

**Softball vs. Los Medanos—doubleheader**
Tuesday, April 9, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Pittsburg

**Track and Field—Chabot Invitational**
Saturday, March 30, all day in Hayward

**Track and Field—American River College Invitational**
Saturday, April 6, all day in Sacramento

**Track and Field—Maurice Compton Invitational**
Saturday, April 13, all day in San Mateo

**Swimming and Diving—Solano Invitational**
Saturday, March 30, all day in Fairfield

**Swimming and Diving—Chabot Invitational**
Saturday, April 6, all day in Hayward

**Swimming and Diving—NorCal Diving Championships**
Saturday, April 13, all day in Modesto

**Swimming and Diving—Bay Valley Championships**
Thursday-Saturday, April 18-20, all day in Fairfield

Submissions to the Weekly Briefing

Please submit information no later than Friday for the following week. Submissions received later than Friday will be included in the next week’s edition.
Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President