President’s Weekly Briefing—March 27, 2014

Kudos
The talented people from our Drama Department have been recognized this month with three nominations for the annual San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Awards, a 37-year-old organization that celebrates outstanding work. The three College of Marin nominees are: Patricia Polen (COM faculty member nominated in the Costume Design category), who handled costumes for the production of *The Importance of Being Earnest*; former COM Drama Department student Floriana Alessandria (Featured Female Drama category), who portrayed “Felicia Dantine” in *I Hate Hamlet*; and former student Phillip Percy Williams (Featured Musical Male category), for his portrayal of “Jim” in *Big River*. College of Marin is the only community college to receive a nomination this year. The awards will be presented at the 38th Annual Critics Circle Awards Gala in Oakland on May 5.

The Novato City Council appointed Nanda Schorske, executive dean of the Indian Valley Campus and Workforce and Economic Development, to the Novato Economic Commission (NEC) last week. The NEC strives to support economic vitality and development and make recommendations on: downtown revitalization; business attraction; and expanding the commercial, retail, and overall economic base of the community. Schorske has worked with commissioners and council members in her work on the Workforce Investment Board of Marin and the Marin Economic Forum as well as through the College’s response to the needs of Marin students, community members, and employers. She joins four other members on the commission.

Campus Security Report and Press Log Available
According to statistics in our annual College of Marin Campus Security Report, which is available online to the public, College of Marin is an extremely safe campus with few violent assaults and minimal property crimes. If you are interested in learning more about campus crime, safety measures, prevention programs, and investigations, please see the latest report for 2010 – 2012. The federally mandated report also contains policies for responding to emergency situations and sexual assaults and three years of statistics relating to certain types of crimes reported on or near campus, and in or on off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by the college. You may also request a printed copy from the Police Department on the Kentfield Campus, TB-1.

For information about more recent events, you can view a daily log of officer activity and calls for police service dating back 60 days at the College of Marin Police Department. The log is accessible weekdays, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Older log entries can be obtained by request within two business days.
Data Nugget for March 2014
What percentage of College of Marin credit students are enrolled in at least one Distance Learning class for spring 2014?

A. 0 – 4.9%
B. 5 – 9.9%
C. 10 – 14.9%
D. 15 – 19.9%

Answer: C. 11.3%

Source: Office of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness

Upcoming Events

Artists’ Reception for Alumni Exhibit of Four Emerging Artists is Friday
Come meet the four extraordinary artists whose work is on display in the College of Marin Fine Arts Gallery Alumni Exhibit this Friday at the Artists’ Reception. The exhibit is an exploration in multiple mediums featuring Barbara Obata, Mary Huntsman, Evan Hobart, and Malena Lopez-Maggi, all former students.

Artists Reception: Friday, March 28, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Exhibit open weekdays through Friday, April 11, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Fine Arts Gallery
Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus
Free

Final Day to See Klausenstock Art Exhibit Closes at the Emeritus Center
Enjoy the final day to see works by Judith Klausenstock, the featured artist in the Emeritus Students of College of Marin exhibit. Klausenstock, who attended the Massachusetts School of Art and received her bachelor’s degree at Harvard University, went on to study at San Francisco State University, the University of California, and here at COM. Klausenstock uses watercolor and pastel as her main media to render the essence of a subject. 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
College Board of Trustees to Hold Special Meeting on Tuesday to Fill Vacancy

College Trustees have set a special meeting prior to their next regular monthly meeting to fill the open board seat. Selected candidates will be interviewed and the successful candidate appointed. The proceedings are open to the public. Meeting materials will be available online at the College of Marin Board of Trustees webpage. The public is invited to attend monthly Board meetings or watch them live online.

Tuesday, April 1, 5 p.m.
Student Services Building
Deedy Staff Lounge
Kentfield Campus

The next regular Board meeting is:
Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 p.m.
Student Services Building, Cafeteria
Kentfield Campus

Students, Safety and Sexuality Series Kickoff Next Thursday

ASCOM and members of the Students, Safety and Sexuality Series Committee are presenting a series of discussions on safety and sexuality. The first in the series is “When ‘Male’ or ‘Female’ isn’t Enough: A Panel on Transgender and Intersex Issues”. This panel discussion is open to all students, employees, faculty, and the community. Meet members of the transgender and intersex community as their experiences in transition or self-acceptance are discussed, and learn about issues of particular concern for members of this community. An excerpt of the documentary Intersexion will also be shown. Panelists include: Joel Baum from Gender Spectrum; Selena Martínez, a College of Marin student; and Dean Scarborough, Sexuality chapter co-author in the upcoming book Trans Bodies, Trans Selves. The discussion will be moderated by Life and Earth Sciences Instructor Anne Gearhart and Assistive Technology Specialist Matthew Dimopoulos.

Thursday, April 3, 12:40 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Austin Center, room 104
Kentfield Campus
Spring Dance Concert—Earthly Flight  
Choreography: College of Marin Dance Faculty  
Production design: e. “Ernie” Ernstrom

You are invited to 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.
Free Thursday Brown Bag Theatre: “Anti-Naturalism”
You are invited to enjoy the Brown Bag Theatre’s free student-directed scenes. On select Thursdays only, Actors Without Lines (A.W.O.L.) students from both beginning and advanced improv classes perform in the drama classroom. Auditions for the next show—“Director’s Choice”—will follow the performance on Thursday, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 10, 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.
PA 134/136
Kentfield Campus
Free

College Jazz Ensemble Plays 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, April 10, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Sausalito Seahorse
305 Harbor Drive, Sausalito
Free

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 plant, 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.
Spring Break: April 14 – 20
Although College offices will remain open Monday through Friday, there will be no classes during the week of April 14. Enjoy your time off!

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.

Drama Department Presents: Five Women Wearing the Same Dress
Alan Ball, author
Molly Noble, director

Come enjoy an irreverent, funny and a wonderfully entertaining play written by Alan Ball (“Six Feet Under” and “American Beauty”). The show follows five reluctant bridesmaids and a male usher who hide out in an upstairs bedroom during an elaborate southern wedding. Each woman has her own reasons for avoiding the festivities. Unlikely bonds emerge, touching secrets are revealed, and hilarity ensues.

Thursday, April 24, 8 p.m. (Final dress preview $10)
Fridays and Saturdays, April 25, 26, May 2, 3, 9 and 10, 8 p.m.
Sundays, May 4 and 11, 2 p.m. (There will be a talkback with the director and members of the production following May 4 performance.)
Performing Arts Building, Studio Theatre, room 32
Kentfield Campus
Admission: $20 general, $15 seniors; $10 students/COM employees and alumni
Box Office (415) 485-9385. Tickets can be bought online at Brown Paper Tickets.
Annual Healthcare and Dental Career Fair
Skilled nursing facilities, hospitals, dentists and dental labs from the Bay Area will be on campus to take applications for employment at the annual Healthcare and Dental Career Fair. Also attending are universities presenting transfer opportunities in the healthcare field. This is an excellent opportunity for nurses, CNAs, RDAs, dental assistants, and homecare employees to network. Our job fairs and employment resources are open to community members as well as College of Marin students and alumni. You are invited to call the number below to schedule a resume review or individual job coaching appointment. And, don’t forget about NACElink, a free online job search platform for students interested in local, national, and international positions and employers.

Monday, April 28, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Student Services Building
Kentfield Campus
Information: Job Placement Center (415) 485-9410

Jazz Ensemble and the Music of Miles Davis
Cayce Carnahan, director
Miles Ahead, special guest band

The College Jazz Ensemble will be performing with Miles Ahead, a Bay Area Miles Davis tribute band.

Thursday, May 1, 7 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre
Kentfield Campus
Suggested donation: $10 general; $5 students, seniors, employees, and alumni

College of Marin Chamber Music Players
Jessica Ivry, Instructor

Enjoy music performed by College of Marin chamber music students under the direction of instructor Jessica Ivry. Small ensembles of trios and quartets will be performed. A different repertoire will be performed each evening.

Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.
Lefort Recital Hall, PA 72, Kentfield Campus
Suggested donation: $10
Parking: Free. Information: (415) 485-9460, COMmusic@marin.edu
Marin Oratorio: Johannes Brahms—*Tickets Go On Sale April 1*
Boyd Jarrell, director

The 100-voice chorus of Marin Oratorio will be joined by full orchestra and a stellar cast of vocal soloists in presenting these works of universal and timeless significance, Ein Deutsches Requiem and Liebeslieder Walzer Op. 52 and 65.

**Saturday, May 17, 8 p.m.**
**Sunday, May 18, 3 p.m.**
James Dunn Theatre
Kentfield Campus
Admission: $20 general; $15 students, seniors, employees, and alumni.
*Tickets go on sale online* April 1.
Box Office: (415) 485-9385

Ongoing Events

**Moodle Open Lab at the SMN Computer Lab**
You are invited to the Moodle Open Lab almost 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:**
- April 3
- April 10
- April 24
- May 1
- May 15

**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 Single Stop 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

### Police Escorts 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 Assistance
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

*For life- or property-threatening emergencies, call 911.*

### Sports
**Baseball**
**Bay Valley Conference Games**
**Men’s Baseball vs. Los Medanos**  
Saturday, March 29, 1 p.m. in Kentfield  
**Men’s Baseball vs. Laney**  
Tuesday, April 1, 2 p.m. in Oakland  
**Men’s Baseball vs. Laney**  
Thursday, April 3, 2 p.m. in Kentfield  
**Men’s Baseball vs. Laney**  
Saturday, April 5, 1 p.m. in Oakland

**Men’s Baseball vs. Contra Costa**  
Tuesday, April 8, 2 p.m. in Kentfield  
**Men’s Baseball vs. Contra Costa**  
Thursday, April 10, 2 p.m. in San Pablo
Track and Field
American River Invitational
Saturday, March 29, 10 a.m. in Sacramento

Stanford Invitational
Friday and Saturday, April 4-5, 8 a.m. in Palo Alto

Chico Twilight
Saturday, April 12, TBA at CSU Chico

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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