Site Preparation Begins Next Week for New Academic Center
Many administrative and faculty offices, including the Superintendent/President’s Offices, will be moved from Harlan Center and the old Administrative Center to the Austin Science Center as site preparation begins for the new Academic Center, the last of the many Measure C modernization projects to transform our campus. Some offices, including the Child Study Center and Human Resources, will move later this spring. Site preparation will continue through summer and include demolition of obsolete buildings, including Olney Hall, Harlan Center, and the Administrative Center.

Considerable effort has been made to preserve or transplant healthy trees and shrubs, with particular emphasis on several large native specimens. Diseased trees and trees with structural issues will be removed. The project does not include removal of redwoods. The final landscape will include 26 new trees, including eight redwoods and a variety of natives, with ornamental selections to be concentrated along College Boulevard.

The new 43,000 square foot Academic Center will be built on the corner of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and College Avenue. It will house 16 general purpose classrooms and cost about $23 million. The Board of Trustees selected the award-winning firms of TLCD Architecture and Mark Cavagnero Associates to design the project.

Grand Opening Planned for new Science, Math, Nursing Building
*COM Alumnus Adam Steltzner Will Be Featured Speaker*
May 10, 2013
Kentfield Campus

1:30 – 2:15 p.m.
**Dr. Adam Steltzner, lead mechanical engineer of the NASA Mars Rover Project**
James Dunn Theatre

2:30 – 3 p.m.
**Ribbon Cutting and Dedication**
Science, Math, Nursing Building, Orbital Court

3 – 5 p.m.
**Interactive Tours of Classrooms and Labs**
Science, Math, Nursing Building

Faculty, staff, students and the public are all invited to celebrate the grand opening of the state-of-the-art Science, Math and Nursing Building, a half-day celebration that begins with a special lecture by noted COM alumnus Dr. Adam Steltzner, lead mechanical engineer of the NASA Mars Rover Project.
Mars Rover Project. Steltzner, an award-winning lecturer, who headed the landing team of the *Curiosity*, will be on hand for the ribbon cutting and dedication. Interactive tours are free of charge to all.

**Healthcare/Dental Employment Resume Workshop and Fair**

**April 22**
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Student Services Building, first floor, KTD

Medical and dental recruiters from all over the Bay Area will be in attendance to present employment and continuing education opportunities at the annual Healthcare/Dental Career Day. Healthcare agencies will be accepting resumes and applications.

A resume workshop will be held on **April 17** in room 206 of the Student Services Building to prepare students for the Healthcare Job Fair. Reservations are encouraged, as space is limited.

For more information on the workshop or recruitment fair, contact the Job Placement Center at (415) 485-9410, or visit: [www.marin.edu/StudentServices/JobPlacement/](http://www.marin.edu/StudentServices/JobPlacement/).

**Reception for COM Retirees**

**May 15**
4 – 6 p.m.
Marin Art and Garden Center
30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Ross

All faculty and staff are invited to attend a special reception honoring our retirees for their many years of service and wishing them well in all of their future endeavors.

**Kudos**

The lights are shining on two former College of Marin drama students who have made their way to Broadway. Daniel Mastrogeorgio is appearing in Nora Ephron’s *Lucky Guy* with Academy Award winner Tom Hanks. Daniel Stewart Sherman is appearing in Cyndi Lauper’s and Harvey Fierstein’s new musical version of *Kinky Boots*.

Congratulations to Court Reporting Instructor Oak Dowling who has been named County of Marin Volunteer of the Year for his work with 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.
Instructional Specialist Bobby Bradford, who also works as an alternate media specialist with Disabled Students Programs and Services, has published a translation of what he believes is a yet-to-be-authenticated Chaucer Tale that was discovered just last year in the walls of Westminster Abbey. In “Chaucer’s Lost Tale,” published this week in Coastline Journal: Writing Across Disciplines, Bobby translates a manuscript that he surreptitiously photographed while visiting the library of the British Museum. The published tale, found at http://coastlinejournal.org/2013/04/01/rare-chaucer-ms-discovered/, is in rhymed iambic pentameter in Middle English with interlinear translation. It tells of the Peasants’ Revolt in 1381. Bobby is retiring soon from the College after many years with DSPS, but will continue teaching at night at Dominican University of California.

COM Dance Department Presents Final Weekend of Spring Concert: Moved

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

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 and Casey Lee Thorne, Inside Out Ballet

- 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

Faculty and staff can enjoy a variety of online professional development modules now available 24/7 at the new online Professional Development Calendar which replaces the old Faculty and Staff calendar. Accessible from the College homepage under the Calendar of Events drop down menu, you are welcome to peruse professional development opportunities and information about training webinars and in-person workshops.


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

Upcoming Professional Development Workshop:

**Moodle ABCs**
April 19
9:30 a.m. – noon
Science • Math • Nursing, room 130
Presenter: COM Instructional Technologist **Alice Dieli**

Moodle ABC’s workshops are designed to get instructors up and running quickly so you can access Moodle via the My COM portal, post class materials online and communicate with your students. Although Moodle is often used to deliver full online and hybrid courses, it also offers powerful tools that can be used by all faculty to support student success in face-to-face classes as well. Attend this hands-on workshops and learn how to:

A - Add and edit your profile.
B – Broadcast your welcome message and post your syllabus and other course materials.
C – Communicate with your students via email.

To Register:
Email COM Instructional Technologist **Alice Dieli** at: alice.dieli@marin.edu. Space availability will be confirmed by email.

Please Note: You’ll need to know your MyCOM Login (username and password) to access your Moodle shell. You may also wish to bring some course files and a picture of yourself on a Flash Drive to upload during the workshop. Feel free to bring your laptop to work on if you’d prefer.
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. – 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
9 a.m. – noon
Indian Valley Campus
Building 3, room 255.
Test fee: $30

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. Test fee 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.

College Success Saturday
May 4
8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Student Services Building
Kentfield Campus

Graduating high school seniors and their parents are invited to an in-depth orientation to become familiar with resources available to them at the College of Marin at College Success Saturday, an event hosted by College of Marin Counseling Department. The event will also provide an opportunity for priority registration for students who wish to reserve a seat in their chosen courses for the upcoming summer and fall semesters.
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. – 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 Beyondananda, 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.

**Drama Department Presents *I Hate Hamlet***

By Paul Rudnick  
**Jeffrey Bihr**, 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  
Kentfield Campus  
Studio Theatre

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 ([http://www.marin.edu/departments/PerformingArts/Drama/current-season.html](http://www.marin.edu/departments/PerformingArts/Drama/current-season.html)) at (415) 485-9385.

**Application Procedures and Eligibility Due Friday, April 5 by 4 p.m.**

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.

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**. 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**: [http://www.marin.edu/departments/PerformingArts/Drama/current-season.html](http://www.marin.edu/departments/PerformingArts/Drama/current-season.html)
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.

**Single Stop USA Welcomes New AmeriCorps VISTA Member**

**Miles McClain**, a member of AmeriCorps Volunteers In Service To America program, is joining COM’s Single Stop USA office, a nonprofit organization that provides free tax preparation, financial counseling and legal advice to students and qualifying staff and faculty.

A recent graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, McClain has a degree in political science and history. He has experience working with non-profit agencies, fundraising, political organizing, and volunteering with a food distribution organization. He will be working for the next year at the Single Stop office on campus. Single Stop is a national organization that provides screening for benefits as well as other financial coaching and legal services to provide access to higher education to everyone regardless of socioeconomic situation.

VISTA is a nationwide program that places volunteers in cooperative positions with various non-profit organizations in attempt to combat economic inequality. Several corporate donors have allowed the program to grow significantly in the last year and a network of VISTA members are now working in all regions of the United States to increase the well-being of Americans eligible for aid.
Free Tax Preparation

Tax preparers are on hand through April to help students, faculty and staff prepare for tax day at the Single Stop Office on campus. 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.

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

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.
Emeritus Center to host Artist Reception

Wednesday, April 24
5:30 – 7 p.m.
Kentfield Campus
Emeritus Center

The work of internationally known artist Anna Ladyzhenskaya will be on display from April 1 through June 30 and there will be a public reception on Wednesday, April 24 at 5:30 pm. The artist was born in Moldova, an Eastern European nation, when it was still part of the former Soviet Union. With over 30 years of experience in the art field, she works with all forms of media to create diverse from landscape to still life and portrait. She is a Novato resident. She is a member of the Marin Museum of Contemporary Art. Other recent exhibits of her artwork include San Francisco’s annual Celebration of Craftswomen at Fort Mason and regular displays at Gallery Elektra in Sausalito.

Sports

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

Baseball vs. Solano College
Tuesday, April 9, 2 p.m. in Solano

Baseball vs. Solano
Thursday, April 11, 2 p.m. at College of Marin

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

Softball vs. Solano—doubleheader
Thursday, April 11, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Kentfield

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—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.

Spring Break is April 8 through April 12

There will be no classes next week. Administrative offices will be open. The next edition of the President’s Weekly Briefing will be published week of April 15.

Have a great week!

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President