President’s Weekly Briefing—April 3, 2014

COM Board Appoints Stuart Tanenberg to Serve as Trustee

At a special meeting held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, the College of Marin Board of Trustees appointed Stuart Tanenberg to fill the seat left open by former Trustee Dr. James Namnath. Namnath resigned in February when he moved to the Sacramento area for work-related purposes.

The position was advertised in local newspapers and fourteen applications were received. Seven were selected to be interviewed at a special meeting on April 1 that was open to the public. Several rounds of interviews were conducted. After each round Trustees selected their top candidates and the field was narrowed to three, then to two, and in the last round Tanenberg was selected. He will serve through the general election of 2015 when his seat will be up for re-election.

Tanenberg has lived in Marin for 40 years and brings to College of Marin over 30 years of experience having served on various local boards, councils, and committees. He has previously served as president of both the Larkspur Corte Madera School District Board of Trustees and the Marin County Special Education Advisory Council. He is actively involved in community service organizations, including the Marin Medical Reserve Corps Foundation, Marin County Disaster Preparedness Program, and the Twin Cities Disaster Preparedness Committee among others.

Tanenberg is the Chief Operating Officer of Beressi Custom Manufacturing Company and resides in Larkspur, CA. He has an MBA from Dominican University of California and a BS in business administration/marketing from San Jose State University.

Public Notice

On February 1, 2014, Dr. James Namnath resigned from his position as Trustee of the Board for the Marin Community College District, creating a vacancy as of that date. At a duly scheduled special meeting of the Board of Trustees on April 1, 2014, Stuart Tanenberg was named the provisional appointee to the Board. Unless a petition calling for special election containing a sufficient number of signatures is filed in the Office of the County Superintendent of Schools within thirty (30) days of the provisional appointment, the appointment shall become an effective appointment. (Education Code 5092)

Kudos

A dynamic team from the College served as volunteer campus ambassadors recently at University Day, the Davidson Middle School Early College and Career Awareness program. As part of the program, a team of instructors—Robert Ovetz, Marco Gonzalez, Kathleen Smyth, Crystal Chang, and Paul Cheney—brought a mock college class to Davidson and engaged students in what it is like to be at college. I wish I could have been there to see the team in action. Such collaborations with our K12 partners are essential to building a college-going culture. Thanks also to Anna Pilloton, outreach and school relations coordinator, for recruiting such a great team to help students and their parents envision college.
Five College of Marin students were honored at the Marin Women’s Political Action Committee’s annual elected women’s luncheon on March 21 in San Rafael. Nichelle Lyster, Mariana Weber, Melanie Wolf, AnnaLaura Arredondo, and Valerie Ware were selected to represent the College and were rewarded with a wonderful lunch and honored by the women for their leadership on campus. Weber, a native Brazilian, is also my conversation partner. We are part of an International Education Office program that matches international, non-native-English-speaking students with English-speaking students, staff, and instructors for conversation practice.

Two of College of Marin’s top students—Madison Hughes and Helene Turcotte—were honored at the annual Phi Theta Kappa Academic Team Awards this week in Sacramento. The pair was recognized, along with other California community college students, for academic achievements, community work, and educational goals.

Cop’s Corner: Police Join Distracted Driving Awareness Month Campaign
College police have joined more than 200 local law enforcement agencies and the California Highway Patrol in a month-long zero tolerance campaign to curb texting and operating handheld devices while driving. The crackdown aims to persuade drivers to recognize the dangers of distracted driving and reduce the number of people impacted by this perilous behavior. Offenders face a minimum $161 penalty with subsequent tickets of more than $281. Distracted driver facts:

- Drivers who use hand-held devices are four times as likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves.
- Texting while driving can delay a driver’s reaction time just as severely as having a blood alcohol content of a legally drunk driver.
- Sending or receiving a text takes a driver’s eyes away from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds.
- Even a three-second glance at freeway speeds means a driver has traveled the distance of a football field.
Upcoming Events

New Discussion Series on Students, Safety and Sexuality Begins Today
When ‘Male’ or ‘Female’ isn’t Enough: A Panel on Transgender and Intersex Issues and Sexual Assault: What Can You Do? Prevention and Support
ASCOM and members of the Students, Safety and Sexuality Series Committee are kicking off a month-long discussion series on safety and sexuality today. The series begins with a panel discussion on transgender and intersexuality, followed next week with a panel on Sexual Assault and what we all can do for prevention and support. All are invited. Events are sponsored by ASCOM and the Students, Safety and Sexuality Series Committee. Students seeking special assistance to accommodate a disability may call the Student Affairs Office, (415) 485-9376.

Transgender and Intersex Issues
Come meet members of the community and hear experiences about transition and self-acceptance. The event includes an excerpt of the documentary Intersexion and panelists: Joel Baum from Gender Spectrum; Selena Martinez, a College of Marin student; and Dean Scarborough, a contributing author in the upcoming book Trans Bodies, Trans Selves (June 2014). Anne Gearhart, life and earth sciences instructor, and Matthew Dimopoulos, assistive technology specialist, will moderate the discussion.

Thursday, April 3, 12:40 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Austin Center, room 104
Kentfield Campus

Sexual Assault: What Can You Do? Prevention and Support
Tuesday, April 8, 12:40 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Presenters: Community Violence Solutions and Novato Youth Center
Deedy Lounge, Student Services Building
Kentfield Campus

Upcoming discussion panels include:
- **Wednesday, April 23**, 11 a.m. –2 p.m.—Clothesline Project
- **Tuesday, April 29**, 12:40 p.m. – 2 p.m.—Let’s Talk About Sex, Baby—A Panel Discussion
- **Thursday, May 1**, 2:10 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.—Safe Space Training

Check out College of Marin's resource guide for books, websites, and movies related to the Students, Safety and Sexuality Series.
Spring Dance Concert—Earthly Flight Begins This Weekend
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.

Contemporary Opera Marin Presents Premier of Aurora, A Community Opera
In One Act
By Paul Smith, instructor

The Department of Music presents this premier production by Instructor Paul Smith with a cast of 40. This short work depicts the events of April 17–19, 1897 when a flying saucer crashed in the small town of Aurora, Texas. It must be true; it was in the newspaper! The show, sung in English, includes stage direction by Richard Wallace.

Saturday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 13, 2 p.m.
Lefort Recital Hall, PA 72
Kentfield Campus
Free admission and parking

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

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.

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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. Join the class as they 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
Complimentary Workshop: How to Sustain Passion in your Life and Work

The Retiree Support Program is pleased to announce that Trustee Eva Long, Ph.D. is sharing her knowledge, expertise, and experience at a complimentary workshop on Friday, April 11, 2014, for College employees. The topic, How to Sustain Passion in your Life and Work, will combine medical science research and powerful findings that will help you understand the tools you can use immediately to sustain passion in your life and work in a meaningful way. Participants are welcome to invite a guest.

We hope that you will take advantage of the wealth of information that Trustee Long will bring to the presentation and learn how you can grow in your life forward!

**Friday, April 11, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.**
Human Resources Portables, PV-7
Kentfield Campus
Refreshments will be served
For more information contact Edna Smith at (415) 457-8811 ext. 7799.

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.

Spring 2014 CalSTRS Retirement Group Counseling Sessions
Vickie Holden, associate pension program analyst with CalSTRS, will be on the Kentfield Campus to hold a retirement group counseling session limited to individuals planning to retire in the next year or two. Faculty and managers who are close to retirement will receive a detailed explanation of the retirement process and have the opportunity for a 30-minute individual counseling appointment. Sign up as soon as possible to reserve one of the 15 slots by contacting Edna Smith, (415) 457-8811, ext. 7799 or via email no later than April 10.

Monday, April 21, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Tuesday, April 22, individual 30-minute time slots for participants
Human Resources Portables, PV-8
Kentfield Campus

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.

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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 COM students, employees, and alumni
Box Office: (415) 485-9385. Tickets can be purchased online through 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 College of Marin students and alumni, as well as community members. 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  
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 on sale online. Box Office: (415) 485-9385

Ongoing Events

It’s Tax Season! Enjoy Free On-Campus Tax Preparation at Single Stop
You can get free help with tax preparation in these last days before they are due on April 15, at the on-campus Single Stop Center. Drop-ins are welcome, Monday – Thursday and during spring break. The center also provides information about benefits eligibility, financial planning, health coverage, grocery assistance, affordable housing, utility discounts, childcare, cash assistance, and legal consultation. Services are available to students, student family members, faculty, and staff. Stop by or call for an appointment today.

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Mondays – Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. The office is open during spring break. Open Fridays for administrative business only.
Student Services Building, room 124
Kentfield Campus
Information: Miles McClain, coordinator, (415) 457-8811, ext. 7761

Tour a College or University or Meet with a Representative on Campus
Students are invited to meet with representatives from nearby colleges and universities or visit an upcoming tour of their campuses. Contact the Transfer Center, (415) 485-9671, for an appointment, or drop by and learn about student transfer and career resources in Student Services Building, room 202.

Mills College
Monday, April 7, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Information table, Student Services Building entrance

UC Berkeley
Wednesday, April 9, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Call (415) 485-9671 to schedule an appointment with Merryl Owen.
Student Services Building, Counseling Office

Golden Gate University
Thursday, April 10, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Information table, Student Services Building entrance

Dominican University
Wednesday, April 23, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Information table, Student Services Building entrance

Western New England University
Wednesday, May 7, 11 a.m. – noon
Information table, Student Services Building entrance

UC Berkeley
Thursday, May 8, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Call (415) 485-9671 to schedule an appointment with Merryl Owen.
Student Services Building, Counseling Office
University Tours for Students
Lunch and transportation will be provided free, thanks to ASCOM.

- **San Francisco State**  
  Monday, April 14
- **UC Davis**  
  Friday, April 25
- **University of San Francisco**  
  Saturday, May 3

Alumni Exhibit of Four Emerging Artists
The work of four extraordinary artists work is on display in the College of Marin Fine Arts Gallery **Alumni Exhibit** for just one more week. The exhibit is an exploration in multiple mediums featuring **Barbara Obata, Mary Huntsman, Evan Hobart, and Malena Lopez-Maggi**, all former students.

Exhibit open weekdays through **Friday, April 11, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**
Fine Arts Gallery  
Performing Arts Building  
Kentfield Campus  
Free

Moodle Open Lab at the SMN Computer Lab
You are invited to ask questions, share with colleagues, or update your skills at the Moodle Open Lab selected Thursday’s from **noon to 1:30 p.m. in SMN 130**. 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 10
- April 24

- May 1
- May 15

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. 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
- **Men’s Baseball vs. Contra Costa**
  Saturday, April 12, 1 p.m. in Kentfield
- **Men’s Baseball vs. Mendocino**
  Tuesday, April 15, 2 p.m. in Kentfield
- **Men’s Baseball vs. Mendocino**
  Thursday, April 17, 2 p.m. in Mendocino

**Track and Field**
- **Stanford Invitational**
  Friday and Saturday, April 4-5, 8 a.m. in Palo Alto
- **Chico Twilight**
  Saturday, April 12, TBA at CSU Chico
- **Chabot Legacy Meet**
  Saturday, April 19, TBA at Chabot College, Hayward

**Swimming and Diving**
- **Chabot Invitational**
  Saturday, April 5, all day in Hayward
- **Nor Cal Diving Championships**
  Saturday, April 12, all day in Pleasant Hill
- **Bay Valley Championships**
  Thursday–Saturday, April 17–19, 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