President’s Weekly Briefing—April 10, 2014

**Spring Break: April 14 – 20**

College offices will remain open Monday through Friday; there will be no classes during the week of April 14.

**Kudos**

Congratulations to students Helene Turcotte and Madison Hughes who were honored last week at the annual Phi Theta Kappa luncheon in Sacramento. Each year, Phi Theta Kappa selects top California community college students who excel in leadership, grades, and community service. This year 76 students from 40 colleges were selected for the All-California Academic First, Second, and Third teams. Turcotte, who placed on the Second All-California Team, is majoring in business. An award-winning circus performer and former leader of a performing company, she hopes to transfer to UC Berkeley in the fall and major in accounting. Hughes, who placed on the Third Team, is completing prerequisites for nursing and has been tutoring other College of Marin students in chemistry, physiology, microbiology, and political science. She hopes to transfer in the fall and earn a nursing degree.

**Upcoming Events**

**Today’s AWOL Improv Show Canceled; Auditions Still On!**

Today’s regular Brown Bag show by Actors Without Lines (A.W.O.L.) has been postponed, but auditions are still being held tonight for the next student-directed performance, “Director’s Choice.” Come show off your improvisational self at auditions for the May 15 show.

**Thursday, April 10, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.**
Performing Arts Building, rooms 134/136
Kentfield Campus

**College Jazz Ensemble Plays at the Sausalito Seahorse Tonight**

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 for College employees. In “How to Sustain Passion in your Life and Work,” she will combine medical science research and powerful findings to help you understand 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 Trustee Long brings to the topic and learn how you can grow in your life going forward.

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

Contemporary Opera Marin Presents Premier of Aurora, a Community Opera in One Act
By Paul Smith, instructor

The Music Department 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.

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

Spring Dance Concert: Earthly Flight
Artistic Director: Casey Lee Thorne
Production design: e. “Ernie” Ernstrom
Featured guest artists: Inside Out Contemporary Ballet

You are invited to the annual spring dance concert, Earthly Flight, directed by the College Dance Department faculty. Guest artists from the Inside Out Contemporary Ballet will be performing two excerpts from If I Were You.

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Friday and Saturday, April 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.
Parking is free.

Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden Spring Plant Sale This Weekend
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.

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.
College Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting
You are invited to attend College Board of Trustees monthly meetings or watch meetings live online. The 2014 schedule of meetings and Board packet materials are also online. The next scheduled meeting is:

**Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 p.m.**  
Student Services Building, cafeteria  
Kentfield Campus

Month-Long Discussion Series on Students, Safety and Sexuality:  
*The Clothesline Project*
Bear witness to the personal experiences of violence and celebrate the powerful transformation of people that is symbolized in the Clothesline Project, which will be on campus for an afternoon. The project is being brought to campus by Community Violence Solutions, an umbrella organization for the Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin Counties and one of the oldest rape crisis centers in the country. The Clothesline Project began in 1990 when members of the Cape Cod Women’s Agenda hung a clothesline across the village green in Hyannis, MA with 31 shirts designed by survivors of assault, rape, and incest. Others viewing the clothing came forward to create shirts of their own and the line kept growing. Since the first display, the project has grown to more than 300 Clothesline Projects internationally with an estimated 35,000 shirts. Community Violence Solutions currently has more than 300 shirts created by residents in Contra Costa and Marin counties. The event, part of a month-long discussion series on safety and sexuality, is sponsored by ASCOM and members of the Students, Safety and Sexuality Series Committee. All are invited. Check out College of Marin's resource guide for books, websites, and movies related to the Students, Safety and Sexuality Series.

**Wednesday, April 23, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**  
Outside of the Student Services Building and Learning Resources Center  
Kentfield Campus

Upcoming discussion panels in the series include:

- **Let’s Talk About Sex, Baby—A Panel Discussion**  
  Presenters: COM Students for Social Justice, Student Health Services, Faculty, Center for Domestic Peace and guests  
  **Tuesday, April 29, 12:40 p.m. – 2 p.m.**  
  Fusselman, room 110  
  Kentfield Campus
• **Safe Space Training**
  Presenters: Greg Miraglia, dean of career technical education, LGBT studies program coordinator and safe space program coordinator for Napa Valley College
  **Thursday, May 1, 2:10 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.**
  Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge
  Kentfield Campus
  Note: Faculty, the Safe Space Training is eligible for flex hours.

**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 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.

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Monday, April 28, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Student Services Building
Kentfield Campus
Information: Job Placement Center (415) 485-9410
Parking: $3. Please park in student lot. Daily parking passes can be purchased from the machine in parking lot 2.

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
Parking: $3. Please park in student lot. Daily parking passes can be purchased from the machine in parking lot 2.

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 featuring our fine woodwind, string and piano players. Works include Prokofiev’s Overture on Hebrew Themes, Thuille’s Sextet for Piano and Wind Quintet in Bb, Op. 6, Beethoven’s Viola Quintet, Op. 29, Gordon Jacob’s Sextet in Bb Major, Beethoven’s Wind and Piano Quintet in Eb Major, and Bach’s Trio Sonata for Two Flutes, BWV 1039. 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
**Symphonic Band Spring Concert**  
**Martin Seggelke, director**  
**Adrian Quince, guest conductor**

Please join the College Symphonic Band for their spring concert. Repertoire selections include a world premiere performance of a brand new piece by Bay Area composer Adrian Quince, who will also guest conduct, as well as music by Richard Wagner, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Alfred Reed, Morton Gould, André Waignein, and John Phillip Sousa.

**Wednesday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.**  
James Dunn Theatre  
Kentfield Campus  
Parking: $3. Please park in student lot. Daily parking passes can be purchased from the machine in parking lot 2.

**College Success Saturday**  
Our Outreach and School Relations team has been traveling to high schools to talk with students about programs and services at the College and help them apply. A testing coordinator and counselors have helped them develop student education plans and they are ready for College Success Saturday. The morning event is an interactive orientation for students and parents including a light breakfast, priority registration, English/Spanish parent orientations, campus tours and meetings with faculty, staff and student ambassadors. For more information email the College Career Specialists or call (415) 457-8811, ext. 7860

**Saturday, May 10, 8:30 a.m. – noon**  
RSVP by **Tuesday, May 6**  
Quad Area of the Learning Resources Center (LRC)  
Kentfield Campus  
Parking: Free

**COM Symphony Orchestra**  
**Tara Flandreau, director**

The spring concert features favorite works from the classical repertoire such as Bach’s playful and energetic *Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 for flute, oboe, violin, trumpet and strings*; and the beautiful suite from *Pelléas et Mélisande* by Fauré. The concert concludes with the cheerful and light-hearted *Symphony No. 8*, by Beethoven.

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Saturday, May 10, 7:30 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre
Kentfield Campus

Sunday, May 11, 4 p.m.
Location TBA
Free weekend parking

**Advanced Voice Class Recital: From the Garden—Flower-Themed Songs**

*Linda Noble Brown*, instructor

It is one of poets’ and composers’ favorite topics, in any style—the beauty of the flower. Our Advanced Recital students will explore the repertoire of art song, aria, musical theatre, and contemporary music to bring you a beautiful musical bouquet.

Sunday, May 11, 3 p.m.
The Tamalpais Retirement Community
501 Via Casitas, Greenbrae

Monday, May 19, 11:10 a.m.
Lefort Recital Hall, PA 72
Kentfield Campus
Parking: $3. Please park in student lot. Daily parking passes can be purchased from the machine in parking lot 2.

**Jazz Ensemble/Dance Band**

*Cayce Carnahan*, director

*Tony Lindsay*, special guest

An evening of classic soul and R&B with the College Dance Band, featuring Tony Lindsay of Santana and special guest Juke Joint.

Friday, May 16, 7:30 pm
The Seahorse
305 Harbor Drive, Sausalito
Tickets: $10
Reservations: *Cayce Carnahan*, (415) 457-8811, ext. 7486.
Marin Oratorio Plays Johannes Brahms Liebeslieder-Walzer and Ein deutsches Requiem
Boyd Jarrell, director

Brahms, the enchanting and the eternal, will be presented in this program of two of his most timeless works. The Liebeslieder-Walzer and Neue Liebeslieder-Walzer, his lavish Viennese settings of love poems of dalliance, affection, and unrequited passion, will feature guest vocal soloists Christa Pfeiffer, Katherine McKee, Colby Roberts, and Jeffrey Fields. They will be accompanied by pianists Paul Smith and Jeffrey Paul. A full orchestra will accompany the Marin Oratorio chorus for the majestic Ein deutsches Requiem. Brahms, the agnostic, spent years shaping this work not as a dogmatic and liturgical mass, but rather as a personal human requiem and solace for all humankind.

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. Tickets: (415) 485-9687
Free parking

Beginning Voice Class Recital: Just Offstage
Linda Noble Brown, instructor

Our beginning singers have been working all semester preparing for their first performance. This is always an exciting experience, sharing the thrill and courage of singers stepping in front of a real audience. You will hear a lovely mix of folk songs and art songs, and maybe even a short aria as the singers are allowed to make their own choice from within the class repertoire. Come celebrate with us.

Monday, May 19, 2:10 p.m.
Lefort Recital Hall, PA 72
Kentfield Campus
Free
Parking: $3. Please park in student lot. Daily parking passes can be purchased from the machine in parking lot 2.
College Chorus: Songs of the Sea
Boyd Jarrell, director
Jeffrey Paul, accompanist

Ever since humans first set off to sea, music has been our constant companion: songs of travel, songs to assist our labors, and songs to remember our loved ones far away. Join College Chorus as we present our delightful survey of sea songs from around the world. Music of Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Mary Lynn Lightfoot, and Alan Ridout will be featured. Bon voyage!

Tuesday, May 20, 7:30 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre
Kentfield Campus
Free
Parking: $3. Please park in student lot. Daily parking passes can be purchased from the machine in parking lot 2.

Ongoing Events

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.
Taxes Are Due in Less Than a Week!

Get Free, On-Campus Tax Help 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.

**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

Alumni Exhibit of Four Emerging Artists Closes Tomorrow

It’s your last chance to view the work of four extraordinary artists work is on display in the Fine Arts Gallery [Alumni Exhibit](#). The exhibit is an exploration in multiple mediums featuring [Barbara Obata](#), [Mary Huntsman](#), [Evan Hobart](#), and [Malena Lopez-Maggi](#), all former students.

Exhibit open through **Friday, April 11**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
[Fine Arts Gallery](#)
Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus
Free

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.

**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

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 Thursdays 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 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. Contra Costa
Saturday, April 12, 1 pm. 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
Men’s Baseball vs. Mendocino
Friday, April 18, 2 p.m. in Kentfield
Men’s Baseball vs. Solano
Tuesday, April 22, 2 p.m. in Kentfield
Men’s Baseball vs. Solano
Thursday, April 24, 2 p.m. in Fairfield

Track and Field
Chico Twilight
Saturday, April 12, time TBA at CSU Chico
Chabot Legacy Meet
Saturday, April 19, time TBA at Chabot College in Hayward
Big 8 Conference Meet
Tuesday and Friday, April 22 and 25, 2 p.m. at Delta College in Stockton

Swimming and Diving
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,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President