President’s Weekly Briefing—April 24, 2014

Honoring Thomas Frederic Humiston
The College Board of Trustees passed a resolution last week honoring alumnus Thomas Frederic Humiston Ed.D, who came to the College after retiring from a counseling career at San Francisco City College in 1975. Humiston delighted in taking Emeritus College classes at College of Marin and left a generous bequest that supported the new Humiston Reading Room at Emeritus College as well as the MarinNet on-line Library system. The resolution, on behalf of students, faculty and staff, expresses deep appreciation to the Humiston estate for creating a place “in which older students may relax and enjoy the pleasures of the written word.”

Welcome To New Interim Director of PRIE
A warm welcome to Chris Myers, interim director of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness, who joined us April 14. Myers was director of Institutional Research and Planning at Hartnell College until he retired in 2008. Since then, he has served on an interim basis at both Solano and Cerritos colleges. He has also maintained a consulting business, Applied Research and Evaluation, since 1980. Myers will be on campus Monday–Wednesday and will work remotely on Thursdays.

Kudos
Congratulations to Instructor Sara McKinnon who received the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Education Award this month. Her many contributions to the campus include teaching noncredit ESL courses and coordinating the noncredit ESL program as well as serving as Academic Senate president. She has been involved in numerous campus committees and programs, including Curriculum Improvement, Instructional Excellence, Personal Involvement and Leadership, Overall Program Improvement, Exemplary Support to the Classroom and Technological Leadership and is an integral part of governance, program review and Student Learning Outcomes efforts. McKinnon and other honorees will be recognized at the Chamber’s monthly business mixer on Wednesday, May 14, 5–7 p.m., at Microsoft, 1640 Redwood Highway, Corte Madera.

A big thank you to Matt Smyth, director of Maintenance and Operations, and the entire Maintenance and Operations staff for tremendous work on the Kentfield pool. They went above and beyond to get the pool up and running again ahead of schedule. After spring break, all classes resumed as scheduled. We appreciate all the work that you do.
Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society student Barbara “Barbie” Carmona received the Ed Walsh Award, which recognizes outstanding service, at the organization’s annual state convention earlier this month. She received a $600 scholarship. About $40,000 in scholarships were awarded to 55 AGS students this year. Among the 526 attendees representing 39 college chapters, were several COM students: Elvedina “Dina” Hadzikadunic, Khaly Thach, Patricia Lindsay, Danielle Jones, Rachel Spielman, Shea Manzo, Vanessa Huebner, Dashiel Gowland, and Sajani Senananayake. They were joined by advisors Jessica Park and Toni Yoshioka.

Sophomore Tylor Sarrafzadeh and Freshman Kim Baca were awarded men’s and women’s “Swimmer of the Year” honors at the Bay Valley Conference Swimming and Diving Championships April 17–19 at Solano College. They each won all three of their individual events. In addition, student Olivia Alvarez won an event for a total of seven gold medals for the Mariners—a team record. The women’s team placed sixth with 529 points and the men finished in fifth place with 579 points. Both Sarrafzadeh and Baca qualified for the Community College Swimming and Diving Championships in all three of their individual races. The state championships are May 1–3 at East Los Angeles College.

Summer and Fall Class Schedule Is Available
A combined Summer and Fall Credit/Noncredit Schedule of Classes is online and soon will be available by mail throughout the community. Open registration for all summer students begins April 28. Summer classes start June 16 and run through July 26. Looking ahead to fall 2014? Priority registration for the fall semester starts May 5, and registration for continuing students begins May 13. Classes run August 18–December 13.

April Data Nugget
Do you know what percentage of first-time students who entered the College in 2007-2008 have earned a degree or certificate, transferred to a four-year institution, or completed 60 UC/CSU transfer credits by 2012-2013?

A. 20-29%
B. 30-39%
C. 40-49%
D. 50-59%

Answer: D. 54%. The state average is 48%, according to a scorecard produced by the Chancellor’s Office Data Mart. The highest rate for California Community College Districts was at Foothill-De Anza where 66% of the students reached those goals.
Personnel Actions from the April 15, 2014 Board of Trustees Meeting

Appointment of Educational Management Personnel

- Pearl Ly has been appointed Director of Library Services, effective June 16, 2014.

Appointment of Classified Management Personnel

- Gregory Nelson has been appointed Vice President of Finance and College Operations, effective April 16, 2014.

Appointments of Classified Personnel

- Alexio Perez has been appointed Receiving Clerk, effective April 16, 2014.
- Jeffrey Cox has been appointed Custodial Supervisor, effective May 5, 2014.

Resignation of Classified Personnel

- Edwin Towle, Single Stop Project Coordinator, has submitted his resignation, effective March 21, 2014.
- Jil Walashek, Bookstore Clerk, has submitted her resignation for retirement purposes, effective close of business June 30, 2014.
- Laura Weller, Confidential Administrative Assistant, has submitted her resignation, effective March 28, 2014.

Upcoming Events

Opening This Week: 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. There will be a talkback with the director and members of the production following the performance on May 4.

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.
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.
Cops Corner: Law Enforcement To Collect Unwanted Prescriptions
You are invited to drop-off old or unwanted prescription medications at the College Police Department and other law enforcement offices throughout the county as part of a nationwide safety initiative. The Drug Enforcement Administration Take-Back Day gives the public a way to prevent pill abuse and theft by helping people to rid their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription pills. The service is free and anonymous. No questions asked. Please take your pills out of their containers and put in baggies for safe disposal at the site.

Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
College Police Department, TB1 room 105
Kentfield Campus
For information about year-round medication drop-off locations, contact the Marin County Medical Waste Program.

Cabaret Illuminated: 100 Years of Divine Scandal, Humor and Seduction
Enjoy lustrous cabaret songs that call forth the days of Le Chat Noir in Montmartre where composers Erik Satie and Claude Debussy wrote for their favorite chanteuses in an intimate salon setting. The program, presented by the College Music Department and the voice studio of Linda Noble Brown, is directed by Barbara Bacon. Vocalists Caroluna and Adrianna Dinihanian and a five-piece band will perform rebellious tales and torch songs. The show will include works by John Kander and Fred Ebb, Cole Porter, Richard Rogers, Mischa Spolianski, Kurt Weil, and many others. These are songs made famous by the likes of Edith Piaf, Marlena Dietrich and Eartha Kitt. Performers include: Caroluna, soprano; Adrianna Dinihanian, mezzo-soprano; Barbara Bacon, piano; Andius Jent, bass; Jimmy Hobson, drums; Joanna Pinckney, violin; and Marianne Shaw, accordian.

Saturday, April 26, 8 p.m.
Lefort Recital Hall, PA 72
Kentfield Campus
Free. Donations for future concerts through the COM Music program are appreciated. Music Department: (415) 485-9460

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

Discussion Series on Students, Safety and Sexuality
Let’s Talk About Sex, Baby—A Panel Discussion
You are invited to be part of a discussion on sexuality and safety, the latest event in a month-long series sponsored by ASCOM and members of the Students, Safety and Sexuality Series Committee. The lunchtime event features a panel with representatives from Students for Social Justice, Student Health Services, College faculty, Community Violence Solutions, and the Center for Domestic Peace. All are invited to join the discussion.

- Deanna, a rape crisis counselor from Community Violence Solutions, will discuss ways to stay safe in or out of a relationship, and sexual assault. She will also be discussing passive, assertive and aggressive communication and how to know your limits when dating.
- Sabrina, from Center for Domestic Peace, will discuss healthy relationships, physical and emotional abuse, and ways to avoid relationships that involve abuse.
- Shannon, from the College Health Center, will discuss sexually transmitted infections.

Tuesday, April 29, 12:40 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Fusselman, room 110
Kentfield Campus
Free

You can also check out College of Marin’s resource guide for books, websites, and movies related to the Students, Safety and Sexuality Series. The final event in the series is Safe Space Training with 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. Please RSVP online and let us know if you have any questions or concerns.
Veterans Recognition Day Panel Discussion

Welcoming Your Warrior Home: How to Honor, Support and Relate to Your Returning Service Member

A panel of visiting speakers will be on campus to talk about how we can best support military members and veterans in our lives and provide information on available resources in the area for veterans, friends and families. Come by and enjoy refreshments and meet College of Marin veterans, Blue Star Moms of Marin and supporters. The event is sponsored by College of Marin Veterans Association and Blue Star Moms of Marin. Panelists include:

- Sean Stephens, Marin County Veterans Services officer, who served four consecutive tours of duty with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan and will outline the many services available to veterans in Marin County.
- Steve Countouriotis, retired lieutenant colonel, who served 30 years in the U.S. Army, including three tours of duty in Iraq and two in Afghanistan, will offer ways in which military families can face together the challenges of returning from deployment. Three of Countouriotis’ children are also combat veterans, one of whom was wounded in action.
- Phillip Conner, retired lieutenant colonel, an Army chaplain for 22 years, served three years at an Army addiction treatment facility and will discuss identifying and responding to injury to the soul of the returning veteran.
- Carrie Bancroft, a licensed social worker and program manager at the San Francisco Veterans Administration Medical Center, will explain services available to veterans at the VA hospital.

Tuesday, April 29, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
6 p.m. Refreshments
6:45 p.m. Panel discussion
8 p.m. Q&A
Cafeteria
Kentfield Campus
Free and open to the public
Parking $3. Please park in student lots.
For more information, contact Blue Star Moms of Marin

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**

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

**Drama 2014 Speaker Series**

**To Be or Not to Be; When and If to Join the Union**

Moderator: **Dale Albright**, Director of Field Services for Theatre Bay Area

Presenters: **Anni Long and Marcia Pizzo**, Drama Department alumnae

Professional actors, College alumnae and a seasoned acting administrator will share stories about joining *Actor's Equity* and *SAG-AFTRA*. A question and answer session will follow. The event is sponsored by the College Drama Department.

**Monday, May 5, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Studio Theatre Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus
Free and open to the public
Parking: $3. Please park in student lot.
Information: Lisa Morse, Drama Department: (415) 485-9555
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 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.

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

College of Marin’s A.W.O.L. Presents Free Lunchtime Improv
You are invited to enjoy the last College of Marin’s Brown Bag Theatre’s free student-directed scenes of the year: “Director’s Choice.”
Actors Without Lines (A.W.O.L.) students from both beginning and advanced improv classes perform in the drama classroom.

Thursday, May 15, 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.
PA 134/136, Kentfield Campus
Free

Jazz Ensemble/Dance Band With Santana’s Tony Lindsay and Juke Joint
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.
The Groundwork of Organic Gardening: A Series For All Seasons
This Saturday organic gardening workshop series is designed for beginning and seasoned growers alike. Each session includes classroom instruction and practical teaching at the certified Indian Valley Organic Farm & Garden at the College of Marin Indian Valley Campus, a partnership program with the Marin Master Gardeners. The May 17 workshop, with instructor Wendy Johnson, covers soil mixes, seasonal planting schedules, irrigation, pest management and disease control and harvesting. The October workshop, with instructor Liza Buckner, will include discussion about annual winter gardens, harvesting cultivated and native plant seed, dividing and propagating perennials and establishing a sound winter composting system.
Participants may register for individual sessions or for the full series. Class size is limited to 35 participants. You may register online.

Saturdays, May 17, October 4, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Indian Valley Organic Farm & Garden
Indian Valley Campus
$30 per class
Weekend parking is free.
For more information, contact Liz Peer.

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.

Transfer Recognition Reception
You are invited to honor our students as they celebrate their transition from College of Marin to a four-year institution and the next stage of their educational and professional goals. The Transfer Recognition Reception is hosted by the Transfer and Career Center. Students are invited to stop by the Transfer Center with a copy of their acceptance letter. A catered reception will follow the ceremony. Please RSVP by May 15.

Wednesday, May 21, 5 p.m. for refreshments and 5:30 p.m. for the ceremony
Student Services Building, first floor
Kentfield Campus
For information, contact Andrea Mann, (415) 485-9671.
Ongoing Events

Cop’s Corner: April Is Distracted Driving Awareness Month
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.

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.

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

UC Berkeley
Thursday, May 8, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Schedule an appointment with Merryl Owen, (415) 485-9671.
Student Services Building, Counseling Office

University Tours for Students
Lunch and transportation will be provided free, thanks to ASCOM.

- UC Davis
  Friday, April 25
- University of San Francisco
  Saturday, May 3
You Can Support COM Programs, Student Scholarships, Departments, or Special Projects Using Payroll Deduction
As a result of several requests from faculty and staff, the College Advancement Office is now accepting payroll deduction contributions for the support of departments, programs, student scholarships, and special projects. To start payroll deduction, please complete and submit a Payroll Deduction Form. If you would like to use payroll deduction to establish a student scholarship, please also complete a Scholarship Donation Form. For more information call the Communications, Community Relations, and Advancement Office ext. 7648.

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: May 1 and 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. For life- or property-threatening emergencies, call 911.

Kentfield Campus, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m., (415) 747-0699
Indian Valley Campus, 4 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., (415) 747-0658

Sports

Baseball
Bay Valley Conference Games
Men’s Baseball vs. Solano
Thursday, April 24, 2 p.m. in Fairfield
Men’s Baseball vs. Solano
Friday, April 25, 2 p.m. at Kentfield
Men’s Baseball vs. State Playoffs 1st Round
Tuesday, April 29,
Men’s Baseball vs. State Playoffs 2nd Round
Friday-Saturday, May 2 -May 3
Men’s Baseball vs. State Playoffs Super Regional
Friday-Sunday, May 9-May 11

Track and Field
Big 8 Conference Meet
Friday, April 25, 2 p.m. at Delta College in Stockton
Nor-Cal Finals
Saturday, May 3, all day in Sacramento
Saturday, May 10, All Day in Sacramento
State Meet
Friday and Saturday, May 16-17, all day in San Mateo
Swimming and Diving
State JC Championships
Thursday–Saturday, May 1–3, all day at East Los Angeles

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