President’s Weekly Briefing—April 26, 2012

Seventh Annual President’s Breakfast
Please join me at the seventh annual President’s Breakfast sponsored by the President’s Circle, Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at 7:30 a.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel located at 101 McInnis Parkway in San Rafael. The President’s Circle provides grant money to assist faculty and staff at College of Marin to “Dream Out Loud”. If you would like to attend the breakfast, RSVP to Melinda Molloy ext. 8101 by April 27.

College Success Saturday
COM’s Counseling Department in connection with the Outreach Office is hosting the first College Success Saturday for graduating high school seniors and their parents on Saturday, April 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kentfield Campus. Students may check in at the tables in front of the Library/Learning Center. Most participating students will have taken their placement tests and will have met with a counselor to develop their educational plan. An in-depth orientation will be given at the event to both new students and their parents introducing them to the resources that will be available to ensure their success at COM. Priority registration will be available to participants for both summer and fall semesters. Faculty, staff, and student organizations are encouraged to sign up to meet and welcome the incoming students to our community. Please contact Anna Pilloton at (415) 485-9663 if you are interested in volunteering to staff a table from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Reception for COM Retirees
All faculty and staff are invited to attend a special reception honoring our retirees on Thurs., May 17, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Marin Art and Garden Center, 30 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Ross. Please join us in recognizing these outstanding individuals for their many years of service and wishing them well in all of their future endeavors.

Kudos
COM’s AGS President Stacey Patten was recently awarded a $600 scholarship by Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS), the academic honor society and service organization of the California Community Colleges. Patten received the Ed Walsh Award recognizing her outstanding service to the college, to COM’s AGS Chapter, and to her local community. AGS holds an annual convention each spring, at which the organization awards scholarships to students who excel in academics and/or community service. Congratulations and thank you for your service!

New Construction and Modernization Update: Community Forum
Please join us on Thursday, May 3, 2012, from 7p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Portable Village, PV-4, adjacent to the tennis courts at the Kentfield Campus. A forum will be held to bring the community up to date on the progress of the modernization program. There will be a question and answer period following the presentation. The forum is free and open to the public.

**Retirement Webinar**
Deciding to retire? If so, CalPERS invites you to attend a live webinar on Wednesday, May 9, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. During the online webinar you will receive step-by-step instructions on filling out your service retirement application and an explanation of the different retirement options available to you. Register for this free event and get more information.

**Spring Music Calendar**
All concerts are FREE unless otherwise noted.

**Two Recitals of Chamber Music**
**Jessica Ivry**, instructor
Friday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 5, 7:30 p.m.
COM Kentfield Campus, Lefort Recital Hall (PA 72)

**Jazz Ensemble**
**Douglas Delaney**, director
**David Jones**, choreographer
Sunday, May 6, 3 p.m
COM Kentfield Campus, Performing Arts Theatre

Singers, dancers, and a terrific big band perform in a concert featuring the music of Duke Ellington, Benny Golson, Count Basie, and George Gershwin. David Jones’ jazz dance class, and our singers will be there with some great standards. Enjoy an exciting arrangement of *Mambo* from *West Side Story*, Count Basie’s *Jumpin’ at the Woodside*, and Duke Ellington’s *Don’t Get Around Much Anymore*.

**Symphonic Band**
**Douglas Delaney**, director

Wednesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.
COM Kentfield Campus, Performing Arts Theatre

A performance of Gustav Holst’s *Mars* combined with a synthesizer realization by Isao Tomita will be a highlight of the program. Also on the program, Richard Rodgers’ *Victory at Sea* from the popular TV program, works by Isaac Albéniz, and H. Owen Reed. The concert closes with a dramatic arrangement of Wagner’s *Prelude* and *Love Death* from Tristan and Isolde.
Advanced Voice Class: Nos souvenirs qui chantent—Art Songs by Francis Poulenc  
Linda Noble Brown, instructor

Sunday, May 13, 2 p.m.  
The Tamalpais Retirement Center, Greenbrae

Monday May 21, 11:10 a.m.  
COM Kentfield Campus, Olney Hall, Room 96

Concert Band  
Douglas Delaney, director  
Wednesday, May 16, noon  
Kentfield Campus, Performing Arts Theatre

The ensemble will open with English Suite by Clare Grundman and closes with Wagner’s Die Meistersinger excerpts. In between will be the music of Clifton Williams, Francis Poulenc, and Robert M. Panerio, Jr. whose piece Macarena features trumpet player Frank Killey.

Marin Oratorio presents The Creation by Franz Josef Haydn  
Boyd Jarrell, director

Saturday, May 19, 8 p.m.  
Sunday, May 20, 3 p.m.  
COM Kentfield Campus, Performing Arts Theatre

The Creation may be embraced by all who love the natural world. With an Age of Enlightenment text drawn from the King James Bible and John Milton’s Paradise Lost, Haydn infuses his epic oratorio with spectacular orchestral and choral depictions of howling winds, slashing lightening, the moon’s silvery shimmer, and the sun’s majestic radiance. From the chaos of the formless void, to the profusion of birds, fish, and animals, and finally Adam and Eve’s rhapsodic bliss, Haydn celebrates the mystery of creation with grace, delight, and wide-eyed wonder. Marin Oratorio will be joined by guest vocal soloists Christa Pfeiffer, Brian Thorsett, and Jeffrey Fields.

Donation suggested: $20 general, $15 students, staff, seniors, and alumni  
Box Office: (415) 485-9687

Beginning Voice Class Debut! First Open Class Recital  
Linda Noble Brown, instructor  
Monday, May 21, 2:10 p.m.  
Kentfield Campus, Olney Hall, Room 96

For more information about the concerts call (415) 485-9640.
College Chorus and Chamber Singers  
Boyd Jarrell, director  
Jeffrey Paul, accompanist

Tuesday, May 22, 7:30 pm  
COM Kentfield Campus, Performing Arts Theatre

In keeping with our celebration of life in its many forms, College Chorus and Chamber Singers return this spring with music about real and mythical animals. From Renaissance madrigals to the classics; from Josquin to Rossini; birds, bees, dogs, cats, monkeys, crickets, and even teddy bears will grace this evening of animal delights.

In Remembrance  
James Leroy Locke passed away peacefully the afternoon of April 9, 2012, in San Rafael, California. Marin County had been his home for over forty of his 68 years. Jim was one of the first geology graduates from San Francisco State. After graduation he began teaching Earth Sciences at the College of Marin. It was through COM that he was able to learn, experience, and teach his passion for geology and how the earth works, in turn touching so many people's lives. Jim was diagnosed with Frontotemporal Degeneration, a rare form of dementia, in late 2005. He led a valiant struggle with the degenerative brain disease that marked the last years of his life. Ever strong and willing to get outside until the end, Jim handled his situation with grace and humor.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held at College of Marin's Student Services Center building on Saturday, April 28, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. All friends, students, and colleagues are welcome to attend. For further information contact Kim at: redheadlocke@gmail.com Having been an advocate for the beauty and uniqueness of the San Francisco Bay, donations may be made to the Save the Bay Organization in his name. www.saveSFbay.org or 350 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza Ste. 900, Oakland, CA 94612.

Have a great week!

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.  
Superintendent/President