President’s Weekly Briefing—May 1, 2014

Effective April 17, 2014, the Information Technology Department, under the leadership of Patrick Ekoue-totou, Chief Information Officer/Director of Information Technology, reports to Greg Nelson, Vice President of Finance and College Operations. Please join me in thanking Jonathan Eldridge, Vice President of Student Services for providing interim leadership and administrative oversight to IT during a very critical period of transition.

Students Elect 2014 ASCOM Officers
Congratulations to our newest slate of student government representatives elected last week in an election with 242 ballots cast.

- Steven Petker, with 128 votes, won the seat of ASCOM president. Candidate Kahlil Gray received 85 votes.
- Rudolph Cervetto received 169 votes and will serve as vice president.
- Michael Trump received 159 votes and will serve as director of student activities.
- Kevin Eagleson received 160 votes and will serve as director of technology.
- Diana Arnold, with 116 votes and will serve as director of public relations. Candidate Ben Milstein received 77 votes.
- Mariana Weber received 167 votes and will serve as state student senate representative.
- AnnaLaura Arredondo received 100 votes and will serve as student trustee. Candidate Melanie Wolf received 82 votes.
- No one received 15 or more votes for the positions of treasurer, secretary, director of student services or IVC senators-at-large.

Our sincere gratitude to the students who served as officers in the 2013-14 academic year!

Saturday Parking To Be Impacted by Kent School Century Celebration
Weekend faculty, staff, and students should be prepared for more activity than usual on campus this Saturday due to a community event celebrating the history of Greenbrae, Kentwood, and the 10 year anniversary of Kent School. We are allowing our parking lot to be used for the event on Saturday, May 3.

Kudos
Congratulations to Coach Berringer and the College of Marin Baseball Team for winning the Bay Valley Conference for the second year in a row. The College will host a regional playoff series this weekend against Consumnes River College from the Big Eight Conference. The series will be a best of three. Game one starts at 2 p.m., Friday, May 2. Game two starts at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 3. Game three, if necessary, starts 30 minutes after game two ends.
Art History Instructor **Heather Murray**, served as a volunteer juror Wednesday for the **Artistic Discovery Contest**, the annual high school congressional art competition. The California Second Congressional District spans from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Oregon border. Also on the panel were jurors from Dominican University and a representative from **Youth in Arts**, a Marin County organization.

*Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*, featuring **Melanie Bandera-Hess, Shawn Oda, Elexa Poropudas, Chandra Gordon and Amanda Eckstut**, has received great reviews in the *Marinscope* for their opening performances last weekend. Reviewer Woody Weingarten said watching the show, directed by **Molly Noble** was “like savoring cotton candy laced with a non-piquant spice. It’s mouthwatering while you’re wolfing down the sugar-high—even though you’re apt to forget the empty calories mere seconds after the last bite.” Weingarten said the show makes you think and is also “guaranteed to make you smile. And, most likely, laugh aloud. Again, and again, and again.” Two more weekends only!

**Upcoming Events**

**Annual Student Art Show Opening and Reception Tomorrow**
Come by and celebrate the creative vision of our students in the annual Student Art Show. This show includes extraordinary work in many mediums.

**Artist Reception: Friday, May 2, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.**
**Friday, May 2 – Thursday, May 15**
Gallery Hours: Weekdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Fine Arts Gallery
Kentfield Campus

**Asian Pacific Heritage Festival**
The College is co-hosting the annual Asian Pacific Heritage Festival this Sunday, a rich cultural feast that honors Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. Come by and enjoy a lion dance, Chinese martial arts and Qigong, Korean and Taiko drum performances, Aikido, and Filipino and Hawaiian dance. Indoor Japanese tea ceremonies will take place at 11 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m. A Korean lunch will available for purchase. The events are co-hosted and sponsored by the Asian American Alliance of Marin, Marin Chinese Cultural Association, Associated Students College of Marin (ASCOM), Filipino Americans of Nor-Cal Organization, the Korean community, Marin Vietnamese American Association, and Dominican University Service Learning Program. All ages are welcome to these events to observe and learn about the rituals. Participation in the ceremony is limited.

**Sunday, May 4, 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Tickets: Suggested donation $5
Parking: Free
Information: Asian American Alliance of Marin

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

**Fridays and Saturdays, 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.

**Discussion Series on Students, Safety and Sexuality**

**Safe Space Training**

Join us in learning about creating a welcoming and safe environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) students. National studies show that LGBT students currently experience bullying and harassment daily while at school and they are four times more likely to attempt suicide than their straight peers. There is a direct correlation between students feeling safe and welcome on campus with student retention and persistence. Greg Miraglia, dean of career technical education, LGBT studies program coordinator and Safe Space Program coordinator for Napa Valley College, will be the key presenter in this series sponsored by ASCOM and members of the Students, Safety and Sexuality Series Committee. Flex Hours are available to faculty who participate in the Safe Space Training.

**Thursday, May 1, 2:10 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.**
Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge  
Kentfield Campus

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

**Classified Senate Governance Monthly Meeting**
The **Classified Senate** represents the voice of the classified staff in participatory governance matters. All meetings are open to the public. You may contact any of the Classified senators listed [online](#) to ask questions or get information about the Senate.

**Tuesday, May 6**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Teleconference room LC 53
Kentfield Campus

Teleconference room ISC 201
Indian Valley Campus

**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 lots. 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 online 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 lots. Daily parking passes can be purchased from the machine in parking lot 2.

Actors Without Lines (A.W.O.L.) Presents Free Lunchtime Improv
You are invited to enjoy student-directed scenes at the final Brown Bag Theatre of the semester: “Director’s Choice.” 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
**Intensive English Program Graduation**

COM faculty and staff are invited to this end-of-semester event to celebrate with our international students from all over the world. We will have student speakers, presentation of certificates and awards, and distribution of a collection of student writing, followed by an international potluck.

**Friday, May 16, 11 a.m., potluck to follow at noon**
Pomo 3, room 255
RSVP to Sara Oser, (415) 883-2211, ext. 8579

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**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.

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**The Groundwork of Organic Gardening; A Series For All Seasons**

This 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. Class size is limited to 35 participants; register online.

**Saturdays, May 17 and 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. Information: (415) 485-9687
Parking: Free

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 lots. 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 the College Chorus in a 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 lots. Daily parking passes can be purchased from the machine in parking lot 2.

**Transfer Student 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. **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
RSVP and more information: Andrea Mann, (415) 485-9671.

**Congressman Huffman to Speak at 87th Commencement Exercises**
Come celebrate our students’ achievements at the 87th commencement exercises. **Congressman Jared Huffman** will be the keynote speaker. Sara McKinnon is the Faculty Grand Marshall. Your participation makes a great difference to our campus community as we honor the Class of 2014. For more information, visit our **Commencement 2014 page.**

**Friday, May 23, 6 p.m. Reception to follow ceremony.**
Diamond Physical Education Center
Kentfield Campus
Free parking

**Fifth Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Celebration Honors Athletic History**
The rich history of our Athletic Department is celebrated each year at the Athletic Hall of Fame banquet, which honors the student athletes and coaches who have contributed so much to the College. Get your tickets early to be part of the induction of our newest class:
- **Jay Johnson**, Basketball (1963–1965)
• Michael Parnow, Baseball (1970–1972)
• Dan Lucia, Baseball (1976–1977)
• Ted Popson, Football (1986–1988)
• Diane Kukahiko, COM Athletics Department (1989–2011)

Saturday, June 7
5 p.m. No-host social hour
6 p.m. Buffet dinner and induction
The Lodge at Tiburon
1651 Tiburon Blvd., Tiburon
Tickets: $65 each. RSVP by Friday, May 30. Seating is limited.
Contact: Lindsay Bacigalupi, Athletics & Physical Education Department, (415) 485-9580

Ongoing Events

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.

Join a Student Tour of University of San Francisco
Lunch and transportation will be provided free, thanks to ASCOM.
Saturday, May 3

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

Learn More About 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

Indian Valley Organic Farm & Garden Stand Open Wednesdays
The IVC Organic Farm and Garden Farm Stand is open every Wednesday rain or shine. Come by and select the freshest produce and flowers available. Please bring your own shopping bag.

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Indian Valley Campus
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 final Moodle Open Lab of the semester. For the latest schedule of upcoming and archived trainings, visit the Faculty Support Services web page. No registration is necessary, just drop in. And, note, that there will be Flex Workshops for the New Moodle version (2.6) on August 13 and 14. For more information, call (415) 485-9540.

Thursday, May 15, noon to 1:30 p.m.
SMN 130
Kentfield Campus

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. (415) 485-9455, or call Dispatch at (415) 485-9696 to have police personnel contact you to make arrangements. You can also 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
Regional Playoff Series at Kentfield
Men’s Baseball vs. Consumnes River College of the Big Eight Conference
- Game one—Friday, May 2, 2 p.m.
- Game two—Saturday, May 3, 11 a.m.
- Game three (if necessary)—Saturday, May 3, starts 30 minutes after game two ends.

Men’s Baseball vs. State Playoffs Super Regional
Friday-Sunday, May 9-May 11, TBA

Men’s Baseball vs. State Playoffs Sectionals
Friday-Sunday, May 16-May 18, TBA

Men’s Baseball vs. Final Four State Championship
Friday-Sunday, May 24-May 26

Track and Field
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 College

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