President’s Weekly Briefing—May 9, 2013

Puente Project Seeks Mentors For Students
College of Marin Puente Project is seeking college-educated professionals to mentor students preparing to transfer to universities. Puente is a successful statewide counseling, mentoring and writing program for high school and community college students in California that has helped more than 400,000 students since its inception in 1981. In its fifth year at College of Marin, the program has served over 150 students and seen strong results, thanks in large part to mentors who have been willing to meet with one student several times a semester. Mentors share their experiences and introduce them to new resources for their careers. Students can join the program at the English 120 level each fall. Many of them are the first in their families to attend college and most are Latino/a. In Puente they experience Latino-themed reading and writing assignments, sustained counseling, field trips and other activities to help them and their families learn more about transferring to universities. Mentoring is an experience not to be missed. Contact Blaze Woodlief, Puente English instructor, at (415) 485-9647 or Luz Moreno, Puente counselor, at (415) 485-9666 to learn about mentoring students in the coming year.

Tomorrow: Grand Opening of New Science, Math, Nursing Building
NASA Engineer and COM Alumnus Adam Steltzner is Keynote Speaker
Join us for the grand opening and dedication of our new Science, Math, Nursing building with noted lecturer and alumnus Adam Steltzner from the NASA Mars Rover Curiosity expedition. Seltzer’s lecture, titled “The Right Kind of Crazy—An Improbable Journey to Mars,” will be followed by a ribbon cutting and interactive tours throughout the afternoon on May 10. The event is open and free to all.

Friday, May 10
Kentfield Campus

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Dr. Adam Steltzner, lead mechanical engineer of the NASA Mars Rover Project
James Dunn Theatre

2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Ribbon Cutting and Dedication
Science, Math, Nursing Building, Orbital Court

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Interactive Tours of Classrooms and Labs
Science, Math, Nursing Building
Science, Math, Nursing Building Interactive Tours
Participants will experience a code blue demonstration using a realistic technologically advanced robotic mannequin in the new Medical Simulation Lab performed by nursing students. In addition, exciting and hair raising electrical demonstrations will be offered in the physics lab, and expect some possible fireworks or other experiments performed in the chemistry lab. Biology, anthropology, and geology labs will also offered interactive opportunities on the tour. Read more online about how College of Marin helped Adam Steltzner discover his passion for learning: How an 80s Rocker's Curiosity Landed Safely on the Red Planet.

White Foods BYOB Program Supports IV Organic Farm and Garden
Whole Foods Novato has selected the Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden for their Dimes for Donations program. When you bring your own shopping bag to the store, you will have the opportunity to choose to apply your bag credit toward a donation to Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden.

Indian Valley Organic Farm & Garden Offering Weekly Boxes of Fresh Produce
Arugula, strawberries, heirloom tomatoes and Japanese turnips are just some of the items on the menu for people who sign up to receive a weekly box of fresh, organic, seasonal produce from the Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden (IVOFG) Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) pilot program. The pilot CSA program is looking for 25 families to sign up for the program which begins May 21 and runs through November. Members receive 28 boxes of nine to 12 different vegetables, herbs and fruit (strawberries for most of the season and melon for a couple weeks) harvested at their peak ripeness from IVOFG. They also receive a weekly newsletter with recipes, nutrition information and farm news. Another option is to purchase one of the 10 farm stand memberships that are available for people who want to choose what they get each week from the stand. The cost is $700 for the season, payable in advance ($25 savings) or in installments. You can also get a fresh bouquet of flowers for an additional $7 per week. People may also sign up for a four-week trial.

The CSA program supports the farm’s mission to teach the community about the health and environmental benefits of local, sustainably-produced food, and works toward creating a healthier food system, and enhances the sustainable agriculture training that we offer our students.

CSA members can choose to pick up their boxes on Tuesday or Friday either at the farm or in the staff lounge. The farm stand is now open Saturdays, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. For information or to sign up, contact Amy Ridout at (415) 454-4554.
Upcoming Events

Drama Department Presents *I Hate Hamlet*
By Paul Rudnick
Jeffrey Bihr, director
**May 10** and **11** at 8 p.m.
**May 12** at 2 p.m.
Studio Theatre
Kentfield Campus

His TV career in limbo, hot young TV star Andrew Rally has relocated to a gothic apartment in New York City. He has been offered the title role in *Hamlet*, but there’s a problem; he hates *Hamlet*! When the very inebriated ghost of John Barrymore appears in what used to be his gothic apartment, a wildly funny duel erupts between the two over women, art, success, duty, television and yes, the apartment! Tickets are $20 for general admission, $15 for seniors, $10 for students, COM employees, and alumni. For tickets, contact the box office at (415) 485-9385. More information is available online.

COM Symphony Orchestra
Tara Flandreau, director
Karla Avila, clarinet

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

**Saturday, May 11**
4 p.m.
Unity in Marin
600 Palm Drive, Novato

Our concert season concludes with classical favorites by Mozart and Brahms. New COM faculty member Karla Avila will perform as soloist in the beautiful clarinet concerto by Mozart. Keeping in the classical vein, the orchestra will conclude the program with Brahms *Variations on a Theme by Haydn.*
Memorial for Family and Friends of Lindsey Crocker
Saturday, May 11
3:30 p.m.
Math Lab, SMN 129
Kentfield Campus

A memorial will be held on campus to honor the passing of Eileen “Lindsey” Crocker, beloved tutor in the Math Lab. Lindsey worked as a math tutor since June 2000, occasionally substituting as an instructional specialist. College of Marin was an important part of her life and she was an important part of ours. She will be greatly missed.

Advanced Voice Class Recital: In Praise of Mothers
Linda Noble Brown, instructor
Sunday, May 12
2 p.m.
The Tamalpais Retirement Community
501 Via Casitas, Greenbrae

Monday, May 20
11:10 a.m.
Lefort Recital Hall, PA 72
Kentfield Campus
Donation suggested

Performing songs from classical vocal literature, operatic and musical theatre offerings, our advanced class singers will reflect on the many visions of motherhood. Join us on Mother’s Day for a touching, funny and sometimes deeply moving recital.

Concert Band Lunchtime Concert
Karla Avila, director
Tuesday, May 14
1 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre
Kentfield Campus
Donation suggested
Parking $3

Join the College of Marin Concert Band for a delightful lunchtime concert featuring some of the great symphonic works and classics by George Gershwin, Jerry Bock (Fiddler on the Roof) and a special wind ensemble arrangement of the masterpiece The Planets by Gustav Holst.
Reception for COM Retirees
Wednesday, May 15
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Marin Art and Garden Center, Garden Room 30
Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Ross

Please join in honoring the following individuals at a special reception honoring these retirees for their many years of service and wishing them well in all of their future endeavors:

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Children's Art Show
Wednesday, May 15 and Thursday, May 16
9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Quad, outside LRC
Kentfield Campus

Building 12, Room 100
Indian Valley Campus
Enchilada lunch is $5

Please stop by to enjoy the annual Children’s Art Shows where you will find beautiful matted drawings and paintings to decorate your office, gift cards and gift wrap created by children in the child development centers on both campuses. Enjoy fresh homemade treats as well. Donations are welcome to support the children's arts program.

The Indian Valley Art Show will also feature a homemade enchilada lunch with salad, beans and rice for $5. For more information, contact Lyda Beardsley at (415) 457.8811 ext. 7132 (KTD) or ext. 8222 (IVC).

Marin Oratorio Presents Judas Maccabaeus
Featuring Works by George Frideric Handel
Boyd Jarrell, director
Saturday, May 18 at 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 19 at 3 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre
Kentfield Campus
Suggested Donation: $20 general admission, $15 for students, staff, seniors and alumni

Oppression, struggle, victory, and peace—all are found in the colorful tale of Judas Maccabaeus, the rebel leader who rallied his people against a Hellenistic invasion and restored the Temple of Jerusalem. The celebrated 100-voice choir will be joined by full orchestra and a stellar cast of guest soloists. Michael Belle in the title role will be joined by Christa Pfeiffer, Clifton Massey and Paul Thompson. Proceeds support the programs of Marin Oratorio. For tickets and information, visit Marin Oratorio, or call (415) 485-9687.
**Genesis, First Open Beginning Voice Class Recital**

**Linda Noble Brown**, instructor

**Monday, May 20**

2:10 p.m.

Lefort Recital Hall, FA 72

Kentfield Campus

Free admission

Parking $3

Singers from this class have been working all semester to perform their first time for you. Come share the thrill and courage of singers stepping in front of their audience for the first time. Program will feature a mix of folk songs, art songs, and maybe even a short aria.

**Gloriani–College Chorus and Chamber Singers Celebrate Tudor Splendor in the Court of Elizabeth I**

**Boyd Jarrell**, director

**Jeffrey Paul**, accompanist

**Thursday, May 21**

7:30 p.m.

Lefort Recital Hall, FA 72

Kentfield Campus

Donation suggested

Parking $3

Please join in celebrating the richly creative era of Renaissance England and the court of Elizabeth I with the Chamber Singers and College Chorus performing compositions by Dowland, Tallis, Byrd, and Gibbons along with modern settings by Emma Lou Diemer, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Benjamin Britten. “Come give us your hands if we be friends…”

**Piano Repertoire Concert**

**Jean Alexis Smith**, director

**Tuesday, May 21** at 2 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 22** at 12 p.m.

Lefort Recital Hall, PA 72

Kentfield Campus

Donation suggested

Parking $3

The Piano Repertoire and Performance Class presents two concerts juxtaposing short solo keyboard works from the Baroque era with short piano works from 20th century composers. Each concert features a unique repertoire.
Scholarship Awards Ceremony
May 22
5:30 p.m.
Student Services Center
Kentfield Campus

Please join us in celebrating this year’s College of Marin scholarship recipients. Recipients include graduating students, students who will be continuing their studies at College of Marin and students transferring to universities. They are selected on the basis of financial need, academic performance and individual merit by the College of Marin Scholarship Committee. A reception will follow the ceremony. RSVP by Monday, May 17, to (415) 485-9500.

Faculty and Staff Recognition Lunch
Thursday, May 23
12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Physical Education Complex Gymnasium
Kentfield Campus
RSVP required by Friday, May 17
Sponsored by COM Professional Development

All classified professionals, faculty and administrators are invited to attend the Faculty and Staff Recognition Lunch to celebrate the year’s achievements and recognize the outstanding contributions of our dedicated employees. The program will include presentations by the academic and classified senates.

You are also invited to participate in the Office Supply Exchange. Please bring your extra office supplies (pens, pencils, folders, binders, note pads, staples, rubber bands and tape). You can leave extra supplies on the table provided and pick up anything you might need that is left by someone else. For information, contact Kathleen Kirkpatrick, Staff Development Program administrator, (415) 485-9344.
Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom to Speak at Commencement Ceremony
Friday, May 24
6 p.m.
Kentfield Campus

Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom, former mayor of San Francisco, will be the honored speaker at College of Marin's 86th annual commencement ceremony. Newsom was elected as the 49th Lieutenant Governor of California on November 2, 2010. His top priorities are economic development and job creation, improving access to higher education, and maintaining California’s environmental leadership. His entrepreneurial background includes launching 15 small businesses, creating more than 1,000 jobs in the private sector and serving as a county supervisor and the mayor of the city and county of San Francisco. Under his energetic leadership, the economy grew and jobs were created. The City enjoys the highest minimum wage in America, universal paid family leave and universal child care. The San Francisco Unified School District is the highest performing urban school district in the state. Newsom also balanced seven consecutive budgets on time during national economic instability without laying off a single teacher, police officer, or firefighter.

2013 Athletic Hall of Fame Honorees to be Celebrated at Dinner Induction Ceremony
Saturday, June 1
5 p.m. – No-host social hour
6 p.m. – Buffet dinner and induction
The Lodge at Tiburon
1651 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon
Tickets: $60, Seating is limited
RSVP by Friday, May 24 to Lindsay Bacigalupi at (415) 485-9580

The fourth annual College of Marin Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner and Ceremony inductees include:

- **Don Barksdale**, Basketball, Track and Field (1940-1942)
- **Elmer Collett**, Football, (1962-1963)
- **Fred Arnold**, Basketball (1964-1966)
- **Jim Halm**, Basketball (1964-1966)
- **Kathleen Smyth**, Basketball, Tennis, (1978 – present)
- **Veronica Venezia-DeMartini**, Track and Field (1983-1984)
Ongoing Events

Farm Stand—Open Wednesdays and Saturdays
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Indian Valley Campus
Parking available in lot 6

If you haven't been able to come to the Wednesday farm stand, now is your chance to buy local organic produce and plants on Saturdays as well. Please remember to bring your own bags. Reusable, washable produce bags are sold on site for $1 each. All proceeds support the operation of the Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden.

Fine Arts Department Faculty Exhibition
Through May 25
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Fine Arts Gallery
Kentfield Campus
Parking $3

Don’t miss the faculty show held in the newly remodeled Fine Arts Gallery at the Kentfield Campus. The exhibition will showcase the many art disciplines taught at the College. For more information, call Olga Borissova at (415) 485-9480.

Emeritus Center Displays Work of Anna Ladyzhenskaya
Through June 30
Emeritus Center
Kentfield Campus

The work of internationally known artist Anna Ladyzhenskaya, a Novato resident, will be on display through June 30 in the Emeritus Center. The artist, a native of Moldova (when it was still part of the former Soviet Union) works with different forms of media to create landscapes, still lifes and portraits. She is a member of the Marin Museum of Contemporary Art. Other recent exhibits of her artwork include San Francisco’s annual Celebration of Craftswomen at Fort Mason and regular displays at Gallery Elektra in Sausalito.
Electric Vehicle Club Hosts Hamburger Tuesdays
Tuesdays 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Outside Main Building 27
Indian Valley Campus

Tuesdays are burger days throughout the spring semester thanks to the Electric Vehicle Club, which is hosting a weekly fundraiser to support the restoration of one of the College’s classic electric vehicles. The club will be selling beef and vegetarian burgers with the works for $3 or a burger with soda and chips for $5. The group is also selling energy drinks, water, fruit, and ice cream.

Submissions to the Weekly Briefing
Please submit information no later than Friday for the following week. Submissions received later than Friday will be included in the next week’s edition.

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President