President’s Weekly Briefing—May 15, 2014

Kudos

College of Marin’s Drama Department was highlighted recently in the spring 2014 Practitioner Primer, Practically Speaking: Community College Practices That Help (Re)define Student Support, published by the Research and Planning Group for California Community Colleges. The booklet provides examples from California community colleges around five themes: student motivation, teaching students to succeed in a postsecondary environment, providing support structures, supporting historically underserved students, and integrative approaches. One section describes how Drama Professor W. Allen Taylor created Major Meetings, an annual event for declared and interested Drama students to learn about services and supplemental activities. There are a few steps to get you to his page, but it’s a quick read. Please click on the link below then click on the publication link. Once the booklet loads, scroll down to page 59. Kudos to Allen and all of the COM team who help make our program a success.

http://www.rpgroup.org/projects/student-support

College of Marin student and local historian Dewey Livingston has authored the first comprehensive historical account of the region in a new book, In the Heart of Marin: The History of Kentfield and Greenbrae. The book, which chronicles the rough and tumble days of the 1800s through the 21st century, includes a four-page section on the history of the College. It was written with the help of the Kentfield-Greenbrae Historical Society and debuted earlier this month at the Centennial Celebration of Kentfield and Greenbrae where Livingston signed hundreds of copies. It is going into its second printing. The College library has ordered a copy. You can read more about it in the May 10 Marin Independent Journal article. His next scheduled book readings are May 16, noon, at the Marin County Library in San Rafael and May 22, 7 p.m. at the Corte Madera Library.

Congratulations to Mariner swimmers Kim Baca and Tylor Sarrafzadeh for their fine results at the California Community College Championships May 1–3 at East Los Angeles College. Baca placed sixth in the 500-yard and 1,650-yard freestyle and tenth in the 200-yard individual medley. Baca was named to the United States Community College Swimming and Diving All American Team in three events. She was ranked 10th in the 500 yard freestyle, 11th in the 1650 yard freestyle, and 14th in the 200 yard individual medley. Sarrafzadeh took 24th in the 100-yard freestyle, 25th in the 200-yard freestyle and 26th in the 50-yard freestyle. Both swimmers were named Bay Valley Conference Swimmers of the Year. Sarrafzadeh will continue swimming next year at either UC San Diego or Chapman University. Baca will be back to lead the Mariners in 2015.

Admissions Offices to Close Early Friday

The Admissions Offices will close early on Friday, May 16, for a monthly staff meeting.
Tomorrow is the Last Day to RSVP for Faculty and Staff Recognition Lunch

Aloha! Get in the spirit by putting on your favorite aloha shirt and celebrate the year’s achievements with friends and colleagues at the annual Faculty and Staff Recognition Lunch. The event, sponsored by the Professional Development Committee, will include presentations by the Academic and Classified Senates. To establish headcount and vegetarian preference, RSVP required by Friday, May 16, at noon. Click here to RSVP or email Dianne Faw.

Thursday, May 22, noon – 1:30 p.m.
Diamond P.E. Center Gymnasium
Kentfield Campus

Upcoming Events

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

Jazz Ensemble/Dance Band with Santana’s Tony Lindsay and Juke Joint
Cayce Carnahan, director
Tony Lindsay, special guest

Grammy award winner Tony Lindsay of Santana and Juke Joint, a six-piece horn band, is joining the College Jazz Ensemble for an evening of classic soul and R&B. Don’t miss this dance-able show at the Seahorse.

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 This Weekend
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

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.

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.

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

Tuesday, May 20, 6:30 p.m.
Cafeteria, Student Services Building
Kentfield Campus

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; RSVP Today
You are invited to honor students as they celebrate their transition to four-year institutions and the next stage of their educational and professional journeys. 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.

Wednesday, May 21
5 p.m. Refreshments
5:30 p.m. Ceremony
Golden Bell Awards to Honor Marin County Educators
The Golden Bell Awards honors outstanding educators in Marin County. The event is sponsored by San Rafael Elks Lodge No. 1108, Marin Association of Superintendents, Marin County School Boards Association, and Marin County Office of Education.

Thursday, May 22, 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Dominican University, Angelico Hall, 50 Acacia Drive
San Rafael
Tickets: $15. Reservations required.
Information: (415) 499-5879, Marin County Office of Education

Registered Nursing Program Pinning Ceremony
Family and friends of the newest graduates of the registered nursing program will be gathering for the annual Pinning Ceremony.

Thursday, May 22, 6 p.m.
Fine Arts Theater
Kentfield Campus

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

Memorial for Betty M. Wilson, Former Art Instructor
A celebration of life honoring artist and former College instructor, Betty Wilson, will take place on what would have been her 94th birthday. Betty died in her home in Ross, February 20.
A prolific artist, Wilson created over 150 works of art, with incredible range of color and style. Her work was shown at the Burnaby Art Gallery in British Columbia, Canada, Mill Valley City Hall, Marin County Fair, and frequently at the Marin Society of Artists. Throughout her years at

Student Services Building, first floor
Kentfield Campus
RSVP by May 15 to Andrea Mann, (415) 485-9671
College of Marin, she contributed works to many of the annual faculty shows and was very proud of her one woman retrospective shows in 1998 and 2008. Wilson is survived by her domestic partner, Gloria Pettersson, niece Lou Anne Wilson of Putney, VT, and nephew James Wilson Blasquez of Redding. Donations in her honor may be made to the College of Marin Art Department or the Marin Society of Artists.

Saturday, May 24, 11 a.m.
Fine Arts Gallery
Kentfield Campus

Memorial Day—Campuses Closed on Monday, May 26
The campuses will be closed Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.

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)
- Bob Justice, Swimming and Diving, Water Polo (1964–1996)
- Dan Lucia, Baseball (1976–1977)
- 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 and Physical Education Department, (415) 485-9580

Update Your Skills at Summer Flex Workshops
You are invited to update your skills at Flex workshops for the new Moodle version 2.6. For the latest schedule of upcoming and archived trainings, visit the Faculty Support Services web page. For more information, call (415) 485-9540.

Wednesday, August 13 and Thursday, August 14, 10 a.m. – noon and 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
SMN 130
Kentfield Campus
Ongoing Events

College Library Calls For Gently Used Books, CDs, and DVDs
Faculty, staff, and administration are invited to donate gently used books, music CDs, audiobooks, and DVDs to the College library for possible inclusion to our collection. The items will bolster our offerings as we join MARINet this summer. All donations are tax deductible. For more information, contact the library at (415) 485-9656.

Find Fresh Produce and Flowers at the Indian Valley Organic Farm & Garden Stand; Open Wednesdays and Saturdays
The IVC Organic Farm and Garden Farm Stand are open every Wednesday and Saturday—rain or shine. Come by and select the freshest produce and flowers available. Please bring your own shopping bag.

Wednesdays and Saturdays, 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.

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

Track and Field
State Meet
Friday and Saturday, May 16–17, all day in San Mateo

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