A Collective Thank You
Science Math Nursing Grand Opening was a Tremendous Success
The grand opening of the Science Math Nursing building last weekend was a tremendous success that drew college supporters and interested community members to the campus to see the first-rate facility and to hear noted alumnus Adam Steltzner talk about his adventures in supporting space exploration. There were so many faculty, staff and students who helped make the program an exceptional success. The interesting interactive tours helped introduce our state-of-the-art, environmentally designed facility to the community at large.

Dr. Steltzner’s outstanding presentation on the Mars Rover expedition and the power of curiosity even touched on the role community colleges play in our society. He described community colleges as a “safe haven” for students who are exploring their interests. It was at College of Marin in the 80s that he overcame his own fears and learned to follow his curiosity into the world of stars. He credits Stephen Prata, his first physics instructor, for illuminating new ideas and possibilities and for the generous student body for helping him dive into his passion for physics and exploration.

"We never really know where our curiosity is going to take us," he said last week. "When we explore, we're asking questions about ourselves, who we are and what we can do."

I would like to thank the following list of people for weeks of planning, dedication and for their presence at the event, including the event sponsors who are listed below. And lastly, a special thanks to Cathy Summa-Wolfe for producing and shepherding the event to completion.

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• Adam Steltzner

PG&E Awards $305,000
PG&E officials presented the College with a six-figure check last week for the energy efficient design and construction of the new Science, Math, Nursing Building. The $305,000 incentive check was presented to the college at the grand opening ceremony on May 10. The College has been working with PG&E since 2008, earning benefits and incentives from the company’s New Construction Incentive Program. We have saved more than 1.6 million kilowatt hours in the past 12 months and received a total of $620,000 in PG&E incentives. PG&E estimates the College of Marin will save about 708,000 kilowatt hours and 119,000 therms per year. The building was designed to meet sustainable building practices and has been submitted for Gold Certification by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program by the U.S. Green Building Council.
Kudos
Model United Nations club representatives from several California colleges and the American University of Rome enjoyed a dynamic event on May 4, at the College of Marin thanks to the hard work of Model UN clubs at College of Marin and Diablo Valley College who hosted the event together. Participants included Model UN club representatives from Stanford University, UC Berkeley, San Francisco State University, UC Davis and Mills College, in addition to the American University and the host colleges. The event was planned and executed entirely by our Model UN students with club President Hannah Neil and students Nima Zarkoub and Minaaz Sheikh working especially hard to help set up scenarios for the event and invite other clubs to participate. We are so proud of our students and impressed by what they have accomplished. Paul Cheney, Social Science faculty, serves as club advisor.

2012-2013 Retirees
Thank you also to our dedicated and exceptional retirees this year:

- Steven Brown, Media Services Coordinator (1981 – 2013)
- Paul Christensen, Instructor, Behavioral Sciences (1973 – 2012)
- Scotti Clair, Media Center Assistant (1989 – 2013)
- Carl Cox, Librarian (1975 – 2013)
- Henry Fearnley, Social Sciences Instructor (1975 – 2012)
- Tara Flandreau, Performing Arts Instructor (1981 – 2013)
- Paulette Foster, Admissions and Records Specialist (1969 – 2013)
- Theodora Fung, Counselor (1973 – 2012)
- Ronald Gaiz, Communications Instructor (1987 – 2012)
- Kathleen Gold, Bookstore Supervisor (1975 – 2013)
- Letta Hlavachek, Counselor (1989 – 2013)
- Robin Jackson, Production Technician for Drama (1993 – 2013)
- Kathleen Kirkpatrick, Staff Development Program Administrator (1981 – 2013)
- Nancy Kutcher, Media Services Coordinator (1999 – 2013)
- Ira Lansing, Mathematics Instructor (1976 – 2013)
- David LaRocca, Custodian (1979 – 2013)
- Jo Muilenburg, Instructional Specialist for English (1983 – 2013)
- Faye L. Mueller, Instructional Specialist for Testing/Distance Education (2009 – 2013)
- Bessie Ng-Jung, Counselor (1975 – 2012)
- Juan Obregozo, Custodial Supervisor (1990 – 2013)
- Mylo Peterson, Receiving Clerk (2001 – 2013)
Joan Risch, Librarian (1973 – 2013)
Sherry Saccuzzo, EOPS/CalWORKs Specialist (2000 – 2013)
Chris Schultz, DSPS Coordinator (1989 – 2012)
Sharon Schillings, EOPS/CalWORKs Specialist (2001 – 2013)
Susan Scott, Counseling Administrative Assistant (1990 – 2013)
Paul Smith, Performing Arts Instructor (1985 – 2012)
Joetta Tenison-Scott, CalWORKs Counselor (1989 – 2013)
Robert Thompson, Director, Maintenance and Operations (1969 – 2013)
Michael Timmel, Instructor, Communications (1979 – 2012)
Cathy White-Lambert, Media Services Coordinator (1989 – 2013)
Brian Wilson, Instructor, Business Information Systems (1979 – 2013)
Frank Yanez, Custodian (1994 – 2013)

Upcoming Events

Advanced Voice Class Recital: In Praise of Mothers
Linda Noble Brown, instructor
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.

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. A full orchestra and a stellar cast of guest soloists will join the celebrated 100-voice choir. Christa Pfeiffer, Clifton Massey and Paul Thompson will join Michael Belle in the title role. 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.

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 21
6:30 p.m.
Cafeteria, Student Services Building
Kentfield

You can watch the College of Marin Board of Trustees live online and view recordings of past meetings as well.

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

Celebrate the richly creative era of Renaissance England and the court of Elizabeth I with the Chamber Singers and College Chorus as they perform 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
RSVP by Friday, May 17, to (415) 485-9500

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. The College of Marin Scholarship Committee selects them on the basis of financial need, academic performance and individual merit. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Faculty and Staff Recognition Lunch—RSVP by Tomorrow
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.
Transfer Recognition Reception  
**Thursday, May 23**  
5:30 p.m.  
Student Services Cafeteria  
Kentfield Campus  
Hosted by the Transfer and Career Center

You are invited to celebrate and honor students who are moving on to four-year universities to pursue their educational and life goals. The seventh annual Transfer Recognition Reception will begin with a ceremony to formally acknowledge students followed by a catered reception and live music. For additional information, contact Cynthia Lavi at (415) 485.9671.

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 the U.S., universal paid family leave and universal childcare. 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

**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.

**Indian Valley Organic Farm and 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 work toward creating a healthier food system, and enhance 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.

**Farm Stand—Now 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. – 5 p.m.
Fine Arts Gallery
Kentfield Campus

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