President’s Weekly Briefing—May 17, 2012

Board of Trustees Passes Resolutions Honoring Classified Professionals and Two Outstanding Individuals
At its regular monthly meeting on May 15, 2012, the College of Marin Board of Trustees approved three resolutions. The first resolution recognizes the important work of the college’s classified professionals and designates the week of May 20 through May 26 as Classified School Employees Week. The resolution highlights the vital role that classified professionals play in providing high-quality education and services to students.

The second resolution commends the exemplary work of Raemond Bergstrom-Wood who has served for the past academic year as COM’s Student Trustee. The Board resolution highlights Raemond’s excellent leadership qualities within student government and his outstanding academic record.

The third resolution was presented to community activist Elizabeth Moody who volunteered to attend COM Board meetings beginning in 2002 on behalf of the Marin League of Women Voters’ Education Committee. Elizabeth was instrumental in inspiring the League of Women Voters to support COM’s Measure C Bond. She is well known for her ardent support of affordable housing in Marin County. The Board adopted this resolution to acknowledge the many outstanding contributions that Elizabeth has made to the college and the community.

Personnel Items from the May 15 Board of Trustees Meeting
Appointment of Classified Personnel
- Karen Boyd has accepted the position of Instructional Specialist in the Math Department effective June 27.
- Roger Dormann has accepted the position of Graphic Design Specialist in the Communications and Community Relations Department effective May 1.

Appointment of Academic Personnel
- Dayna Quick has been appointed to the position of Geography Instructor effective May 17, 2012.

Retirement of Academic Personnel
- Life and Earth Sciences Instructor Don Foss has submitted his letter of resignation for retirement purposes effective July 1.
- Automotive Technology Instructor George Hritz has submitted his letter of resignation for retirement purposes effective June 1.
Appointment of Educational Management Personnel

- **Debra Lewis** will continue as Interim Director of Health Sciences effective July 1 through December 31, or until the position is filled permanently.

Faculty and Staff Recognition Luncheon—Your RSVP Needed by Tomorrow
The annual Faculty and Staff Recognition Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 24, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Baseball Diamond at the Diamond P.E. Center. All faculty and staff are invited to attend. Awards will be presented honoring our outstanding faculty, staff, and departments. The event is co-sponsored by College Council and the Academic and Classified Senates. If you plan on attending, you must RSVP to Melinda Molloy, by Friday, May 18.

Flex/Professional Development Program Update
Since fall 2012 classes start Wednesday, August 22, the Mandatory Flex Day that includes College Convocation and department meetings will be held Tuesday, August 21. The Professional Development Committee is planning a special program Monday, August 20, to provide information about and celebrate some of our special student populations including our veteran and DSPS students. Plans are in the works to schedule technology training and a strategic plan update on Friday, August 17. If you’d like to submit a request to present a workshop on Friday, August 17 or during the semester, please email Kathleen Kirkpatrick. Information about the August 2012 Flex professional development activities will be sent via campus email and posted on the Staff Development Web Page as details are confirmed.

Reminder: Faculty Spring Flex Verification Forms Due in HR May 25
Flex Verification Forms that document how faculty completed their Spring Flex obligation are due in Human Resources by 5 p.m., Friday, May 25. Flex program information and a downloadable Flex Verification Form can be found on the Staff Development Web Page.

Reception for COM Retirees—Today
All faculty and staff are invited to attend a special reception honoring our retirees today, Thursday, 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.

- Geri Cooper
- Douglas Delaney
- Roger Egbert
- Jennifer Foreman
- Don Foss
- Candice Garretson
- Grace Hom
- George Hritz
- Nancy Johnson
- Diane Kukahiko
- Emily Lazarre
- Betty Schlaepfer
- Michael Shea
- Patricia Torres
- Karen van Kriedt
- Dusja Wager
**Intensive English Program End of Semester Celebration**

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to celebrate the end of another successful semester in the Intensive English Program on Friday, May 18, at 10 a.m. in Building 3, Room 225 at the Indian Valley Campus. There will be a musical presentation and sing-a-long with musician and University of Southern California Global Scholar Carl Oser at 11 a.m., followed by a potluck lunch at 11:30 a.m. A ceremony with guest and student speakers, certificates, evaluations, and awards will begin at noon. For more information email Sara Oser or call (415) 883-2211 ext. 8579.

**Celebrate Students in the Early Childhood Education Program**

You are invited to join in the celebration of Early Childhood Education students held Saturday, May 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Building 12, Room 100 at the Indian Valley Campus. Come enjoy the good spirit and company of these passionate, committed, and hard-working students and their teachers. There will be music, food, and a program to honor students earning certificates and degrees this spring. Simultaneous translation in Spanish will be provided for the program. Information on COM’s Single Stop program, the ECE Supportive Learning Communities, and other student support services will also be available. RSVP online by May 15. For more information email Peggy Dodge or call (415) 485-9369.

**Registered Nursing Program Pinning Ceremony**

The faculty and 2012 graduating class of the COM Registered Nursing Program will hold their annual Pinning Ceremony Thursday, May 24, at 6 p.m. at the Diamond Physical Education Center, 700 College Avenue, Kentfield. A reception will be held prior to the ceremony beginning at 5 p.m. The traditional Nurses’ Pinning Ceremony is held to observe the completion of the Nursing Education Program and dates back to Florence Nightingale. The pin itself identifies the particular school of nursing that the graduate nurse attended and symbolizes the philosophy, beliefs, and aspirations of the nursing program. The ceremony is a community celebration of the completion of the nursing program and is evidence of the achievement, learning, and skill that the graduate nurse has attained.

**Transfer Recognition Reception**

The Transfer and Career Center will be hosting its Sixth Annual Transfer Recognition Reception to honor and recognize our students who are transferring to four-year universities. The event will be held Friday, May 25, in the Student Services Building, first floor at the Kentfield Campus. The evening will begin with a ceremony at 6:30 p.m. to formally acknowledge our students, followed by a reception. You are invited to celebrate and honor our students as they make their transition from the college to attain their educational and professional goals. For additional information, please contact Janice Austin or call (415) 485-9671.
Commencement Exercises
COM’s 85th Commencement will take place on Saturday, May 26, at 10 a.m. in the Diamond P.E. Center Gymnasium, at the Kentfield Campus. More information about Commencement is online.

Campus Police News and Views—Fire Drills and CERT
You may have noticed that the Campus Police are conducting fire drills more frequently. Staff and student support is greatly appreciated to help make these drills safe learning experiences for everyone.

To help you better prepare for an emergency please take time at your earliest opportunity to locate the following in the areas you frequent:
- Fire alarm pull stations
- Fire extinguishers
- First aid kits
- Phones (other than your cell phone)
- Evacuation route from your class or office
- Emergency Guidelines Handbook (download a copy online)

For employees from any classification who are willing and able to be more involved, we are looking for volunteers to be members of a Campus Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT members will go through training and be issued equipment and guidelines on what to do in a disaster to help emergency responders. Please let us know if you are interested in joining our CERT program by calling (415) 485-9455. More information about CERT can be found online.

Spring Music Calendar
All concerts are FREE unless otherwise noted.

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
Advanced Voice Class: Nos souvenirs qui chantent—Art Songs by Francis Poulenc
Linda Noble Brown, instructor
Monday May 21, 11:10 a.m.
COM Kentfield Campus, Olney Hall, Room 96

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

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.

For more information about the concerts call (415) 485-9640.

Athletics
COM freshman Jordan Boyer took two first place finishes in the women’s 50 and 100 yard backstroke
events at the Bay Valley Conference Championships April 19 through 21 at Solano College. Freshman
Raquel Newman took second place in the 100 yard breaststroke and third place in the 50 yard
breaststroke. In team scoring, the men’s team (led by freshman Edward Focha’s two second place
finishes in the 100 and 200 yard backstroke events) took fourth place with 870 points, narrowly missing
3rd place by 12 points. The women’s team took 5th place with 516 points.

Freshman swimming and diving team member Raquel Newman finished the season strong at the
California Community College Championships at East Los Angeles College April 26 through 28. Raquel
took eighth place in the 50 yard breaststroke and 14th in the 100 yard breaststroke. Her swims
automatically qualified her for Community College All-American status. Congratulations on a great
season!

Have a great week!

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