President’s Weekly Briefing—May 23, 2013

COM Awards $44,470 in Student Scholarships
Congratulations to 78 exceptional students who received scholarships this year through the College of Marin. Students received a total of $44,470 to help them pursue their educational goals. The applicant pool of 143 included 13 students who were selected by departments. There were a total of 82 scholarships awarded.

Upcoming Events

Transfer Recognition Reception—Tonight
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. The seventh annual Transfer Recognition Reception will begin with a ceremony to 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.
New Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees to be Honored Next Week

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)

HR on the Move; Processing Urgent Matters Only Through May 30

The Human Resources Department is moving offices this week and will be unavailable for normal business until Thursday, May 30. If you have an urgent matter, please call Human Resources (HR) at (415) 457-8811, ext. 7340. Beginning Tuesday, May 28, HR offices will be in Buildings HR8, HR9 and HR10 of the Portable Village, next to the Diamond P.E. Center. HR phone numbers will remain the same and are available in the Staff Directory. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this transition.

Volunteers Needed to Staff COM Booth at Marin County Fair

Wednesday, July 3– Sunday, July 7, 2013
11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

It’s time for carnival rides, Chinese Circus performers, livestock shows, county spelling bees and the College of Marin informational booth staffed by volunteers like you. Enjoy the Marin County Fair while spreading the word about all the opportunities here at College of Marin. This year’s theme – “Schools Rule!” – is a celebration of education.

Volunteers are needed for two- and four-hour shifts. Volunteers receive complimentary admission tickets and will be reimbursed for parking. There are plenty of things to do and see while you are there. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to Nicole Cruz with “County Fair” in the subject area. Include your available days and times, as well as an off-campus phone number where you can be reached.
Kudos

Adela Jones, a College of Marin Social Sciences student, has won a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship to study in at the University of Bristol Summer Institute for Young American Student Leaders in United Kingdom this summer. She is one of 10 students selected for the program from colleges and universities throughout the country. At the Fulbright Commission-University of Bristol Summer Institute for Young American Student Leaders, she will attend a four-week cultural and academic program. The theme of the institute is Slavery and the Atlantic Heritage. In addition to courses, Adela will have the opportunity to visit local sites, participate in cultural activities and volunteer weekly in local community service organizations.

College of Marin sophomore Raquel Newman was named to the U.S. Community College All-American Swimming and Diving Team. Raquel ranked second in the 50-yard breaststroke with a time of 30.49 seconds and third in the 100-yard breaststroke with at time of 1:05.70. Raquel plans to transfer to the University of San Diego where she will continue her swimming career.

Photos of Retiree Reception

Last week’s retiree reception was full of storytelling from times past and the photo gallery capturing many of these moments, as well as the individuals that we were there to honor, is available online.

Modernization Program to hold Community Forum

Tuesday, May 28
7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Deedy Student Services, Staff Lounge
Kentfield
Free

This meeting is intended to bring the community up to date on the progress of the modernization program. There will be a question and answer period following the presentation. Past Quarterly Reports can be found online. For information, contact Maridel Barr, (415) 485-9518, administrative assistant to the director of modernization.
Ongoing Events

COM Summer Public Swim Program
*Kentfield and IVC Pools Will Open for Recreational and Lap Swimming*

**Kentfield Campus**
**June 17 – August 18** (Monday – Sunday) (Closed July 4)
1 p.m. – 6 p.m.
**August 24 – October 27** (Saturday and Sunday only)
1 p.m. – 6 p.m.
For Kentfield Pool, contact **Kathleen Smyth** to reserve special camp discounted rates. Call (415) 485-9578, for more information.

**Indian Valley Campus**
**June 17 – August 8** (Closed July 4) (Monday – Thursday Only)
12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
For Indian Valley Campus, contact **Tom Evers** to reserve special camp discounted rates. For pool information, call (415) 883-2211 ext. 8260.

Cost: adults - $5, students with ID and children - $4, seniors (55+) and disabled persons - $3. Discounts are available for multiple purchases and groups. Buy tickets at pool front gate. Parking is $3.

The public is invited to enjoy daily lap and recreational swimming at both the Kentfield and Indian Valley campuses. Lifeguards will be on duty. Minors are required to complete a waiver form signed by their parent or guardian. No one under 14 is allowed in the pool without parental supervision.

**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 Launches Pilot CSA Program

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. You can sign up for the CSA program, which began this week, and receive weekly boxes of produce through November. Each box will be filled with 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. Members also receive a weekly newsletter with recipes, nutrition information, and farm news. Another option is to purchase one of 10 farm stand memberships that are available to 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—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.

Volunteer at Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden

Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Fridays, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden
Parking available in lot 6 at end of campus.

Volunteers get to work side-by-side with corps members, students, master gardeners and community members to cultivate a fresher, healthier future for everyone. No experience is necessary and all ages are welcome. Chaperones are asked to accompany children under the age of 11. No dogs please. To register, contact our volunteer hotline (415) 454-4554, ext. 276 and bring a volunteer waiver.
Fine Arts Department Faculty Exhibition Ends This Week
Through May 25
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Fine Arts Gallery
Kentfield Campus

The faculty art exhibit shows off 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 Novato artist Anna Ladyzhenskaya includes works of different forms of media to create landscapes, still lifes and portraits. A native of Moldova (when it was still part of the former Soviet Union), 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.

Submissions to the Weekly Briefing
This will be the final edition of the President’s Weekly Briefing for the spring semester. Distribution will begin the week after Fall Convocation. Items for future submission can be sent to Nicole Cruz.

Have a great summer,

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