President’s Weekly Briefing—September 5, 2014

Jack Eldridge Book Grant Surpasses Goal Set at Convocation
At Convocation I announced the establishment of a Book Grant Fund honoring the life and memory of Jack Eldridge who was the son of Jonathan Eldridge, Vice President of Student Learning and Student Success. I also announced that an anonymous donor offered to match any donations to the newly established Jack Eldridge Book Grant Fund made on the day of Convocation up to $1,000. I am pleased to report that on August 15 the fund received $1,695 in donations. Another $300 was received after that date. Adding in the initial $1,000 brings the total raised to $2,995. This money will go to COM students who would not otherwise be able to afford the cost of their textbooks. I sincerely thank all who supported this effort and invite those who are just learning about this opportunity to consider making a contribution. This account will remain open for donations so that book grants may be awarded in future semesters as funds are available. Information on how to give is online.

Check It Out: Library News
MARINet
The COM libraries are now connected to the regional public libraries in Marin County as well as the Dominican University library. With a COM library card you can request materials, including DVD’s and CD’s, be sent to the Kentfield or Indian Valley Campus library. You can also request free or discounted Bay Area museum passes. Read more about it here or stop by our libraries at either campus.

Faculty Course Reserves
The library purchases selected textbooks with ASCOM funds, but instructor copies of reserve materials will increase access to your students. If you have copies of course materials (textbooks, workbooks, DVD’s, etc.), the library can help with checking out these materials to students. Many publishers will provide you with an instructor copy of a textbook. Fill out this form and drop off items at the library circulation desk.

Library Instruction Requests
Do your students need help finding and citing credible sources for your research assignments? The COM librarians will design an instruction session and research guide tailored to your course/assignment. Please request library instruction two weeks in advance and plan to accompany your class at the library.
Parking Permit Renewals Due
The Campus Police Department would like to remind everyone that the time for renewing staff parking permits is rapidly approaching. All faculty and staff should submit renewal requests before Friday, October 3. Requests for renewal are in the mailrooms on both campuses. Forms can also be obtained on the Intranet under General/Forms/Police. If you do not have an individual mailbox in the mailroom, please list your department on the request form. When you receive your permit, please remember to place it in the lower driver side portion of the windshield immediately. After it is placed, take a look from the outside to make sure the permit number and expiration date are visible. For more information, visit the Police Department website.

Online Writing Center Open to Assist Students
The Online Writing Center (OWC) is open 24/7 to help students with writing assignments for all college subjects during the fall semester. Students can get free help with grammar, idea development, and organization, as well as with research and essays. There are self-help materials and instructional specialists (tutors) who respond to student posts within 24 hours. The OWC also assists students with transfer, scholarship, and job applications, including resumes and cover letters. In order to best support students with their writing needs, please help get the word out. Faculty members can customize the OWC for their students.

Submit writing assignments for posting in the OWC so that instructional specialist can best guide your students, schedule an in-class orientation for your students, or have a course forum folder created for your particular course(s) by contacting the fall 2014 OWC Coordinator, Alisa Klinger at your earliest convenience.

Students and faculty can self-register for the OWC by clicking on the “Distance Education” tab and then clicking on “Log into Moodle directly” (on the right side of the screen). On the left side of the Moodle Homepage, there is a Tutoring block where students and faculty can self-register for the Online Writing Center (OWC) with one click on “enroll”. Online writing services are available to faculty and students in all disciplines until the end of the fall semester.

Upcoming Events

Fall 2014 Welcome Week
College of Marin will host its fall 2014 Welcome Week September 8-11, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Learning Resources Center Quad, Kentfield Campus. Vendors will be on site with special offers for students, staff, and faculty. Featured vendors include: The Marin Independent Journal, San Francisco Chronicle, Comcast, Verizon, Redwood Credit Union, Riley’s Art Supplies, Gideon Bible, Blue Cross, Allstate, KMEL, Live 105, Lobo’s Ice Cream, Marin Education Fund, Union Bank, Citibank, Wells Fargo, and many wonderful art and jewelry vendors. Make sure to take a break and join in the festivities. For more information, call Vickie Lamke in the Student Affairs Office at (415) 485-9376.
Intercollegiate Softball Meeting
The Kinesiology and Athletics Department is hosting an informational meeting for any female student interested in playing on the intercollegiate softball team. The informational meeting will be held Wednesday, September 10, at 1 p.m. in PE 61. If you have any questions please contact Lindsay Bacigalupi at (415) 485-9580. Go Mariners!

Drama Speaker Series 2014
The Drama Department will be hosting a fall Speaker Series featuring COM alumni and Bay Area professionals as they share their journeys from college students to successful theatre artists. The first in the series, Careers in Theatre, will be a panel discussion featuring Joel Blum, Leslie Hendrix, and Anthony Fusco moderated by Theatre Bay Area’s Director of Field Services Dale Albright. This free event is open to the public. Special thanks to Ron Krempetz for arranging the artists who are volunteering their time for this event.

Careers in Theatre
Monday, September 15
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Building, Studio Theatre (PA 32)

About the featured speakers:

Joel Blum
Joel started doing theatre at Drake High School in Marin County and continued at College of Marin doing Shakespeare, plays, and musicals along with fellow classmate Robin Williams. After a year at NYU’s Tish School of the Arts, Joel landed a part in the National Touring Company of Godspell at ACT in San Francisco. He then moved to Los Angeles to find acting work. Read about his Broadway, Off-Broadway, television credits, and more online.

Leslie Hendrix
Leslie attended College of Marin from 1979 to 1984, until Jim Dunn told her she had to move on, for Pete’s sake, and literally drove her to her audition for the National Theatre Conservatory, where she was accepted into the acting program. She still considers the work she did at COM some of the best training she ever received. Leslie is best known for her 19 years-long recurring role as Medical Examiner Rodgers on Law & Order and all of its spinoffs. Read more about her career.

Anthony Fusco
Born in New York and raised there and in Marin County, Anthony attended COM from 1976 to 1979, and graduated from Juilliard in 1983. Anthony has been a leading Bay Area theatre actor since returning here from NYC in 1999. As a company member at ACT, he’s performed leading roles in dozens of plays by writers from Christopher Marlowe through Henrik Ibsen, Anton Chekhov, Samuel Beckett, Harold Pinter, Tom Stoppard, Edward Albee and David Mamet, to name a few. Find out more about his other roles.
Student Success Speaker Series
This fall the College is pleased to present the first Student Success Speaker Series with seminars beginning in September. Students, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to learn about a variety of services, resources, and educational opportunities available to help individuals develop the life skills that are essential in taking the next step in their academic, professional, and personal lives. These free presentations are open to the public and take place at noon in the Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge, Kentfield Campus. Associated Students College of Marin (ASCOM) will provide refreshments. Contact Single Stop Coordinator Tara Arenas at (415) 457-8811 ext. 7761 for more information.

Upcoming Sessions
Employment Transitions…From where you are to where you want to be!
Presented by Jake Costa, Veterans Employment Representative, EDD Workforce Services
Wednesday, September 17, noon
Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge

Applying to jobs but not hearing back? Gain the skills you need to get that position!
Presented by Sheila Reilly, College of Marin ESL Instructor
Wednesday, September 24, noon
Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge

A complete list of seminars presented this fall is available online.

Seasonal Flu Shots
The College of Marin Health Center will be offering seasonal flu shots to students, faculty, staff, and the community at both the Kentfield and Indian Valley Campuses. Flu shots are $10 for students, faculty, and staff; and $20 for the community. Fees go to help support our Nursing Program.

Kentfield Campus Clinics, Health Services Portable
Friday, September 19, 9 a.m. – noon
Friday, September 26, 9 a.m. – noon
Wednesday, October 1, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday, October 3, 9 a.m. – noon
Friday, October 10, 9 a.m. – noon

Indian Valley Campus Clinic, AS 121
Monday, September 29, 10 a.m. to noon

Call (415) 485-9458 for an appointment or more information.

The Health Center is not a Medicare provider and is not able to bill insurance plans. Anyone wishing to receive a shot must be 18 years of age or older.
Drama Department Presents *Little Women*
Adapted by Jacqueline Goldfinger from the novel by Louisa May Alcott
Directed by Lisa Morse

Don’t miss the Drama Department’s fall production of this classic story about the inspiring March girls growing up in Civil War New England. Following the humor and tenderness of Louisa May Alcott’s novel, Goldfinger’s play highlights each March girl in their search for individuality. This heartwarming and inspirational play is about self discovery while bearing life’s challenges. This performance is appropriate for all audiences.

September 25, pay-what-you-will preview, 7:30 p.m.
September 26, 27, October 3, 4, 10 and 11, 7:30 p.m.
October 5 and 12, 2 p.m.
The October 5 performance will be followed by a talkback with the director.
Performing Arts Building, James Dunn Theatre, Kentfield Campus

Tickets are $20 general; $15 seniors; and $10 students, COM employees, and alumni. Buy tickets online or call the Box Office at (415) 485-9385. Box Office hours: Tuesday through Friday, 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. and one hour before Saturday and Sunday performances.

**September Food Drive**
Why wait until the holidays to donate food? Single Stop is sponsoring the Food-4-Thoughts Food Drive and will be collecting non-perishable goods during the month of September for our students in need. Please bring donations to the green bin outside the Single Stop office located in the Student Services Building, room 124. For more information contact Tara Arenas at (415) 457-8811 ext. 7761.

**Fall Sports**

**Women’s Soccer**
COM vs. Cañada College
Tuesday, September 9, 3 p.m. in Redwood City

COM vs. College of the Redwoods
Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m. in Kentfield

**Women’s Volleyball**
COM vs. Cosumnes River College
Wednesday, September 10, 6 p.m. in Sacramento

**Men’s Soccer**
COM vs. Napa Valley College
Tuesday, September 9, 4:30 p.m. in Kentfield

COM vs. De Anza College
Friday, September 12, 4 p.m. in Kentfield

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President