President’s Weekly Briefing—September 6, 2012

Online Writing Center is Open Now!
The Online Writing Center (OWC) is now open for self-registration in Moodle. Online writing services are available to faculty and students in all disciplines through December 21.

The OWC is accessible 24/7 to help students with writing assignments for all college subjects. Students can get help with grammar, idea development and organization, as well as with research and essays. The OWC also assists students with transfer, scholarship, and job applications, including resumes and cover letters. Instructional specialists respond to forum posts within 24 hours.

All faculty should have received an email that includes the self-enrollment instructions for students and the instructor request form for an OWC orientation. Please share this information with your students. If you would like an in-class orientation for your students, please fill out the request form and submit it to Alisa Klinger. If you would like to submit your writing assignments for posting in the OWC so that instructional specialists can best guide your students, or if you would like a course forum folder created for your particular course(s), please send your request to Alisa Klinger at your earliest convenience.

Hooked on Marin Speaker Series
With the collaboration of five local school districts and public agencies, a new speaker series called Hooked on Marin is being launched. College of Marin along with Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM); the Tamalpais Union High School District; and the towns of Larkspur, San Anselmo, and Corte Madera are working together to provide a series of moderated discussions centered around the Marin County experience and influence.

Hooked on Marin’s fall series will include three events focusing on the following topics: the organic food movement, the mountain bike revolution, and rock ‘n roll music history in Marin. Marin’s own Terry McGovern will moderate each session.

The Organic Food Movement in Marin
Thursday, September 20, 7 p.m.
Kentfield Campus
Olney Hall 96

Panel will feature Al Baylacq and Mark Squire, co-owners of Good Earth Natural Foods in Fairfax; Wendy Johnson, author of _Gardening at the Dragon’s Gate_, co-founder of the Organic Farm and Garden Program at Green Gulch, and founding farming faculty member of the College of Marin’s innovative Organic Farm and Gardening Program; and Warren Weber, founder of California’s first certified organic farm, Star Route Farms.

The Mountain Bike Revolution
Wednesday, October 24, 7 p.m.
Sir Francis Drake High School, Little Theater
1327 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, San Anselmo

Panel will feature Charlie Kelly, Joe Breeze, and other legends involved in the birth of mountain biking in Marin County. Event cosponsored by the Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC).

Marin County Rock ‘n’ Roll Music History
Wednesday, November 28, 7 p.m.
Corte Madera Community Center Hall
498 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera

Richie Unterberger leads a discussion featuring local individuals sharing their memories and experiences.

Admission is $15 per event. Purchase tickets and get more information at www.hookedonmarin.com.

Seasonal Flu Shots
Influenza (“flu”) is a contagious disease that can be spread by coughing, sneezing, and nasal secretions. For most people, the flu lasts only a few days and includes symptoms such as fever, chills, cough, sore throat, headache, muscle aches, and fatigue. By getting vaccinated you can protect yourself from influenza and may also avoid spreading influenza to others. The College of Marin Health Center will be offering seasonal flu shots for $20. Clinic dates are as follows:

Kentfield Campus, Health Services Portable
Friday, September 14, from 9 a.m. to noon
Friday, September 21, from 9 a.m. to noon
Friday, September 28, from 9 a.m. to noon
Friday, October 5, from 9 a.m. to noon

Indian Valley Campus, AS 121
Monday, September 24, from 10 a.m. to noon

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. For more information call (415) 485-9458.

Personnel Action Items from the August 21 Board of Trustees Meeting
Appointment of Classified Personnel
- Maridel Barr has accepted the position of Community Education and Services Program Specialist effective September 1, 2012.
- Edwin Towle has accepted the position of Single Stop Project Coordinator effective August 13, 2012.

Temporary Assignment of Classified Personnel
- Alice Dieli will assume the duties of an Instructional Technologist in Distance Education as a temporary reassignment during the recruitment process effective August 6 through October 31, 2012.
- Andrea Hunter will assume the duties of Assistant Director of Financial Aid (Supervisory) as a temporary reassignment during the recruitment process effective August 6, 2012, through January 2, 2013.

Resignation/Retirement of Classified Personnel
- Janice Austin has submitted her letter of resignation for retirement purposes effective close of business September 21, 2012.

Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden Plant Sale
College of Marin’s Indian Valley Campus (IVC) Organic Farm and Garden will host a plant sale and open farm celebration on Saturday and Sunday, September 22 and 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at IVC, 1800 Ignacio Boulevard, Novato, CA.

There will be live music performed by the local band Wagon and a variety of family activities, harvest bouquet making, face painting, and farm tours led by Marin Master Gardeners.

A workshop on planning a cool weather garden will be offered from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. both days. Admission to the workshop is $25.

Co-sponsors include the Conservation Corps North Bay, University of California Cooperative Extension, and College of Marin. The event is open to the public and is free of charge. For more information contact jpardi@conservationcorpsnorthbay.org or call (415) 720-2771.

College of Marin Drama Department Presents Macbeth
By William Shakespeare
Directed by W. Allen Taylor
October 4 pay-what-you-will preview at 8 p.m.
October 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, and 20 at 8 p.m.
October 14 and 21 at 2 p.m.
Performing Arts Theatre

Set in a cold, forbidding netherworld populated by supernatural beings and three of the most famous witches in English literature, Shakespeare’s Macbeth is a dark and intense tale of morbid
ambition, corruptive power, and serial murder. Upon hearing the prophesy of his destined ascent to the throne, Macbeth, a decorated war hero with a manipulative Lady Macbeth by his side, embarks on a bloody quest for power only to descend into madness and self-destruction.

Tickets are $20 for general admission, $15 for seniors, and $10 for students, COM employees and alumni. For more information, call the box office at (415) 485-9385.

**Sign up for College of Marin’s Emergency Notification System, AlertU**
You can be notified immediately by text message of campus closures and emergencies by signing up for AlertU, the College’s emergency notification system.

AlertU will allow District Police to broadcast critical information, in real time, to the mobile devices of all those who have signed up. This is particularly important for those who may be in, or near, a crisis zone. To sign up, go to [www.alertu.org/mccd](http://www.alertu.org/mccd) and follow the directions. There is no cost to sign up for this service; however, standard text message rates may apply. We value your privacy as students and staff at Marin Community College District and can promise you will never receive any mobile spam. No personal information will be shared with anyone.

**From a computer:**
1. Go to [www.alertu.org/mccd](http://www.alertu.org/mccd)
2. Enter your cell number and indicate if you are staff, faculty, etc.
3. On your cell phone, you will receive a welcome text message: Please join MCCD’s Emergency Alert System. No spam. Reply Y to sign up.
4. From your cell phone, Reply Y (only the letter Y, nothing else)

**From your cell phone:**
1. With your cell phone, text “MCCD” to 253788
2. You will receive a welcome text message: Please join MCCD’s Emergency Alert System. No spam. Reply Y to sign up.
3. From your cell phone, Reply Y (only the letter Y, nothing else)

RECOMMENDATION: To make it easier for you to recognize emergency messages, store the number 253788 in your cell phone’s phone book as AlertU.

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Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President