President’s Weekly Briefing—September 11, 2014

Remembering 9-11
Today we remember the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks that took place on September 11, 2001. A joint resolution introduced by the U.S. House of Representatives and passed by both the U.S. House and Senate was signed into law by President George W. Bush proclaiming September 11, 2002, as Patriot Day.

Each year since 2009, President Barack Obama has made an annual presidential proclamation of September 11 as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance. In observance of the presidential decree, American flags will be flown at half-staff today at both the Kentfield and Indian Valley Campuses. Please take a moment to pause and remember those who perished in the attacks.

Kudos
A big thank you to all staff, faculty, and students who tabled, referred students, and helped with set up and break down in support of the Road to Success. Students learned about the variety of services, learning resources, programs, and academic departments available to help them succeed. Students also entered a raffle to win prizes, including an iPad. Thanks also to Associated Students College of Marin (ASCOM) who co-sponsored the event and provided pizza. Approximately 637 walked the Kentfield Campus road and nearly 100 walked the Indian Valley Campus road. An especially loud shout out to Vickie Lamke, Cattleya Sankham, David Patterson, Kathy Takemoto, Chris Schultz, Dave Mahoney, ASCOM and the Student Ambassadors.

Programs that participated:

- Alpha Gamma Sigma
- Association of Peer Tutors
- A-Z Club
- College Skills
- Counseling
- Drama
- Enrollment Services
- EOPS
- Fine and Visual Arts
- Health Center
- International Education
- Job Placement and Housing Center
- Kinesiology and Athletics
- Land Sustainability Club
- Library Services
- Life and Earth Sciences
- Math
- Modern Languages
- Online Writing Center
- Outreach and School Relations
- Campus Police Department
- Single Stop
- Student Accessibility Services
- Testing and Assessment
- Transfer and Career Center

Participants, please share your feedback about the event by taking a brief survey.
Parking Permit Renewals Due

A reminder from the Campus Police Department: All faculty and staff should submit renewal requests before Friday, October 3. Request forms are in the mailrooms on both campuses. Forms are also 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, 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.

Upcoming Events

Drama Speaker Series Starts Monday

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 Tisch 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  
The first seminar of the new Student Success Speaker Series is Wednesday, September 17. 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

Jake Costa works for the State of California as well as with partners at the Marin Employment Connection and America’s Job Center located in San Rafael. Jake is a Certified Franklin Covey Coach specializing in job and career coaching, and has an extensive corporate, sales, insurance and teaching career background. He graduated from Providence College in Rhode Island, and is a proud father of three daughters who all attended and benefited from community colleges and then earned bachelor degrees from California public universities.

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—Clinics Start Next Week
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.
Marshall Northcott Memorial Bench Dedication

The passing of our former Director of Information Technology Marshall Northcott was unexpected to many in the College community. As a tribute to the contributions made by Marshall to College of Marin; staff, friends, and his family members have raised funds for the purchase and installation of a memorial bench in his honor. The dedication ceremony for the recently installed Kentfield Campus bench will be held on Monday, September 29, at 3 p.m. in the Orbital Court in front of the Science, Math, Nursing Building. Light refreshments will be served. All are invited to attend.

Ongoing Events

September Food Drive—Bins at Indian Valley and Kentfield Campuses

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. Green donation bins are located outside the Kentfield Campus Single Stop Office, Student Services Building, room 124; and the lobby of Building 8 at the Indian Valley Campus. For more information contact Tara Arenas at (415) 457-8811 ext. 7761.

Fall Sports

Women’s Soccer
COM vs. Cañada College
Tuesday, September 16, 2 p.m. in Kentfield
COM vs. Los Medanos College
Tuesday, September 23, 3:30 p.m. in Pittsburg
COM vs. Yuba College
Friday, September 26, 2 p.m. in Marysville

Men’s Soccer
COM vs. Ohlone College
Tuesday, September 16, 4 p.m. in Kentfield
COM vs. Skyline College
Friday, September 19, 4 p.m. in San Bruno
COM vs. Shasta College
Monday, September 22, 2 p.m. in Kentfield
COM vs. Napa Valley College
Friday, September 26, 4 p.m. in Napa

Women’s Volleyball
COM vs. Yuba College
Friday, September 26, 6 p.m. in Kentfield

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President