President’s Weekly Briefing—September 13, 2012

Instructional Technologist in Distance Education
For the fall 2012 semester, the college has fully adopted Moodle as its Learning Management System both to conduct Distance Education courses and to supplement traditional face-to-face credit, noncredit, and Community Education classes. To support this process, the college has established the position of the Instructional Technologist/DE to work with faculty, staff, and students to provide training and assistance on the use of Moodle for development and delivery of web-based classes and course materials. If you have any questions about using Moodle, please contact Interim Instructional Technologist/DE Alice Dieli, ext. 7540, Learning Resources Center Room 126, or MoodleHelp@marin.edu for assistance.

A new series of Moodle workshops for the fall 2012 semester begins this week on the Kentfield campus. See details below.

Budget Cuts Will Impact the Printing and Mailing of Credit/Noncredit Class Schedules
The college’s printing and mailing budget has been cut by $42,000 for FY 2012-13, which will require cost saving measures to be implemented for the production and mailing of the spring, fall and summer 2013 credit/noncredit class schedules. The goal of reducing costs in printing and mailing will be mitigated by significant improvements to the online course listings. Starting this fall semester the online credit/noncredit course listings include for the first time easily accessible catalog course descriptions. In recent years, the college website has been improved and students have been more frequently using the online credit/noncredit class schedule to register for classes. You may view the new online course listings featuring the addition of course descriptions online.

In order to reduce the cost of printing and mailing the credit/noncredit schedules, the page count will be reduced from 112 pages to approximately 80 pages by eliminating course descriptions and editing other sections as well. All other course information, including course titles, units, hours, CRN, prerequisites, instructors names, dates, times, locations, material fees, transfer information and special instructions will continue to be included in the printed publications. Additionally, the fall 2013 and summer 2013 publications will be merged to a single document in order to save on printing and mailing. Thank you for your understanding and support of this effort. For more information contact Reprographics Supervisor Annie Ricciuti.
Moodle ABCs Workshops Scheduled!

Moodle ABCs workshops are designed to get instructors up and running quickly so you can access Moodle via the MyCOM Portal, post class materials online, and communicate with your students. Although Moodle is often used to deliver full online and hybrid courses, it also offers powerful tools that can be used by all faculty to support student success in face-to-face classes as well. Every COM course now has a Moodle course shell available for you to customize to fit your needs. Attend one of the hands-on workshops listed below and learn how to:

   A – Add and edit your profile 
   B – Broadcast your welcome message and post your syllabus and other course materials 
   C – Communicate with your students via email

Workshop Schedule:
Friday, September 14, 10 a.m. to noon
Thursday, September 20, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Friday, September 21, 10 a.m. to noon

All workshops are held in the Library Information Literacy Classroom (located inside the Library on the Kentfield Campus.) To register please email Alice Dieli and be sure to specify the date you wish to attend.

Please note: You’ll need to know your MyCOM Login (username and password) to access your Moodle shell. You may also wish to bring some course files and a picture of yourself on a flash drive to upload during the workshop. Feel free to bring your laptop to work on if you prefer. This training can be used to fulfill two hours Flex credit.

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.

(Series schedule on next page.)
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](http://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

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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.

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.

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.

Bocce Tournament  
The College of Marin Athletics and PE Department is holding a bocce tournament and lunch on Saturday, September 29, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Marin Bocce Federation Courts. The courts are located at 550 B Street in San Rafael. No experience necessary—there will be tutorial at 9 a.m. with play following at 10 a.m. Registration is $45 per player or $225 per team of four to six players. The registration form is available online and needs to be completed by Friday, September 21. Proceeds benefit the College of Marin women’s volleyball and men’s basketball teams. For more information contact Lindsay Bacigalupi.
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.

Have a great weekend,

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Superintendent/President