President’s Weekly Briefing—September 19, 2013

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month
The Board of Trustees of the Marin Community College District endorsed Hispanic Heritage Month this week joining a national month-long observance of the “expanding prominence of the Hispanic contributions to American history, values and culture.” The trustees noted the “millions of Hispanic men and women who have migrated to the U.S. from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba and other Latin American countries in search of peace, freedom, educational opportunities and a better future.”

National Hispanic Heritage Month is traditionally observed from September 15 to October 15 of each year with events throughout the country. The national observance month evolved from a “National Hispanic Heritage Week” resolution of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives back in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson. In 1988, it was expanded to a month-long event by President Ronald Reagan and was enacted into law. For more information, visit a rich trove of information at the Hispanic Heritage Month website.

Cop’s Corner
Preparedness: Beyond Dialing 9-1-1
It’s all of our jobs to provide emergency assistance in times of crisis and the best way to do this is to be prepared. As the new school year is underway, please take some time soon and review the 20-page Emergency Guidelines Handbook, a quick reference for campus staff to navigate a sudden crisis requiring immediate actions and medical treatment. This is where you will learn about campus emergency response centers, evacuation areas, campus police and first responder phone numbers as well as find suggestions for dealing with suspicious or disruptive people. Fire, earthquake, other environmental threats and utility blackouts are also discussed, and there is a good list for your basic emergency supply kit. As a staff member of the Marin Community College District and as a designated government Disaster Service Worker in California Government Code Section 3100-3109, you have the responsibility to be prepared to provide emergency assistance in support of the students and your fellow employees.

Exciting New Developments at the COM Library
Several new enhancements to the campus library online search system provides students with a simpler way to get access to a broader field of information thanks to database access by EBSCO Information Services, and a lot of great work by our librarians John Erdmann, Dave Patterson, and Sarah Frye who updated our library.

The new search capabilities are accessible on the library webpage on MyCOM in the area below the LibGuides section. A list of our new EBSCO databases can be found online.

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• SuperSearch provides an easy, powerful way to retrieve results from over 30 databases.
• Catalog tab searches circulating, reference and reserve books.
• Google Scholar searches scholarly literature across many disciplines and sources, including theses, books, abstracts, and articles.
• LibGuides are a small, but growing, collection of web-based research guides compiled by the librarians for specific courses, assignments and general topics. Want assistance with citing your sources? Need to evaluate a website? LibGuides are a great way to get started on a project.

Kudos
Miss California, Crystal Lee, 22, a former alumna and the daughter of College of Marin IT staff person Wendy Lee, earned the title of First Runner Up in the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, NJ, Sunday. Crystal also earned a $5,000 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) scholarship during the pageant and was voted one of the top five in an online people’s choice for contestant videos. She tweeted this week at #MissCAorg that she now gets “to come back to CA to get involved with STEM efforts in the bay.”

Personnel Actions from the September 17, 2013 Board of Trustees Meeting

Appointments of Classified Personnel
• Christopher Diaz has accepted the position of Maintenance Plumber effective September 17, 2013.
• Ferhat Indi has accepted the position of System Administrator effective October 1, 2013.

Appointments of Classified Management Personnel
• Matthew Smyth has accepted the position of Director of Facilities Planning, Maintenance and Operations effective October 21, 2013.

Interim Assignment of Classified Management Personnel
• Tom Hudgens has been selected as the Interim Director of Academic Services effective September 18, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

HR Helpful Hint: Conference Leave Requests
New editable online forms are available for faculty requesting conference leaves. Requests are handled by the Professional Affairs Committee, which makes recommendations about faculty requests for reimbursement expenses to the vice president of student learning. If you would like more information about the process, please visit the Faculty Handbook Section XI on Professional Opportunities. Applications must be time-stamped by HR at least 15 days prior to a requested leave to be eligible for approval and funding.
Upcoming Events

Health Center Flu Shots
Flu shots will be available on both campuses to anyone over 18 years of age for $20. The Health Center does not bill insurance plans and is not a Medicare provider. Call (415) 485-9458 for more information.

Fridays, September 20 and 27, October 4 and 11
9 a.m. – noon
Health Services Portable, parking lot 6
Kentfield Campus

Monday, September 30
10 a.m. – noon
AS 121
Indian Valley Campus

Fall Plant Sale: IVC Organic Farm & Garden
Come stock up on the freshest organic produce, herbs, flowers, and plants while enjoying live music, tastings, face painting, bouquet-making and farm tours at the IVC Organic Farm & Garden Fall Plant Sale. There will also be a Native Feast Day Celebration, Sunday, September 29, noon – 3 p.m. The Native Feast Day is a collaboration with the Cultural Conservancy, Seventh Native American Generation and other native youth groups. It will include an afternoon of seed saving, native food tastings, storytelling and tours of the future ethno botanical garden at IVOF&G. Guest speakers include Coast Miwok and Jenner Pomo Jacquelyn Ross, a fisherwoman, native food gatherer, educator and writer; and Kiowa Lois Ellen Frank, a Santa Fe, NM-based chef, culinary anthropologist, photographer and author of Indian Foods of the Southwest Nations. All proceeds support the operation of the Indian Valley Organic Farm & Garden. For more information, contact Jennie Pardi at (415) 720-2771 or, or visit the Conservation Corps website.

Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Indian Valley Organic Farm & Garden
Indian Valley Campus
Fine Arts Gallery Opens This Fall with Diebenkorn Works on Paper
The artistic mastery of internationally revered artist Richard Diebenkorn will be presented in a premier exhibit at the Fine Arts Gallery beginning Monday, September 30, 2013. The seven-week exhibit features 40 pieces, 38 of which have never been publicly viewed. The selected works on paper portray a richly intimate glimpse into the artist’s evolution spanning more than 40 years. The show, which includes pencil and ink drawings on paper, collages of torn paper and watercolors, is the first show to be produced by the Diebenkorn Foundation.

Chester Arnold, chair of the Fine Arts Department at College of Marin, a painting instructor and artist, curated the exhibit. He sifted through hundreds of drawings, many of which were unframed in flat files in storage at the Foundation. Some of them were created in lean times for the artist on the back of old advertising posters for Mother’s Cookies and Pennzoil.

September 28 – November 14, 2013
Gallery Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
One Saturday only, September 28, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
College of Marin Fine Arts Gallery
Kentfield Campus
The show is open to the public free of charge.

Advanced Voice Singers Choice Recital: Canzoni Preferiti
Under the direction of instructor Linda Noble Brown, the Advanced Voice class at College of Marin presents a fall concert recital of favorite art songs and arias. It will be a program of songs by the likes of Mozart, Schumann, Wolf, and Faure; as well as arias from the traditional canon by Bizet, Puccini, Verdi, and Bellini, and perhaps even a couple of songs from traditional musical theatre to round off the program.

Monday, September 30 at 11:10 a.m.
Lefort Recital Hall, PA 72
Kentfield Campus
Free

For more information, call (415) 485-9460. To receive performance notices electronically, email COMmusic@marin.edu.
Reset Your Future: A Four-Week Workshop Series for Student Veterans
Student veterans are invited to take advantage of a unique offering – a free series of coaching workshops specifically designed to help veterans get clear about the steps they need to take for successful re-entry into civilian society. Professional life coaches, Ann V. Moreno and Marilyn Spoja, will lead the program. Each participant will get to set a goal, create a plan and learn strategies to navigate life challenges as well as receive a coaching session and access to an online supportive community 24/7. Register at the Office of Student Affairs, in the Vet Center, or online. More information is available at Reset-Go.

Thursdays, October 3-4
6 – 9 p.m.
Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge
Kentfield Campus

COM Drama Department Presents A Streetcar Named Desire
By Tennessee Williams
Directed by W. Allen Taylor

When it made its Broadway debut in 1947, A Streetcar Named Desire paved the way for a whole new genre of theatrical experience steeped in the technique of “method acting.” Emotionally fragile Blanche DuBois, struggling to hang on to her stability and the disappearing world of Southern gentility, arrives in the hot, steamy, squalid French Quarter of New Orleans where her pregnant sister Stella is living with her husband Stanley Kowalski. Stanley is a force of nature, primal, brutish, and sensual. When Blanche sets up court in his house, Stanley becomes infuriated and the collision between the two causes Blanche to draw deeper into the world of illusion and fantasy. One of Broadway’s most celebrated plays of all time, “Streetcar” won the 1948 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and New York Drama Critics’ Circle award for Best Play and has enjoyed many awards and nominations throughout several revivals since its premiere.

Thursday, October 3 at 8 p.m., First Dress Preview: $10
Fridays and Saturdays, October 4, 5, 11, 12, 1, 8 and 19 at 8 p.m.
Sundays, October 13 and 20 at 2 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre
Kentfield Campus
$20 general; $15 seniors; $10 students, COM employees, and alumni
The Box Office opens September 26 and is open Tuesday through Friday, 3:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. and one hour before performances on Saturday and Sunday. (415) 485-9385.
Ongoing Events

Last Week to View the ESCOM-Sponsored Petaluma Artists Exhibit
Works by Petaluma artists Muriel Sutcher Knapp and Medley McClary will be on display for one more week, an exhibit sponsored by the Emeritus Students College of Marin. Knapp studied at the Art Institute of Chicago and received a bachelor’s degree in Industrial Design from the University of Illinois. She worked as an elementary school teacher for 21 years, devoting herself to art after retiring. She paints still lifes and portraits in oils and acrylics and works in textiles as well. Her work has been shown regionally and in the Midwest. She is a founding member of the Petaluma Arts Council and a member of the Sebastopol Center of the Arts and the Petaluma Arts Association where she chaired the program committee for seven years. McClary, who spent most of her childhood in Asia, works in various mediums, creating acrylic landscapes on canvas, commissioned portraits in pencil, and clothing design in leather as well as jewelry, and photography. Her portraits have been featured at the Petaluma Gallery One, Apple Box Café, and Copperfield’s Books.

Monday through Friday, (through September 26)
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Emeritus Center Gallery
Student Services Building, room 146
Kentfield Campus
The show is open to the public free of charge.
For more information, contact ESCOM at (415) 485-9652.

Evening Public Service Information
Evening public service assistants are available on both campuses Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. If you need assistance, please contact an administrator at the number listed below:

Kentfield Campus (415) 747-0699
Indian Valley Campus (415) 747-0658

If you would like a campus police officer to contact you, call dispatch at ext. 7696 or (415) 485-9696. For life- or property-threatening emergencies, call 911.

Accreditation Progress Report Available for Your Review
You are invited to read our accreditation progress report and provide feedback through your respective senate presidents. The draft report, available online, responds to nine recommendations made earlier this year by a visiting accreditation team as well as 26 planning agenda items included in the Institutional Self Study Report 2010. I think you will be impressed with what the College has accomplished in recent years. The final draft is due in mid-October.
Midweek and Weekend Hours for IVC Farm & Garden
Buy fresh organic produce at the Indian Valley Organic Farm & Garden. To learn more about what’s growing on the Farm, sign up for the Farm Bulletin.

Wednesdays and Saturdays
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Indian Valley Campus

Food Truck Cooking Up Organic Meals at IVC
Drop-in food service by M Woodward Catering via a mobile restaurant – The Retro Wagon Gastro Grub Express – is now available at the Indian Valley Campus. The menu includes delicious comfort food and weekly specials with a modern twist. All food items are locally sourced and organic. Gluten-free bread choices are available on request.

Mondays through Thursdays
11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Fridays, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Building 27, near the bus loading area
Indian Valley Campus

Sports
Women’s Soccer vs. Folsom
Tuesday, September 24, 2 p.m. in Kentfield

Women’s Soccer vs. Los Medanos
Friday, September 27, 3:30 p.m. in Pittsburg

Men’s Soccer vs. TBA
Friday, September 20, 4 p.m. TBA

Men’s Soccer vs. Merritt
Tuesday, September 24, 4 p.m. in Kentfield

Men’s Soccer vs. Shasta
Friday, September 27, 4 p.m. in Kentfield

Women's Volleyball vs. Solano
Friday, September 20, 6 p.m. in Fairfield

Women's Volleyball vs. Contra Costa
Wednesday, September 25, 6 p.m. in Kentfield

Women's Volleyball vs. Consumes River
Thursday, September 26, 6 p.m. in Kentfield

Women's Volleyball vs. Mendocino
Friday, September 27, 6 p.m. in Kentfield
Submissions to the Weekly Briefing
Please submit information no later than Friday for the following week. Submissions received later than Friday will be included in the next week’s edition.

Have a great weekend,

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