Open Forums
Please join me at one of the two open forums scheduled this month. I will discuss the 2012-2015 Strategic Plan. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to attend with their ideas, questions, and other items of interest for discussion.

Kentfield Campus
Monday, September 24, 2012
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge

Indian Valley Campus
Tuesday, September 25, 2012
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Building 17, Room 100

Five New and Updated Plans
I am pleased to announce the college has developed/updated five new plans:
1. Distance Education Plan 2012-2015
2. Facilities Plan 2012
3. 2012-2017 Technology Plan
4. Staffing Plan 2012
5. Assessment Plan (updated)

Please take the time to view these plans online so that you may become familiar with the future direction of the college.

The college is also in the final stage of revising the action steps for our Strategic Plan 2012-2015. A link to review these action steps will be sent out soon so that everyone has a chance to provide feedback.

ASCOM Gives Funds to Restore Two Core Classes
Please join me in giving a huge thank you to our own Associated Students of College of Marin (ASCOM) for their generous gift of $18,000 to cover the cost of restoring two core classes this spring 2013 semester! This incredibly generous gift will benefit our students. In these times of budget austerity, we applaud and are grateful for our student leaders who clearly want to be part of the solution.
Fall 2012 Transfer Workshops
College of Marin counselors are your best resource for transfer information. Assistance with the Transfer Application Process includes three components: your personal statement, the applications, and the workshops.

In these workshops you will learn about the prompts, steps for writing an effective personal statement and what role it plays in the selection process. You will also gain an understanding of the UC and CSU application process and will receive help filling out the online application. Information on associate degrees for transfer will also be covered in the CSU Application Workshop.

Please register by calling the Counseling Department at (415) 485-9432 or the Transfer/Career Center at (415) 485-9671. More details for dates, times and location are available online.

For more information call the Counseling Department at (415) 485-9432.

Cop’s Corner
The Great California Shake Out is a day of special events featuring the largest earthquake drill ever, organized to inspire Californians to get ready for big earthquakes, and to prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes. What we do now, before a big earthquake, will determine what our lives will be like afterwards. College of Marin is planning to participate in the Shake Out drill which will occur at 10:18 a.m. on October 18, 2012. More information on the event and how you can get prepared is online.

Please refer to page 12 in the College of Marin’s Emergency Guidelines Handbook to start preparing yourself for what to do in case of an earthquake while on the campuses. Handbooks are also attached to the wall near the exits inside College of Marin buildings.

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 and fit to 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

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

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 of 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. 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).

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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 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.

Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden Plant Sale—This Weekend
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—Registration Due Friday
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.

Event Planning Guidelines
The Communications, Community Relations, and Advancement Office is happy to work with college departments to develop the print collateral (invitations, flyers, posters, etc.) as well as publicizing the event with our local press. Please send Cathy Summa-Wolfe and Nicole Cruz the name of the event, date, time, location, fee, and any pertinent details as soon as possible as the media has deadlines for publication. For help planning an event please refer to our official Event Planning Guidelines. For print projects, please fill out a request for services form.
Call for Submissions—Kudos Section
Please help recognize the exemplary work and outstanding achievements of our faculty, staff, and students by submitting information for the kudos section of the President’s Weekly Briefing.

Deadline: Submit the information in the format described below by noon Wednesday for publication in the following week’s briefing. Submit information by e-mail to Nicole Cruz and Cathy Summa-Wolfe, with the word kudos in the subject area.
Please include the following information:

Awards recognition
If the individual has won an achievement award, please include the name of the recipient, their COM title, the name of the award, the name of the organization bestowing the award, the date that the award was given, where the award was given, and why the award was given.

Publications
For books, please include the title of the book, the name of the author, their COM title, the name of the publisher, and date of publication. Also, include a brief description about the book and any special recognition that the book and/or the author has received.

Articles
For articles, please include the name of the author, their COM title, the title of the article, the name of the periodical, the volume number, the date of publication, a brief description of the article, and any special recognition about the article and/or the author.

Art shows
For fine arts shows, please include the name of the artist, their COM title, the location of the show, the name of the show, the title of the work, the medium in which the work was created (oils, ceramics, water color, metal sculpture, etc.), a brief description, and any special recognition that the artist or work has received.

Professional presentations
For presentations at conferences or other events, please include the name of the employee, their title, the name of the conference, the date of the conference, the title of the presentation, and a brief description of the presentation.

Performing Arts
For performing arts events including theater, dance, and music, please include the name of the faculty or staff member, their COM title, the name of the performance, date of the performance, time of the performance, location, fee, contact information, and description.

Athletics achievements
Include the name and title of the coach or coaches, name of team, and a complete description of what they have achieved.

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Other
You may also submit recognition of faculty and staff for other reasons at your discretion, including appointments to statewide or local professional organizations, grant awards, development of new program or class, or other acknowledgements.

Call for Submissions—Events and Community Calendars
The Office of Communications and Community Relations would like to help you promote your special event. Please submit information four weeks in advance by email to Nicole Cruz and Cathy Summa-Wolfe. Include the title events in the subject area. Please indicate if the public is or is not invited to attend. If the public is invited, the information also will be distributed to local media outlets.

Please forward the information using the following format:
- Name of the event
- Date(s)
- Time(s)
- Location
- Fee
- Contact name and phone number
- Ticket sales information

Also, include a paragraph describing the event, biographies of performers, and other pertinent information.

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President