President’s Weekly Briefing—September 26, 2013

Fine Arts Gallery Opens This Weekend with Diebenkorn
After months of preparation, we will be celebrating the inaugural opening of the Fine Arts Gallery this weekend with a premier exhibit of internationally acclaimed artist Richard Diebenkorn. The celebratory exhibit features 38 pieces that have never been publicly viewed. It is a unique and celebratory exhibit offering an intimate glimpse into the artist’s evolution spanning more than 40 years. The seven-week exhibit has been curated by Chester Arnold, chair of the Fine Arts Department, in collaboration with the Diebenkorn Foundation. After its debut at the new College gallery, it will eventually travel to other educational and community venues throughout the country. The show is open to the public free of charge.

September 28 – November 14, 2013
Gallery Hours: One Saturday only September 28, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
College of Marin Fine Arts Gallery
Kentfield Campus

Exciting New Developments at the COM Library
Several new enhancements to the campus library online search system provide 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. 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.

- 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

College of Marin dental assisting students have signed up to volunteer to help with community health fairs taking place in the next month as part of the Binational Health Week, a mobilization effort involving 40 states in the U.S., three Canadian provinces and Mexican agencies to improve the health and well-being of the underserved Latino population in the Americas. During BHW, federal, state and local government agencies, community-based organizations and thousands of volunteers come together in the month of October to promote health education activities including workshops, insurance referrals, vaccinations and medical screenings. The events are taking place throughout Marin County through Oct. 24. For more information, contact Cio Hernandez, (415) 473–2848.

Dance Professor David Alonzo Jones from the Performing Arts Department shared his experience about how to teach dance students “sight-reading dance” in an article published this month in the online magazine DanceAdvantage.net. In the article, “How I Help Students Pick Up Combinations Faster,” he shares his years of experience using video and repetition to assist in student learning.

Professor Walter B. Turner of the Social Sciences Department has been invited to moderate a panel this weekend at a unique international conference, Africa's Unknown War: Apartheid Terror, Cuba and Southern African Liberation to be held in Toronto, Canada. The conference commemorates the 25th anniversary of the battle of Cuito Cuanavale, a landmark in the struggle for African independence and self-determination. Turner will be moderating a panel of international guests titled, “South Africa's Stalingrad: The Battle of Cuito Cuanavale.”

Distance Education/Moodle Office Relocated
The Distance Education office has moved to LC 65, right next to Media Services. Help with Moodle is available for students and faculty on a drop-in basis. You can also contact MoodleHelp@marin.edu for answers to individual questions, visit the Moodle update page or to set up an appointment for face-to-face assistance.

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 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: This Week at the 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

**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, 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](mailto: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, the Vet Center, or online.
More information is available at Reset-Go.

Thursdays, October 3 – 24
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. On Oct. 13, the director and members of the production will be available to speak to the audience after the show. For more information about upcoming events, visit the Drama Department.

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
Box Office hours: Tuesday through Friday, 2 – 6 p.m. and one hour before Saturday and Sunday performances; (415) 485-9385. Online purchases can be made at brownpapertickets.com.
**Jazz Ensemble Benefit Concert**
The College of Marin Jazz Band will be sharing the stage with local saxophone master **Mel Martin**, who has been performing and recording with _Bebop and Beyond_, a group he founded and serves as artistic director. Martin has a rich history of collaboration with stars such as Frank Sinatra, Dizzy Gillespie, Ella Fitzgerald, Benny Carter, McCoy Tyner and Freddie Hubbard. He is equally at home playing rock and pop and has performed and recorded with James Brown, BB King and Santana. We hope you join us for this special event. Half of all ticket sales will benefit the College of Marin Music Department. For more information or to order tickets, contact the Fenix box office at (415) 813-5600.

**Sunday, October 13, 6 p.m.**
Fenix, 919 Fourth St., San Rafael
$20

**Resume Workshops**
Twice a year the COM **Job Placement Center** sponsors seasonal job fairs for students, alumni and community members to meet the employers directly and network with others. We invite and encourage potential employees to attend with resumes in hand, dressed for success.

A **Resume Workshop** will be held in anticipation of the Annual Fall Job Fair. Registration is encouraged due to limited space. (415) 485-9410.

**Wednesday, October 16**
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Student Services Building, Conference Rooms A and B
Kentfield Campus

Career coach **Joanne Yawitz MBA MCRP**, founder of LivingYourDreamCoaching.com will be conducting a resume review workshop the day before our Annual Job Fair. Reservations are recommended. Contact the **Job Placement Center** for more information, (415) 485-9410.

**Tuesday, October 22**
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Student Services Building, room 206
$10
Annual Fall Job Fair
Employers from various growing Bay Area companies will be on hand to meet prospective employees among the student population, alumni and community members. Come explore entry-level, technical and professional positions in full-time, part-time, temporary and volunteer situations. Bring your résumé for on-the-spot advice and immediate job applications. Don’t forget to check the free online job search provided by COM, powered by NACElink. It has local, national, and international positions available for students, alumni and community members. Participating employers include Macy’s, AT&T, Jamba Juice, Home Depot, Target, UPS, Subway, Cedars of Marin, Wells Fargo, After College, Urban Outfitters, Susie Cakes, Mountain Mikes Pizza, Nelson Staffing, Express Employment Professionals, Legal Shield, and the U.S. Army. For more information, contact the Job Placement Center, (415) 485-9410.

Wednesday, October 23
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Student Services Building, first floor
Kentfield Campus

College of Marin Yard Sale of Surplus District Property
The best way to recycle is find new uses for old things. Come by and discover great deals on hundreds of items looking for new homes. On sale are file cabinets, desks, couches, chairs, thousands of books, and a variety of equipment such as hospital beds, stretchers, computer-related items and audio-visual equipment. Items will be sold for pennies on the dollar and prices are negotiable. Sales are final. All items have been approved as surplus by the district Board of Trustees. Proceeds will benefit the College general fund. For more information, contact Melinda Molloy (415) 884-3101.

Thursday, October 24, Preview for COM staff for departmental usage of surplus
12 – 4 p.m.

Friday, October 25, Public sale
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Parking lot 3
Indian Valley Campus
Transfer Day
Students, their families and members of the community are invited to meet with representatives from more than 30 colleges at the annual College of Marin Transfer Day. The free event is an opportunity to explore transfer options to a four-year college or university such as a University of California, California State University, or an independent, on-line or out-of-state institution. School representatives will be available to discuss admission requirements, academic programs, fees, housing, scholarships and financial aid. They will also highlight majors they offer and provide an overview of campus life. College of Marin counselors and staff will be on hand to make this a special event. For more information, visit the Transfer and Career Center to see scheduled workshops hosted by Counseling Services and call (415) 485-9671 to reserve a spot.

Monday, November 4
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Student Services Cafeteria
Kentfield Campus

Ongoing Events

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
Parking Permit Renewals Due
The campus police would like to remind everyone that the time for renewing staff parking permits is rapidly approaching. All faculty and staff should submit renewal requests before Friday, Oct. 4. Requests for renewal are in the mailroom on both campuses. Forms can also be obtained 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.

And, when you receive your permit, please 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 http://www.marin.edu/police/parking-permits.html.
Preparedness: Beyond Dialing 9-1-1
Prepare yourself to provide the best emergency assistance in times of crisis by reviewing the 20-page Emergency Guidelines Handbook, a quick reference for campus staff. In the handbook you will learn about campus emergency response centers, evacuation areas, emergency phone numbers for campus police and first responders 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.

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
**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.

**New Hours for Food Truck at IVC**

**Monday through Friday**

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Building 27, near the bus loading area
Indian Valley Campus

**Sports**

**Women’s Soccer v. Los Medanos**
Friday, September 27, 3:30 p.m. at Pittsburg

**Women’s Soccer v. Mendocino**
Tuesday, Oct. 1, 3:30 p.m. at Away

**Women’s Soccer v. Solano**
Friday, Oct. 4, 3:30 p.m. at Kentfield

**Women’s Soccer v. Contra Costa**
Tuesday, Oct. 8, 3:30 p.m. at Kentfield

**Women’s Soccer v. Yuba**
Friday, Oct. 11, 3:30 p.m. at Away

**Men’s Soccer v. Shasta**
Friday, September 27, 4 p.m. at Kentfield

**Men’s Soccer v. Yuba**
Tuesday, Oct 1, 4 p.m. at Marysville

**Men’s Soccer v. Contra Costa**
Friday Oct. 4, 1 p.m. at Kentfield

**Men’s Soccer v. Napa**
Tuesday, Oct. 8, 4 p.m. at Napa

**Men’s Soccer v. Merritt**
Friday, Oct. 11, 4 p.m. at Oakland
**Women's Volleyball v. Consumes River**  
Thursday, September 26, 6 p.m. at Kentfield

**Women's Volleyball v. Mendocino**  
Friday, September 27, 6 p.m. at Kentfield

**Women's Volleyball v. College of the Redwoods**  
Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1 p.m. at Kentfield

**Women's Volleyball v. Alameda**  
Wednesday, Oct. 2, 6 p.m. at Alameda

**Women's Volleyball v. Napa**  
Friday, Oct. 4, 6 p.m. at Kentfield

**Women's Volleyball v. Yuba**  
Wednesday, Oct. 9, 6 p.m. at Marysville

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**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.

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Have a great weekend,

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Superintendent/President