President’s Weekly Briefing—September 27, 2014

COM Retirees Return to Campus for Lunch and Updates
On Friday, September 19, approximately 105 retirees joined me along with Trustees on campus for lunch and a presentation of campus updates. This was the second retiree luncheon I held, but this year it was bigger and better through collaboration with the Retiree Support Program. The program was created last year to develop and offer services that contribute to the well-being of the College’s retired faculty and staff. To date they have offered ten workshops on various topics related to retirement and are in the process of creating a retiree database and Web page with resources for retirees.

I wanted to create an annual event to bring retirees together with the hope that they will stay connected to each other and the College. COM has seen a lot of changes over the years and it was great to share news of the amazing transformation that has taken place both on our physical campuses and in the new ways that we serve our students.

I would like to say thank you and job well done to members of the Retiree Support Program: Kelley Litz, Ron Gaiz, Bobby Bradford, Paulette Foster, Bessie Ng-Jung, Bob Peterson, Mary Sage, Edna Smith, and Brian Wilson. I would also like to thank Kristina Combs, Jeff Cox, Jon Gudmundsson, Kathy Joyner, Gabriel Lambert, and Joseph Thomas who helped make this a wonderful event.

Stay tuned for upcoming workshops, as some relate to planning for retirement and it is never too early for that!

Budget Forum—October 1
Please join me and Vice President of Finance and College Operations Greg Nelson for a budget forum on Wednesday, October 1, at 3 p.m. in the Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge, Kentfield Campus.

College Measure C Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee Seeks New Members
Anyone interested in serving on the College of Marin Measure C Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee for the Measure C bond program may apply to one of seven available positions. The deadline to apply is October 31, 2014. The committee is seeking members with specific perspectives, including someone representing the community at large, a bona-fide taxpayer’s association, a student enrolled and active in a community college support group, a member of a senior citizens’ organization, a member active in a business organization representing the business community located in the district, and a member active in a college support organization. Oversight committee members cannot be College of Marin employees, officials, vendors, consultants, or contractors. The College of Marin Board of Trustees will appoint new members in November. For application information contact the Modernization Department at (415) 485-9518 or download the application.
The independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee, established by a College of Marin Board of Trustees resolution in 2004, is responsible for ensuring the College’s financial accountability for projects funded by a $249.5 million bond earmarked for facilities modernization. The bond, passed by Marin County voters in the November 2004 election, earned more than 63 percent voter approval. Measure C was a Proposition 39 bond that required the formation of a Citizen’s Oversight Committee.

Parking Permit Renewals Due Next Week
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 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, 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.
Advanced Voice Class Singers Voice Recital: *Singing for Ourselves*

The advanced voice class would like to present to you a recital of their favorite arias, art songs and musical theatre songs. Each singer will choose, within the parameters of classic vocal literature, the song they most wish to perform for you. Allow them to regale you with art songs by the likes of Bach, Faure, and Schumann; as well as songs from the traditional musical theatre by Rodgers, Gershwin, and Webber, among others. Join them for this melodic feast!

**Monday, September 29, 11:10 a.m.**  
Lefort Recital Hall, PA 72  
Kentfield Campus

**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.

**Student Success Speaker Series Continues with Tips for Entrepreneurs**

Entrepreneurs! The third presentation in the Student Success Speaker Series is for you. Staff Attorney Miya Chen works for the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. She will be sharing legal tips on starting your own business. Students, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to attend and learn tips to 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 outside the Student Services Building, 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**

**October 1**  
**Entrepreneurs! Legal Tips for Starting Your Own Business**  
Presented by Miya Chen  
Staff Attorney, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area

Miya Saika Chen leads the Community Empowerment and Economic Justice Project at the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. She directs Legal Services for Entrepreneurs, which provides free legal assistance to low-income individuals who are starting businesses and “mom and pop shops” in areas where gentrification is a force for displacement.
October 8
No Money for Groceries? Learn how to get it!
Presented by Alexandra Danino, CalFresh Coordinator, SF-Marin Food Bank

A complete list of seminars presented this fall is available online.

Seasonal Flu Shots
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
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.

If You Build It Screening: October 1
A screening of the film If You Build It by designer, activist, and Kent Middle School grad Emily Pilloton will be held on Wednesday, October 1, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Performing Arts Building, James Dunn Theatre. The film follows Pilloton to the poorest rural county in North Carolina where she worked with local high school students to transform their community and their lives. Living on credit and grant money, and fighting a change-resistant school board, Pilloton leads students through a full-scale design-and-build project that does much more than just teach basic construction skills; it shows ten teenagers the power of design-thinking to reinvent their town and their own sense of what's possible. Don’t miss this captivating look at a radically innovative approach to education. Register to attend online through Eventbrite.
Emeritus Center Features Art by Nancie West Swanberg
Nancie West Swanberg is the featured artist in the Emeritus Center’s newest exhibition opening Monday, October 6, with a reception from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Swanberg was born in California and raised in Oregon by her Norwegian immigrant grandparents. She knew at an early age that she wanted to be an artist. She studied at the Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles, the Swedish School of Arts, Crafts and Design, the San Francisco Art Institute, and received a bachelor of fine arts degree from Sonoma State University. Swanberg always considered herself first and foremost a painter, but became a jack-of-all-trades artist, doing book and magazine illustration, working for publishing companies in San Francisco as a staff artist, and eventually working with her partner Larry Evans doing architectural art. Throughout all these years she also continued to paint. All are welcome to attend the opening reception. The Emeritus Center on the Kentfield Campus is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The show runs through the end of December.

Child Study Center Ice Cream Social and Open House
The Child Study Center will host an ice cream social and open house on Sunday, October 12, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The center is located at 1144 Magnolia Avenue in Larkspur. Please park in lot 13 and walk across the bridge to the Child Study Center. The community is invited to tour the facilities and enjoy children’s music and entertainment. Call (415) 485-9648 for more information.

Music Faculty Recital to Benefit Contemporary Opera Marin
Masterpieces and Rediscovered Gems of the 20th Century
Pianist Paul Smith is joined by fellow faculty members Tara Flandreau and Anne Lerner-Wright along with guest artists Susannah Barley and Nick Xelenis in a concert of works for piano, strings, and clarinet. Enjoy performances of Stravinsky’s Suite from The Soldier's Tale, Bennett’s Ballad from Porgy and Bess, Korngold’s Suite for Piano Left Hand and Strings, Fibich’s Allegro for Clarinet Quintet, and Handel in the Strand by Percy Grainger.

Saturday, October 18, 7:30 p.m.
Lefort Recital Hall, PA72
Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus

Sunday, October 19, 4 p.m.
The Dance Palace
503 B Street
Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

FREE admission; no reservations required. All donations go to support Contemporary Opera Marin. Call (415) 485-9460 for more information.
Fall Career Fair
The Job Placement and Housing Center is holding its annual fall Career Fair on **Wednesday, October 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Services Building**, first floor, Kentfield Campus. Bring your résumé for on-the-spot advice and immediate job applications and meet growing Bay Area employers and employment agencies. Entry-level, technical, and professional positions are available in a wide variety of careers with full-time, part-time, temporary, and volunteer opportunities. For more information contact the **Job Placement and Housing Center** at (415) 485-9410.

Golf Tournament Benefiting COM Athletics
Head to the greens for an afternoon of golf! On Friday, October 24, the Kinesiology and Athletics Department will hold a fundraising tournament at the San Geronimo Golf Course, 5800 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, San Geronimo. Green fees, cart, and dinner are included in the $150 registration fee; sponsorship opportunities are available. Proper attire is required, including collared shirts and soft spikes only. Jeans and Bermuda length shorts are permissible. **RSVP by Wednesday, October 8, to Lindsay Bacigalupi at (415) 485-9580.** Registration can be completed **online**.

October 24 Tournament Schedule
- 11 a.m. Registration and putting contest
- Noon Shotgun start
- 5 p.m. No host cocktail hour
- 6 p.m. Dinner, silent auction, and raffle

Transfer Day
This year’s Transfer Day takes place on **Monday, November 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Services Building**, cafeteria, Kentfield Campus. Students, their families, and members of the community are invited. This free event is open to the public. More than 40 college and university representatives from UCs, CSUs, independent, online, and out-of-state schools will be on campus to meet with students and provide information about transferring from a community college. Representatives will be available to discuss relevant topics such as 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.
Advanced Voice Class Recital: *Pure Music*—Art Songs by Johannes Brahms

One of classical music's most popular and influential composers—often grouped with Bach and Beethoven as "the Three B's"—Johannes Brahms composed for piano, chamber ensembles, symphony orchestra, and for voice and chorus. He was a significant lieder composer, who wrote over 200 songs, and many of his lieder reflect folk themes or depict scenes of rural life. Although he had a love of order and venerated Beethoven and Mozart, he was heavily influenced by the romantic composers, in particular Robert and Clara Schumann. His songs therefore have a beautiful balance of form and emotion.

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Ongoing Events

**Squeak Carnwath: Works on Paper 1979-2013**
Work by Squeak Carnwath is on display now at the Fine Arts Gallery. Carnwath’s paintings and prints are recognizable through her lush use of color, text, and pattern amongst identifiable images; but they resist art historical categorization. Viewing her works might call to mind Abstract Expressionism, graffiti art, or the California Funk Art movement. No one style can encompass the diaristic, yet non-narrative methodology where particular words, figures, her sense of humor and exploration of public and private realms come together to create works that viewers feel comfortable engaging with. The exhibition runs through October 16. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call (415) 485-9494.

**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. Folsom Lake College  
Tuesday, September 30, 3:30 p.m. in Kentfield
COM vs. Solano College  
Friday, October 3, 3:30 p.m. in Fairfield

**Women’s Volleyball**
COM vs. Los Medanos College  
Wednesday, October 1, 6 p.m. in Kentfield
COM vs. Alameda College  
Friday, October 3, 6 p.m. in Alameda

**Men’s Soccer**
COM vs. Merritt College  
Tuesday, September 30, 4 p.m. in Oakland
COM vs. Mendocino College  
Friday, October 3, 4 p.m. in Kentfield

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.  
Superintendent/President