President’s Weekly Briefing—October 3, 2014

New Emergency Notification System COM Connect is Live
Living in earthquake country we are keenly aware of how a natural disaster can devastate a community as we saw recently in Napa. In the event of an emergency situation, or even a power outage that necessitates campus closure, communication is essential. The more ways we can disseminate information the better. Our former emergency notification system (ENS), AlertU, allowed us to send emergency text messages. With our new ENS, COM Connect, Campus Police and College officials are now able to broadcast messages via voice, email and text (SMS) messages, as well as send messages to TTY/TDD devices for individuals who are hearing impaired. The system also broadcasts to COM’s social media sites.

I encourage all students, faculty, and staff to log on to the COM Connect Portal and click Sign Me Up. There has been some confusion created by the system asking users to, “…enter the identification code that has been provided to you to find your associated contact.” This code is your M00#. Please take a moment to verify or provide your complete contact information. You can also indicate your preferred mode of contact and language. If you have any questions call the Campus Police Department at (415) 485-9455. Users with call blocking services should add (415) 485-9455 to their approved number list to ensure they receive important notifications from the College.

New Committee Focuses Efforts on Transportation
I am excited to announce a new committee on campus focusing on student and employee transportation and alternative commute resources. The initiative is a collaboration with Marin Transit, the Transportation Authority of Marin, and Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART).

Though we are in the preliminary stages of gathering data and creating maps—a special thank you to Math Instructor Maula Allen for her mapping efforts—our ultimate goal is to eventually provide all students and employees with free or reduced public transportation passes, meanwhile decreasing both traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions. Please be on the lookout for a transportation survey coming soon. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us reach the next step in this initiative.

In the meantime, here are some fun and impactful ways to jumpstart the COM Commute Program on your own: ride your bike; ride share with a friend, family member, or coworker; and/or combine the bus with walking to create a regular exercise routine for yourself. If you would like to join the committee or have suggestions/comments, please email Tara Arenas.
Kudos
Outreach and School Relations Coordinator Anna Pilloton co-presented a workshop with two managers from 10,000 Degrees at the National College Access Network Conference on September 16. In the workshop, “Summer Bridge: The Power of Partnerships,” the team shared strategies and best practices aimed at improving college success outcomes for high risk/high potential students. The setting was highly interactive and included table-talk, brainstorming, and a directed question and answer period. This summer, COM and 10,000 Degrees co-hosted the first Summer Bridge Program with 24 students who participated in the 3 week program filled with thoughtfully designed instruction from our Instructors Meg Pasquel, Maula Allen, and Caitlin Escobar as well as program support from EOPS, Counseling, Library, Writing Center, Single Stop, Enrollment Services, Transfer Center, Outreach, the Testing Office, and many others. All students had taken the placement test last spring; and when re-tested at the end of the program, half of them improved their placements by 1, 2, or 3 levels. Thank you to all involved for making this such a successful program!

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 Citizens’ Oversight Committee.
Upcoming Events

Drama Department Presents *Little Women*
Sunday Performance Followed by Talkback with the Director
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.

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.

Seasonal Flu Shots

The College of Marin Health Center will be offering seasonal flu shots to students, faculty, staff, and the community. 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
Friday, October 3, 9 a.m. – noon
Friday, October 10, 9 a.m. – 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 flu shot must be 18 years of age or older.
Opening Reception for Artist Nancie West Swanberg—October 6
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.

Student Success Speaker Series Presents CalFresh Coordinator Alexandra Danino
The fourth presentation in the Student Success Speaker Series touches on a serious topic that for many individuals hits close to home. High unemployment and effects of the recession have pushed record numbers of people to the point of hunger. Alexandra Danino, CalFresh coordinator of the SF-Marin Food Bank will give an informative presentation that will help those struggling to find money for groceries learn how they can get help.

Upcoming Sessions

October 8
No Money for Groceries? Learn how to get it!
Presented by Alexandra Danino, CalFresh Coordinator, SF-Marin Food Bank

Alexandra Danino has worked in the non-profit sector serving families in need for the past 10 years in Marin County. Currently she coordinates the CalFresh Program for the SF Marin Food Bank’s Marin site. She supports access to the program through outreach and application assistance. Alexandra has a close relationship with the community and hears many of the barriers to the programs. This leads into advocacy and building partnerships countywide.

October 15
Get Creative: Cooking and Buying Food on a Budget
Presented by Oscar Guardado, Community Bilingual Health Educator, Marin County Health and Human Services and Katherine Kielich, Senior Nutritionist, Marin County Health and Human Services

A complete list of seminars presented this fall is available online.
Coast Miwok Plaque and Garden Dedication Ceremony
A ceremony dedicating the plaque and garden area established in honor of the Coast Miwok Tribe will be held Thursday, October 9, at 12:30 p.m. on the Great Lawn in front of the Student Services Building, Kentfield Campus. Land the Kentfield Campus is built on was home to a Coast Miwok village thousands of years ago. The land provided the village with sources of food and stone for their artwork. As campus buildings were constructed many artifacts were found, but not much was known about the history. Former Anthropology Professor Betty Goerke worked with her students in the 90s to gather information about the excavation that took place when the Learning Resources Center was built. They subsequently published a book that gave a fascinating look into the lives of the Coast Miwok people. A fundraising effort started by Betty Goerke, Kathleen Kirkpatrick, and Fernando Agudelo-Silva, has culminated in the creation of a garden area and commemorative plaque was to recognize and honor the Coast Miwok Indians and bring awareness of the history this land holds. All are welcome to attend the dedication ceremony.

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.
League of Women Voters Present Non-partisan Ballot Information
Do you have questions about the ballot issues for the upcoming November 4 election? On Monday, October 20, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. the League of Women Voters will present pros and cons of the six state ballot propositions. This free presentation, sponsored by Emeritus Students College of Marin, is strictly non-partisan and open to the public.

Presentation on November Ballot Issues
Monday, October 20, 2:30 p.m.
Emeritus Center, Student Services Building
Kentfield Campus

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—RSVP by October 8
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.

**Monday, November 3, 11:10 a.m.**
Lefort Recital Hall, PA 72
Kentfield Campus

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.
Fall Sports

Women’s Soccer
COM vs. Solano College
Friday, October 3, 3:30 p.m. in Fairfield
COM vs. Contra Costa College
Tuesday, October 7, 3:30 p.m. in Kentfield

Women’s Volleyball
COM vs. Napa Valley College
Wednesday, October 8, 6 p.m. in Napa
COM vs. Solano College
Friday, October 10, 6 p.m. in Kentfield

Men’s Soccer
COM vs. Folsom College
Tuesday, October 7, 4 p.m. in Folsom
COM vs. Santa Rosa Junior College
Thursday, October 9, 4 p.m. in Kentfield

In Memoriam
Former English Instructor Mary Ann Hedin died on September 3, 2014, at the age of 90. Mary taught English and creative writing at College of Marin for 20 years and served as Department Head many of those years. She valued her colleagues and continued to see them after her retirement. She was a published author receiving the Iowa School of Letters Award in 1980 and publishing a book of short stories entitled Fly Away Home. A book of her poetry entitled, Directions, was published in 1982. A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, October 25, at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, 72 Kensington Road, San Anselmo.

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
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