President’s Weekly Briefing—October 4, 2012

College of Marin Transfer Day
On November 5, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., College of Marin will hold its annual Transfer Day in the Student Services Building, Cafeteria. College of Marin students, their families, and members of the community are invited. This free event is open to the public.

More than 35 colleges and university representatives from the 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 to a university. School representatives will be on hand 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.

Students are encouraged to research scholarships and financial aid available, what majors each school offers, what the campus life is like, along with other relevant topics to help make the transfer decision-making transition more successful and less stressful. There will be a wealth of good information at Transfer Day, including expert help from COM’s counseling staff.

New Student Veterans Center Ribbon Cutting
All are invited to attend the Veterans Center ribbon cutting at 2 p.m. on October 10, in the Student Services Building, Room 112, Kentfield Campus. Dr. David Wain Coon, Superintendent/President, and Gabriel Carsillo, Veterans Association president, will be among the speakers. Refreshments will be provided.

The Veterans Center provides an office on campus where students can connect with college and community resources, study, and get a reprieve from civilian life. Furnished with desks, computers, printers, a sofa, and a television, the new College of Marin Veterans Center will be a venue where veterans can receive support, link to services, and relax in the familiar banter of a military life.

About 30,000 men and women leave the military and return to California each year, a number that is expected to increase dramatically as the war in Afghanistan winds down and the military downsizes. College of Marin has about 100 student veterans. While many have signed up for education benefits under the enhanced GI Bill, many veterans need additional assistance to start their lives as students and civilians.

The center was funded in part by a $5,000 grant from the College of Marin Associated Students, a $1,200 grant from the College of Marin Foundation, and college in-kind services for the renovation of the office.

For more information about the Veterans Center, call (415) 457-8811, ext. 7782.
“Veterans on Campus” Training Released by the Chancellor’s Office
The Professional Development Committee (PDC) is pleased to launch “Veterans on Campus”, an online training module designed to raise awareness among California community college employees about our increasing veteran student population. Through a series of simulated scenarios, faculty and staff interact with veteran students to learn more about their needs and how to better assist and refer them to appropriate support services when necessary. The training is being made available system-wide through the CCC Student Mental Health Program, a partnership between the Chancellor’s Office, and the Foundation for California Community Colleges (FCCC). The program is funded through a grant from the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA). “Veterans on Campus” was developed with input from leading education experts and veteran organizations. It can be used by faculty to fulfill Flex hours.

To access the training, go to: http://kognitocampus.com/vet/ccc. College of Marin’s enrollment key (login) is ccc4554. Feel free to contact Kathleen Kirkpatrick at kathleen.kirkpatrick@marin.edu, if you have any questions.

Original Navigations
COM Noncredit ESL Instructor Linette Escobar will be part of a group of Brazilian-American and Portuguese-American poets and writers sharing their work. The reading will be held Friday, October 12, at 6 p.m. at the village market, 4555 California St. in San Francisco. The event is sponsored by Presence/Presenca, an organization that provides a community for North American writers of the Portuguese diaspora and aims to address the relative absence of Luso-American voices in contemporary letters. All are invited to attend this free event.

Cop’s Corner
The Great California ShakeOut 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 ShakeOut 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 College of Marin’s Emergency Guidelines Handbook to start preparing for what to do in case of an earthquake while on campus. Handbooks are also attached to the wall near the exits inside College of Marin buildings.
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 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).

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.

Kentfield Campus, Health Services Portable
Friday, October 5, from 9 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.
College of Marin Drama Department Presents Macbeth
By William Shakespeare
Directed by W. Allen Taylor
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 staff and alumni. For more information, call the box office at (415) 485-9385.

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President