President’s Weekly Briefing—October 24, 2013

Meet the COM Board Candidates
Tonight you have an opportunity to meet the candidates for the College of Marin Board of Trustees at a public forum sponsored by the Associated Students College of Marin (ASCOM) and the League of Women Voters of Marin County. Three of seven trustee seats are up for election on November 5. Incumbents Barbara Dolan, Diana Conti, and Wanden Treanor and challenger Brady Bevis will be at the forum. You can also view the candidates during a League of Women Voters Debate, an event that was filmed September 17, at the Community Media Center of Marin and is now posted online at the League of Women Voters website. For more information, contact Dr. Arnulfo Cedillo, director, Student Affairs/Health Center, at (415) 485-9375; or Vickie Lamke at (415) 485-9376.

Thursday, October 24, 6 p.m.
Student Services Building Cafeteria
Kentfield Campus

Kudos
With the help of College of Marin’s Director of Modernization Laura McCarty, the Marin Rowing Association (MRA) capped an amazing weekend of racing in Boston by winning the overall points trophy at the 2013 Head of the Charles Regatta. The regatta is the world’s largest two-day rowing event, and this was the first time that the MRA has ever won the points trophy. Laura competed in the women’s senior master division, and her team brought home the gold. The crew included Mary Boland, Laurie Wetzel, Blair Peters, and Kara Eichner. They won with a time of 19:15.8. Congratulations Laura!

October 2013 Data Nugget (from the Office of PRIE)
The number of degrees and certificates of achievement awarded by COM increased from the academic year 2011-2012 to the academic year 2012-2013 by what percentage?

a. 5 – 9.9%

b. 10 – 19.9%

c. 20 – 29.9%

d. 30 – 39.9%

Answer: There were 326 degrees and certificates of achievement awarded in 2011-2012 and 428 awarded in 2012-2013. This is a 31 percent increase from the prior year. (Answer: d)
Personnel Actions from the October 15 Board of Trustees Meeting

Appointments of Classified Personnel

- Temesghen Gebremichael has been appointed Custodian, effective October 16, 2013.

Appointments of Academic Personnel

- Kristin Acredelo, has been appointed as a Court Reporting Instructor, effective January 10, 2014.
- Shawn Purcell, Instructor of Psychology, has been appointed on a temporary basis to fill a medical leave.

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 at (415) 884-3101.

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

Friday, October 25, public sale
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Parking lot 3
Indian Valley Campus

Cops Corner

Smoke, Fire, Alarms, and Safety

Here is some guidance to prepare you for the possibility of a fire on campus. Training and information are available from Campus Police at ext. 7455.

- Know the location of fire extinguishers, exits, and alarm systems and know how to use them before you need to.
- If you see fire or smoke, activate the nearest fire alarm and evacuate the area. Call 911 immediately and slowly state: “I want to report a fire.” Give your location—campus, building, floor, room number. Help keep fire lanes and sidewalks clear for emergency personnel. Notify emergency personnel if you suspect someone may be trapped inside the building.
- Smoke is the greatest danger in a fire. Stay low, near the floor, where the air will be more breathable. If you are trapped in a building during a fire near a window, open or break the window and place an article of clothing such as a shirt or coat outside the window as a marker for emergency personnel.
- You can find more information about fire preparedness on page 11 in the College of Marin Emergency Guidelines Handbook. Handbooks are available online and attached to the walls just inside College of Marin building exits.
Upcoming Events

Immigration Reform Forum: Film and Discussion
The Canal Alliance and the College are co-hosting a “No Dumb Questions” forum featuring young Arizona immigration activist, Erika Andiola, who appears in a heartwarming documentary, *The Dream is Now*. The forum includes a showing of the 30-minute film about people affected by the broken immigration system by Davis Guggenheim, Academy Award-winning director of *Waiting for Superman* and *An Inconvenient Truth*. Following the film, Andiola and one of the youths also featured in the film, will discuss struggles that immigrants face and what she hopes for her future. Expect to be inspired!
For information, call (415) 306-0443.

Friday, October 25
Noon – 12:30 p.m. – Film: *The Dream is Now*
12:30 p.m. – 1 p.m. Erika Andiola, immigration activist, Q&A
Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge
Kentfield Campus
Open to the public and free of charge

Thai Dance Troupe to Perform National Epic
The Moradokmai Dance Troupe will be on campus teaching a Thai dance workshop and performing the Ramakien, the national epic, which is an interactive contemporary Thai musical play addressing themes of mankind’s role in the universe. It is a unique opportunity to experience Thailand from performers who have studied theater, dance and western art under the leadership of Jana Prakal Chandruang (Khru Chang), a leading Thai actor. The performers live communally, growing their own crops to sustain a simple way of life and art. The Moradokmai Dance Troupe has performed all over the world.

Friday, October 25, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Thai Dance Workshop
Studio Theatre, PA32
Kentfield Campus
Space is limited. Reservations required. (415) 485-9555

Saturday, October 26, 7:30 p.m.
Ramakien Performance
Physical Education Building, PE 30
Kentfield Campus
Open to the public and free of charge
Dates Changed for 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, in the Vet Center, or online. More information is available at Reset-Go.

Tuesdays, October 29, November 5, 26, and December 5
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge
Kentfield Campus

Physical Graffiti: A Fall Dance Concert
Choreography: College of Marin Dance Faculty
Production design: e. “Ernie” Ernstrom
Featuring Guest Performers:
• Branson Dance Performance Ensemble, directed by Georgia Ortega (Nov. 1 and 2)
• San Domenico Dance Ensemble, directed by Erica Smith (Nov. 8 and 9)
• Primus Ballet Theatre presents the world premiere of Allegory of the Cave, choreographed by Cole Companion (Nov 1, 2, 8 and 9)

Fridays and Saturdays, November 1, 2, 8 and 9, 8 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre
Kentfield Campus
(Corner of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and Laurel Avenue)
College Box Office (415) 485-9385
$15 general; $10 students/seniors

Advanced Voice Recital: Feminine Musique
Linda Noble Brown, instructor
Although not as often celebrated as their male counterparts, women have a long history of composition, particularly for the voice. From Sappho’s divine songs 500 years before Christ’s birth to composers such as Maria Malibran in the early 1800s and present day composers like Libby Larson and Judith Weir, we will celebrate the strength and beauty of feminine musique.

Monday, November 4, 11:10 a.m.
Lefort Recital Hall, PA 72
Kentfield 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 in room 202 of the Student Services Building, or call (415) 485-9671.

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

New Date and Time for Final Diebenkorn Lecture
Diebenkorn and the Philosophy of Drawing
John Rapko, who teaches Art History for College of Marin and Ethics for California College of the Arts, will be on campus to discuss the drawing of artist Richard Diebenkorn. It is the last in a series of lectures complementing The Intimate Diebenkorn: Works on Paper 1949–1992, an extraordinary exhibit on display through November 14. The Fine Arts Gallery is open weekdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and on Thursdays until 8 p.m.

Friday, November 8, 4 – 5:30 p.m. (PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE AND TIME)
Fine Arts Building, room 201
Kentfield Campus

Jazz Ensemble at the Seahorse
Come swing in Sausalito with the College of Marin Jazz Ensemble directed by Cayce Carnahan. Great music, great food and a great atmosphere. Bring your dancing shoes.

Monday, November 11, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Sausalito Seahorse
305 Harbor Dr., Sausalito
Free
For more information, please call (415) 485-9460.
International Education Week
You are invited to participate in International Education Week to be held Tuesday, November 12 through Thursday, November 14. This is the college’s first time participating in the nationwide event sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and will include three days of cultural events including speakers, music, dance, demonstrations, and panel discussions on the Kentfield Campus. For more information, contact the International Education Office at (415) 485-9316.

Tuesday, November 12
- 9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.: Kick-Off Ceremony with Parade of Nations
  Student Services Building, in front of grassy knoll behind building (bad weather backup is the gym)
- 10 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.: Friendship Games
  Student Services Building, in front of grassy knoll behind building (bad weather backup is the gym)
- 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.: International Potluck ($3 a plate) with Music by Rhythm Village
  Student Services Building, Cafeteria (near mural)
- 12:30 p.m. – 1 p.m.: Capoeira Dancing with “Samuka de Bahia”
  Student Services Building, Cafeteria
- 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.: Study Abroad Information Fair
  Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge
- 2:45 p.m.– 4 p.m.: International Coffee and Tea Tasting and Fashion and Cultural Show
  Location to be determined

Wednesday, November 13
- 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.: Crossing Cultures, A workshop on cross-cultural communication, gestures, immersion, and culture shock.
  Location to be determined
- 12:15 p.m. – 1 p.m.: International Cooking Demonstration: Cold Spring Rolls
  Student Services Building, Cafeteria, near mural
- 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.: International Dance Class
  Location to be determined

Thursday, November 14
- 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.: Adjusting to Life in a Foreign Country, student panel, moderated by Sara Oser, IEP coordinator
  Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge
- 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.: World Trivia Challenge
  Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge
Perennial Propagation in the Autumn Garden
Come enjoy the bounty of the autumn garden. November is the ideal time to divide plants and increase your perennial and fruit gardens. This hands-on workshop will cover basic principles and practices of vegetative propagation including bulb culture, perennial division and the art of taking strong cuttings and starting perennials from seed. Everyone will take home a wealth of free garden-ready plant material. Wear good walking shoes and be prepared for rain. Register online by November 13. Class size is limited to 25 participants. Master Gardeners receive three continuing education hours. For more information, contact Liz Peer.

The class is taught by Wendy Johnson, Environmental Landscape instructor at the College of Marin and advisor to the Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden program. She is one of the founders of the organic Farm and Garden Program at Green Gulch Farm Zen Center and is the author of Gardening at the Dragon’s Gate (2008). Vic Stavig, an organic gardening student specializing in propagation, will be assisting the class. She heads the Farm Club and volunteers at the Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden.

Saturday, November 16, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden
Indian Valley Campus
Cost is $30. Parking is free.

Board of Trustees Meeting
Board of Trustees meeting information from October 15, 2013, is available online. You can also see the meetings online at justin.tv. The next meeting regular Board meeting is:

Tuesday, November 19, 6:30 p.m.
Student Services Building, Cafeteria
Kentfield Campus

Hooked on Marin Speaker Series
Hooked On Marin, a community-based partnership of Marin County public service agencies and educational districts, have come together for a second year to celebrate the region with a winter lecture series on a broad range of interesting local topics. Each event focuses on one aspect of what makes Marin County a unique place to live. Terry McGovern, College of Marin instructor and one of the Bay Area's most versatile performers, will be the moderator. Sign up early. There are a limited number of seats available for each event. Admission is $15 per event or $40 for the full series. To order tickets, visit Hooked on Marin, or call (415) 945-3730. The upcoming lectures are listed on the following page.
Inside the Star Wars Model Shop
Speaker: Lorne Peterson, visual effects artist for the entire Star Wars saga and for many other films, including Indiana Jones, Men in Black, and ET, gives an inside look at the science and secrets behind the artful models and sculptures of Star Wars.

**Wednesday, November 20, 7 p.m.**
Drake Little Theater
Tamalpais Union School District
1327 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, San Anselmo

Trains in Marin: Past and Future
Speaker: Richard G. Torney, a Marin native and rail fan, will discuss the 40-year era of green electric trains connecting Fairfax, San Rafael, San Anselmo, and Mill Valley with a ferry terminal in Sausalito. Torney will share historic photos of Marin trains from the 1870s–1960s and compare them with recent photos of the same locations.

**Wednesday, December 4, 7 p.m.**
Corte Madera Community Center Hall
498 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera

Marin County Rock ’n’ Roll Music History
Speakers: Richie Unterberger, rock historian and College of Marin instructor, will share rare archival video and audio footage from the 1960s and 1970s and Ben Fong-Torres of Rolling Stone magazine will join the panel to share stories from living legends of rock ’n’ roll.

**Wednesday, January 15, 7 p.m.**
Corte Madera Community Center Hall
498 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera

Chamber Music Recitals
*Jessica Ivry*, director
Please enjoy music performed by our college chamber music students. Small ensembles of trios and quartets will be performed. Different repertoire will be performed each evening. To receive performance notices electronically, email the Music Department.

**Friday, November 22, 7:30 p.m.**
**Saturday, November 23, 7:30 p.m.**
Lefort Recital Hall, PA 72
Kentfield Campus
Donation suggested: $10
Free parking for weekend events; Monday – Thursday evenings, please park in student parking only. Weekday parking passes ($3) may be purchased from the machine in parking lot 2.
For more information, go online or call (415) 485-9460.
Ongoing Events

Schedule a Low Cost Flu Shot
The flu season is upon us. You can get a flu shot on either campus through the College Health Center which will be available at various times throughout the week. Anyone wishing to receive a shot must be at least 18 years old. The Health Center is not a Medicare provider and is not able to bill insurance plans. The cost is $10 for students, faculty, and staff and $20 for others.

Kentfield Campus
Mondays, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. – noon, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Fridays, 9 a.m. – noon
Health Services Portable, front parking lot off of College Avenue
Please call and confirm availability. (415) 485-9458

Indian Valley Campus
Mondays, 9 a.m. – noon
Administrative Services, room 121
Call in advance. Appointments only. (415) 485-9458

Come by the new Fine Arts Gallery and experience this extraordinary exhibit of internationally acclaimed artist Richard Diebenkorn. On display are 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 travel to other educational and community venues throughout the country. The show is open to the public free of charge.

Through November 14
Gallery Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Fine Arts Gallery
Kentfield Campus
**Soccer Kick About**

All students are invited to play (or cheer) on the international, co-ed soccer team that meets weekly. It’s a great way to get exercise and make friends with our growing global student population. Last semester, about 100 international students attended the Intensive English Program in Novato or credit classes in Kentfield. What an opportunity to meet friends from around the world! For more information, contact Brady Meyring.

**Tuesdays, 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.**  
Soccer Field  
Indian Valley Campus

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**Evening Public Service Information**

Evening public service assistants are available on both campuses Monday through Thursday. On the Kentfield Campus, they are available 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. On the Indian Valley Campus, they are available 4 – 7:30 p.m. If you need assistance, please call one of the numbers 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.

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**Hours for IVC Farm & Garden Change; Last Saturday is Oct. 26**

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 (Note: Saturday Farm Hours only through October 26)**

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Indian Valley Campus

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**Sports**

**Women’s Soccer vs. Mendocino**  
Friday, October 25, 2 p.m. in Kentfield

**Women’s Soccer vs. Solano**  
Tuesday, October 29, 3:30 p.m., away TBD

**Women’s Soccer vs. Contra Costa**  
Friday, Nov. 1, 3:30 p.m., away TBD

**Women’s Soccer vs. Yuba**  
Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1 p.m. in Kentfield
Men’s Soccer vs. Napa  
Friday, October 25, 4 p.m. in Kentfield

Men’s Soccer vs. Merritt  
Tuesday, October 29, 4 p.m. in Kentfield

Men’s Soccer vs. Modesto  
Friday, Nov. 1, 3 p.m. in Kentfield

Men’s Soccer vs. Yuba  
Tuesday, Nov. 5, 3 p.m. in Marysville

Women’s Volleyball vs. Contra Costa  
Friday, October 25, 6 p.m. in San Pablo

Women’s Volleyball vs. Mendocino  
Wednesday, October 30, 6 p.m. in Mendocino

Women’s Volleyball vs. Alameda  
Friday, Nov 1, 6 p.m. in Kentfield

Women’s Volleyball vs. Napa  
Wednesday, Nov. 6 in Napa

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.

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.  
Superintendent/President