President’s Weekly Briefing—October 24, 2014

Enrollment Services Department Helps Students Sign Up for Direct Deposit of Financial Aid Refunds
On Tuesday, October 21 and Wednesday, October 23, staff from Enrollment Services hosted a booth for students to visit that provided important information and applications for the MyCOM Refunds U.S. Bank Prepaid MasterCard® that was launched this fall semester. Students were treated to free fresh popcorn and a variety of soft drinks and bottled water while they were informed about the benefits of signing up to receive their funds directly into an account. Students are able to choose between a prepaid MasterCard or direct deposit to their own bank account. This makes their funds accessible to them instantly, rather than waiting for a check.

Staff report that during the two-day event they provided information to close to 250 COM students. More financial literacy activities are being planned in the coming weeks aimed at assisting our students in making educated choices about their college finances.

College Measure C Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee Seeks New Members
Application Deadline is Friday, October 31
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.

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 College of Marin Board of Trustees will appoint new members in November. Application and more information is available online or call the Modernization Department at (415) 485-9518.
Upcoming Events

Free CalPERS Webinar on Family Status Changes
Changes may occur in your personal life that can impact you and your family. This 30-minute webinar provides information on how certain events such as getting married, divorced, the birth of a child, becoming disabled, or the death of a family member can impact your CalPERS benefits. Upon completion of this webinar, you will know about the steps to take when these life events occur. This opportunity is brought to you by the College of Marin Retiree Support Group. Contact Edna Smith for more information at (415) 457-8811 ext. 7799.

Wednesday, October 29
11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Register online for this free webinar.

Student Success Speaker Series—Boost your Study Skills
The speaker series continues with the next presentation on Wednesday, October 29, at noon in the Student Services Building, Kentfield Campus. COM Assistive Technology Specialist Matthew Dimopoulos presents tips on using technology on campus to improve study skills.

Upcoming Sessions

November 5
Need Health Insurance? Check out Covered California 101!
Presented by Thomas Li, Covered California

November 12
Renter's Rights: Uncover your Rights as a Tenant
Presented by Araceli Ontiveros-Venegas, Staff Attorney, Legal Aid of Marin

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

Classified Senate Halloween BBQ
It is that time of year again, so dust off that fabulous costume or start creating one, and plan on attending the annual Classified Senate Halloween Fundraiser and BBQ. The festivities will be held on Thursday, October 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge. The theme for this year is black and white so let your imagination and creativity run wild. Come dressed to impress and enter the costume contest. Contestants must arrive by noon; winners will be announced at 12:30 p.m. Judges will select the best black and white costume, the scariest costume, and best group costumes. I have approved two hours of release time, so feel free to stop by and buy your BBQ burgers or dogs, try your luck at the raffle held at 1 p.m., and support your classified professionals. Meals are from $5-$10.

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The Classified Senate is still accepting donations for raffle prizes. Donations can be dropped off at SMN 203 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contact Laura Cooper to make arrangements. All College of Marin employees are invited to attend.

**2014 Fall Dance Concert—Visions**
Choreography by COM Dance Faculty
Production Design by e. “Ernie” Ernstrom

The 2014 Fall Dance Concert *Visions* opens October 31. Come and enjoy pieces created by our faculty to take the audience on a journey. Experience musing in movement and temperament, soaring playfulness, and the spirit of going forward together as one force. Performances on October 31 and November 1 feature guest artists from the Branson Dance Performance Ensemble directed by Georgia Ortega. The November 7 and 8 performances feature Miya Hisaka and dancers of the San Domenico Dance Ensemble.

**October 31, November 1, 7, and 8, at 8 p.m.**
James Dunn Theatre, Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus

Tickets are $20 general; $15 seniors; and $10 students, COM employees, and alumni. Buy your tickets through the Box Office at (415) 485-9385.

**Contemporary Opera Marin—Devilish Delights**
Paul Smith, director

Contemporary Opera Marin presents *Devilish Delights*, eight micro and mini operas appropriate for Halloween and Dia de los Muertos, including Rodion Shchedrin’s *Three Choral Scenes*, Stephen Oliver’s *Cinderella*, or *The Vindication of Sloth*, Jonathan Dove’s *Greed* and others. This free 75-minute program is fully staged in English and is appropriate for the whole family.

**Saturday, November 1, 7:30 p.m.**
**Sunday, November 2, 2 p.m.**
**Friday, November 7, 7:30 p.m.**
Lefort Recital Hall (PA72), Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus

**Saturday, November 8, 7:30 p.m.**
Muir Beach Community Center, Muir Beach

**Sunday, November 9, 7 p.m.**
The Dance Palace
503 B Street, Pt. Reyes Station
Selected Works by Robert Brady at the Fine Arts Gallery
A new exhibition of Robert Brady’s selected works opens at the Fine Arts Gallery November 3 and runs through November 26. There will be an opening reception for the artist on Saturday, November 8, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the gallery. This free exhibition is open to the public and has been made possible courtesy of the artist and the Jack Fischer Gallery. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please email all inquiries to Chris West or call (415) 485-9494.

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
Linda Noble Brown, Instructor

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), Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus
Retirement Ready Workshops
Are you retirement ready? The earlier you plan the better. The College of Marin Retiree Support Group will be holding three workshops in November and you are encouraged to attend and bring your spouse or partner. Learn about the issues that will affect your quality of life during your retirement years. Workshops will be presented by Karen Perry of Marblestone Insurance services, LLC. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday, November 6
3:30 p.m.
Building 27, room 118
Indian Valley Campus

Second workshop at 4:30 p.m.
Building 27, room 118
Indian Valley Campus

Friday, November 7
10 a.m.
Village Square 6
Kentfield Campus

College of Marin Symphony Orchestra
Tara Flandreau, director
Masterworks of the classical and romantic eras presented by the full orchestra.

November 22, 7:30 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre, Performing Arts Building

December 6, 3 p.m.
Performing Arts Building, Lobby
Kentfield Campus

Ongoing Events

Emeritus Center Exhibit Featuring Nancie West Swanberg
Nancie West Swanberg is the featured artist in the Emeritus Center’s current exhibition. Born in California and raised in Oregon by her Norwegian immigrant grandparents, Swanberg knew at an early age that she wanted to be an artist. She 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. 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.
Seasonal Flu Shots Available at the Health Center
The College of Marin Health Center will be offering seasonal flu shots to students, faculty, and staff for $10; and to the community for $20. Fees go to help support our Nursing Program.

Flu shots are available by appointment at the following dates and times:
Mondays 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays 8 a.m. – noon
Wednesdays 8 a.m. – noon and 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Fridays 8 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.

Fall Sports

Women’s Soccer
COM vs. Folsom Lake College
Tuesday, October 28, 3:30 p.m. in Folsom
COM vs. Solano College
Friday, October 31, 4 p.m. in Kentfield

Women’s Volleyball
COM vs. Yuba College
Wednesday, October 29, 6 p.m. in Marysville
COM vs. Los Medanos College
Thursday, October 30, 6 p.m. in Pittsburg

Men’s Soccer
COM vs. Mendocino College
Tuesday, October 28, 4 p.m. in Ukiah
COM vs. Folsom College
Friday, October 31, 2 p.m. in Kentfield

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President