President’s Weekly Briefing—November 14, 2013

Priority Enrollment Begins Next Week
Priority registration for continuing students begins November 19. New and returning students may begin registering on December 10. Spring semester 2014 classes start January 13. The spring class listings are available online. The printed class schedule will be on campus and in the mail this week.

Save the Date!
Please hold Wednesday, December 18, 2013, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the College Holiday Party. More details to follow!

Kudos
More than 2,000 people visited the seven-week exhibit of internationally celebrated artist Richard Diebenkorn, *The Intimate Diebenkorn: Works on Paper 1949–1992,* which closed Nov. 14. It has been a success on every front. Visitors have included busloads of students from high schools and colleges as far away as Davis and Sonoma as well as art lovers from the community, family members of the artist and members of the Richard Diebenkorn Foundation, which produced the exhibit. Even some of the artist’s former models, Gilda Meyers and Carla Kandinsky, who continues to model for our art students, were on hand to provide unique historic perspectives to the work. Chester Arnold, dean of the Fine Arts Department, dedicated hours and hours of his time curating the exhibit. The exhibit was beautifully installed and designed by Instructor Chris West in the newly remodeled Fine Arts Gallery. Most importantly, according to Chester, the exhibit provided “a wonderful venue of sharing with students” giving them the opportunity to walk in the gallery and talk about these works. One of the guiding missions of the Diebenkorn Foundation is to introduce the artist to education institutions. It was a tremendous gift to host the premier event. The show’s next stop will be San Jose State University in spring, 2014.

November 2013 Data Nugget
On Monday, November 11, we took time to honor and remember our veterans. Do know how many veterans we have enrolled at College of Marin this semester?

Answer: We have 66 veterans enrolled this fall semester. (The Office of PRIE extends a big thanks to Patience James for her research securing this statistic.)
Cops Corner

More Tips for Navigating a Power Failure on Campus

It is best to be prepared before a power failure happens. Know how to safely exit the building from your office or classroom and always carry a flashlight. Be cautious when walking through parking lots and, if possible, walk in groups to be more visible. When driving out of the parking lots, look out for other people walking to their cars. Treat intersections without working signal lights as four-way stops.

All staff and students should sign up for AlertU before a power failure happens. To sign up for emergency campus alerts, go to www.alertu.org/mccd, or text “MCCD” to 253788 and reply with “Y”. There is no charge to sign up, though standard text message rates may apply.

Please refer to page 16 in the College of Marin Emergency Guidelines Handbook for more information regarding safety during power failures at the College of Marin. Handbooks are available online and attached to the walls just inside College of Marin building exits.

Upcoming Events

Tonight: Filmmakers to Join Local Veterans for Panel Discussion Tonight

In commemoration of Veterans Day, the College Veterans Association is hosting a catered reception and film screening of “Bravo! Common Men Uncommon Valor,” a documentary about the 77-day Battle of Khe Sanh in 1967. The event begins with a catered reception. Following the film, filmmakers Ken Rodgers, who was in the battle, and Betty Rodgers will be present to discuss production of the documentary with a panel of local veterans. The event is free and open to the public. There will be priority seating for veterans and their guests. For more information, contact Craig Wheeler at (415) 306-4963.

Thursday, November 14
5 p.m.: Catered reception
6 p.m.: Film
James Dunn Theatre
Kentfield Campus

Perennial Propagation in the Autumn Garden this Saturday

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. For more information, contact Liz Peer.

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Wendy Johnson, Environmental Landscape instructor at the College of Marin and advisor to the Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden program is teaching the class with Vic Stavig, an organic gardening student specializing in propagation.

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
You are invited to attend a regular meeting of the College of Marin Board of Trustees. You can also watch meetings online live or archived.

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

The Inky Fingers Fine Art Print Sale
Original artwork by the students of Visual Arts Professor Tron Bykle will be on display and for sale just in time for holiday giving. The show includes a variety of works: print techniques including, etching, relief print, monotypes and monoprints. For more information, contact Tron Bykle at (415) 457-8811, ext. 7687.

Wednesday, November 20, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Fine Arts Building, room 312

Inside the Star Wars Model Shop
Hooked on Marin Speaker Series
Speaker: Lorne Peterson, visual effects artist for the entire Star Wars saga and for many other films, including Men in Black, ET and Willow, gives an inside look at the science and secrets behind the artful models and sculptures of Star Wars. Peterson received an Academy Award and a British Academy Award for Visual Effects for his work on Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom. He is the author of Sculpting a Galaxy: Inside the Star Wars Model Shop.

Wednesday, November 20, 7 p.m.
Drake Little Theater
Sir Francis Drake High School
1327 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, San Anselmo

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This is the second lecture of Hooked on Marin, an exciting four-part speaker series celebrating our unique region. Hooked on Marin is a community-based partnership of Marin County public service agencies and educational districts. Terry McGovern, College of Marin Drama instructor and one of the Bay Area's most versatile performers, will be the moderator. Sign up early. A limited number of seats are available for each event. Admission is $15 per event. To order tickets, visit Hooked on Marin, or call (415) 945-3730. Next in the series:

**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

College Chamber Music students will perform in small ensembles of trios and quartets. A different repertoire will be performed each evening. To receive performance notices electronically, email the Music Department. For more information, go online or call (415) 485-9460.

**Friday, November 22 and Saturday, November 23, 7:30 p.m.**
Lefort Recital Hall, PA 72
Kentfield Campus
Donation suggested: $10
Free parking for weekend events
Reset Your Future: A Workshop Series for Student Veterans
Student veterans and their dependents are invited to participate in an ongoing series of free coaching workshops specifically designed to help them 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, November 26 and December 5, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge
Kentfield Campus

Symphonic Band Concert
Walter Mikolajcik, director

The Symphonic Band will be performing concert band works including: Clifton Williams’ *The Sinfonians; Pineapple Poll* by Sullivan; *La Marcha de Zacateca;* Leroy Anderson’s *Trumpeter’s Lullaby;* Carl Teike’s *Marsch;* the College of Marin premiere of Adrian L. Quince’s *The Newfoundland Deception; Quarter to Nine* medley; *Amparito Roca Spanish March* composed by Jaime Texido; *42nd Street* by Harry Warren; and Christmas music by Alfred Reed, Leroy Anderson, and more. New members welcome. To receive performance notices electronically, email the Music Department. For more information, go online or call (415) 485-9460.

Wednesday, December 4, 7:30 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre
Kentfield Campus
Parking: $3, for Student lot. Parking passes may be purchased from the machine in parking lot 2.

Club Mud Holiday Pottery Sale
College pottery students and instructors have created beautiful items for every purpose and budget for the holiday sale. All proceeds go to benefit the Ceramics Program. For information, contact Jason Dunn at (415) 485-9471.

Thursday – Saturday, December 5, 6, and 7, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Ceramics Studio, Fine Arts Building, room 131
Kentfield Campus
Jazz Ensemble with Tommy Igoe Big Band
Cayce Carnahan, director

Come join the College of Marin Jazz Ensemble and Tommy Igoe Big Band for a special performance. Tommy Igoe is one of the world’s finest drummers and his big band is an elite group of the Bay’s greatest musicians in a landmark event that redefines the genre. Musicians from Santana, The Doobie Brothers, Boz Scaggs, and Bay Area legends Tower of Power are all featured, as well as music from Brazil, Cuba, Argentina, Spain. If you love music, the Tommy Igoe Big Band will blow you away.

Thursday, December 5, 7 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre
Kentfield Campus
Donation suggested: $20 general; $15 students, staff, seniors, and alumni

The Drama Department Presents The Importance of Being Earnest
Lisa Morse, director

A classical example of the well-made play and frequently described as perhaps the most famous of all English language comedies, this well-mannered 19th century farce by Oscar Wilde has been keeping audiences in stitches ever since it appeared on the scene on Valentine’s Day 1895. Filled with Wilde’s delicious witticisms, the playwright said that he wrote Earnest in response to a request for a play “with no real serious interest.”

Thursday, December 5, 8 p.m. (Pay-What-You-Will Preview; parking is $3)
Fridays and Saturdays, December 6, 7, 13, and 14, 8 p.m.
Saturdays and Sundays, December 7, 8, 14, and 15, 2 p.m.
COM Studio Theatre
Kentfield Campus
Tickets: $20 general; $15 seniors; $10 staff, students and alumni (free weekend parking)
Box Office: Tuesday through Friday, 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. and one hour before Saturday and Sunday performances. (415) 485-9385.
Online tickets: Brown Paper Tickets.
Ongoing Events

Employee Discount for Cirque Du Soleil
College employees are invited to buy discounted tickets for Cirque du Soleil’s performance of *Amaluna* in San Francisco. *Amaluna* is also the name of the mysterious island where the story unfolds. The show’s mostly female cast and an all-women band is a tribute to the work and voice of women. Reflecting on balance from a woman’s perspective, the show is less about feminism and more about reconnecting to our world in a different way. Note that there may be use of pyrotechnics and stroboscopic lights during the show. Employees will receive discounts and special access to seating not available to the general public. To find out more, visit TicketsAtWork.com, or call (800) 331-6483. The company code is MARIN.

Tuesdays – Sundays, November 15 – January 12, times vary
AT&T Park
74 Mission Rock Street
San Francisco

Low Cost Flu Shots on Campus
You can get a flu shot on either campus through the College Health Center at various times during 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 (415) 485-9458 and confirm availability.

Indian Valley Campus
Mondays, 9 a.m. – noon
Administrative Services, room 121
Please call (415) 485-9458. Appointments only.
Soccer Kick About
All students are invited to play 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

Sports

Women’s Volleyball vs. Laney
Friday, Nov. 15, 6 p.m. in Oakland

Women’s Volleyball vs. Los Medanos
Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6 p.m. in Kentfield

Women’s Basketball vs. Las Positas
Thursday – Saturday, November 14 – 16, TBA in Livermore

Women’s Basketball vs. Skyline
Thursday, November 21, TBA in San Bruno

Women’s Basketball vs. Shasta
Saturday, November 30, 4 p.m. at Redding

Men’s Basketball vs. West Valley
Friday, November 22, 5 p.m. in Kentfield

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,

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