President’s Weekly Briefing—November 14, 2014

Campus Food Bank Collaboration Fills in Gaps
Through a new collaboration with the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank, Associated Students College of Marin (ASCOM) and Single Stop, students who don’t have enough money to buy food can now count on a mini food pantry in the Single Stop office at the Kentfield Campus. The food helps students who might not qualify for CalFresh or can’t make it to an off-campus food bank right away get through the night.

With much gratitude, I would like to acknowledge Single Stop Coordinator Tara Arenas for working with ASCOM and the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank to bring this partnership to fruition. Beginning with the food drive Arenas organized at the beginning of the semester, she also worked with Trader Joe’s market and received donations that stocked the office with canned goods and snacks for students in need. The San Francisco-Marin Food Bank partnership will help sustain the effort she started.

Road to Freedom ADA Bus Drives Awareness to Campus
The Road to Freedom ADA Bus is coming to the Kentfield Campus on Monday, November 17, to raise awareness and understanding about the history of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). As part of the ADA Legacy Tour, the bus will be parked in front of the Student Services Building from noon to 2 p.m. Members of the Accessibility Rights Club along with staff from our Student Accessibilities Department will be onsite to give information and answer questions. The bus tour is traveling to 48 states courtesy of the Disability Rights Center. Stop by and learn more about COM’s Student Accessibility Services and the Marin Center for Independent Living. Come celebrate the upcoming 25th anniversary of the ADA, rights of the largest minority population in the country, and meet new friends. Free food will be served.

Kudos
The play Journey’s End, about British officers in the trenches of World War I in France, produced last winter at Ross Valley Players, featured some of our own talent. Drama Instructor James Dunn directed the play, Director of Academic Services and Articulation Tom Hudgens played Lt. Osborne, and Drama Instructor Ron Krempetz was the scenic designer. The Theatre Bay Area Awards gala ceremony was held at the Geary Theatre in San Francisco this past Monday evening, November 10, and Journey’s End received seven nominations in its tier, including Outstanding Production of a Play, and an Outstanding Ensemble nomination, among others. Dunn was nominated for Outstanding Direction of a Play, Hudgens was nominated for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Leading Role, and Krempetz was nominated for Outstanding Scenic Design—and won! Congratulations to all!
ASCOM Food and Toy Drive
Last week ASCOM kicked off their food and toy drive, setting up bins in the lobby of the Student Services Building at the Kentfield Campus. The food bank is always in need of nutritious, non-perishable foods such as canned fruit, vegetables, stew, chili, soup, tuna, and meat; peanut butter, cereal; fruit juice; rice; flour; and sugar. Toys should be new and unwrapped. Drop off your donations now through December 5.

Cop’s Corner: Suspicious Persons or Activities
If you witness a criminal act, or notice a person acting suspiciously on campus, immediately call Campus Police. You can dial either 911 or ext. 7696 from a campus phone, or call (415) 485-9696 from a mobile phone. You will be asked by the dispatcher what are they doing, what they look like, and where are they located. Please refer to page 9 in College of Marin’s Emergency Guidelines Handbook for information on how to report a suspicious person or activity on campus. Handbooks are attached to the wall near the exits inside College of Marin buildings, as well as online.

Upcoming Events

International Education Week
The Office of International Education will host the second International Education Week at the Kentfield Campus November 18-20. A wide variety of cultural events, food, and music will be offered during the three day event. The event is open to all COM students, faculty, and staff. For more information contact Rebecca Freeland.

Student Success Speaker Series—Desserts from Around the World
In conjunction with International Education Week, the next presentation of the speaker series continues with a sampling of desserts from around the world. Come get a taste of what other cultures indulge in Wednesday, November 19, at noon in the Student Services Building, Kentfield Campus. This presentation is co-sponsored by the Office of International Education and ASCOM.

Final Session of the Student Success Speaker Series

December 3
Stressed out? Learn to Reduce Stress and Relax
Kathy Page, Mental Health Coordinator, Canal Alliance
Free STD Testing for Students November 19
The Health Center will hold free, painless, STD testing Wednesday, November 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kentfield Campus. Chlamydia and Gonorrhea testing is available on a drop-in basis. Students who would like to include HIV testing must schedule an appointment by calling (415) 485-9458.

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  
Kentfield Campus

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

Drama Department Presents The American Dream / The Zoo Story
W. Allen Taylor, director
Play by Edward Albee

This pairing of two iconic one-acts by Pulitzer Prize-winning American playwright Edward Albee, captures with humor and poignancy the frustration of a vulnerable society steeped in materialistic values. The American Dream is a ferocious, uproarious attack on these pervasive values. Taking an absurdist view of a dysfunctional, consumer-driven American family, their bizarro-world is revealed. Its companion piece, The Zoo Story, illustrates the potential consequences of the values of isolation and alienation on the human race. It dissects a chance meeting between two strangers from different sides of the societal spectrum, where futile attempts to relate end in tragedy.

November 20*, 21, 22, 29, December 5 and 6, 7:30 p.m.  
November 30** and December 7, 2 p.m.  
Studio Theatre, Performing Arts Building  
Kentfield Campus

Admission is $20 general; $15 seniors; $10 students, COM employees, and alumni. 
Buy tickets online.

* Pay-what-you-will preview  
** Talkback with the director
Hooked on Marin Speaker Series—Strong Cognitive Health

The Community Education Department, along with collaborating Marin County public service agencies and educational districts, presents Strong Cognitive Health as part of the Hooked on Marin Speaker Series. Unquestionably important is the health of your brain—in particular, avoiding cognitive impairment and Alzheimer’s. Be part of state-of-the-art scientific research that originated at the Buck Institute for Research on Aging. Join Dr. John Q. Walker as he describes a high-tech systems approach that is tailored precisely to an individual’s blood chemistry, genetics, and medical history.

Strong Cognitive Health
Presented by John Q. Walker, Ph.D., founder of Muses Labs

Wednesday, December 3, 7 p.m.
Corte Madera Community Center
498 Tamalpais Dr., Corte Madera

For more information or to purchase tickets call (415) 927-5072 or visit www.HookedonMarin.com. General admission tickets are $15.

College of Marin Symphonic Band—Marching and Dancing!
Trevor Björklund, director

The Symphonic Band presents a concert of works including great American and Italian marches plus powerful and elegant music inspired by romantic ballet…and a piece about Martians. Tap your feet to Gustav Holst's First Suite in Eb, Danse Bacchanale from Saint Saens' Samson et Delila, Glieré's Russian Sailors Dance, Funeral March of a Marionette by Gounod, and the indescribable March of the Martians, by Emil Soderstrom. Bring the whole family!

December 3, 7:30 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre, Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus

An Evening of Chamber Music
Tara Flandreau, director

The chamber music class performs trios, quartets, and quintets from three centuries of the classical repertoire. A different program will be presented each evening.

December 4, 8 p.m.
Lefort Recital Hall (PA72), Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus
**Jazz Ensemble**
Cayce Carnahan, director

Take a seat at the James Dunn Theatre on **December 6 at 7:30 p.m.** and enjoy the music of Count Basie, featuring some of the finest swing music ever written. Also, evening performances at the Sausalito Seahorse each second Thursday of the month.

**Advanced Voice Class Recital: Stars and the Heavens — Celestial Songs**
Linda Noble Brown, director

Man has long been fascinated with gazing into the sky. Composers, likewise, have embraced the mystery and vastness of the night sky. This recital will explore the universe beyond the Earth's atmosphere, both real and imagined, with songs chosen from a variety of genres (arias, art songs, musical theatre), each captivated by the stars and the heavens.

**Sunday, December 7, 3 p.m.**
The Tamalpais Retirement Community
501 Via Casitas, Greenbrae

**Beginning Voice Class—Audience Ready! First Open Recital**
Linda Noble Brown, director

Our beginning singers have been working all semester on their first onstage performance. Share the thrill and excitement as our singers courageously step in front of the audience. You will hear a lovely mix of folk songs and art songs, and perhaps even a short aria, as the singers are allowed make their own choices from within the class repertoire.

**Monday, December 8, 2:10 p.m.**
Lefort Recital Hall (PA 72)
Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus
Marin Oratorio Presents Messiah
Boyd Jarrell, director

The most frequently performed of all oratorios, Handel's Messiah is grand entertainment with a transcendent sense of dramatic pacing and force. The poetry and majesty of Handel's vision of birth, passion, and resurrection are quintessentially familiar, yet ever fresh. This timeless masterpiece will be presented in its original orchestration by Marin’s premier oratorio society with full orchestra and guest soloists Erina Newkirk, Heidi Waterman, Michael Belle, and John Bischoff.

Saturday, December 13, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 14, 3 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre, Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus

Box office: (415) 485-9385 www.marinoratorio.org
Donation: $20 general; $15 students, seniors, COM employees, and alumni All proceeds go to support Marin Oratorio.

Ongoing Events

Selected Works by Robert Brady
An exhibition of Robert Brady’s selected works is on display at the Fine Arts Gallery and runs through November 26. 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.

Emeritus Center Exhibit Featuring Nancie West Swanberg
Nancie West Swanberg is the featured artist in the Emeritus Center’s current exhibition; read more about her online. 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. Appointment dates and times are listed online. 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 Volleyball
COM vs. Contra Costa College
Friday, November 14, 6 p.m. in San Pablo
COM vs. Laney College
Tuesday, November 18, 6 p.m. in Kentfield

Women’s Basketball
COM vs. Skyline College
Thursday, November 20, 7 p.m. in Kentfield
COM vs. Shasta College
Saturday, November 22, 3 p.m. in Kentfield

Men’s Basketball
COM vs. West Valley College
Saturday, November 22, 5 p.m. in Saratoga

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President