President’s Weekly Briefing—November 22, 2013

The terrible aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan on the Philippines continues to leave tragedy in its wake and survivors are in desperate need of supplies such as clean water and food. The far reaching effects of the storm have hit a number of people close to home, including members of our staff and students who have family and friends living in the Philippines.

I would like to extend my condolences to all here who have been affected by these recent events. Many are wondering what can be done to help alleviate the suffering of those living in the Philippines who are struggling to survive. There are actions that we can do to help.

Early this week, the Filipino Americans of Northern California Organization (FANCO) organized a local fundraising event to collect donations and goods for the victims of super Typhoon Haiyan. You may contact FANCO directly to donate to their efforts.

COM employees who are struggling with family issues are encouraged to access the COM Employee Assistance Program for support.

Students with families in the Philippines seeking support may contact the COM Counseling Office for more information at 415.485.9432.

For more information on what you can do to help, NBC has published on their website a list of international organizations that are providing aid to victims.

It is my hope that together with all those who are working hard across the globe to address this situation, we will help relieve the suffering of the victims of Typhoon Haiyan.

In addition, a fundraising concert - US for PINAS - is being hosted to raise funds for the typhoon victims in the Philippines on Sunday, November 24, 2013, at the Santa Clara Convention Center. More information is available online.

Conversation Partners Program
Practice your language skills and learn about our interesting global students through the Conversation Partners Program, which matches individuals for informal language exchange. Faculty and staff are invited to consider participating in this innovative program developed by the International Education Office. It’s a wonderful way to promote international friendship and cross-cultural understanding while practicing a language that interests you. You may sign up online any time. For more information, contact Rebecca Freeland, program coordinator, at ext. 7740.
Kudos

Dr. Jason Lau, director of Community Education, Lifelong Learning, and International Education, has been elected to serve as the new president of the Asian American Alliance of Marin, a 22-year-old organization of Asian Pacific Americans, organizations, and individuals interested in promoting justice, equality, tolerance, human rights, and understanding in our communities. There was an impressive showing of College of Marin trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, and students at the annual AAAM Community Dinner Fundraiser on November 15. Some of the special guests included:

- Dr. Susan Adams, supervisor, Marin County
- Hon. Jim Chou, judge, Marin County Superior Court
- Hon. Faye D'Opal, judge, Marin County Superior Court
- Heidi Kuhn, founder and CEO, Roots of Peace
- Jong Lee, Korean American Community
- Kim Luu, Miss Vietnamese of America
- Lettie Ranjo, co-president, Filipino-Americans of Northern California Organization
- Marion Samson-Gigliotti, co-president, Filipino-Americans of Northern California Organizations
- Gail Theller, executive director, Community Action Marin
- Chantel L. Walker, coordinator, Marin Community Development Agency
- Liz Watson, director, Novato Chamber of Commerce

From College of Marin:

- Brady Bevis, trustee-elect
- Dr. Jean Chan, instructor, Community Education
- Semiliar Chavez, student
- Diana Conti, trustee
- Rebecca Freeland, staff
- Jenny Fung, student
- Erika Harkins, instructor, Community Education
- Dr. Jason Lau, director, Community Education, Lifelong Learning, and International Education
- Wendy Lee, staff
- Shuyu Liu, instructor, Chinese and ESL
- Dr. Eva Long, trustee
- Valerie Marckwordt, staff
- Sara McKinnon, president, Academic Senate
- Marian Mermel, co-president, Emeritus Students of College of Marin
- Brady Meyring, staff
- Rin Okazaki, student
- Sara Oser, coordinator, Intensive English Program
- Steve Petker, student president, ASCOM
- Lance Reyes, student trustee
- Nanda Schorske, executive dean, IVC and Workforce and Economic Development
Members of the College of Marin Dance Department have been asked to perform at the Gala Reception of the Community College League of California Convention today at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco airport. The theme of the annual convention is California Community Colleges Soaring to New Heights, and the group will be performing a tap, jazz, hip hop, salsa, and African fusion piece to Justin Timberlake’s lively “Let the Groove Get In.” The piece was choreographed by COM Dance Instructor David Alonzo Jones.

The first-ever International Education Week was a huge success thanks to Dr. Jason Lau, director of Community Education, Lifelong Learning and International Education, and the International Education team. An enormous amount of planning and dedication went into the three days of campus activities, which started off with an impressive ceremony honoring 34 of the nations represented at COM. It was a celebration of international exchange and culture featuring live performances, cooking demonstrations, panel discussions and a fashion show. Many College of Marin staff and students helped make the event a success. Many thanks to: Brady Meyring, the event coordinator; Nanda Schorske, Dr. Arnulfo Cedillo, Rebecca Freeland, Sara Oser, Valerie Marchwordt, Jesse Klein, Cheryl Carlson, Heather Peitz, Yuliya Boboki, Michelle Camacho, Ellen Shaw, Lisa Saunders, Mike Klein, Vickie Lamke, Paul Tejedor, Steve Petker, Shuyu Liu, Dr. Magda Levin, Sueli Bertuol-Okun, Iris Saligman, Patricia Seery, ASCOM board members, and International Society Club members. The events brought a new awareness of international education to everyone on campus. Photos from the event can be viewed online in two albums: http://goo.gl/VhvcDt and http://goo.gl/OOvchw

Cops Corner—How to Contact Campus Police
For urgent police assistance: In the event of a life or death emergency, a crime in progress or suspicious activity, call Campus Police at 911 or ext. 7696 from a campus phone or (415) 485-9696 from a cell phone for the 24-hour dispatcher.

For non-urgent services: If you do not require an immediate response, please call (415) 485-9455 from a cell phone, or ext. 7455 from a campus phone. As this is a business line, there may not be someone in the office available to answer the phone, so it may be two hours or more before messages are received.

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Normal business hours for the Campus Police:
Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Fridays, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Campus Police Department is located in building TB1 on the Kentfield Campus, and in building 22 at Indian Valley Campus.

Upcoming Events

Priority Enrollment
Priority registration for continuing students began this week. 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 is on campus and in the mail.

Chamber Music Recitals—Final Performance Tomorrow
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. More information is available online or by calling (415) 485-9460.

Saturday, November 23, 7:30 p.m.
Lefort Recital Hall, PA 72
Kentfield Campus
Donation suggested: $10
Free weekend parking

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 Veterans Services 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.

Trains in Marin: Past and Future
Hooked on Marin Speaker Series

Join Richard G. Torney, a Marin native and rail fan, in exploring 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

This is the third lecture of Hooked on Marin, a four-part speaker series celebrating the region. Hooked on Marin is a community-based partnership of Marin County public service agencies and educational districts. Each event focuses on one aspect of what makes Marin County a unique place to live. Terry McGovern, College of Marin Drama instructor and one of the Bay area’s most versatile performers, will moderate the events. A limited number of seats are available for each event. Admission is $15. To order tickets, visit Hooked on Marin, or call (415) 945-3730.

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The final lecture in the series is: **Marin County Rock ’n’ Roll Music History** with Richie Unterberger, rock historian and College of Marin instructor, and Ben Fong-Torres of *Rolling Stone* magazine. Unterberger will share rare archival video and audio footage from the 1960s and 1970s and Fong-Torres will 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

**Club Mud Holiday Pottery Sale**  
College pottery students and instructors have created beautiful items for every purpose and budget for the holiday sale. There will be cups, bowls, vases, plates, decorative vessels and unique sculptural works with prices ranging from $5 to $100. All proceeds will 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

This is a classic 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 in 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. Final Dress Preview ($10, 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.

Save the Date—College Holiday Party!
More details to follow!

**Wednesday, December 18**, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**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 strobe 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 community members.

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.

Sports

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

Women’s Basketball vs. Monterey
Friday, December 6, 6 p.m. in Kentfield

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

Men’s Basketball vs. Columbia
Saturday, December 7, TBA in Sonora

In Memoriam
It is with sadness that I inform you that longtime College employee Ann L. Jack passed away on November 11, after suffering for years with dementia. Ann started her career at the college in 1960 as secretary of the Art Department. She went on to become the first California School Employees Association president, the first art gallery manager, house manager for the Drama Department, and for the majority of her more than 30-year career at the College, she taught ceramics. A memorial celebration will be held at a future date. Ann is survived by her daughter, retired COM EOPS Coordinator Candice Garretson; and her grandson COM Testing Technician, Patrick Garretson.
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