President’s Weekly Briefing—May 18, 2011

Coffee and Conversation Forum
President Coon will host the last “Coffee and Conversation” forum of the semester next Thursday, May 26, at 9 a.m. in Building 17, room 100 at the Indian Valley Campus. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to bring their ideas, questions and other subjects of interest.

Commencement Exercises
COM’s 84th Commencement will take place on Saturday, May 28, at 10 a.m. in the Diamond P.E. Center Gymnasium, on the Kentfield Campus. Dr. JuanCarlos Arauz, Ed.D., will be this year’s speaker. Tsedal “Sadie” Agidew has been selected as the student speaker. For more information about Commencement go to www.marin.edu\commencement.

Registered Nursing Program Pinning Ceremony
The 2011 Registered Nursing Program will hold their pinning ceremony on Thursday, May 26, at 6 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theatre at the Kentfield Campus. A reception preceding the ceremony will begin at 5 p.m.

Kudos
Nursing Instructor Molly Johnson’s maternity nursing students received rave reviews from a Marin General Hospital staff member who worked with the students this semester. Michelle Marble, a registered nurse, was compelled to write about how exceptional the students were, and the fact that they exuded a professional mannerism that is not always seen. Excellent work!

Call for Marin County Fair Volunteers
Have fun at the Marin County Fair while spreading the word about all the good work being done here at College of Marin. Volunteers are needed for two-hour or four-hour shifts from June 30 to July 4, from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. There are plenty of things to do and see at the fair. This year the theme honors the 75th anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to Nicole Cruz at Nicole.Cruz@marin.edu with County Fair in the subject area. Please include your available days and times, as well as an off-campus phone number where you can be reached.
You Are Invited to COM’s Retirement Reception
A reception honoring retirees will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2011, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Marin Art and Garden Center Garden Room, located at 30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., in Ross. Join us for this special event showing appreciation for those who have provided many years of dedication and service to College of Marin. The retiree list as of May 5, 2011, includes:

**Honoring:**  
Francine Allen  
Michael Brailoff  
Victoria Coad  
Robert Flynn  
Kathryn Freschi  
Janice Goucher  
Iris Gregoire  
Roz Hartman  
Darryl Kesecker  
Victor Minasian  
Barbara St. John  
Daniel Widger  
Janice Goucher  
Darryl Kesecker  
In Memoriam:  
Mark Gorrell  
Charles Williams

**Flex Update**
The fall 2011 Independent Flex days are Aug. 10 and 11. The Mandatory Flex day is Friday, Aug. 12. College Convocation will take place from 10 a.m. to noon followed by department meetings organized by your department chair in the afternoon from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Thank you to the faculty and staff who completed the recent Professional Development Needs Assessment! The Professional Development Committee is planning workshops and activities based on your feedback and institutional priorities as identified in the COM Strategic Plan and WASC recommendations.

Flex information and activities will be posted and updated over the summer on the **Staff Development Web Page** on the College web site. You can get to this page easily by clicking on “Staff Development” under the “Faculty and Staff” tab on the college homepage.

Reminder! Spring 2011 Flex Verification Forms are due in Human Resources by Friday, May 27. The forms can be downloaded from the Staff Development web page.

**College of Marin 2011 Public Summer Swim Program**
The 2011 public summer swim program at the Kentfield Campus will begin June 20 and run through Aug. 14. The pool will be open Monday through Sunday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Public swim will be extended to the fall on Saturdays and Sundays only Aug. 20 to Sept. 25 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is $5 per day for adults and $3 per day for children under 13, seniors (55+) and the disabled. Lifeguards will be on duty. For additional information call (415) 457-8811 ext. 7587.

The Indian Valley Campus will open recreational and lap swimming beginning on June 20 through Aug. 11, Monday through Thursday, from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is $5 per day for adults or an 8-day pass for $35; and $3 per day for children under 13, seniors (55+) and the disabled or an 8-day pass for $21. Lifeguards will be on duty. For additional information call (415) 883-2211, ext. 8260.

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Purchase swim tickets and passes at the pool with cash or check only. A parent or guardian must sign a waiver for minors to use the pool. Parking permits are required and are available for purchase from parking lot machines for $3. Recreational parking permits may be purchased in the Fiscal Services Office for $15 per month.

Upcoming Events

Children’s Art Show
Kentfield Children’s Center will present their first Children’s Art Show on Thursday, May 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday, May 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the campus crossroads (by the big tree where Harlan Center, the Business Center and the Learning Resources Center meet).

Please stop by to pick up a beautiful matted drawing or painting to decorate your office or some special gift-wrap created by the children. Fresh, homemade treats will also be available. Donations are welcome and will support the children’s arts program.

Children’s Centers Annual Butterfly Parade
The Kentfield and IVC Children’s Centers will be holding their annual Butterfly Parades on Tuesday, May 17, at 10:30 a.m. at IVC on the campus green and on Thursday, May 19, at 10:30 a.m. at Kentfield on the campus green next to the Fine Arts Building. The Butterfly Parade celebrates the preschooler’s transition to kindergarten and the metamorphosis of our student parents and student teachers who have completed their COM training and will be embarking on new vocations or transferring to a four-year university to continue their education. The children will be releasing the butterflies they have been raising since the caterpillar stage, singing, and flying special kites in honor of this occasion. All are welcome to join in the fun!

Transfer Recognition Reception
The Transfer/Career Center will be hosting its Fifth Annual Transfer Recognition Reception to honor and recognize our students who are transferring on to four-year universities. The event will be held Friday, May 20, 2011, at the Kentfield Campus, Student Services Building, first floor. The evening will begin with a ceremony at 5:30 p.m. to formally acknowledge our students, followed by a reception. You are invited to celebrate and honor our students as they make their transition from the college to attain their educational and professional goals.

Faculty and Staff Recognition Luncheon—RSVP by Tomorrow
The annual Faculty and Staff Recognition Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 26, from noon to 1:30 p.m. on the lawn area outside Fusselman Hall. All faculty and staff are invited to attend. Awards will be presented honoring our outstanding faculty, staff and departments. The event is co-sponsored by College Council and the Academic and Classified Senates. If you plan on attending RSVP to Melinda Molloy by calling (415) 485-9508 or email Melinda.Molloy@marin.edu by Thursday, May 19.
2011 Scholarship Awards Ceremony
The College of Marin Foundation cordially invites the campus community to the Foundation's Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony, Friday, May 27, 2011, at 5 p.m. on the first floor of the Student Services Building, Kentfield Campus. A reception will follow the ceremony.

2011 COM Student Film Festival—This Friday
College of Marin presents the 2011 COM Student Film Festival on Friday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. in Olney Hall 96. Come and watch short films written, produced, directed, shot, and edited by student filmmakers. Prizes and scholarship money will be awarded. There will be a brief reception prior the screenings. Admission is free. Bring family and friends to watch these rising stars of film debut their works.

College of Marin Athletic Hall of Fame
College of Marin will be hosting its second Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony and banquet on Saturday, June 4, at the San Geronimo Golf Course, 5800 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, San Geronimo. There will be a no-host social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and the induction at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $50 each. For more information please contact Diane Kukahiko at (415) 485-9580 or Diane.Kukahiko@marin.edu.

The 2011 College of Marin inductees include:
- Harry Pieper (football and track 1948-1983)
- Joe Morello (baseball 1949-1950)
- Peter Arrigoni (baseball, football, and track 1949-1951)
- Honor Jackson (football 1967-1968)
- Al Endriss (baseball 1982-1997)

Paintings by MaryAnn Nardo
An exhibit sponsored by the Emeritus Students of College of Marin is on display in the Student Services Building, room 146 through June 27.

Digital Art Books on Display
A collection of digital art books by current Multimedia Studies students is on display at IVC in the glass case in front of Media Services in the new main building. The books were each created as part of the student’s final projects for this semester’s Page Layout and Print and Packaging Design courses. The subject and format of the book was left up to the student. As a final project, the student was given the freedom to decide what the content of the book would be, and what format would best suit the subject and style of the book. Each book was hand assembled by the student. Stop by and take a look at these works by some of our incredibly creative and talented students.
In Memoriam

A long-time member of the College of Marin family, and a resident of Carlsbad, California, John Gillin, passed away on May 2, 2011. During his tenure at the college he served as counselor, Director of Student Activities, student honor society advisor, and member of the Board of Directors of the College of Marin Foundation. In retirement he served on the board of the College of Marin Alumni and headed the Santa Cruz, California Retired Teacher Association Scholarship Committee. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the John Gillin Memorial Scholarship at the College of Marin Foundation, Box 446, Kentfield, California 94904.

Have a great week!

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Superintendent/President