President’s Weekly Briefing—September 1, 2011

COM to Hold a Remembrance Ceremony Commemorating 10th Anniversary of Terrorist Attacks
College of Marin will host a brief Remembrance Ceremony to mark the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States, which occurred on Sept. 11, 2001. The event will take place on Sept. 12, 2011, at 10 a.m., at the new flagpole located in front of the Fine Arts Building next to Circle Drive. The flag will be flown at half-staff on Sept. 11 and raised on the morning of Sept. 12 following a brief presentation and a moment of silence for the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attack. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend.

Superintendent/President to Hold Open Forums
Open Forums will be held at the Kentfield Campus Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge.

Coffee and Conversation Forums will be held at the Indian Valley Campus Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Building 17, room 100.

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to bring their ideas, questions, and other subjects of interest.

Upcoming Events

Marin City Labor Day Blues, Jazz, and Soul Party in the Park
College of Marin will participate in the Annual Marin City Labor Day Blues, Jazz, and Soul Party to be held Monday, Sept. 5, 2011, from noon until 6 p.m. at the 100 block of Drake Ave. in Marin City. This community event features great music, multi-cultural food, arts and crafts, and the participation of numerous civic organizations. It is a great opportunity to share information about COM programs and services with community members in a festive setting.

Road to Success at the Indian Valley Campus
The 2011 Road to Success event is taking place on the Indian Valley Campus Wednesday, Sept. 7, from 2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please tell your students!

Road to Success is designed to encourage all students to learn about the variety of COM student services, learning resources, programs, and academic departments available to help them succeed in their studies and programs. Kentfield Campus stops are Student Services, Health Center, Science Center, Physical Education Center, Learning Resource Center, Harlan Center, and Fine Arts. Indian Valley Campus stops are: Building 27, Building 8, and Building 17. Road to Success is sponsored by ASCOM, the Basic Skills Initiative Committee, and all student services and departments. For more information contact Cheo Massion, Cheo.Massion@marin.edu or Becky Reetz at ext. 7620, Becky.Reetz@marin.edu.
COM to Host Veterans/Armed Forces Career Day Event
College of Marin is hosting a job fair for military veterans on Sept. 14, 2011, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., outside in the Learning Resources Center Quad area at the College of Marin Kentfield Campus located at 835 College Ave. Organizations participating in the event include: Express Employment Professionals, Marin Employment Connection/Veterans Work Force Services, and the San Francisco Veterans Association Medical Center, among others.

Blue Star Moms, an organization that prepares and sends care packages to active service men and women, will be present to discuss services and accept donations for the troops. Music will be performed by the Air Force Jazz Trio.

Several branches of the military and law enforcement recruiters will also be on hand, including Army, National Guard, Navy, Marines, and California Highway Patrol. For more information contact Job Placement Technician Carol Perez at (415) 485-9410.

Arabian Nights Opening Night Gala Fundraiser for Performing Arts
On Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, beginning at 6 p.m., the College of Marin Foundation and the Performing Arts Department will hold an opening night gala of their current production of Arabian Nights. Guests will ride a magic carpet into the minareted world of ancient Baghdad. There will be a wine reception and sumptuous buffet from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. followed by the production starting at 8 p.m. In keeping with the exotic theme of the evening’s festivities, the Arabian Nights extravaganza will take place in the Performing Arts “Big Top” Tent Theatre located on the central lawn adjacent to the new Fine Arts Building at the Kentfield Campus. The evening will unfold with the legendary tales of Sheherezade. COM Professor Molly Noble will direct Tony-Award-winning playwright Mary Zimmerman’s re-telling of the mystical 1001 tales. (The tent will serve as performance space during renovation of the Performing Arts Theatre). Seats are limited so order your tickets early. Tickets are $60 per person or $40 per person for season ticket holders. Parking is available on Circle Drive, and at the corner of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and Laurel Dr. Contact the College of Marin Foundation for reservations at (415) 485-9657. Proceeds will benefit the COM Performing Arts Program.

Fall 2011 Moodle Training Schedule
Fall Moodle training sessions are listed below. Each session will be comprised of 30 minutes of instruction and 20 minutes of implementation. All trainings meet in the COM Library Computer Lab at the back of the Learning Resources Center on the Kentfield Campus.

If you have a Moodle shell associated with a fall 2011 course, you may wish to practice attaching documents and images during the training. Even if you do not have a fall 2011 course, you can still update your Moodle Profile and set up messaging. Please bring your MyCOM logon information and a flash drive with some of your materials; for example, you may wish to bring a headshot, a syllabus, and an assignment.

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At this time, we are unable to provide Moodle sandboxes (demo shells) to instructors who are not teaching in or with Moodle in fall 2011.

RSVP to Alisa Klinger, alisa.klinger@marin.edu, if you plan to attend.

Additional information is available on the DE homepage at http://www.marin.edu/DE/index.html (be sure to refresh your browser if this is the first time you visit the site this semester as content has been updated and the site redesigned).

Training Schedule
Moodle Activities
Thursday, Sept. 8, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Moodle Grade Book
Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Moodle Basics
Thursday, Sept. 22, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Moodle Open Q & A Session
Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

September Distance Education Newsletter Online
To view the September DE@COM Newsletter visit http://www.marin.edu/DE/PDFs/DE@COM-09012011.pdf.

For more information about DE@COM, please contact alisa.klinger@marin.edu.
The Moodle training schedule is also online at http://www.marin.edu/DE/faculty.html

COM Athletics
Men’s Soccer vs. Chabot College
Friday, Sept. 2, 2 p.m. in Hayward

Women’s Soccer vs. Lassen College
Saturday, Sept. 3, 11 a.m. in Kentfield

Have a great week!

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Superintendent/President