President’s Weekly Briefing—September 15, 2011

COM to host the Marin College Access Network Fall Conference at IVC
College of Marin, as one of 22 community partners in the Marin College Access Network (“MarinCAN”), will host the first Fall Conference on Friday, Sept. 30, at the Indian Valley Campus. MarinCAN is a coalition of school districts, youth advocacy and development agencies, higher education institutions, scholarship organizations, and funders who work collaboratively to provide information, tools, resources, and support services to help students and families make informed decisions about their post-secondary pursuits. The conference will feature keynote speakers, workshop sessions, a networking lunch, and the presentation of the first annual MarinCAN Champions Award. For more information contact Anna Pilloton, Anna.Pilloton@marin.edu or (415) 485-9663.

Veterans/Armed Forces Career Day a Great Success!
Over 100 students and community members attended the special job fair designed to help veterans find employment and also find new recruits for the military. The event was sponsored by COM Veteran’s Association and the Job Placement Office. Kudos to Carol Perez and others who helped organize the event!

Community Ed Instructor Receives Award
College of Marin Community Education Instructor Sharon Barnett received the 2011 Terwilliger Environmental Award at a ceremony held Friday, September 9, at the WildCare Terwilliger Center in San Rafael. Barnett also teaches at the Marin Country Day School and Marin Nature Adventures, of which she is co-founder. Barnett’s passion is evident as she makes learning about nature fun and exciting for students of all ages. Barnett also volunteers for numerous organizations including The Marine Mammal Center, Salmon Protection and Watershed Network, Gerstle Park Neighborhood Association, and the Point Reyes National Seashore. She also served a term as Director for Marin Audubon Society. Congratulations!
Arabian Nights
The College of Marin Drama Department presents Arabian Nights. Sept. 29 is a pay-what-you-will preview. Performances are Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 9 and 16 at 2 p.m. at the Performing Arts Tent on the central lawn of the Kentfield Campus. Ride a magic carpet into the minaret world of ancient Baghdad. 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). Tickets are $20 general; $12 seniors; $10 students, COM employees, and alumni. The box office opens Sept. 20. Please call 415-485-9385 for tickets.

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 minaret 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.

Singer’s Choice Recital—Art Songs and Arias
COM Advanced Voice Class
Linda Noble Brown, Instructor
Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011, 11:10 a.m.
Olney Hall, room 96
Free admission
Webinar: Your Retirement Application and Options
CalPERS is inviting all members to attend a free live webinar on Oct. 7, 2011, from 11 a.m. to noon. Step-by-step instructions on filling out the service retirement application and an explanation of the different retirement options available will be covered in the one hour session.

Get more information or register for this event at www.calpers.ca.gov. If you have any questions please contact the CalPERS Customer Contact Center at 888 CalPERS (or 888-225-7377).

COM Athletics
Men’s Soccer vs. Santa Rosa Jr. College
Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1 p.m. in Santa Rosa
Men’s Soccer vs. Contra Costa College
Friday, Sept. 23, 2 p.m. in Kentfield

Women’s Soccer vs. Contra Costa College
Friday, Sept. 23, 4 p.m. in Kentfield

Volleyball Panther Tournament
Saturday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m. in Salinas

Have a great week!

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