President’s Weekly Briefing—October 27, 2011

Accreditation Team Visit Monday, October 31
The scheduled one-day visit by the three-person team led by Dr. Jose Ortiz, Superintendent/President of Allan Hancock College, will take place on Oct. 31, 2011. The other team members include Ms. Nancy Meddings, Interim Dean, Library Resources and Community Education of Allan Hancock College, and Ms. Rhea Riegel, Institutional Research Coordinator of Fresno City College. (All three team members were participants on the team which visited Oct. 25 through 28, 2010, with Dr. Ortiz also serving as the Chair.) If you have not already read the College’s Follow-Up Report, I recommend that you review it online at http://www.marin.edu/com/PRIE/PDF/SS-FollowUpReport-web.pdf. Once again, I thank all responsible parties for their significant teamwork and accomplishments. For information about the visit, please contact ALO Dr. Chialin Hsieh, Chialin.Hsieh@marin.edu.

Open Forums with the Superintendent/President
I will be hosting an Open Forum next Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 3 p.m. in the Deedy Staff Lounge and a Coffee and Conversation Forum next Thursday, Nov. 3, at 9 a.m. in Building 17, room 100 at IVC. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to bring their ideas, questions, suggestions, and other subjects of interest.

2010-11 Governance Digest Published
The 2010-2011 Governance Digest: Governance in Action publication which documents the work and activities of the college’s participatory governance committees and reports on the outcomes of committee recommendations is now posted on the Participatory Governance Web Page.

The Governance Digest is published annually in the fall by the Office of Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness to provide the college community with updated information about committee recommendations. The Digest will also be used as evidence for the upcoming WASC team visit. Check it out and find out what your governance committee representatives have been doing!

Thank you to all faculty, staff, students, and administrators who serve on governance committees. Your contributions are much appreciated and vital to our ability to meet our mission and support student success!
College of Marin to Host Peer Summit
On Friday, Nov. 4, the College of Marin will once again host the Peer Summit, an inspirational and interactive youth leadership conference for Marin middle school students focused on health, wellness, and youth advocacy. Over 400 students and their adult allies will be on the Kentfield Campus attending workshops led by youth and community agencies as well as our own ASCOM leaders and student ambassadors. Adults will attend workshops on effective facilitation of youth-led programs. The welcome session will begin at 8:30 a.m. in Olney Hall, followed by workshops in Harlan Center, Business, and Olney Hall classrooms, with a closing keynote presentation in the gym which will conclude at 2:30 p.m.

January Flex Program
The Professional Development Committee is planning Spring 2012 Flex activities. If you would like to present a workshop on the January Flex days or during the spring semester, or have a suggestion for a presenter, please send a brief description along with your preferred date and time to Kathleen Kirkpatrick at kathleen.kirkpatrick@marin.edu for the committee’s consideration by Nov. 18. Independent Flex days are Jan. 18 and 19, 2012. College Convocation and Department Meetings take place on the Mandatory Flex Day, Jan. 20, 2012.

Kudos
College of Marin Instructor and Novato Fire District Battalion Chief Ted Peterson received the special designation from the Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC) of Chief Medical Officer (CMO). The CPC awards the designation only after an individual successfully meets all of the organization’s stringent criteria. The process includes an assessment of the applicant’s education, experience, professional development, technical competencies, contributions to the profession, and community involvement. Worldwide, there are only 68 CMO’s. The college is so fortunate to have an instructor with this extraordinary qualification teaching FIRE 112 and Emergency Medical Technician I at IVC.

More information about the Commission on Professional Credentialing at http://publicsafetyexcellence.org/professional-credentialing/chief-fire-officer.aspx
Upcoming Events

Modernization Program Holds Community Forum Tonight
Please join us on Oct. 27, 2011, for a meeting to bring the community up to date on the progress of the modernization program. There will be a question and answer period following the presentation. The forum is open to the public and is free of charge.

Kentfield Forum
Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011
7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Kentfield Campus
Olney Hall Auditorium, Room 96
835 College Avenue
Kentfield, 94904

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to access the meeting or to otherwise participate at this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact Human Resources at 415.485.9342. Notification at least 48 to 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting.

New COM Officers Take Oath of Office Tomorrow
The College of Marin Police Department invites you to attend the Oath of Office Ceremony for Sergeant Todd Kidder, Officer Mike Kessler, and Officer Dan Quirk. The ceremony will take place on Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, at 11 a.m. in the Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge. Light refreshments will be served.

Dance…In Tent
The College of Marin Dance Department presents their annual fall dance concert Dance In…Tent Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 28 and 29, and Nov. 4 and 5, at 8 p.m. Performances will be held in the tent located on the central lawn of the Kentfield Campus.

Kristi Kuhn’s My Tribe explores what happens when different dance styles are mixed with drum sticks and music by the Glitch Mob.
David Jones’ Tres Gotas celebrates the power of holy water through the mesmerizing rhythm of the salsa and Raise Your Glass playfully toys with the lively spirit of youth and rebellion.
Sandra Tanner and her dancers are Swept Away into a world where dreams and reality ebb and flow.
Alan Scofield’s Adele is about the heartbreak when love comes abruptly to an end and The Gift explores the compensation of fate that suddenly blocks our way, only to reveal a better path.
Sandi Weldon’s Move Something, is a fun-filled nod to the high energy of a school dance and in 99 Red Balloons, an innocent child plays with 99 red balloons, but are they balloons or something else?

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Christopher Leon DiBiase, student choreographer, presents *Under Pressure*, a playful dance commentary on the connectedness of all things.

Lindsey Herrera, student soloist, presents *Llunga*, about a woman caught in a struggle between what she wants and what she knows is best.

Tickets are $15 general, $10 for students and seniors. Contact the Box Office at (415) 485-9385 to purchase. Choreography by the COM dance faculty with production design by e. “Ernie” Ernstrom.

**World Diabetes Day at COM**

ASCOM and Lift for Teens will be sponsoring World Diabetes Day at College of Marin’s Kentfield Campus on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, from noon to 5 p.m. in Fusselman Hall, rooms 110 and 120; the Student Services Building; and Learning Resources Center Quad. Join in the fun for an afternoon of health screenings, multi-lingual/multi-cultural information, educational performances, giveaways, nutritious food, Yoga and Zumba workshops, and more! Activities will be free of charge to the public. More information at [www.DiabetesDayBayArea.org](http://www.DiabetesDayBayArea.org).

**An Evening with Kay Ryan**

Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and former U.S. Poet Laureate and COM Basic Skills Professor Kay Ryan will be reading her poetry and signing copies of her books on Friday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Dominican University of California, Angelico Hall, 50 Acacia Avenue in San Rafael. Student tickets can be purchased from the College of Marin Bookstore for $20 with a valid student ID card. Tickets for the general public are $25 and can also be purchased at any Marin County Free Library branch. Proceeds from the event will be used to support arts and poetry programming at all branches of the Marin County Free Library.

**COM Athletics**

**Men’s Soccer vs. Contra Costa College**
Friday, Oct. 28, 4 p.m. in Kentfield

**Women’s Soccer vs. Napa Valley College**
Friday, Oct. 28, 2 p.m. in Kentfield

**Women’s Soccer vs. Contra Costa College**
Tuesday, Nov. 1, 3 p.m. in Kentfield

**Volleyball vs. Napa Valley College**
Friday, Oct. 28, 6 p.m. in Napa

**Volleyball vs. Solano College**
Wednesday, Nov. 2, 6 p.m. in Kentfield
Retired Dance Instructor Diagnosed with ALS

Catherine Sim, who taught ballet, dance history, and ballroom for twelve-and-a-half-years part time and twelve-and-a-half-years years full time here at COM was recently diagnosed with ALS. In addition to running the dance department for six years, Sim created over 50 dance pieces, reviewed for Dance Magazine for three years, published two autobiographical articles, and just completed a booklet on renaissance dance. Cathi now resides in the Sierra Foothills where she continues to volunteer for the Audubon Society as a part of the wildlife rehabilitation group. A fund has been established to help with medical expenses through the College of Marin Foundation. Checks can be made out to COMF/Cathi Sim Fund.

Have a great week!

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President