President’s Weekly Briefing—November 2, 2011

Coffee and Conversation with the Superintendent/President
I will be hosting a Coffee and Conversation Forum tomorrow, 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.

WASC Visit
Overall the WASC visit went very well on Monday, Oct. 31. The visiting team noted good progress in addressing the eight recommendations. We expect to receive an official report from WASC in the coming weeks.

Thanks to all of those faculty, staff, and administrators who contributed to preparation of the progress report and the success of the visit.

Kudos
College of Marin Director of Modernization Laura McCarty participated in the Head of the Charles® Regatta held Oct. 22 and 23 in Boston, Massachusetts. This year the Regatta welcomed over 8,000 rowers and almost 300,000 spectators. McCarty rows for the Marin Rowing Association and their women’s 50+4 boat won the bronze. The Marin Rowing Association was incredibly successful across the board. Collectively they had a point score of 108 which tied them for second place with Riverside Boat Club. Congratulations to Laura and our local rowers!

Communications Instructor Patricia O’Keefe is also the Program Coordinator for G.I.F.T.S. (Great Ideas for Teaching Students). The National Communication Association’s annual conference will be held November 16-20 in New Orleans, LA. For this year’s conference O’Keefe received 220+ submissions of G.I.F.T.S. from all across the discipline of communication. Submissions were peer reviewed prior to selecting the top 60 for presentation at the conference. The top ten G.I.F.T.S. submissions will receive awards and recognition at the conference.
Upcoming Events

Little Squirrel Day
Please join the COM Child Development Program for Little Squirrel Day, the annual celebration of our campus squirrels, on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at IVC and Thursday, Nov. 10, at KTD. The children, dressed as squirrels, will deliver freshly baked acorn and squirrel shaped cookies to our campus friends. Many staff also put wrapped candies or small trinkets into the little squirrels’ treat bags, which are much enjoyed. As they parade around campus, the little squirrels sing songs about squirrels; including the ever popular “I’m a Nut.”

Little Squirrel Day at IVC will be held Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 10 a.m. The little squirrels will parade around the campus meadow, then through the Administrative Services Complex, stopping along the way to sing their songs to campus staff. The little squirrels will return to the meadow between 10:45 and 11 a.m. for the acorn treasure hunt. Please call ext. 8170 if you’d like the little squirrels to stop by your office to sing their songs.

Little Squirrel Day at KTD will be held Thursday, Nov. 10, at 10 a.m. The little squirrels will parade through the Administrative Center and across campus to the top floor of the Student Services Center, stopping along the way to sing their songs to campus staff and students. The parade will end around 11 a.m. on the campus green outside the Student Services Center with an acorn treasure hunt.

Dance…In Tent
The College of Marin Dance Department presents their annual fall dance concert Dance In…Tent Fridays and Saturdays 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?
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.
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.

Advanced Voice Class
Torre del Lago – Puccini Art Songs and Arias
Linda Noble Brown, instructor
Wednesday, November 9, 11:10 a.m.
Olney Hall, room 96
FREE Admission

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.

Piano Ensemble
Paul Smith, director
Thursday, November 17, 3pm
The Tamalpais Retirement Community
501 Via Casitas, Greenbrae
FREE Admission

The Piano Ensemble class presents a variety of works for both two pianos and one piano, four hands, featuring Schumann, Rachmaninoff, Arensky, Gershwin, Bruch, Anderson, Schubert, and Mihaud.
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 Symphony Orchestra
Paul Smith, conductor/pianist
Joanna Pinckney, guest conductor
Admission: $10 general (suggested donation)

Saturday, November 19, 7:30pm
St. Hilary Church, 761 Hilary Drive, Tiburon

Sunday, November 20, 4pm
Unity in Marin, 600 Palm Drive, Novato

Monday, November 21, 7:30pm
First Presbyterian Church
72 Kensington Road, San Anselmo

The College of Marin Symphony Orchestra, lead by conductor Paul Smith, celebrates the 200th birthday of Franz Liszt with performances of Richard Wagner’s Siegfried Idyll, and Camille Saint-Saens’ Suite Algerienne. Then, concertmaster Joanna Pinckney conducts as Smith performs Liszt’s scintillating Piano Concerto No. 2 in A major.

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.
COM Athletics
Men’s Soccer vs. Merritt College
Friday, Nov. 4, 4 p.m. in Oakland
Men’s Soccer vs. Napa Valley College
Tuesday, Nov. 8, 3 p.m. in Kentfield

Women’s Soccer vs. Yuba College
Friday, Nov. 4, 3:30 p.m. in Kentfield
Women’s Soccer vs. Mendocino College
Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1 p.m. in Kentfield

Volleyball vs. Los Medanos College
Friday, Nov. 4, 6 p.m. in Pittsburg
Volleyball vs. Contra Costa College
Tuesday, Nov. 8, 6 p.m. in San Pablo

Have a great week!

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Superintendent/President