College of Marin Student Athletes Help Out Middle School
About 30 College of Marin student athletes have been dropping by their neighbors at Kent Middle School four times a week to organize activities and help supervise, thanks to an informal agreement that provides the middle school with much-needed lunch-time help. Strained budgets have meant fewer aide positions at the middle school. The arrangement, which began earlier this fall, sprung from discussions about how students at both schools could help benefit each other. In addition to maintaining a minimum grade point average, participating in study hall and working with academic counselors, student athletes at College of Marin are required to participate in community service as part of their Student Athlete Academic Services Program. The program was developed three years ago to support athletes academically and increase retention. In prior years, students have participated in community food drives and served holiday dinners for people in need. Special thanks to Matt Markovich, Director of P.E. and Athletics, for his leadership, and to our student athletes for their commitment and contributions!

Harvest Day Luncheon Helps Those in Need
A special thank you to the Associated Students College of Marin (ASCOM) and Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM) for their assistance in making this year's Harvest Day Luncheon a huge success. Approximately 200 people enjoyed the turkey lunch with all the side dishes, prepared by our food services folks, Fresh and Natural. Thank you to all who attended and contributed—two barrels of food were collected for the Marin Food Bank, along with $221 in cash!

Holiday Party—Mark your Calendars!
You are invited to the campus holiday party on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Woodland’s Café, 799 College Avenue. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and there will be no-host cocktails with a celebratory toast at 4 p.m. RSVP to Melinda.Molloy@marin.edu or ext. 7508.

Faculty/Staff Survey—Last Chance to Participate!
Please take a moment to fill out the Fall 2011 Faculty/Staff Survey.

Your input is critical for setting our future direction as we prepare our strategic plan for 2012-2015. By “taking the pulse” of the college’s internal community with this survey, results will be analyzed and used as one element for building the future plan.

Please click on the link to complete the survey before it closes at midnight on Nov. 24, 2011: http://www.expertscan.autodata.com/Default.aspx?webid=0A9BCC7F-6D84-444B-B496-CAFEC09BC35D

The survey results will be posted at the Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness (PRIE) website.
Section 125 Benefit Plan—Open Enrollment
The College’s Pre-Tax Section 125 Program year ends on Dec. 31, 2011. An open enrollment memo for the Section 125 Benefit plan was sent to campus mailboxes last week. Employees who wish to enroll or make changes in their current plan(s) will need to do so by Dec. 14, 2011. Participation in the pre-tax plans is voluntary and the enrollment period is limited to once annually. NOTE: The Health Plan Benefit Open Enrollment Period will occur December through January. More information regarding the health plan open enrollment will be forthcoming in December.

Section 125 of the IRS Code provides options to use pre-tax dollars to pay for certain health and welfare benefits. The employee share of health care premium contributions, dependent/child care expenses and out-of-pocket medical/dental expenses, including office visit and prescription co-pays, are all eligible for payment with pre-tax dollars and provide a reduction in tax withholding and reportable wages. Enrolling in the Flexible Spending Account program allows you to set aside funds for unreimbursed medical/dental expenses, childcare or dependent care expenses, and supplemental insurance premiums and have those funds deducted from your paycheck before your taxes are calculated. Pre-taxing these expenses may save in taxes on the money you are currently spending.

Depending on your individual situation, you may wish to consider looking into tax saving options under this program. There are also changes due to Health Care Reform related to over the counter medicine and drug reimbursements. These items may not be reimbursable unless prescribed by a physician. Please contact the AFLAC representative, Donna Reeve, if you have questions about what is covered and reimbursable.

Ms. Reeve will be on campus for individual appointments on Dec. 6 and 7. You may make an appointment by calling Ms. Reeve directly at (415) 250-0540 or at donnareeve@comcast.net.

Enrollment forms are available in Human Resources and in Payroll.

Moodle Training Camp!
Choose your level of instruction: whether you plan to use the Moodle Learning Management System for your DE course or as an enhancement to your face-to-face courses, the two-day training sessions are tailor-made for you.

Micah Orloff from @One will be presenting a hands-on workshop on Thursday, Dec. 1, and Friday, December 2, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (specific times and levels below) in the Library Classroom.

Flex Credit is available. RSVP to Rose Jacques ext. 7594 or (415) 485-9594. rose.jacques@marin.edu

Please note that the sessions from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. are intended for instructors already teaching in Moodle.

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You are welcome to attend the workshops that suit your interest and schedule, or stay for the entire day and then come back again the next day, depending on how much or how little training you prefer:

Training Schedule
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.: Open Studio: bring your specific Moodle questions and challenges to this open studio, and consult with Micah. This hour is intended for experienced Moodle users.

10 a.m. to noon: Hands-on Workshop Focusing on Moodle Layout, Navigation, and Communication. Specific attention will be paid to how functions translate from MyCOM/Course Studio to Moodle. Emphasis will be on tools to augment face-to-face instruction (web-enhancements for on-the-ground classes), as well as on simple Moodle course/course support design. Learn how Moodle tools can be leveraged for document management and communication. Participants are encouraged to bring a flash drive with their photo, a syllabus, and some assignments.

Noon to 1 p.m.: Lunch for all participants

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Hands-on Workshop Focusing on Design and Practice with Adding Resources and Activities, and Simple Gradebook Features. Specific attention will be paid to such Moodle features as file, page, label, URL, assignment, forum, choice, survey, quiz, and so forth. Participants are encouraged to bring a flash drive with applicable course content.

3 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Open Studio Focusing on Grading in Moodle. Bring your questions and challenges, and learn strategies for how to set view and categories and items in Grades; how to grade forums more quickly and efficiently in Moodle, and how to utilize "Quick Grade" in Moodle.

COM Instructor Publishes Two Reviews

COM Student Printmakers Hold Holiday Sale
The Inky Fingers Holiday Sale sponsored by the College of Marin printmakers association will be held on Nov. 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the new Fine Arts Building, Room 312, at the college's Kentfield Campus. Etchings, relief prints, and monotypes will be featured. All proceeds benefit the college's printmaking program.
Discount Tickets to Cirque de Soleil Available to COM Employees
Cirque Du Soleil’s performance of Totem in San Francisco has only 1 month left. The final show for Totem takes place on Dec. 18 and any interested employees can click on the link below to purchase discount tickets.

http://www.ticketsatwork.com/tickets/packages.php?sub=venue_events&action=view_event&id=1676&company=marin

Upcoming Events

Symphonic Band
Douglas Delaney, director
Friday, December 2, 7:30 p.m.
College of Marin, Kentfield Campus
Diamond Physical Education Center
Donation suggested, parking $3

A wide range of the best of band music including the South American flavor of Batuque by Brazilian composer Oscar Lorenzo Fernandez and Caribbean Fantasy by John Morrissey. Three Fragments for Band by Hiroaki Kuwahara and Ghost Train by Eric Whitacre will be featured. Completing the program are Opening Night on Broadway, Circle of Life, and a medley of the music of Irving Berlin.

Two Recitals of Chamber Music
Jessica Ivry, director
Saturday, December 3, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 4, 4:30 p.m.
College of Marin, Kentfield Campus
Olney Hall, Room 96
Donation suggested: $7

Small ensembles from the Music Department’s chamber music course will perform a variety of works including a Weber Trio for guitar, flute, and viola; a Reger trio for flute, violin, and viola; the Mozart Piano Quartet in E Major; and a Jazz Suite for four woodwind instruments by Joseph Horovitz. Different music will be featured at each performance.
More information: 415.485.9460
Advanced Voice Class
The Greatest Generation—Popular Songs of the World War II Era

*Linda Noble Brown, instructor*

**Saturday, December 3, 2 p.m.**
Redwoods Senior Community, Mill Valley

**Saturday, December 10, 3 p.m.**
The Tamalpais Retirement Community
501 Via Casitas, Greenbrae

**Monday, December 12, 11:10 a.m.**
College of Marin, Kentfield Campus
Olney Hall, Room 96
FREE admission, parking $3

Jazz Ensemble

*Douglas Delaney, director*

**Tuesday, December 6, 7:30 p.m.**
College of Marin, Kentfield Campus
Diamond Physical Education Center
Donation suggested, parking $3

The Jazz Ensemble brings back our wonderful singers, Vicki Marinko, Pamela Tibbitts, Beverly Freeman, Citrina Niles, and Michael Irvine to perform *Jumpin’ East of Java, God Bless the Child* and others. The band will also present *A Tribute to Miles, La Suerte de los Tontos*, and a beautiful new arrangement of Astor Piazzolla’s *Oblivion*.

Concert Band

*Douglas Delaney, director*

**Wednesday, December 7, noon**
College of Marin, Kentfield Campus
Diamond Physical Education Center
Donation suggested, parking $3

Our program opens with a transcription of Schubert’s *Marche Militaire, op. 51* and continues with George Gershwin’s *Second Prelude, Libertango* by Astor Piazzolla, and *Adagio* by Albinoni/Giazzotti. The program ends with a medley of the music of Henry Mancini.
Marin Oratorio 50th Anniversary Concert
Four Centuries of Great Choral Music

*Boyd Jarrell, director*

Saturday, December 10, 8 p.m.
Sunday, December 11, 3 p.m.
College of Marin, Kentfield Campus
Diamond Physical Education Center

Donation suggested: $20 general, $15 students, staff, seniors, and alumni
COM Box Office: 415.485.9385

Marin Oratorio celebrates fifty years of masterworks concerts with a festive program featuring J.S. Bach’s *Magnificat in D*, Giovanni Gabrieli’s *Jubilate Deo*, W.A. Mozart’s *Coronation Mass in C*, and *Alleluia* by Randall Thompson. Founded in 1961, Marin Oratorio returns to its roots in the lively acoustic and beautifully renovated Diamond Physical Education Center. The chorus will be joined by full orchestra and guest vocal soloists Lindsey McLennan, Katherine McKee, Brian Thorsett, and Robert Stafford.

Beginning Voice Class
Into the Spotlight!

*Linda Noble Brown, instructor*
Monday, December 12, 2:10 p.m.
College of Marin, Kentfield Campus
Olney Hall, Room 96
FREE admission, parking $3

College Chorus and Chamber Singers
Winter Concert

*Boyd Jarrell, director*
*Jeffrey Paul, accompanist*

Tuesday, December 13, 7:30 p.m.
College of Marin, Kentfield Campus
Diamond Physical Education Center
Donation suggested, parking $3

From the fading sunshine of fall to walking on new fallen snow, the College Chorus will set the mood as we feature *Omnia Sol Temperat* by Z. Randall Stroope, *There Is Sweet Music* by Mary Lightfoot, and *Velvet Shoes* by Randall Thompson. The Chamber Singers will present French and Italian madrigals, love ballads, and Christmas motets featuring *Videntes Stellam* by Francis Poulenc.
Contemporary Opera Marin
Amahl and the Night Visitors
Paul Smith, director
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, December 16-18
Performances throughout Marin County
FREE admission

Contemporary Opera Marin, the opera program of the College of Marin, presents Gian Carlo Menotti’s holiday favorite Amahl and the Night Visitors in a fully staged, English language production on location throughout Marin. This hour-long production is suitable for the entire family.

Eat at Wipe Out Bar and Grill and Help the Classified Senate
On Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., invite your friends and family to eat at Wipeout Bar and Grill located at 302 Bon Air Center, Greenbrae. Wipeout will donate 20 percent of the funds earned during this event to the College of Marin Classified Senate. Please request a flyer by emailing Melinda.Molloy@marin.edu. Flyer must be presented to your server. The Classified Senate uses funds to recognize outstanding faculty and staff, honor retirees and long-time employees, and host community-building events such as faculty and staff appreciation luncheons.

COM Athletics
Congratulations to College of Marin’s All-Conference Student-Athletes as well as Coach of the Year Carlos Campos (women’s soccer!)

Volleyball
Molly Lyons—Second Team All-Conference
Katie Sebastian—Honorable Mention All-Conference

Men’s Soccer
Diango Itzun—First Team All-Conference
Krshnik Pacarada—Second Team All-Conference

Women’s Soccer
Tia Ferrando—Forward of the Year
Alexandra Carr—First Team All-Conference
Hannah Radley—Second Team All-Conference
Haley Crawford—Second Team All-Conference
Women’s Basketball vs. Shasta College
Saturday, Nov. 26, 4 p.m. in Redding

Women’s Basketball vs. Hartnell College
Wednesday, Nov. 30, 5 p.m. in Kentfield

Men’s Basketball vs. Reedley College
Friday, Dec. 2, 5 p.m. in Reedley

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President