Presidents Weekly Briefing—December 15, 2011

Holiday Party Today
You are invited to the campus holiday party today 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.

Community Education Preview Day
College of Marin’s Community Education Department will be hosting a free preview day on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Student Services Building at the Kentfield Campus. Attendees will be able to sign up for community education classes and COM employees will be on site to help with registration. You may also purchase your semester parking permit and get a free blood pressure check at the event. This is a great opportunity to discuss classes with community education instructors and learn about one of our student groups, the Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM). Parking is free and the first 100 participants will receive a free gift. Come warm up with coffee, tea, and cookies while discovering all that community education has to offer! For more information call (415) 485-9305. This event is co-sponsored by the College of Marin Community Education Department and ESCOM.

Personnel Recommendations

Appointment of Classified Personnel
- Lisa LaScala has accepted the .40FTE/10MPY position of Lab Technician in the Health Sciences Department effective Nov. 7, 2011.
- Mariya Rohde has accepted the full-time position of Accountant in Fiscal Services effective Nov. 14, 2011.

Retirement of Classified Personnel
- Testing Coordinator Patricia Torres has submitted her letter of resignation for retirement purposes effective Nov. 1, 2011.

Data Dashboard Update
A link to the Data Dashboard developed by the Office of Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness to make data and research more accessible is now available in the folder list on the Intranet First Page. The Data Dashboard contains research and statistics on student demographics, enrollment, success rates, and cohort tracking. Due to network security protocols, you will need to be signed in to the Marin network on campus to access the link. To learn more about how you can access information in the Dashboard, training workshops have been scheduled on Dec. 15, Jan. 11 and 12, from 11 a.m. to noon. All workshops will take place in the Library Information Literacy Classroom located in the back corner of the Library. Additional workshops will be planned during the spring semester.
January Flex Program Update

The Professional Development Committee is finalizing the January 2012 Flex program. Jan. 18 and 19 are Independent Flex Days. Friday, Jan. 20, is the Mandatory Flex Day that includes the Spring College Convocation and department meetings. The Flex Program will include workshops on topics that include Moodle training, emergency preparedness, suicide prevention, faculty orientation, health and wellness, and a college-wide teambuilding activity. Detailed information will be posted on the Staff Development Web page and sent via college email as soon as the program details are finalized.

Reminder to faculty: Fall 2011 Flex Verification Forms are due in Human Resources by Friday, Dec. 16. The form can be downloaded from the Staff Development Web page.

December 2011 Monthly Data Nugget

Did you know…
Almost 70 percent of our first-time new students are age 21 or younger; and 55 percent of our first-time new students are male!

Sign up for COM’s Emergency Notification System, Alert U

You can be notified immediately by text message of campus closures and emergencies by signing up for Alert U, the college’s emergency notification system. Marin Community College District Police Department, with sponsorship from alertu.org, has an emergency SMS messaging platform to enhance communication services during crisis situations.

AlertU will allow campus police to broadcast critical information, in real time, to the mobile devices (cell phones, etc.) of all employees and the student body. This is particularly important for those who may be in, or near, a crisis zone. Instructions on signing up from a computer or cell phone are below. There is no cost to sign up for this service; however, standard text message rates may apply.

From a computer:
1. Go to www.alertu.org/mccd
2. Enter your cell number and indicate if you are staff, faculty, etc.
3. On your cell phone, you will receive a welcome text message: Please join MCCD’s Emergency Alert System. No spam. Reply Y to sign up
4. From your cell phone, Reply Y (only the letter Y, nothing else)

From your cell phone:
1. With your cell phone, text MCCD to 253788 (ALERTU)
2. You will receive a welcome text message: Please join MCCD’s Emergency Alert System. No spam. Reply Y to sign up
3. From your cell phone, Reply Y (only the letter Y, nothing else)

RECOMMENDATION: To make it easier for you to recognize emergency messages, store the number 253788 in your cell phone’s phone book as AlertU. We value your privacy as students and staff at Marin Community College District and can promise:
You will never receive any mobile spam. No personal information will ever be shared with anyone. Only MCCD Police will have access to the alerting system. The AlertU system will only be used in the event of an emergency/crisis. The service is free, though the user’s standard text message rates/plans apply. It is expected that in the event of a crisis or emergency, AlertU will greatly help minimize both risk and damage for our students, faculty, staff, and school. While this service is only one of the many methods that may be needed in getting the word out in a crisis, it should be the most immediate.

**Upcoming Events**

**The Cherry Orchard**  
*W. Allen Taylor, director*  
by Anton Chekhov (Van Itallie translation)  
December 16 and 17 at 8 p.m.  
December 18 at 2 p.m.  
College of Marin Performing Arts Tent, Central Lawn  
$20 General; $12 Seniors; $10 students, COM Employees, and Alumni  
COM Box Office: 415-485-9385

Join the College of Marin Drama Department for Chekhov’s droll depiction of pre-revolution Russia, when old ways gave way to the new and the foibles of all the classes became very apparent as the Czarist society began to crumble. Chekhov’s final play, *The Cherry Orchard*, is universally acknowledged as one of the masterpieces of world theatre. Written prior to the Russian Revolution, the play is a tragicomic glimpse through the window of time as the death of one era gives birth to the new.

**Contemporary Opera Marin**  
**Amahl and the Night Visitors**  
*Paul Smith, director*

**Friday, December 16, 7:30 p.m.**  
Olney Hall, Rm. 96, Kentfield Campus

**Saturday, December 17, 5p.m.**  
Toby’s Feed Barn, 11250 Highway 1, Pt. Reyes Station

**Sunday, December 18, 2 p.m.**  
First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, 72 Kensington Rd., San Anselmo

**Sunday, December 18, 5 p.m.**  
Muir Beach Community Center, Muir Beach

**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.

**COM Athletics**

**Men’s Basketball vs. Sacramento City College**  
Wednesday, Dec. 21, 6 p.m. in Sacramento

**Men’s Basketball—Bay Valley Conference, Alameda College**  
Wednesday, Jan. 4, 7 p.m. in Alameda

**Men’s Basketball—Bay Valley Conference, Napa Valley College**  
Friday, Jan. 6, 7:30 p.m. in Kentfield

**Women’s Basketball vs. Cerro Coso College**  
Friday, Dec. 16, 6 p.m. in Kentfield

**Women’s Basketball vs. Skyline College**  
Wednesday, Dec. 21, 5:30 p.m. in San Bruno

**Women’s Basketball vs. Monterey College**  
Friday, Dec. 30, 5:30 p.m. in Kentfield

**Women’s Basketball—Bay Valley Conference, Laney College**  
Wednesday, Jan. 4, 7 p.m. in Oakland

**Women’s Basketball—Bay Valley Conference, Napa Valley College**  
Friday, Jan. 6, 5:30 p.m. in Kentfield

This will be the final Weekly Briefing for 2011 with publication resuming the week of Jan. 23, 2012. Campus offices will be closed Dec. 23, 2011, through Jan. 2, 2012. I look forward to seeing you at the holiday party and wish you all the best for 2012.

Have a safe and happy holiday break!

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