President’s Weekly Briefing—May 11, 2012

Faculty and Staff Recognition Luncheon—Your RSVP Needed by May 18
The annual Faculty and Staff Recognition Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 24, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Baseball Diamond at the Diamond P.E. Center. All faculty and staff are invited to attend. Awards will be presented honoring our outstanding faculty, staff, and departments. The event is co-sponsored by College Council and the Academic and Classified Senates. If you plan on attending, you must RSVP to Melinda Molloy, by Friday, May 18.

Flex/Professional Development Program Update
Since fall 2012 classes start Wednesday, August 22, the Mandatory Flex Day that includes College Convocation and department meetings will be held Tuesday, August 21. The Professional Development Committee is planning a special program Monday, August 20, to provide information about and celebrate some of our special student populations including our veteran and DSPS students. Plans are in the works to schedule technology training and a strategic plan update on Friday, August 17. If you’d like to submit a request to present a workshop on Friday, August 17 or during the semester, please email Kathleen Kirkpatrick. Information about the August 2012 Flex professional development activities will be sent via campus email and posted on the Staff Development Web Page as details are confirmed.

Reminder: Faculty Spring Flex Verification Forms Due in HR May 25
Flex Verification Forms that document how faculty completed their Spring Flex obligation are due in Human Resources by 5 p.m., Friday, May 25. Flex program information and a downloadable Flex Verification Form can be found on the Staff Development Web Page.

Children’s Art Show
The Indian Valley Campus (IVC) and Kentfield Campus Child Development Centers will present their annual Children’s Art Show on Tuesday, May 15 and Wednesday, May 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. The IVC Art Show will be held in Building 12, Room 100. The Kentfield Campus Art Show will be held at the campus crossroads (by the big tree where Harlan Center, the Business Center and the Learning Resources Center meet).

Please stop by to pick up a beautiful matted drawing or painting to decorate your office or some special gift cards and gift wrap created by the children. Fresh homemade treats will also be available. Donations are welcome and will support the children’s arts program.
IVC Child Development Center Annual Butterfly Parade Celebrates Preschoolers Transition to Kindergarten
The Indian Valley Campus Child Development Center will be holding their annual Butterfly Parade on the campus green Thursday, May 17, at 10:30 a.m. The Butterfly Parade celebrates our preschoolers' transition to kindergarten and the metamorphosis of our student parents and student teachers who have completed their COM training and will be embarking on new vocations or transferring to a four-year university to continue their education. The children will be releasing the butterflies they have been raising since the caterpillar stage, singing, and flying special kites in honor of this occasion. All are welcome to join in the fun!

Reception for COM Retirees
All faculty and staff are invited to attend a special reception honoring our retirees on Thursday, May 17, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Marin Art and Garden Center, 30 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Ross. Please join us in recognizing these outstanding individuals for their many years of service and wishing them well in all of their future endeavors.

Geri Cooper
Douglas Delaney
Roger Egbert
Jennifer Foreman
Don Foss
Candice Garretson
Grace Hom
George Hritz

Nancy Johnson
Diane Kukahiko
Emily Lazarre
Betty Schlaepfer
Michael Shea
Patricia Torres
Karen van Kriedt
Dusja Wager

Intensive English Program End of Semester Celebration
Students, faculty, and staff are invited to celebrate the end of another successful semester in the Intensive English Program on Friday, May 18, at 10 a.m. in Building 3, Room 225 at the Indian Valley Campus. There will be a musical presentation and sing-a-long with musician and University of Southern California Global Scholar Carl Oser at 11 a.m., followed by a potluck lunch at 11:30 a.m. A ceremony with guest and student speakers, certificates, evaluations, and awards will begin at noon. For more information email Sara Oser or call (415) 883-2211 ext. 8579

Celebrate Students in the Early Childhood Education Program
You are invited to join in the celebration of Early Childhood Education students held Saturday, May 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Building 12, Room 100 at the Indian Valley Campus. Come enjoy the good spirit and company of these passionate, committed, and hard-working students and their teachers. There will be music, food, and a program to honor students earning certificates and degrees this spring. Simultaneous translation in Spanish will be provided for the program. Information on COM’s Single Stop program, the ECE Supportive Learning Communities, and other student support services will also be available. RSVP online by May 15. For more information email Peggy Dodge or call (415) 485-9369.
Registered Nursing Program Pinning Ceremony
The faculty and 2012 graduating class of the COM Registered Nursing Program will hold their annual Pinning Ceremony Thursday, May 24, at 6 p.m. at the Diamond Physical Education Center, 700 College Avenue, Kentfield. A reception will be held prior to the ceremony beginning at 5 p.m. The traditional Nurses’ Pinning Ceremony is held to observe the completion of the Nursing Education Program and dates back to Florence Nightingale. The pin itself identifies the particular school of nursing that the graduate nurse attended and symbolizes the philosophy, beliefs, and aspirations of the nursing program. The ceremony is a community celebration of the completion of the nursing program and is evidence of the achievement, learning, and skill that the graduate nurse has attained.

Transfer Recognition Reception
The Transfer and Career Center will be hosting its Sixth Annual Transfer Recognition Reception to honor and recognize our students who are transferring to four-year universities. The event will be held Friday, May 25, in the Student Services Building, first floor at the Kentfield Campus. The evening will begin with a ceremony at 6:30 p.m. to formally acknowledge our students, followed by a reception. You are invited to celebrate and honor our students as they make their transition from the college to attain their educational and professional goals. For additional information, please contact Janice Austin or call (415) 485-9671.

Commencement Exercises
COM’s 85th Commencement will take place on Saturday, May 26, at 10 a.m. in the Diamond P.E. Center Gymnasium, at the Kentfield Campus. More information about Commencement is online.

Kudos
Mark Cavagnero Associates, architect for the New Administrative Center at the COM Kentfield Campus, has earned the American Institute of Architects California Council (AIACC) 2012 Firm Award. Mark Cavagnero Associates is a San Francisco based architecture firm focused on education, cultural, and civic projects. Established in 1988, the firm has completed a wide range of architectural and master planning projects, including large and small scale institutional, nonprofit, commercial, and residential projects; many of which have garnered awards and recognition. The AIACC represents the interests of more than 11,000 architects and allied professionals in California. Founded in 1944, The AIACC's mission supports architects in their endeavors to improve the quality of life for all Californians by creating more livable communities, sustainable designs, and quality work environments.
Buy Certified Organic Produce from the Farm
Indian Valley Campus Organic Farm produce can be purchased at the Novato Farmer's Market, located on Grant Avenue between Machin Avenue and Reichert Avenue, every Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., May through October. Annual edibles, perennial edibles, herbs, natives, annual flowers, and perennial flowers are for sale. Now available are loads of incredible tomatoes—heirlooms, hybrids, slicers, cherries, and sauce tomatoes. Farm produce is also featured at some of the North Bay's favorite restaurants and markets, including Boca Steak and Boca Pizzeria, Paradise Foods, Piatti Ristorante & Bar, Rustic Bakery, and Tavola Italian Kitchen. For more information on how to support the Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden see our Farm Wish List or contact Farm Coordinator Jenna Brager at (415) 720-2051.

Spontaneous Theatre Festival
Directed by Lisa Klein, William Hall, and Paul Killam
May 11, 12 at 8 p.m.
May 13 at 2 p.m.
College of Marin Studio Theatre (PA 32)

COM’s Drama Department presents the Spontaneous Theatre Festival—a festival of three distinct styles of in-the-moment theatre performed over three weekends. There will be a different director each weekend. For tickets or more information contact the box office at (415) 485-9385.

Spring Music Calendar
All concerts are FREE unless otherwise noted.

Advanced Voice Class: Nos souvenirs qui chantent—Art Songs by Francis Poulenc
Linda Noble Brown, instructor
Sunday, May 13, 2 p.m.
The Tamalpais Retirement Center, Greenbrae

Monday May 21, 11:10 a.m.
COM Kentfield Campus, Olney Hall, Room 96

Concert Band
Douglas Delaney, director
Wednesday, May 16, noon
Kentfield Campus, Performing Arts Theatre

The ensemble will open with English Suite by Clare Grundman and closes with Wagner’s Die Meistersinger excerpts. In between will be the music of Clifton Williams, Francis Poulenc, and Robert M. Panerio, Jr. whose piece Macarena features trumpet player Frank Killey.
Marin Oratorio presents The Creation by Franz Josef Haydn
Boyd Jarrell, director
Saturday, May 19, 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 20, 3 p.m.
COM Kentfield Campus, Performing Arts Theatre

The Creation may be embraced by all who love the natural world. With an Age of Enlightenment text drawn from the King James Bible and John Milton’s Paradise Lost, Haydn infuses his epic oratorio with spectacular orchestral and choral depictions of howling winds, slashing lightening, the moon’s silvery shimmer, and the sun’s majestic radiance. From the chaos of the formless void, to the profusion of birds, fish, and animals, and finally Adam and Eve’s rhapsodic bliss, Haydn celebrates the mystery of creation with grace, delight, and wide-eyed wonder. Marin Oratorio will be joined by guest vocal soloists Christa Pfeiffer, Brian Thorsett, and Jeffrey Fields.

Donation suggested: $20 general, $15 students, staff, seniors, and alumni
Box Office: (415) 485-9687

Beginning Voice Class Debut! First Open Class Recital
Linda Noble Brown, instructor
Monday, May 21, 2:10 p.m.
Kentfield Campus, Olney Hall, Room 96

For more information about the concerts call (415) 485-9640.

College Chorus and Chamber Singers
Boyd Jarrell, director
Jeffrey Paul, accompanist
Tuesday, May 22, 7:30 pm
COM Kentfield Campus, Performing Arts Theatre

In keeping with our celebration of life in its many forms, College Chorus and Chamber Singers return this spring with music about real and mythical animals. From Renaissance madrigals to the classics; from Josquin to Rossini; birds, bees, dogs, cats, monkeys, crickets, and even teddy bears will grace this evening of animal delights.
Athletics
The California Community Colleges Baseball Coaches Association (CCCBCA) named COM pitcher **Patrick Conroy** Player of the Week for April 23 through April 29. Conroy finished his last game at COM by hitting for the cycle and picking up the win on the mound. He went for six innings, allowing only three hits while striking out nine. Last year Conroy was the Bay Valley Conference Player of the Year and All-American. Conroy is the first Mariner to earn CCCBCA Player of the Week honors. Congratulations!

Have a great weekend!

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