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MULTIMEDIA OPPORTUNITIES TO BE SHOWCASED AT OPEN HOUSE

Free Classes and Hands-On Demos of Latest Technology for Growing Industry in Marin

KENTFIELD, Calif., Jan. 23, 2006—Free classes, demonstrations, and industry expertise will be offered at College of Marin’s Multimedia Open House on Saturday, February 11 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. The event will take place at the College’s Indian Valley Campus in Novato in the Multimedia Center in Pomo Building 7. Software and other prizes will be raffled during the day.

Attendees will be able to preview, practice and learn new multimedia training opportunities for beginners and professionals. Additionally, the College will showcase its new Multimedia program and Microcomputer Center. The center includes audio-video suites, computer labs and a demonstration room featuring EON Reality simulation technology.

“College of Marin’s multimedia program is designed to train local talent for this growth industry,” said Nanda Schorske, dean of workforce development at the College. “As a result, we’re strengthening the local employment base.”

College of Marin’s program provides flexible, customized education and training to students and professionals using digital media. The program is unique in that it integrates fine arts and technology classes into one program. As a result, students learn the full complement of skills they need to continue studies or advance their careers in one of Marin’s top growth industries. The program is funded by a grant from the California Community Colleges’ Economic and Workforce Development Program.

The College developed the program in response to Marin’s needs. The expanding digital media and entertainment industries have created a need for workforce training for local businesses and freelance workers. The Marin Employment Development Department projects Multimedia job growth to outpace many other industries in the County during the next few years.

More information about the Multimedia Open House is available at (415) 883-2211 x8108 or www.marincommunityed.org. Parking for the event is free.

About College of Marin

College of Marin has been providing exceptional educational opportunities for students of all ages since 1926. Each semester, nearly 8,000 students are enrolled in more than 1,100 credit classes. An additional 6,000 students take advantage of the College’s many outstanding community education and community services classes. The College administration is located in Kentfield, CA. The College also operates the Indian Valley campus at 1800 Ignacio Boulevard in Novato, CA.