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TRANSFER DAY EXPLORES COST-EFFECTIVE PATH TO ATTEND COLLEGE OF YOUR CHOICE

KENTFIELD, Calif., Sept. 19, 2005—High school students, their parents and College of Marin students can learn about transferring from the community college to four-year institutions at the annual Transfer Day. This year's free event will take place on Thursday, September 22 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Kentfield campus outside the Learning Resource Center.

Representatives from 35 California and out of state public and private colleges and universities will join College of Marin staff in explaining the transfer process and its benefits. A raffle will be held for an iPod MP3 player and other prizes.

"College of Marin offers a proven, successful option for students looking to increase their chances of attending the four-year college of their choice," said COM outreach coordinator Mauricio Torres-Benavides. "We offer personal attention and strong academics that help students boost their grades and gain admission into other schools to complete their bachelors degrees."

Transfer Success, Cost Effective

Students looking to transfer to four year schools choose College of Marin for three main reasons. First, attend COM can improve their chances of getting into the college of their choice. For example, nearly half of all College of Marin students that applied to UC, Berkeley last year gained admission. Also, College of Marin offers guaranteed admission to five other University of California schools for students that meet minimum grade point average (GPA) and unit completion requirements in specific majors.

COM also provides an opportunity for students to raise their GPA, thus improving their chance of acceptance when transferring. With small class sizes and personal attention, COM provides students a chance to prove their mettle in college-level courses and improve upon their high school GPAs—a critical benefit in the face of surging demand and stiffer competition at UC, Cal State and other schools.

Cost is the third key reason students attend COM for their lower division coursework. One year at COM costs approximately \$650 in tuition and fees, or less than a quarter of the cost of attending Cal State schools and less than 10 percent of the cost of attending UC schools.

For more information about Transfer Day 2005 at College of Marin, contact the Outreach Office at 415-485-9663.