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EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP LINKS BAY AREA SCHOOLS *College of Marin and San Francisco State Developing Programs in Novato*

KENTFIELD, Calif., Oct. 12, 2004— College of Marin and San Francisco State University took a giant step closer last night to offering bachelors and graduate degree programs at College of Marin's Novato campus.

Senior representatives from both schools presented a memo of understanding to College of Marin's board of trustees at last night's board meeting. The memo provides the framework for expanding the existing partnership between the two organizations.

Under the expanded partnership, San Francisco State will offer baccalaureate and graduate degree program curriculum. Additionally, both schools will jointly develop new, socially- and environmentally-relevant programs targeted to the needs of Marin residents. The new programs will not compete with existing offerings from either institution.

"The College of Marin and San Francisco State partnership increases the educational opportunities provided at the College of Marin," said Dr. Frances White, College of Marin president. "It's a positive move that will create convenient, cost-effective programs and increase enrollment at our Indian Valley campus."

San Francisco State began offering classes in child and adolescent development and holistic health at the Indian Valley campus this semester. Future programs under consideration include San Francisco State's bachelors degrees in nursing, criminal justice, and environmental studies, as well as a masters degree in business administration. Also, the schools are investigating developing a lower division environmental studies program at College of Marin which will articulate with one or more upper division programs at San Francisco State.

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 over 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 in Novato, CA.