Students

Origin

Location

Geographic

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Superintendent/President

Growing Enrollment

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Looking ahead, a new Kentfield gateway is spreading. Enrollment has turned around and is skyrocketing over 20% last year. Moreover, the college is reinvigorating its credit class schedule to offer more of what students need when they need it. College of Marin provides working students with even more friendly "smart" classrooms and buildings. Our Measure C modernization work continues full-speed ahead, turning dreams into reality. Architects draft plans, state and local agencies review designs, and inspectors study environmental impact reports. We circulated our draft environmental impact report &*3/FSUVJGJDBUJPOPGBGJOBM&*3JTFYQFDUFEGPSMBUFGBMM0VFSRF

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Certainly one key measure of a college is the success of its students. And the numbers don’t lie. Every year, College of Marin rates in the top 10% of California colleges for transferring students to the University of California. We boast one of the highest transfer rates to private schools, including Stanford and Mills. Once at these schools, College of Marin students perform better than students who started as freshmen at the four-year universities.

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College of Marin has been proudly serving our community for over 80 years!
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Dear Students, Alumni, and Community Members,

Years ago, College of Marin adopted the Mariner as its team name. The moniker remains apt. As Mariners, we at the College guide students through the shoals of education, ultimately launching them on their lives’ journeys.

As we start our 81st year serving Marin, we have much to celebrate. Our students successfully transfer to top four-year colleges and universities. Our workforce education programs bring new nurses, dental technicians, automotive repair specialists, and others to serve our community. Our role remains vital.

This academic year, we will launch new, innovative programs and services and break ground on the most dramatic building program the College has seen since its founding.

Come and join us. See what we’re building. Be a part of our success as we navigate toward the future.

The journey starts here.

Sincerely,

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Who are all these students? They’re your neighbors, coworkers, and – in many cases – you. The faces of our students are the faces of Marin.

Growing Enrollment

We’re constructing the next generation College of Marin: modern, high-tech, and environmentally-friendly “smart” classrooms and buildings. Our Measure C modernization work continues full-speed ahead, turning dreams into reality. Architects draft plans, state and local agencies review designs, and inspectors study environmental impact reports. We circulated our draft environmental impact report (EIR) this summer. Certification of a final EIR is expected for late fall.

We have six buildings in design phase, with groundbreaking slated for 2008, including:
- Modernized Physical Education center
- New Science-Math-Central Plant complex
- New Fine Arts building
- New Main building at VC
- New Transportation Technology building at VC
- Upgraded Performing Arts building

Looking ahead, a new Kentfield gateway building complex will mark the entry to College of Marin. The gateway will welcome thousands of students each year. More than any other building, the gateway will symbolize College of Marin’s commitment to the future of education.
Training Marin

Training Marin students for careers in high growth and emerging fields remains a vital part of the College of Marin mission. Workforce training helps students begin or retool for existing professions, and boost earnings, as well as support the county’s long-term economic vitality.

This past year, we added two new facilities at the Indian Valley College County’s nursing shortage and improve water management – two critical elements of Marin life.

In May, we opened a state-of-the-art emergency medical simulation facility. The Marin Simulation Center features advanced robotic mannequins and realistic health emergency scenario presentations, all geared to provide hands-on training to thousands of students and healthcare workers in the Marin region. The Center directly addresses two of the primary challenges in getting more nurses into the field: a lack of trained nurse educators and too few clinical settings for students to practice necessary emergency skills.

The Center stands as a model of regional collaboration, with involvement from Kaiser Permanente San Rafael Medical Center, Marin General Hospital, Novato Community Hospital, Sonoma State University, the Workforce Investment Board, and Dominican University. College of Marin has provided facilities and leadership for the overall initiative.

Our world-class water conservation center debuted in July. The Water Management and Technology Education Center (WaTiTEC) will be used to teach and demonstrate state-of-the-art strategies in the design, installation, and maintenance of sustainable landscapes and irrigation systems. In conjunction with WaTiTEC’s opening, the College launched a new community education series for qualified water-efficient landscapes. Focusing on the latest tools and strategies for responsible water use in Northern California, the class begins a series of courses and seminars designed for professionals and homeowners.

WaTiTEC is a public-private partnership including: College of Marin, North Marin Water District, Marin Municipal Water District, County of Marin Board of Supervisors, Joint Venture Marin, and California Landscape Contractors Association.

Going Green

Marin thrives as one of the nation’s hotbeds of green thinking, both commercially and intellectually. In turn, College of Marin has boldly committed itself to be at the forefront in embracing green standards among California community colleges dedicated to the practice of environmental sustainability. We will protect our natural environment, educate our students and employees to be more eco-friendly, and strengthen ties to the community.

The College first formalized its green commitment in 2004. The Board of Trustees passed a resolution that follows green building practices in our Measure C facilities modernization program. Green buildings reduce environmental impacts by lowering energy and water use, improving indoor air quality, and using recycled material and renewable energy sources. Green design and construction practices integrate all of a building’s elements, including windows, lighting, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and mechanical systems to create a highly efficient, healthy environment.

As an example of our commitments, we are now replacing 40 standard urinals with a new waterless technology that will save an estimated 2.5 million gallons of water each year. In doing so, we can save $17,000 annually in reduced maintenance, water, and sewer costs. We’re the first school district in the area to implement this program.

Green building is only one part of the greening of College of Marin. We’ve also begun infusing our curriculum and services with innovative environmental elements. This year we held an ecotourism workshop for faculty from a wide range of disciplines to explore how sustainability concepts can be incorporated across the curriculum. One result: we’ve instituted a weekly “green bag lunch” as the regular forum for faculty to continue their cross-disciplinary sustainability education collaboration.

In addition to our broad interdisciplinary effort, we’ve added a new Basic Certificate in Environmental Science. With this addition, College of Marin joins a growing list of community colleges with officially recognized environmental science programs. We plan to build the College into the recognized leader in environmental science curriculum by adding complementary certificates such as ecological restoration, green building, land management, and agroecology.

With the new Water Conservation Center, we are becoming an eco-laboratory for best practices. New and exciting opportunities to partner with leading organizations and the community will offer even more opportunities to support Marin. Of course, we haven’t forgotten traditional environmental practices. This past year we recycled more than six tons of outdated equipment, and switched to recycled paper for internal and external publications.

Economic Impact

Demographics

Students of all ages and from all walks of life attend College of Marin. There are a variety of programs designed to meet the needs of students interested in transferring to four-year universities, training for a new career, lifelong learning, and improving English and other skills. Sixty percent of College of Marin students are 25 years of age or older. The average age of our full-time students is 29 and the overall average age of our students is 35 years. The average age for part-time students is 37. The youngest student is 12 and the oldest is over 80.

Enrollment at College of Marin in credit courses has been stable since fall 2006. Fall 2007 credit enrollment is at 6,469 students. An additional 1,900 students enroll in noncredit courses, and there is a growing demand for noncredit English-as-a-Second Language courses, with over 300 students on waiting lists. In addition, about 2,000 Marin residents are enrolled in the college’s fee-supported Community Education courses, which offer a variety of fun and exciting learning opportunities.

Noncredit instruction is a vital part of the College’s mission, serving a large population of students who benefit from learning English-as-a-Second Language skills. As the normative English speaking population in Marin continues to grow, so does the demand for these important classes.

College of Marin’s Community Education Program provides exciting nonacademic educational opportunities for thousands of Marin residents each year. College of Marin’s Emeritus College provides life-enhancing clubs, classes, and activities for retired community members and also welcomes students of all ages.
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