President’s Weekly Briefing—May 8, 2015

Thank You to our Instructors and Nurses
As celebrations take place around the nation honoring our teachers and nurses, I would like to join in thanking these dedicated individuals whose work has such a great impact on our future and the health and well-being of our society.

Today marks the final day of Teacher Appreciation Week, which grew from Eleanor Roosevelt persuading Congress in 1953 to set aside a day recognizing educators. This sentiment gained momentum and in 1984 the National Parent Teacher Association designated the first full week of May as Teacher Appreciation Week. The important role community college plays in the lives of so many cannot be understated. I am proud that so many outstanding instructors are right here at COM giving our students the skills and knowledge they need to achieve their goals.

National Nurses Week is a time to recognize the invaluable work done by those who are the first line of defense in preventing illness and injury. Here at the College, our nurses also provide education and training to the next healthcare leaders. The final day of National Nurses Week is May 12; the birthday of the English nurse Florence Nightingale who became known as the founder of professional nursing. Thank you to our nurses here on campus, and congratulations to our Registered Nursing Program for 50 years of excellence!

Don’t Miss the Faculty and Staff Recognition Lunch: Gratitude with Attitude
We will recognize, celebrate, and honor the wonderful work and service you all do. The event, sponsored by the Professional Development Committee, will include presentations by the Academic and Classified Senates. To establish a headcount and vegetarian preference, please RSVP online or email Dianne Faw.

Summer Bookstore Hours and Closures
Beginning Tuesday, May 26, the Bookstore will be open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and closed Fridays, weekends, and holidays. Summer hours are posted online. The Bookstore will be closed for remodeling May 30 through June 7 and will reopen with regular summer hours on Monday, June 8.
Campus Police and Ross Valley Fire Offer Emergency Response Team Training at the Kentfield Campus

CERT training prepares staff that are not normally part of the emergency system to be ready to respond in a disaster using more effective methods to improve safety for all, especially the CERT trained staff. This 16-hour course will cover, CERT organization, medical operations, fire safety, search and rescue and disaster simulation.

Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services. Factors such as number of victims, communication failures, and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency services they have come to expect at a moment’s notice through 911. People will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate lifesaving and life sustaining needs.

Campus Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens will be initially on their own and their actions can make a difference. Through Basic CERT training, citizens can organize themselves and use spontaneous volunteers to manage utilities, put out small fires, provide basic medical first aid, search for and rescue victims calmly, safely, and efficiently.

We are fortunate to have Ross Valley Fire Department facilitate the CERT training on June 10 and 11 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., room TBD. A minimum of 20 participants must be enrolled to hold the training. Register now by calling Mitch Lemay at (415) 485-9467 or (415) 726-9603.

Human Resources Staffing Update
In case you hadn’t heard, our faculty liaison Claudette Muldowney is retiring after 41 years of service to the College. Claudette is currently on vacation until her official retirement date of July 1, 2015. Before she left, Claudette trained Devon Kinka-Ruiz to take over the helm as faculty liaison coordinator. Devon will be moving in to VS8 soon. If you have questions or would like to set up an appointment, the best way to reach her is by email. We will miss Claudette dearly but are looking forward to continuing services to our faculty through Devon’s new appointment!

Tuberculosis Testing Information
All District employees are required by Education Code section 87408.6(b) and District AP 7336 to obtain a tuberculosis (TB) test as a condition of employment. Employees must be tested for TB every four years and provide the District with a certificate signed by an authorized health professional that indicates freedom from active tuberculosis.

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The Human Resources and Information Technology Departments launched an automatic notification program informing employees of their TB clearance requirement. Now, employees will receive a series of emails alerting them that they are due for a TB test.

Employees will receive four notices:
1. Two months prior to TB clearance expiring
2. One month prior to TB clearance expiring
3. Two weeks prior to TB clearance expiring
4. Notice that TB clearance has expired

Non-compliance will result in a directive to stay off campus until the employee provides proof of TB clearance.

If you have received a notice informing you that you are due for a TB test, and work at the Kentfield Campus, please call the Health Center at ext. 7458 or 415-485-9458 to schedule an appointment. Check the Health Center website for location and hours of operation.

If you work at the Indian Valley Campus, the Health Center will be open for drop-in TB testing from 9 a.m. to noon on the dates listed below.

**Indian Valley Campus Health Center**

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**For TB tests during the summer please come to the Kentfield Campus**

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Upcoming Events

Special Encore Presentation of the Student Success Speaker Series
The Student Success Speaker Series makes a timely encore presentation on useful study skills and reducing test anxiety. All are welcome to attend. Special thanks to Associated Students College of Marin (ASCOM) for generously providing refreshments for this lunchtime event. Contact Single Stop Coordinator Tara Arenas at (415) 457-8811 ext. 7761 for more information.

May 13, 12:30 p.m.
Stressed about finals? Learn how to reduce test anxiety and gain useful study skills.
Matthew Dimopoulos, SAS assistive technology specialist
Caitlin Escobar, COM counselor
Student Services Building, cafeteria

Juried Student Art Show
Stop by and see works by our fine arts students currently on exhibit in the Fine Arts Gallery through May 14.

Presentation on Employment with the Federal Government
Marcus Brownrigg, deputy director of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Center for Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, will present information on how to look for federal jobs and create a resume on Wednesday, May 13, at 11 a.m. in the Student Services Building. A question and answer session will follow the presentation. Get your resume in shape just in time for Laney College’s Career Fair on May 14. Nine different USDA agencies will attend with at least 50 internship and recent graduate opportunities. They will also be accepting applications from individuals that may qualify for special hiring authorities such as: veterans, people with disabilities, and former Peace Corps and AmeriCorps VISTAS.

Drama Department Presents: The Seagull
By Anton Chekhov
Directed by Molly Noble

A masterwork by Russia’s well-known nineteenth century playwright Anton Chekhov features unforgettable characters caught up in the passions and pathos of everyday life. When famed actress Arkadina returns home to her family with a young lover, Trigorin, in tow; they become tied up in tragicomic triangles of romance, intrigue, and unrequited love. The play is viewed by some as a tragedy involving eternally unhappy people. Others believe it is a humorous, and at times bitter, satire poking fun at human folly. Attend a performance of The Seagull and decide for yourself.
Performances of *The Seagull*
May 8, 9, 15, and 16, 7:30 p.m.
May 10* and 17, 2 p.m. (*talkback with the director)
Studio Theatre, Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus
Tickets: $20 general, $15 seniors; $10 students/COM employees and alumni

College Success Saturday: Tomorrow
Graduating high school seniors are invited to attend College Success Saturday to learn about COM and get access to priority registration. Check-in and a light breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by a morning of student and parent orientations, help with academic path planning, and campus tours. Faculty, staff, and student ambassadors will be available to answer questions and provide information. A financial aid workshop will be held from noon to 12:45 p.m. Parking is free for those attending the event. Call (415) 457-8811 ext. 7860 for more information.

Saturday, May 9
8:30 a.m. – noon
Check-in tables in front of Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus

Fine Arts Department Open House
The Fine Arts Department will hold an open house for the College and community Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet the instructors and students of the Fine Arts Department. There will be free demonstrations, food, activities, and tours of the Fine Arts Building.

Saturday, May 9
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Fine Arts Building, Kentfield Campus

Katrina Wagner’s 2-Dimensional Art Fundamentals class will be having a display of milk cartons and line/texture books May 11-31 at Art Works Downtown, located at 1337 Fourth Street in San Rafael. All are invited to stop by and check out our students’ work.

May 11 – 31
Art Works Downtown
1337 Fourth Street, San Rafael
COM Symphony Orchestra
Directed by Tara Flandreau

Pianist Paul Smith joins the COM Symphony Orchestra as soloist for two performances of the bold and energetic Schumann Piano Concerto in A minor, Op. 54.

May 9, 7:30 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre
Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus

May 10, 4 p.m.
Unity in Marin
600 Palm Drive, Novato

Pause for Paws
Stressed out by the end of the semester? Come visit therapy dogs in front of the Learning Resources Center. Pet a dog and reduce your end-of-the-semester stress. Great for students, faculty, staff—and just about anyone! Free snacks and Scantrons will be available. The therapy dogs are back on campus this semester thanks to a partnership with the Marin Humane Society, COM libraries, and Associated Students College of Marin.

Wednesday, May 13
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Learning Resources Center, quad

Marin Oratorio Presents Partsongs and Paukenmesse
Directed by Boyd Jarrell

This concert features two distinctly different sides of the master of classical music. Haydn’s entertaining Partsongs; light-hearted gems about love, life, drinking, and God; will be accompanied by pianist Paul Smith and guitarist Michael Irvine. The profound and deeply moving Missa in Tempore Belli (Mass in Time of War), a musical journey in search of peace composed as Napoleon’s army advanced towards Haydn’s beloved Vienna, is often referred to as the Paukenmesse (Timpani Mass) for its coloristic use of drums to portray the cannons of war rumbling in the distance. The lively and dramatic Insanae et Vanae Curae (Mad and Vain Cares Invade our Minds) rounds out the program. The Marin Oratorio chorus and orchestra will be joined by guest soloists Christa Pfeiffer, Karen Clark, Mark Mueller, and Jeffrey Fields.
Marin Oratorio Performances
Saturday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 17, 3 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre, Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus
Tickets: $20 general; $15 students, seniors, COM employees, and alumni
Box Office: 415.485.9687

All proceeds go to support Marin Oratorio.

College Choruses and Chamber Singers: Madrigals Old and New
Directed by Boyd Jarrell
Accompanist Jeffery Paul

Join as the College Chorus and Chamber Singers present a delightful survey of the rich tradition of madrigal singing in England. Music of Music of Dowland, Morley, Walmisley, and Sullivan will be featured.

May 19, 7:30 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre, Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus

88th Annual Commencement
Our 88th Annual Commencement will take place Friday, May 22, at 6 p.m. in the Diamond Physical Education Center gymnasium. Social Sciences Professor Walter Turner will be our commencement speaker.

Ongoing Events

Art Exhibit Featuring Anita Toney and Diane Johnson
Watercolors by Diane Johnson and etchings by Anita Toney are on display at the Emeritus Center, Kentfield Campus. Exhibit runs through June 30, 2015. For more information call (415) 485-9313.
Sports

Baseball
The Mariners had a strong showing in the Bay Valley Conference awards, garnering eight in total.

MVP: Ryan Schalch
BVC Coach of the Year: Steve Berringer
First Team Pitcher: Chrit Rudkin
First Team Infield: Matt Tarantino
First Team Utility: Chris Hayman
Second Team First Base: Steven DeMartini
Gold Glove Corner Infield: Steven DeMartini
Gold Glove Pitcher: Chrit Rudkin

Track and Field
Two members of the track and field team competed at the Norcal Championship Trials at College of San Mateo last week. Sophomore Keily Campagna had a season best time in the 400 meter hurdles. She finished sixth in a field of 15 competitors with a time of 1:08.78. Freshman Kevin Petersen finished 18th in the javelin with a distance of 45.37 meters.

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President