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COLLEGE OF MARIN AND MSAT EXPAND PARTNERSHIP

KENTFIELD, Calif., May 13, 2005—College of Marin has reached agreement with the Marin School of Art and Technology (MSAT) to lease the library at the College's Indian Valley Campus (IVC) to the growing high school. The move allows the College to expand the development of IVC as an education park, improve student services, and increase funds.

Making the nearly 6,800 feet of building space available to MSAT will allow that school to add an entire grade level in Fall, 2005. Growing educational opportunities at IVC is part of College of Marin's vision for an educational park at the campus to benefit Marin County. Other educational park initiatives include developing partnerships such as the one the College established with San Francisco State University.

Improve Student Services

The College is improving student services by adopting the modern, virtual library approach used by many colleges and educational institutions. Under the new model, IVC students will have access to the entire College of Marin library collection five days a week instead of just a small portion only two days a week.

For years, the IVC library services have been limited mainly to internet-enabled computer access. Currently, librarians are on-site two days a week. No new books have been added to the collection in nearly 20 years, and most of the collection dates to the 1970s. College of Marin will relocate the internet-enabled computers at IVC. Additionally, the College will create a direct IVC phone connection to the Kentfield library reference desk. As a result, students will have significantly expanded access to reference librarians (60 hours per week, up from 14). Also, the IVC collection will become available to students as part of the Kentfield collection. Books will be available online, or will be delivered to IVC upon request.

The expanded partnership also brings additional revenue to the College. Part of the College's responsibility to the community involves maximizing the use of its resources, both physical and financial. The MSAT agreement enables the College to add revenue without decreasing student services.

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.