President’s Weekly Briefing—April 5, 2012

Open Forum
Join me for an open forum at the Indian Valley Campus April 26, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Building 17, room 100. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to attend and discuss their ideas, questions, and any other subjects of interest.

College Success Saturday
College of Marin’s Counseling Department in connection with the Outreach Office is hosting the first College Success Saturday for graduating high school seniors and their parents on Saturday, April 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kentfield Campus. Attending students will have already taken their placement tests and met with a counselor to develop their educational plan. At this event an in-depth orientation will be given to both the new students and their parents introducing them to all the resources available to aid in their success at COM. Priority registration will be given to them on this day to reserve a seat in their chosen courses for both summer and fall. They will have the opportunity to learn more about COM’s excellent academic and student services programs and interact with instructional faculty who will be teaching their courses.

Faculty, staff, and student organizations are encouraged to sign up to meet and welcome the incoming students to our community. Please contact Anna Pilloton at (415) 485-9663 if you would be interested in staffing a table from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Training Opportunity for Enhancing Online Pedagogy at COM
An introduction to online teaching and learning workshop will be presented by Patricia James on Thursday and Friday, April 26 and 27, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the library information literacy classroom in the back of the Library. James is the dean of instruction, library, and technology at Mt. San Jacinto College. If you teach online, or are thinking about teaching online, this training will introduce you to effective practices in online instruction. Building on a solid understanding of California community college distance education policies and procedures you will actively create an effectively designed online learning unit. As you plan your own online course you will learn how to:

- Maximize student success by designing effective student-centered learning activities to address different learning styles
- Develop customized online policies for your class
- Identify the critical functions of a course management system
- Evaluate online assessment options
- Successfully apply copyright and fair use practices to digital content

This training will utilize a hybrid format that includes two days of face-to-face training supported by additional learning materials that will be available online prior to and after the training.
Note: This workshop will use COM’s Moodle Learning Management System. However, it is not focused on how to use Moodle, but rather, how to design effective online and hybrid courses that support student success.

Detailed information about stipends, substitutes, workshop registration, and other requirements are posted on the Staff Development web page and will also be sent via campus email. For more information contact Kathleen Kirkpatrick at (415) 485-9344.

**Jazz Appreciation Month**
The Associated Students of College of Marin is sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit the Black Student Union in celebration of jazz appreciation month. On Thursday, April 26, 2012, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside the Student Services Building on the lawn there will be live performances and a name-that-legend contest. A lunch including gumbo, rice, salad, and bread will be served for $5. During the entire month of April there will be displays in the lobby of the Learning Resources Center and Harlan Center, and books on jazz legends in the Library. For more information contact Vickie Lamke or call (415) 485-9376.

**Shift**
Choreography by the COM Dance Faculty  
Production designed by e. “Ernie” Ernstrom  
April 6 and 7 at 8 p.m.  
Performing Arts Theatre  
Kentfield Campus

The Dance Department presents their spring dance concert Shift. Come and join the COM dancers as they shift into spring. Alan Scofield’s *Ven a Bailar* is a jazz piece with a Latin flair and his Limon Tribute pays homage to Jose Limon for his contributions to the splendor and spirit of the art of dance. Kristi Kuhn’s *And the Beat Goes On* infuses music from The Glitch Mob with percussion and visual effects. In David Jones’ *Catch the Wind* love is a butterfly that comes and sits on your shoulder, and the bold Stand begs the boat to be rocked. Sandra Tanner’s *The Absinthe Hour* is where patrons meet to partake of the green elixir’s promised effects of inspiration and a freer state of mind, and to escape into the sanctuary of the surreal. Inspired by W. B. Yeats’ poem “The Second Coming,” Deborah Graham and her dancers explore the loss of the American Dream in *The Centre Cannot Hold*.

Tickets are $15 for general admission and $10 for students and seniors. This performance is supported in part by the College of Marin Foundation, Dancers’ Guild, and the Saragay Stetson Memorial Dance Fund. Contact the box office at (415) 485-9385 for more information.
Track Commemoration Ceremony
You are invited to attend a ceremony held on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Diamond Physical Education Center to commemorate the completion of the college’s new track. Join me for light refreshments and a victory lap around the track with students, faculty, staff, and trustees. All are welcome to attend.

Spring Plant Sale at the IVC Organic Farm and Garden
Come to the Indian Valley Campus Organic Farm and Garden Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and purchase spring plants, get gardening information, and enjoy live music.
- Plant Sales: vegetable starts, herbs, annual and perennial flowers, perennial shrub and berries, fruit trees, and more
- Produce Sales: seasonal varieties
- Live music by the old-time trio Wagon (Saturday only)
- Backyard composting information session from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Tours led by Marin Master Gardeners
- Bouquet-making
- Tastings

For more information email Jenna Brager or call (415) 720-2051.

Spring Healthcare Employment Fair
The annual spring Healthcare Employment Fair will take place Monday, April 23, in the Student Services Building, first floor from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Medical and dental recruiters from all over the Bay Area will be in attendance to present employment and continuing education opportunities. Healthcare agencies will be accepting resumes and applications. Resources are open to community members as well as College of Marin students and alumni. Anyone interested in a position in nursing or dental assisting should plan on attending. Contact the Job Placement Center at (415) 485-9410 for more information.

Spring Music Calendar
All concerts are FREE unless otherwise noted.

Harvesting the Music Tree: Sustainable African Blackwood
Brenda Schuman-Post, guest lecturer
Monday, April 16, 12:30 p.m.
COM Kentfield Campus, Olney Hall, Room 96

Virtuoso oboist Brenda Schuman-Post takes you on a verbal, visual, and tactile safari to explore what’s going on worldwide for the preservation and continued use of this valuable, vulnerable, earth healing tree that grows primarily in Tanzania and Mozambique. Discover a connection between music, art, botany, forestry, ecology, conservation, and the environment. African Blackwood (mpingo, granadilla) becomes flutes, oboes, clarinets, bagpipes, sculpture, and medicine.
COM Symphony Orchestra
Paul Smith, conductor/pianist
Joanna Pinckney, guest conductor

Saturday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 22, 4 p.m.
COM Kentfield Campus, Performing Arts Theatre

Monday, April 23, 7:30 pm Unity in Marin, Novato

For the second concert the orchestra performs three movements from Ludwig van Beethoven’s ballet *The Creatures of Prometheus* followed by Finnish composer Einojuhani Rautavaara’s fascinating *Cantus Arcticus*. This hauntingly beautiful work is a concerto for taped sounds of the migrating geese and orchestra. After intermission, concertmaster Joanna Pinckney assumes the podium and Paul Smith is piano soloist in Sergei Rachmaninoff’s *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*.

Marin Oratorio presents *The Creation* by Franz Josef Haydn
Boyd Jarrell, director

Saturday, May 19, 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 20, 3 p.m.
COM Kentfield Campus, Performing Arts Theatre

*The Creation* may be embraced by all who love the natural world. With an Age of Enlightenment text drawn from the King James Bible and John Milton’s *Paradise Lost*, Haydn infuses his epic oratorio with spectacular orchestral and choral depictions of howling winds, slashing lightening, the moon’s silvery shimmer, and the sun’s majestic radiance. From the chaos of the formless void, to the profusion of birds, fish, and animals, and finally Adam and Eve’s rhapsodic bliss, Haydn celebrates the mystery of creation with grace, delight, and wide-eyed wonder. Marin Oratorio will be joined by guest vocal soloists Christa Pfeiffer, Brian Thorsett, and Jeffrey Fields.

Donation suggested: $20 general, $15 students, staff, seniors, and alumni
Box Office: (415) 485-9687

College Chorus and Chamber Singers
Boyd Jarrell, director
Jeffrey Paul, accompanist

Tuesday, May 22, 7:30 pm
COM Kentfield Campus, Performing Arts Theatre

In keeping with our celebration of life in its many forms, College Chorus and Chamber Singers return this spring with music about real and mythical animals. From Renaissance madrigals to the classics; from Josquin to Rossini; birds, bees, dogs, cats, monkeys, crickets, and even teddy bears will grace this evening of animal delights.
Advanced Voice Class Canciones del Arte—Spanish Art Songs
Linda Noble Brown, instructor
Monday April 16, 11:10 a.m.
COM Kentfield Campus Olney Hall, Room 96

Piano Repertoire Concert
Paul Smith, conductor
Wednesday, April 25, noon
Thursday, April 26, noon
COM Kentfield Campus, Performing Arts Theatre

This semester we celebrate the 150th birthday of Claude Debussy by performing impressionist works by Debussy, Ravel, Chaminade, Palmgren, Poulenc, Szymanoski, Albéniz, Bax and others in two concerts with a different repertoire in each.

Two Recitals of Chamber Music
Jessica Ivry, instructor
Friday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 5, 7:30 p.m.
COM Kentfield Campus, Lefort Recital Hall (PA 72)

Jazz Ensemble
Douglas Delaney, director
David Jones, choreographer

Sunday, May 6, 3 pm
COM Kentfield Campus, Performing Arts Theatre

Singers, dancers, and a terrific big band perform in a concert featuring the music of Duke Ellington, Benny Golson, Count Basie, and George Gershwin. David Jones’ jazz dance class, and our singers will be there with some great standards. Enjoy an exciting arrangement of Mambo from West Side Story, Count Basie’s Jumpin’ at the Woodside, and Duke Ellington’s Don’t Get Around Much Anymore.

Symphonic Band
Douglas Delaney, director

Wednesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.
COM Kentfield Campus, Performing Arts Theatre

A performance of Gustav Holst’s Mars combined with a synthesizer realization by Isao Tomita will be a highlight of the program. Also on the program, Richard Rodgers’ Victory at Sea from the popular TV program, works by Isaac Albéniz, and H. Owen Reed. The concert closes with a dramatic arrangement of Wagner’s Prelude and Love Death from Tristan and Isolde.
Advanced Voice Class: Nos souvenirs qui chantent—Art Songs by Francis Poulenc
Linda Noble Brown, instructor

Sunday, May 13, 2 p.m.
The Tamalpais Retirement Center, Greenbrae

Monday May 21, 11:10 a.m.
COM Kentfield Campus, Olney Hall, Room 96

**Concert Band**
**Douglas Delaney**, director
Wednesday, May 16, noon
Kentfield Campus, Performing Arts Theatre

The ensemble will open with *English Suite* by Clare Grundman and closes with Wagner’s *Die Meistersinger* excerpts. In between will be the music of Clifton Williams, Francis Poulenc, and Robert M. Panerio, Jr. whose piece *Macarena* features trumpet player Frank Killey.

**Beginning Voice Class Debut! First Open Class Recital**
Linda Noble Brown, instructor
Monday, May 21, 2:10 p.m.
Kentfield Campus, Olney Hall, Room 96

For more information about the concerts call (415) 485-9640.

**COM Athletics**
**Baseball vs. Solano College**
Tuesday, April 10, 2 p.m. in Kentfield

**Softball vs. Yuba College—doubleheader**
Tuesday, April 10, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Kentfield

**Swimming and Diving—Chabot Invitational**
Saturday, April 7, all day in Hayward

**Track and Field—Delta Mustang Invitational—Delta Community College**
Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7, all day in Stockton

Have a great week!

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
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