President’s Weekly Briefing—April 19, 2012

Seventh Annual President’s Breakfast
Please join me for the Seventh Annual President’s Breakfast sponsored by the President’s Circle, Tuesday, May 1, at 7:30 a.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel located at 101 McInnis Parkway in San Rafael. The President’s Circle provides grant money to assist faculty and staff at College of Marin to “Dream Out Loud.” If you would like to attend the breakfast, RSVP to Melinda Molloy ext. 8101 by April 27.

Open Forum Next Thursday
Join me for an open forum at the Indian Valley Campus Thursday, April 26, 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.

Extended Tax Preparation Services at COM
Still need to file your taxes? Tax season officially ended on April 17. However, COM’s Single Stop program will be holding extended tax preparation services for those students and COM staff who will be filing late. The extended times are available by appointment only.

  Friday, April 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
  Monday, April 23, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  Thursday, April 26, from noon to 5 p.m.
  Monday, April 30, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Please call (415) 457-8811 ext. 7762 to schedule your appointment. You will be prompted to leave a message and someone will return your call. Unfortunately, drop-ins cannot be accepted on these dates.
Campus Police News and Views
All College of Marin employees are required to take the FEMA Incident Command training (ICS 100HE). This training is free and can be completed online in a few hours.

The state and federal government require all public employees to have this training. Once you have taken the course and passed the test, please forward a copy of the certificate to Melinda Molloy.

This training is not only required but will be extremely helpful in a disaster. Please contact the College of Marin Police Department at ext. 7455 if you have any questions.

COM High School Counselor Luncheon
The College of Marin Counseling Department, along with the Outreach and School Relations Office, hosted a very successful High School Counselor Luncheon on March 27 with 32 high school counselors in attendance. The agenda included information about the Student Success Task Force, College of Marin/high school collaboration opportunities, and advantages of transferring to the University of California system from a California community college. It also included information on IVC Workforce Development Programs and its Night and Weekend Degree/Transfer Program, updates on financial aid and 10,000 Degrees scholarship programs, and featured an outstanding student panel. Thank you to Alexandra Magallanes Rivera, Anna Pilloton, Gina Cullen, Angelina Duarte, Keith Schoon, Nanda Schorske, Emy Bagtas, Scott BonDurant, Cindy Ku, Colin Carmody, Dwight Monroe, Annahita Fallah, Kathy Takemoto, Sue Scott, June Yokell, and Arnulfo Cedillo for making the event a success.

Spring Plant Sale This Weekend 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.

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, 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.

Free Lecture Featuring Journalist and Author Thomas Peele
There will be a free lecture featuring journalist and author Thomas Peele on Thursday, April 26, at 7 p.m. at College of Marin, 835 College Avenue, Kentfield. The lecture will be held in Olney Hall, Room 96. Peele will present Killing the Messenger—a story of radical faith, racism’s backlash, and the assassination of a journalist. This lecture is sponsored by the Community Media Center of Marin and College of Marin. Donations are encouraged.

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, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the library information literacy classroom in the back of the Library. 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.

New Construction and Modernization Update: Community Forum
Please join us on Thursday, May 3, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Portable Village, PV-4, adjacent to the tennis courts at the Kentfield Campus. A forum will be held to bring the community up to date on the progress of the modernization program. There will be a question and answer period following the presentation. The forum is free and open to the public.
Retirement Webinar
Deciding to retire? If so, CalPERS invites you to attend a live webinar on Wednesday, May 9, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. During the online webinar you will receive step-by-step instructions on filling out your service retirement application and an explanation of the different retirement options available to you. Register for this free event and get more information.

Reception for COM Retirees
All faculty and staff are invited to attend a special reception honoring our retirees on Thursday, May 17, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Marin Art and Garden Center, 30 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Ross. Please join in recognizing these outstanding individuals for their many years of service and wishing them well in all of their future endeavors.

Spring Music Concerts
All concerts are FREE unless otherwise noted.

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 p.m.
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.

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.
COM Athletics

Baseball vs. Yuba College
Saturday, April 21, 2 p.m. in Kentfield

Baseball vs. Mendocino College
Tuesday, April 24, 2 p.m. in Mendocino

Softball vs. Los Medanos College—doubleheader
Tuesday, April 24, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Pittsburg

Swimming and Diving—Bay Valley Championships
Thursday through Saturday, April 19 through 21, all day in Fairfield

Have a great week!

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