



## President's Weekly Briefing—March 27, 2015

### COM Mission and Planning Update

Every three years, COM reviews its mission statement and develops a new three-year Strategic Plan based on its 10-year Educational Master Plan. The mission statement has been circulated, revised, and will be sent to the Board of Trustees for approval in April. The revised text is below for your reference.

#### Revised Mission Statement

College of Marin's commitment to educational excellence is rooted in providing equitable opportunities and fostering success for all members of our diverse community by offering:

- preparation for transfer to four-year colleges and universities
- associate degrees and certificates
- career technical education
- basic skills improvement
- English as a second language
- lifelong learning
- community and cultural enrichment

College of Marin responds to community needs by offering student-centered programs and services in a supportive, innovative learning environment that promotes social and environmental responsibility.

Now, the Strategic Plan Task Force is drafting the next three-year plan for feedback from the College community and ultimately approval by the Board of Trustees later this spring. In addition, the Educational Planning Committee is hearing reports on progress made on the current strategic plan. You can see those reports at

<http://www.marin.edu/com/ODP/ActionSteps/ActionSteps-tracking.htm>

### COM CARE Early Alert and Intervention System

As a reminder to all faculty and staff, the College of Marin Campus Assessment, Response, and Evaluation (CARE) Team is available to help students struggling with academic, psychological, and behavioral issues. The team works to assess and respond to potential crisis, provides academic support and intervention, and assists in protecting the campus academic environment.

I strongly encourage faculty and staff who notice students struggling in any of these areas to submit a COM CARE report through the employee tab of the [MyCOM Portal](#).





## Kudos

For the second year in a row, UPM's Newsletter was awarded first prize for union newsletters in California by the California Federation of Teachers (CFT). In addition, the UPM Newsletter received an award from CFT for Best News Writing, for its article titled "Remembering Pete Seeger" and a Best Feature Writing award for its column titled, "Connecting the Dots." Congratulations UPM!

## Upcoming Events

### ESCOM's Afternoon Author Series

As part of the Haddie Mini Lecture Series, Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM) is delighted to partner with Book Passage in bringing a free series of outstanding authors to the community. Next in the series, author Cara Black discusses *Murder on the Champ de Mars*. Black is the author of 15 books in the bestselling *Aimée Leduc* series. A book signing will follow the lecture and books will be available for purchase. Parking is free for this event. More information is available on the [Community Education website](#) or by calling (415) 485-9652.

#### Friday, March 27

1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Learning Resources Center, library  
Kentfield Campus

### Paul Smith – Solo Piano Recital

Performing Arts Instructor **Paul Smith** will perform two rarely heard sonatas by Beethoven and two monumental masterpieces of the romantic literature. As director of Contemporary Opera Marin, as well as in his instruction, Smith specializes in the production of new and modern operas. Sonata in F Major, Op. 54 and Sonata in E Minor, Op. 90 by Ludwig van Beethoven; Dante Sonata by Franz Liszt; and Fantasie, Op. 17 by Robert Schumann will be performed.

#### Friday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, March 29, 3 p.m.

Lefort Recital Hall / PA72  
Performing Arts Building  
Kentfield Campus

#### March 29, 2015, 7 p.m.

The Dance Palace  
503 B Street  
Pt. Reyes Station





## Student Success Speaker Series

The Student Success Speaker Series is back! Students, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to attend these workshops for tips and important information that can be applied to one's academic, professional, and personal lives. These free presentations are open to the public. Associated Students College of Marin (ASCOM) will provide refreshments. Contact Single Stop Coordinator [Tara Arenas](#) at (415) 457-8811 ext. 7761 for more information.

## Upcoming Sessions

All sessions take place at noon in the Student Services Building, cafeteria.

### April 1

Transfer 101: Find Your Way to a Bachelor's Degree

*Andrea Mann, COM transfer and career center coordinator*

### April 8

What to Expect Out of a Career in the Military

*COM Veterans Association*

## Spring Dance Concert—*By Dance Possessed*

With choreography by Dance Department faculty and production design by e. “Ernie” Ernstrom, *By Dance Possessed* is a performance that will captivate and mesmerize you. The dance concert will feature guest artists from Savage Jazz Dance Company (SJDC). Founded in 1992 by Artistic Director Reginald Ray-Savage, SJDC is distinguished by its disciplined dancers and instructors, and its dedication to the exploration of jazz music's range of expression.

**April 3, 4, 10, and 11, 8 p.m. (note corrected date – no performance on April 21)**

James Dunn Theatre, Performing Arts Building

Kentfield Campus

Box Office (415) 485-9385

Tickets: \$20 general, \$15 seniors, \$10 students/COM employees and alumni

## Advanced Voice class Recital: *Canzoni Italiani – Italian Songs and Arias*

Directed by Linda Noble Brown

After Suor Cristina Scuccia clinched the final of *The Voice of Italy* television talent show last spring she said, “I have a gift to give, and I am giving it to you... It wouldn't be worth much if I kept it for myself.” The Music Department agreed and are borrowing some of her country's most popular songs to share their own gifts as they perform traditional Italian art songs, arias, and popular Italian music. Buon ascolto!

**Wednesday, April 8, 11:10 a.m.**

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## Ongoing Events

### Free Tax Preparation at Single Stop

The Single Stop Office will be offering free tax preparation for students every Monday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through April 15. To qualify for free tax help the previous year's income must be less than \$53,000. U.S. citizenship is not required. This service is available on a drop-in basis only, no appointments will be taken. Call Single Stop Coordinator [Tara Arenas](#) at (415) 457-8811 ext. 7761 for more information.

## Sports

### Baseball

The baseball team is continuing their strong push for a third consecutive Bay Valley Conference title. Yesterday, the team put up a seven-run sixth inning to rally past Los Medanos 12-5 at home.

#### COM vs. Mendocino College

Saturday, March 28, 1 p.m. in Ukiah

#### COM vs. Mendocino College

Tuesday, March 31, 2:30 p.m. in Kentfield

#### COM vs. Laney College

Thursday, April 2, 2:30 p.m. in Kentfield

### Track and Field

San Francisco Carnival Meet

Friday, April 3

San Francisco State University, San Francisco

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.  
Superintendent/President

