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## Summer Bridge and JumpStart Programs Help Students Transition to College

*Programs' Success Leads to Enrollment Growth*

**KENTFIELD, CA—April 9, 2015**—Last summer College of Marin partnered with 10,000 Degrees to create an intensive three-week preparatory program aimed at underserved, first-generation college students. The program focused on strengthening math and English skill-building, college success skills, and group bonding.

Summer Bridge participants share some common characteristics with many students entering College of Marin. They come to the College with plenty of determination; but too often they also come with no academic plan, a lack of good study habits, and no connection to campus resources. Realizing the detriment these factors can be to academic success, COM and 10,000 Degrees combined their shared interest and developed a solution to boost student skills in these areas.

The inaugural Summer Bridge program was a huge success, with over 80 percent of the cohort of 24 students improving by at least one level on their English and/or math placement tests. This improvement saved those students hundreds of hours of study and thousands of dollars in tuition and book fees. Due to its great success, the program is expanding. The number of students able to participate in the 2015 Summer Bridge has been quadrupled, from 24 last year to 96 this year.

Scott BonDurant, manager of college success programs at 10,000 Degrees, is excited about the growth. "We look forward to meeting our new cohort and can't wait to see them succeed," said BonDurant.

Two sessions of the three-week program will be offered; one from June 15 through July 12, and the other from July 6 through July 23. The program meets Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Graduating high school seniors interested in the Summer Bridge program who have completed the necessary registration steps will qualify for priority registration at College Success Saturday on May 9. For more information on this special event, please email [outreach@marin.edu](mailto:outreach@marin.edu).

Launched last fall, JumpStart is another new program on campus yielding positive results. The College offered to cover the cost of up to 11 units of enrollment fees for all College Credit Program (CCP) students that enrolled in the spring 2015 semester. Spring census figures showed that the number of high school students concurrently enrolled increased by 17.5 percent, with 225 students enrolled this semester compared to 189 in spring 2014.

Anna Pilloton, director of school and community partnerships, believes the program is a great way for high school students to get a head start on their higher education. "The College Credit Program allows students to explore areas that might not be offered at their high school," said Pilloton. "Students also find that their current studies are enriched and their confidence increases. Plus, they are earning transferable credits."

Building on student success and enrollment gains, the College is offering the JumpStart program for the 2015 summer and fall semesters. With COM covering up to 11 units of enrollment fees, high school students enrolled in this program can realize savings of \$506. Another benefit is the time that students save, as concurrent enrollment may satisfy credit requirements for high school while earning them transferable college credit at the same time.

Students save time and money, but the benefits don't stop there. A study by the National Center on Postsecondary Research talks about the positive results of dual enrollment. The study focused on the 2008-2011 Concurrent Course Initiative, a California-based dual enrollment program aimed at supporting low-income, academically struggling youth who are part of a historically underrepresented college population. The outcomes were promising, showing that students who participated in the program demonstrated higher credit accumulation, persistence, and graduation rates than their nonparticipating peers.

When high schools and community colleges partner, the results can be far reaching. "I had a great experience with concurrent enrollment at COM while at San Marin High School (SMHS)," said COM transfer student Michelle LeMieux. "As a student who struggled in math, it was wonderful to have a choice between teachers and courses to satisfy graduation and transfer requirements." The anthropology and political science classes LeMieux took while at COM led her to earn a bachelor of arts degree in international relations from UC San Diego. "I enjoyed my classes and professors at COM so much, that the quality of instruction I received there has been a factor in my decision to become a teacher," said LeMieux. Currently enrolled in a master's degree and teaching credential program at Dominican University, LeMieux says that she will continue to take classes at COM for professional development.

High school students interested in the JumpStart program should [apply online](#). They also need to complete the CCP application available at their high school's counseling center and get all the required signatures. Once that is complete, students must attend a mandatory group orientation with a College of Marin counselor. After the orientation students can register online for classes beginning Tuesday, May 26. The students are responsible for \$40 in fees that go toward health, technology, and student representation fees; as well as any course material fees and textbooks. In return the students get access to the College Health Center and a preloaded GoPrint card for campus copy machines.

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