



## President's Weekly Briefing—April 1, 2016

### Accreditation Evaluation Team Visit Dates Announced

Today I received notice from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC) that COM's External Evaluation Team Visit will take place Monday, March 6, through Thursday, March 9, 2017. The communication emphasized that COM is being evaluated against the Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies; while reassuring that the visit is intended to provide a rewarding validation of the institution's strengths along with helpful suggestions for improvement.

### Join Us Tomorrow for Mini-Medical School—Medical Science and Aging

COM's Community Education and Health Sciences Departments are co-sponsoring the Mini-Medical School, Medical Science and Aging program as part of the Haddie Mini-Lecture Series. Students, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to attend this two-session seminar featuring presentations by top medical school clinical professors from Stanford University and the Buck Institute for Research on Aging. It is an opportunity to focus on the second half of life, normal human aging, and avoiding diseases. Seminar content is appropriate for students of all ages, providing they possess an interest in understanding the science of aging well. Register today! Attendance is free for groups specified on the [registration page](#) and \$15 for the general public and day-of registration (space permitting). For more information contact (415) 485-9305.

**Saturday, April 2 and 9**

9 a.m. to noon

James Dunn Theatre, Kentfield Campus

### Update on Strategic Planning Progress

The [e-book version of COM's strategic plan](#) is now available. Framed posters will start showing up soon on a wall near you. They will be placed in main corridors of buildings at the Kentfield and Indian Valley Campuses as well as in some elevators. The purpose is to help make sure that all are aware of COM's strategic directions and priorities.

In our first year of this new three-year plan there's a lot of activity outlined; we still have a ways to go before most objectives will be achieved. For example, you can see in this [PRIE Brief](#) that we have yet to make progress on reducing the percentage of students who register late for classes. Students who register late are less likely to persist. You can [keep track of progress](#) on all the other student access and success, college operations, and community responsiveness objectives in the [annual reports presented to the Educational Planning Committee](#). Under the column labeled Additional Materials, click on any link whose title ends with Report\*.



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## Report on College Success Saturday Students

As part of COM's ongoing efforts at continuous improvement, the Planning Research, and Institutional Effectiveness Office conducted research to see whether students who participate in College Success Saturday get off to a better start than other first-time college students at COM. Take a look at the report to see what they found: [Are College Success Saturday Students More Successful Than Other First-Time Students?](#) If you have questions or comments about the report contact [Dr. Christina Leimer](#).

## Model UN Team Makes Final Conference Preparations

COM's Model UN Far West team is in the final stages of conference preparations. The team has been preparing nearly every Monday evening for the last two months. During this time they have written preparatory position papers and resolutions, and practiced their presentation skills. The team is fortunate to have the expert advice and coaching skills of a COM alumnus, Nima Zarkoub, who took Professor Paul Cheney's UN class and led the Model UN team. He graduated from COM three years ago and is about to graduate from San Francisco State University (SFSU) with a double major in politics and criminal justice. Zarkoub also led SFSU's Model UN team. This year the team has also been very lucky to have the support of a superb Model UN Club President, **Rebekah Ahn**.

COM's Model UN Far West team is representing France at the conference, which will be held in Burlingame over the weekend of April 15 to 19. During part of the conference the team will be negotiating, debating, and writing resolutions with student teams from all over the country, beginning early in the morning and working late into the night. They have been learning all they can about France in preparation for the conference and Professor Cheney believes they will be one of the best teams the college has seen. We wish them the best of luck!

## 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary—Volunteers Needed for IVC Open House

Thank you to all those who volunteered to help at the open house at the Kentfield Campus on Saturday, May 7. COM will also host an open house at the Indian Valley Campus (IVC) in celebration of our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary on **Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The event will include campus tours for the public and end with a barbeque lunch. We need as many departments, programs, and services from IVC to showcase what the Novato campus offers our students and the community. Please email [Nicole Cruz](#) if you are interested in volunteering for either day (or both days!). There will be a special after-celebration for those who work the event!





## How About Joining in Participatory Governance this Fall?

COM’s Participatory Governance System (PGS) is one of the ways the College shares information and makes collective decisions. Nine committees comprise this system. Each focuses on a specific topic such as educational planning, facilities, professional development, information technology, student success, and budget. Each committee includes faculty, staff, managers, and students. Here’s where you can [find out more about each committee](#), including its charge, membership, agendas, and meeting minutes. New members typically join each fall. If you would like to participate, contact [Dr. Christina Leimer](#) in the Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness Office or the president of your employee Senate ([Sara McKinnon](#), Academic Senate; [Elle Dimopoulos](#), Classified Senate; and Patrick McBurnie, Student Senate).

## Upcoming Events

### Paul Smith Piano Recital—Additional Performance Added

For the first of this spring’s Mozart and Salieri – Friends and Rivals concerts, **Paul Smith**, long time Music Department faculty member, performs works by these two masters as well as interpretations of their work by two more masters. Donations are welcomed at this free performance; no reservations required. All proceeds benefit COM’s opera program, Contemporary Opera Marin.

**Friday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, April 3, at 3 p.m.**  
Lefort Recital Hall (PA 72)  
Performing Arts Building  
Kentfield Campus

**Additional Performance:**  
**Saturday, April 2, at 7 p.m.**  
The Dance Palace  
503 B. Street  
Pt. Reyes Station

### Opening Tonight—Dance Department Presents *Mystique*

Choreographed by COM’s dance faculty, with production design by e. “Ernie” Ernstrom, the 2016 spring dance concert, *Mystique*, is full of intrigue. The performance will feature guest artists Casey Lee Thorne and Kaley Isabella. Contact the Box Office at (415) 485-9385 to purchase tickets. Admission is \$20 for general; \$15 for seniors; and \$10 for COM students, alumni, employees, and retirees.

**April 1, 2, 8, and 9, at 7:30 p.m.**  
James Dunn Theatre  
Performing Arts Building  
Kentfield Campus





## **Free, Anonymous, and Painless STD Testing for Students**

The College Health Services Office is offering COM students free, painless testing of sexually transmitted diseases. Tests for Chlamydia and gonorrhea are provided on a drop-in basis. Test for HIV are by appointment only. Call (415) 485-9458 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

### **Tuesday, April 5**

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Health Services Portable

Kentfield Campus

## **Student Success Speaker Series**

Students, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to attend upcoming 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. Call the Student Activities and Advocacy Office at 415-457-8811 ext. 7376 for more information.

### **Upcoming Sessions**

All sessions take place at noon in the Student Services Building, cafeteria. Refreshments will be served thanks to Associated Students of College of Marin (ASCOM).

#### **April 6**

#### **Understanding diversity and your identity to lead effectively**

*Javier Urena*, COM EOPS/CARE and CalWORKs counselor

#### **April 13: No Session—Spring Break**

#### **April 20**

#### **Hanging Out and Hooking Up**

*Megan Kehoe*, children and youth division manager, Center for Domestic Peace

*Laurel Freeman*, prevention supervisor, Children and Youth Community Change

Division, Center for Domestic Peace





## Coffee with a Cop

Community policing is the foundation for establishing relationships between the community and the police. The importance of trust between officers, staff, faculty, and students is paramount for a safe campus environment. The College of Marin Police Department has initiated this program to provide an opportunity for the College community to interact and meet the officers working on the campuses.

Coffee with a Cop brings police and community members together in an informal, neutral environment to discuss campus and community issues and build relationships. One of the keys to Coffee with a Cop's success is that it removes the physical barriers between law enforcement officials and community members, and it happens outside of the crisis situations that routinely define interactions between these two groups. This allows for relaxed, informal interactions in a friendly atmosphere. Coffee with a Cop will be held twice a year at both the Kentfield and Indian Valley Campuses. Thank you in advance to all who stop by and say hello.

**Tuesday, April 26**

Noon – 1 p.m.

Student Services Building, cafeteria  
Kentfield Campus

## Drama Department Presents *King Lear*

Directed by **James Dunn**

The crass and bungling insensitivity of two old men precipitates a searing journey towards understanding and reconciliation. *King Lear* is a paradox; it appears nihilistic, but at the same time affirming the value of human life. It asks abstract, unanswerable questions, and addresses real and enduring problems: again parents, sibling rivalries, relationships between fathers and children, and how easy it is to ignore suffering when it happens to others.

Additional performances added May 21 and 22!

**April 29\*, 30, May 6, 7, 14, and 21 at 7:30 p.m.**

**May 1, 8\*\*, 14, 15, and 22, at 2 p.m.**

Studio Theatre (PA 32)

Performing Arts Building

Kentfield Campus

Non-subscription single ticket prices: \$20 general, \$15 seniors, \$10 COM students, alumni, employees, and retirees. Box Office: (415) 485-9385

\*Pay-what-you-will preview

\*\* Talkback with the director



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## Marinovators Student Project Showcase

On Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. College of Marin and the Marin County Office of Education will host the third annual Marinovators student project showcase. The genius and creativity of Marin County students will be on display with projects that demonstrate their ability to apply their knowledge of science, technology, engineering, arts/digital design and math to solve real world problems. Keynote speaker Ron Rosano will talk about innovating space flight and Virgin Galactic's rocket rides. Project themes include: solar power, smart cities, environmental science, mobile apps, virtual reality, coding, media makers, the Internet of things, digital health and fitness, hack your biology, robotics, digital fashion, future of work, and the new industrial revolution. More information about Marinovators 2016 is at [www.marinovators.org](http://www.marinovators.org).

**Saturday, April 30**  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Academic Center  
Kentfield Campus

This event is free and open to the public. Free parking will be available in Parking Lots 1, 6, and 7. \$4 parking permit is required in all other lots.

## Sports

### Swimming and Diving

Congratulations to **Hope Garrett, Perry Kindle, Maddie Bailey, and Brandon Guy** who placed in events at the Solano Invitational last Saturday. Hope Garrett won the 50-yard butterfly (29.05) and the 100 butterfly (1:05.58), in addition to placing second in the 200 individual medley (2:29.23). Perry Kindle won the 1-meter and 3-meter diving competition with 156 points and 117.5, respectively. Maddie Bailey finished third in 1-meter diving (136.2 points) and fourth in the 3-meter (96.05) event. Brandon Guy won the 1-meter dive with 91.75 points. The Mariners next meet is on April 9 in Hayward.

### Track and Field

Congratulations to sophomore **Amanda Villareal** who was named Big 8 Conference Women's Track Athlete of the Week. Villareal won the 100-meter hurdles at the Bob Rush Team Challenge in 16.55 seconds, placing her fifth on the conference list. She also finished second in the 400-meter hurdles which placed her fourth on the conference list in that event.





Read the latest sports stories, view schedules for upcoming games, and gear up with COM athletic apparel on the [Mariners website](#). Can't make it to a game? Video streaming is available for all home games on the website!

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.  
Superintendent/President



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