



President's Weekly Briefing—March 18, 2016

90th Anniversary Open House – Volunteers Needed!

College of Marin's 90th anniversary is right around the corner. On April 6 the College officially turns 90, and to celebrate COM will host an open house at the Kentfield Campus on **Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Taking place in conjunction with Student Success Saturday, the event will feature campus tours for the public and end with a barbeque lunch. This is a great opportunity for departments, programs, and services to showcase what we offer our students and the community. We need as many volunteers as possible on hand to help make this event a success. Please email [Nicole Cruz](#) if you are interested in volunteering. There will be a special after-celebration for those who work the event!

Influences on COM Students' College Completion

The Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness Office recently completed the third, and final, research project using Student Success Scorecard data to see what they could learn about which students are most and least likely to complete college, and what helps or hinders their success. You can find this study, [What Most Influences COM Students' Completion, on the PRIE Research and Analysis page](#). The other two related studies are:

[First Term and First Year Crucial to Student Success](#)
[A Different Way to Look at Student Groups and Their Success](#)

Kudos

Congratulations to COM's five baseball players that earned a spot on the California Community College Baseball Coaches Association (CCCBCA) 2016 All-State Academic Team. It's no easy feat balancing classes, homework, practices, and games with all that life demands outside of campus. Kudos to these student-athletes for their dedication and excellence both in class and on the field.

Cooper Casad – pitcher
Eric Smith – pitcher
Ryan Schalch – first base
Matthew Tarantino – infielder
Chris Hayman – outfielder





Online Writing Center—Help with Writing Assignments is Available

It's hard to believe, but we are already at the midway point in the spring semester. Please remind students that the Online Writing Center (OWC) is here to support their writing needs. The OWC is open 24/7 throughout the spring semester to help students with writing assignments for all college subjects. Students can get free help with grammar, idea development, and organization, as well as with research and essays. There are self-help materials and instructional specialists (tutors) who respond to student posts within 24 hours. The OWC also assists students with transfer, scholarship, and job applications, including resumes and cover letters. Contact spring 2016 OWC Coordinator [Alisa Klinger](#) for more information. Online writing services are available to faculty and students in all disciplines until the end of the spring semester.

Upcoming Events

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).

March 23

Career and major exploration: Findy your path

Andrea Mann, COM Transfer and Career Center coordinator

March 30

Yes Means Yes: Understanding Affirmative Consent

Sadika Sulaiman Hara, COM director of student activities and advocacy

April 6

Understanding diversity and your identity to lead effectively

Javier Urena, COM EOPS/CARE and CalWORKs counselor

April 13

No Session—Spring Break





Final Weekend to See *Gossamer*

By Lois Lowry

Directed by **Lisa Morse**

This fanciful and poignant play explores the power of dreams and the magical creatures that create them. An eager, new dream-giver known only as Littlest One, struggles to heal the hearts of an abused young boy, his grieving caregiver, and his estranged mother before the haunting memories each of them carries become more than they can bear. Are the dreams Littlest One weaves strong enough to fortify and protect the fragile humans in her care? Join us for this tender 90-minute play appropriate for children age ten and older.

March 19 at 7:30 p.m.

March 20 at 2 p.m.

James Dunn Theatre
Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus

Non-subscription single ticket prices: \$20 general, \$15 seniors, \$10 COM students, alumni, employees, and retirees.

Warrior Writers Workshop

Veterans of any era, service members, military families, and community members are all invited to attend Warrior Writers first writing workshop at COM on Tuesday, March 22, in the new Veteran and Military Student Resource Center at the Kentfield Campus. This free event is open to the public. Contact Paige Jenkins for more information about the Veteran and Military Student Resource Center at (415) 485-9410, or Aaron Hughes (217) 898-9083 for information about Warrior Writers.

Tuesday, March 22

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Veteran and Military Resource Center, room 202
Student Services Building, second floor
Kentfield Campus



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Friday Afternoon Author Series Presents

Melissa Cistaro—*Pieces of My Mother*

Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM) is delighted to partner with Book Passage in bringing a free series of interesting authors to the community as part of the [Haddie Mini-Lecture Series](#). Join author Melissa Cistaro to discuss her provocative memoir that explores the complex emotional landscape of a child abandoned by her mother.

One summer, Melissa Cistaro's mother drove off without a word. Devastated, she and her brothers were left to pick up the pieces, wondering why their mother abandoned them. She never expects to stumble on a cache of letters her mother wrote but never sent her, which could hold the answers she seeks. Haunting yet ultimately uplifting, *Pieces of My Mother* reveals how our parents' choices impact our own and how we can survive those to forge our own paths. Cistaro is an events coordinator at Book Passage, the legendary San Francisco Bay Area independent bookstore. A writer and mother, she has been published in numerous literary journals, as well as in two anthologies alongside Anne Larnott, Jane Smiley, and others. She lives in San Francisco.

For more information contact the ESCOM volunteer desk at (415) 485-9652 or visit [Book Passage](#). For all of the authored events, books are available for purchase on the night of the event. Book signings immediately follow the lecture.

Friday, March 25

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

William Keith Room

Kentfield Campus Library

Learning Resources Center, Second Floor

Healthcare and Dental Career Fair

More than 20 healthcare and dental care employers will be on campus this month for COM's annual Healthcare and Dental Care Career Fair. Find out about industry-related employment and career opportunities. Representatives from university-level nursing programs will also offer information on how students can further their education.

Students, their families, and members of the community are all invited to attend. Participants are highly encouraged to come prepared. First impressions are very important. Dress for success, have resume copies printed for employers, and even be ready for on-the-spot interviews! This free event is open to the public. For more information contact the [Transfer and Career Center](#) (415) 485-9424.

Monday, March 28

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Student Services Building, cafeteria

Kentfield Campus



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Soirées Musicales—Art Songs by Giacomo Rossini

Giacomo Rossini composed three collections of songs, *Soirées Musicales*, *Péchés De Vieillesse* and *La Regatta Veneziana*, many of which were performed at the Parisian salon evenings he hosted with his wife. Join the advanced voice class for a recital of songs that are arresting, intimate, and evocative; capitalizing on his dramatic talent – much to the delight of our singers and audience!

Monday March 28

11:10 a.m.

Lefort Recital Hall (PA 72)

Kentfield Campus

COMmon Read Book Discussion at IVC

Share your impressions of *Becoming Dr. Q* and hear how others are responding to it. All are welcome—students, staff, faculty, and community members. Note that this event will be held at the Indian Valley Campus. Sponsored by Emeritus Students College of Marin's IVC Book Forum.

Monday, March 28

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Humiston Reading Room

Building 10, ESCOM Center

Indian Valley Campus

Paul Smith Piano Recital

For the first of this spring's Mozart and Salieri – Friends and Rivals concerts, **Paul Smith** 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





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

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 other institutions. 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. 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

Free, Anonymous, and Painless STD Testing

The College Health Services Office is offering 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





Sports

Swimming and Diving

The swim and dive team hosted the 11th Annual Mariner Invite at the Indian Valley Campus on Saturday, March 12. Freshman swimmer **Hope Garret** finished first in the 50-meter backstroke, third in the 200-meter butterfly, and seventh in the 50-meter freestyle. In the diving tank, three Mariners grabbed top five finishes. [Perry Kindle](#) and [Brandon Guy](#) took first in the 1 meter diving competitions. Teammates Maddie Bailey finished fourth with 98.5 points, and [Jessica Luna](#) was fifth with 70.5 points. Guy won the men's competition with 111.49 points. The Kinesiology and Athletics Department expressed their sincere thanks to College of Marin Athletics Hall of Famers **David Cotton** and **Bob Justice** for their help and support during the meet. The next competition is on March 26 at the Solano Invite in Fairfield.

Track and Field

Amanda Villarreal had a personal record in the 400-meter hurdles and finished with a time just shy of the NorCal Provisional Standard despite racing in windy and rainy conditions. She also took third in the 100-meter hurdles. On the men's side, **Raymond Moody** had a personal record in the 1500-meter run, and Mark Wang competed well in the 800 and 1500-meter runs. Today, the Mariners traveled to College of San Mateo for the Bob Rush Invitational.

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

