



President’s Weekly Briefing—April 17, 2015

Library, Puente, and Performing Arts Win Golden Bell Awards

Each year the Marin County Office of Education presents Golden Bell Awards to recognize outstanding certificated teachers; excellent student programs; and exemplary educators, classified employees, teachers and trustees. I am proud to share that this year three of our programs—the Library, Puente, and Performing Arts—are Golden Bell Award recipients.

The Library has done an outstanding job revitalizing services, re-establishing the IVC Library, and especially for the work involved to join MARINet. The Puente Program continues to have outstanding success with the College’s Latino students and community members. Our Performing Arts Program provides students with the foundation they need to move on to professional careers in dance, drama, and music; as well as for the extraordinary contributions they make to enriching Marin County culture. The Golden Bell Awards Ceremony will take place Thursday, May 21, 2015, at Dominican University in San Rafael. Congratulations and much appreciation to all those who play a role in the success of these programs.

April Data Nugget— Spring 2015 Student Success Scorecard

The California Community College Chancellor’s Office produces the Student Success Scorecard each year to show student progress at each college and for all colleges combined. Each of the metrics tracks students across 6 years, so the most recent results are based on the cohort that entered in 2008-09. The scorecard rates are also disaggregated by gender, race/ethnicity, and students who are prepared for college and those who need remediation. Some state funding is now dependent on tracking and improving on these success indicators and results must be reported to colleges’ board of trustees.

Overall COM rates that are up from last year:

Rate	Spring 2014	Spring 2015	Percent Change
Persistence (i.e., students continuously enrolled in their first 3 semesters)	64.9%	69.2%	+4.3%
30 Units Completed Within 6 Years	61.1%	65.1%	+4.0%
CTE Completion	46.2%	48.8%	+2.6%
Remedial Math Students Moving into College Level	27.2%	28.5%	+1.3%
Remedial ESL Students Moving into College Level	15.7%	19.2%	+3.5%





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Overall COM rates that are down from last year:

Rate	Spring 2014	Spring 2015	Percent Change
Completion	54.5%	50.4%	-4.1%
Remedial English Students Moving into College Level	45.4%	42.1%	-3.3%

California Community College [scorecard results](#) going back five years are online.

Upcoming Events

Contemporary Opera Marin Presents: *The Triumph of Death*

Directed by Paul Smith

Performed in acknowledgment of Holocaust Remembrance Day, Contemporary Opera Marin presents American composer Frederic Rzewski's music theater drama *The Triumph of Death*. This powerful work is an adaptation of Peter Weiss' play, *The Investigation*, based on the Frankfurt Auschwitz trials of 1963. Fully staged and sung in English, it is scored for voices and string quartet.

April 17 and 18, 7:30 p.m.

April 19, 2 p.m.

Fine Arts Gallery, Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus

Healthcare and Dental Career Fair

The annual Healthcare and Dental Career Fair will take place Monday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Services Building, first floor. Medical and dental recruiters from all over the Bay Area will be in attendance to present employment and continuing education opportunities. Agencies will be accepting resumes and applications. A list of participating agencies is on the [Job Placement and Housing Center website](#). For more information contact [Carol Perez](#), (415) 485-9510.





Earth Day Film Screening: *Dive!*

Filmmaker Jeremy Seifert and his circle of friends set out on a dumpster diving mission through the back alleys and gated garbage receptacles of Los Angeles supermarkets. They discover good food worth thousands of dollars and an ugly truth: grocery stores across the country know they are wasting food and most refuse to do anything about it. This free film screening is sponsored by Students for Social Justice with funding generously provided by ASCOM; food will be served.

Tuesday, April 21

2:10 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Student Services Building, cafeteria

Student Success Speaker Series

The Student Success Speaker Series continues next week with updates on DACA and California driver licenses by Jonathan Matthews, legal clinic director at Brazilian Alliance. 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 22

DACA and California Driver License Updates

Jonathan Matthews, Brazilian Alliance legal clinic director

April 29

Tips on Budgeting your Money and How to Save

Sarah Wotherspoon, Private Ocean, certified financial planner

May 6

From Use to Abuse to Addiction: Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco

Ginny Hanna, COM counselor

Free STD Testing for Students

The Health Center is offering free, painless, STD testing Wednesday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Health Services Portable, Kentfield Campus. Chlamydia and Gonorrhea testing is available on a drop-in basis. Students who would like to include HIV testing must schedule an appointment by calling (415) 485-9458.





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. The series wraps up this month with author Michael David Lukas discussing *The Oracle of Stamboul*. This spellbinding tale of historical fiction is set in 1877, and follows the captivating adventures of the young and gifted Eleonora Cohen. 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, April 24

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

Library, Learning Resources Center
Kentfield Campus

Retirement Reception

Please join me as we celebrate our 2014-15 retirees at a special reception held **Friday, April 24, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.** in the lobby of the Performing Arts Building. Our retirees this year include:

William Abright
Kathleen Arima
James Arnold
Lyda Beardsley
MaryGale Beyer
Thomas Burke
David Cook
Barbara David
Barry Douglass
R. Oak Dowling
Chris Edmondson
Harriet Eskildsen

Paul Fanta
Ginny Hanna
Michael Irvine
Ki-El
Cynthia Lavi
Eileen Madden
Dikran Martin
Pearl Monemzadeh
Claudette Muldowney
Carol Perez
Mary Piper-Warren
Vonda Riley

Joan Rinaldi
Nanda Schorske
Carol Scialli
Joanne Stroud
Sandra Tachihara
William Allen Taylor
Rose Thompson
Lawrence Tjernell
Diane Traversi
Ronald Walashek
Deborah Wiebers

Juried Student Art Show

The Fine Arts Department will exhibit selected student work from April 27 through May 14 in the Fine Arts Gallery, Kentfield Campus. A reception for the artists will be held Saturday, April 25, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the gallery.





Two Evenings of Chamber Music

Directed by Jessica Ivry

The chamber music class performs trios, quartets, and quintets from three centuries of the classical repertoire. Two free performances, with a different program each evening.

April 30, 12:30 p.m.

May 3, 7:30 p.m.

Lefort Recital Hall (PA72), Performing Arts Building, Kentfield Campus

Drama Department Presents: *The Seagull*

By Anton Chekhov

Directed by Molly Noble

A masterwork by Russia's well-known nineteenth century playwright Anton Chekhov features unforgettable characters caught up in the passions and pathos of everyday life. When famed actress Arkadina returns home to her family with a young lover, Trigorin, in tow; they become tied up in tragicomic triangles of romance, intrigue, and unrequited love. The play is viewed by some as a tragedy involving eternally unhappy people. Others believe it is a humorous, and at times bitter, satire poking fun at human folly. Attend a performance of *The Seagull* and decide for yourself.

April 30, 7:30 p.m. (pay-what-you-will preview)

May 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, and 16, 7:30 p.m.

May 10* and 17, 2 p.m. (*talkback with the director)

Studio Theatre, Performing Arts Building, Kentfield Campus

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

College of Marin Symphonic Band: *America vs. the World!*

Directed by Trevor Björklund

Both celebrating and opposing the European traditions that inspired their music, this concert will showcase composers of the American symphonic band sound. Free performance featuring a variety of works across the spectrum of musical reaction.

May 6, 7:30 p.m.

James Dunn Theatre, Performing Arts Building

Kentfield Campus





Jazz Ensemble

Directed by Cayce Carnahan

Enjoy this free concert celebrating the music of Bay Area composers.

May 7, 7:30 p.m.

James Dunn Theatre, Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus

Transfer Recognition Reception

The Transfer and Career Center will be hosting the Transfer Recognition Reception to honor and recognize our students who are transferring to four-year institutions. The event will be held Thursday, May 7, in the Student Services Building, first floor, Kentfield Campus. The evening will begin with light refreshments served at 5 p.m. followed by a ceremony at 5:30 p.m. to celebrate the students' achievement and success. After the ceremony, students, their guests, and faculty and staff will enjoy a catered reception. You are invited to celebrate our students as they make their transition from College of Marin. For additional information, please contact [Andrea Mann](mailto:Andrea.Mann@marin.edu), (415) 485-9671.

College Success Saturday

Graduating high school seniors are invited to attend College Success Saturday to learn about COM and get access to priority registration. Check-in and a light breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by a morning of student and parent orientations, help with academic path planning, and campus tours. Faculty, staff, and student ambassadors will be available to answer questions and provide information. A financial aid workshop will be held from noon to 12:45 p.m. RSVP by May 1. Parking is free for those attending the event. Call (415) 457-8811 ext. 7860 for more information.

Saturday, May 9

8:30 a.m. – noon

Check-in tables in front of Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus

Mark Your Calendars: Commencement

Our 88th Annual Commencement will take place Friday, May 22, at 6 p.m. in the Diamond Physical Education Center gymnasium. More information is available on the [commencement webpage](#).





Ongoing Events

Art Exhibit Featuring Anita Toney and Diane Johnson

Watercolors by [Diane Johnson](#) and etchings by [Anita Toney](#) are on display at the Emeritus Center, Kentfield Campus. All are invited to join the artists for a gala reception Thursday, May 7, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Student Services Building, room 146. Exhibit runs through June 30, 2015. For more information call (415) 485-9313.

Sports

Baseball

The baseball team split a pair of games, falling to Yuba 4-2 on Wednesday. They bounced back against Folsom Lake on Thursday winning 5-4 on a walk off wild pitch. After yesterday's win over Solano College the Mariners reclaimed first place with five games remaining in the season.

COM vs. Napa Valley College

Saturday, April 18, 1 p.m. in Kentfield

COM vs. Los Medanos College

Tuesday, April 21, 2:30 p.m. in Pittsburg

COM vs. Mendocino College

Thursday, April 23, 2:30 p.m. in Ukiah

COM vs. Laney College

Friday, April 24, 2:30 p.m. in Kentfield

Swimming and Diving

The diving team competed at the Nor Cal Diving Championships over the weekend. **Oldhina Alatraste** and **Diana Valdez** competed in a field of 27 divers. Alatraste finished 14th in the one meter competition with a score of 111.27. Valdez was 21st in the same competition with 84.1 points.





Track and Field

The track and field team competed in Salinas over the weekend at the Ed Adams Invitational. Freshman **Amanda Villareal** took third place in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 16.45 seconds. Sophomore **Keily Campagna** placed second in the 400 meter hurdles with a season best time of 1:09:18. Freshman **Kevin Petersen** placed fourth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 52.36 seconds. He also took second in the javelin competition with a distance of 42.4 meters.

Big 8 Conference Trials

Tuesday, April 21
Merritt College, Oakland

Big 8 Conference Finals

Friday, April 24
Merritt College, Oakland

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President

