

At the College of Marin Fall 2024 Convocation on August 15, 2024, California Community Colleges Chancellor Sonya Christian posted a question at the end of her presentation, *Vision 2030: A Roadmap for California Community Colleges*. Here is a summary of the feedback received from this group exercise.

Given the myriad initiatives and positive outcomes the College is engaged in, how can you each—individually and collectively—further connect that work and the College to community needs in Marin and beyond?

Administration:

- Hiring a robust and diverse staff/faculty
- Equip Managers
- Increase bilingual staffing.
- Commencement as more multicultural celebration, less stale. E.g. Mariachi, multiple languages, salsa band! – Student & Family reception.

Bolinas Station:

- Hold public viewing of Marine life at the new Bolinas Field Station.
- Public viewing days at Bolinas Field Station.
- Marine Lab outreach to public. Bring guest scientists to speak at the lab.

Community Outreach

- Community – come to college for cultural activities, such as sports, theatre, music, poetry reading, mailers to community for outreach
- Outreach to seniors/Elderly by students
- Partnership w/schools for sports camp- camp activities-science etc., community services
- Embed ourselves in community programs no matter how small to make connections with folks who would benefit from having a personal connection to COM
- Build partnerships with community organizations that assist underserved populations
- Strengthening K-12 partnerships. Making COM a sought-after option for more of our community.
- COM employees participate on community boards and advisories.
- Engaging disability providers + students + community in a broader understanding of our workforce education opportunities!

Connect College/ Students to Community:

- Refer students to jobs that will provide college credit, e.g. McDonalds-Solar Installation
- Connecting with organizations- Sunny Hills, St. Vincent

- Address economic disparities in the county with the economics department
- Connect with Canal Alliance and find what the needs are- then find ways and departments at COM to address those needs.
- Connect students with strategic community partners to access resources such as housing or support post probation.

Drama & Art

- Drama has something valuable to share with our community.
- Summer Drama camps @ IVC.
- Support for children's Touring company from Drama.
- \$ to pay actors to tour shows to local elementary schools.
- More support for school matinee performances.
- Support for children's Touring company from Drama.
- Organize events & drama opportunities with local schools
- Art as it relates to how you live your life.
- Performing Arts- youth summer camp.

ESL

- ESL Dept- relationship in Canal Alliance. (and possible classes in Marin City with ESL).
- Provide tutoring for Nursing Programs.
- ESL Department, also provide informational support to Nursing Dept. We need our ESL to partner more with Workforce programs.
- ESL instructors communicate info to parents (especially students in our ESL classes) regarding how their children (high school students) can take classes at COM and if they want to begin their post school education at COM.
- ESL instituted mi Familia a learning community for our students and their families.
- Future ESL visits from Canal alliance students to COM for transfer in future.
- Hire more ESL teachers-we have 400 on our waitlists.
- (anticipated) ESL students next level of training - Computer skills: Need ESL classes with programming.

General :

- Approach with an abundance mindset. Ask and listen. Listen to understand. Get creative. Create a safe space. Allow yourself to be seen

Governance:

- Trustees want to connect and to be engaged with the college and the larger community.
- The trustees want/have to show up to college & community events to show the connection of COM community.
- More diverse board members are critical to a full representation of the community.
- Grow like a Mycelium (Trustees need to)
- Keeping up with changing technology as faculty equipment & tools- offering continuing training to current workforce to keep up with changes.

Health and Wellness

- Support- Without health how can you successfully focus on learning? What is the state of our health services? How can our nursing faculty, we, consult and coordinate more expensive health care education and preventative treatment services?
- Increase mental health services + more counselors.
- Nursing students or other students provide community “services”, i.e. immunization drives in West Marin!
- Focus on health benefits of performing music, even personal- through messaging and publicity.
- Ensure increased participation from faculty, staff, and students in equity & mental health symposium.

Highschool Outreach:

- Data agreements w/Marin high school districts to better capture High School Cohort sites for outreach, intervention, and student tracking.
- HS outreach posters in HS counselors’ offices
- Support for summer camps in the Arts @ COM.
- Bus money for schools who want to come to COM for campus events & shows.
- Computer Science – talking to HS teachers (some are overprepared, some with wrong conceptions).

Housing

- Student Housing
- Workforce housing collaboration
- Housing-offer stipend to employees with a spare room to offer to other long-distance travelers
- Affordable housing-beyond California

- Provide free/affordable housing for faculty & staff.
- Provide affordable housing for students.

IVC

- Develop programs that reflect this unique place of IVC in Marin County-Culinary, Fire programs with remote access.
- Increase food access & distribution from excess produce from IVOFG.
- The development of an outdoor amphitheater @ IVC. Plans were developed years ago w/last bond.
- Re-examine the use of IVC campus. (Dedicated allied health?)

Marin City:

- Ask Felitia Gaston about the needs of Marin City students or potential students in Marin City and bring out teaching courses to Marin City.
- Public Art in Marin County-Mural on wall between Marin City and Sausalito-connect with the MC Art Gallery in Marin City.

MESA

- Scholarships for MESA students
- In STEM- use MESA to help connect students to STEM – related community work for credit. (vs. They drop b/c of work demands).

Registration and College website:

- Access to our campus: Current registration is user-hostile. The community needs us to improve the registration system. Make it user-friendly.
- Our website search engine takes us to old places, not user-friendly for instructions either.
- Improve website search functionality and accessibility.
- Increase info availability from web page – better search

Student Services:

- Reach out to sober living houses – tech programs (like rising scholars).
- Paid student opportunities to contribute to campus initiatives.
- Amplify/continue Rising Scholar work!
- CTE expansion, i.e. Supporting students who want to go straight into career readiness.
- Increase access to financial aid information- publicity about 10KD + F. A. Office resources.

- Share more info about S.A.P appeal process for financial aid and make it less intimidating.
- Communicating what is available with financial aid, BOG, scholarships.
- Raise emergency funds to support students & reduce the need to over-work.
- Have former graduates do projects at COM; encourage students to advance their education.
- More work-study jobs, Central database of work-study opportunities.
- Support federal work-study @IT and other departments.

Suggested New Program

- Cosmetology Program

Sustainability

- Clean energy workforce- connect with organization in Marin.
- Sustainability -offer-recycling in our offices, breakrooms.

Transportation

- Transportation -student support & access, schedule
- Improve transportation from the Canal in San Rafael to the College of Marin.
- College shuttles for student transportation-electric vehicles
- Align class schedules with public transportation
- Shuttle between campuses
- Work with Marin transit for more public transportation and/or provide COM shuttles to the campuses.
- Provide free transportation (shuttles) for faculty, staff, and students.