

Honoring our Past,

**Defining
our Future**



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Lower College of Marin Restoration Project



2024 Existing Conditions



2025 Completed Project

Over 90 native trees will be planted to replace 40 invasive, non-native trees being removed from the site. The new plantings are designed to screen adjacent buildings and provide improved habitat for wildlife, benefiting steelhead migration, migratory and resident birds, river otters and seals.



VALLEY OAK



RIVER OTTER



AVOCET



MARSH WREN



STEELHEAD



COASTAL GUMPLANT



SKY LUPINE



RIDGWAY'S RAIL

This section of Corte Madera Creek's concrete channel, installed over 50 years ago, is being restored to a natural stream channel. Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed, Marin County Flood Control District—Zone 9, College of Marin, and a team of engineers, hydrologists, geologists, and biologists are removing over 600 feet of concrete channel wall to create 1.5 acres of new creek and riparian habitat downstream of Stadium Way. This project is an integral piece of the larger, watershed-wide flood risk reduction effort for Ross Valley. A widened channel will accommodate flows from upstream projects designed to reduce flooding in Fairfax, San Anselmo, Ross, and Granton Park.

Over time, rising sea level drowns tidal marshes, which become mudflats and then open water. To preserve important habitat, this project includes an area higher than the current tidal marshes that can transition to marsh as sea level rises. This reach has special value because it is in a mixing zone for tidal water from the Bay and fresh water from Corte Madera Creek.

The creek channel improvements also include an upgraded seating area along the multi-use path that follows Corte Madera Creek, with support from Marin County Parks.

Funding for the work was received from the California Coastal Conservancy, Marin County Flood Control District—Zone 9, Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed, Rescue Act Funding, US Fish & Wildlife Service National Coastal Wetlands Conservation, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and CA Dept. of Water Resources.



Geomorph Design, Prunuske Chatham Inc., Miller Pacific Engineering Group
CONSTRUCTION BY GROUND CONTROL INC.





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The Learning Landscape Project

- Learning about our campus—our indigenous stewards and our stories
- Examining the paradigms through which we hold land, nature, and people in relationship



Upcoming Centennial Activities

CSS Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening

- Wednesday, February 4
- 11:30 am Ribbon Cutting
- 12 - 2 pm Explore the Building

Time Capsule

Founder's Day Celebration

- Monday, April 6

Centennial Showcase

- May 4 - 8



Centennial Showcase

May 4–8, 2026 | Kentfield Campus

Dream. Learn. Achieve: Inspiring the Next 100

A college-wide celebration of the people and work behind COM

Everyone is invited — faculty, staff, student services, operations, athletics, and more!

Share your pride!

Big or small • Classroom or campus • Behind the scenes or front and center

Interested in participating?

Email jtreeder@marin.edu

Subject: **Centennial Showcase**

Support provided: materials, logistics, coaching, displays, and publicity



VP of Student Learning & Success

Spring 2026 Convocation



Yesterday. Today. Tomorrow.





Looking Back at Fall 2025

Communication - Filled Positions - CSS 1st Floor Opening

VP Connect

Stronger communication starts with conversation.

VP Connect are informal, drop-in office hours for faculty and staff to share updates, ask questions, and surface ideas that help us serve students better.

VP Connect will continue and this semester they will be themed based. The first VP Connect theme will be the Library Textbook Program on Tuesday, January 27, at 12:30 in AC 229.





Looking at Today

Culture of Planning - Data Collection

Culture of Planning

- Shared understanding of planning as a continuous, collaborative process.
- Improved alignment between priorities and resources.
- Enhanced student success through equity-focused decision-making.
- Increased institutional agility and responsiveness.



Culture of Data (Collection)

An organizational environment where using data for decisions is a ***core value***, with empowered employees, accessible tools, and leadership championing ***data-driven actions to improve outcomes***, moving beyond anecdotes to evidence-based strategies for innovation and efficiency.





Looking Forward to Tomorrow

Integrative Planning - Following up - More Collaboration

Plans for Tomorrow and Beyond

Integrative Planning

Integrative Annual Planning Retreat to co-create student-centered priorities to increase cross-departmental understanding

Follow-up

“You Said, We Did” a campaign that follows-up on feedback from surveys and forums to identify initiatives directly tied to student input

Collaboration

Student Success Collaborative Forums to develop interventions designed to increase persistence and success



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Employee Engagement Events for Spring 2026



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Pink Owl Cafe

Location: Second floor, Center for Student Success, Kentfield Campus

Dates

Monday – Saturday

Hours

7:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Pink Owl offers a 25 % discount for students and a 10% discount for employees. They may request identification, so obtain a COM ID card from Enrollment Services if you do not have one.

Enrollment Services

Kentfield Campus Location: Welcome Center, First Floor, 830 College Ave., Kentfield, CA 94904

Indian Valley Campus Location: Building 27, First Floor, 1800 Ignacio Blvd., Novato, CA 94949

Dates

Monday – Thursday

Friday

Hours

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

9:00 AM – 1:00PM

1 Download the Down Dog Yoga app

Down Dog provides you with a studio-like health and fitness experience in the comfort of your home!

Create an account with your @marin.edu email address and get free access



Scan QR Code



OR

Visit www.downdogapp.com and register with your @marin.edu email address

2 Quest Diagnostics

Quest Diagnostics will be coming to campus on Friday, March 6, 2026, to conduct ***Biometrics screenings***.

More information will be provided to the community soon.

If you aren't able to attend on 3/6/26, you can visit *any* Quest Diagnostics center throughout the year and receive a biometrics screening. Contact benefits@marin.edu for more information.



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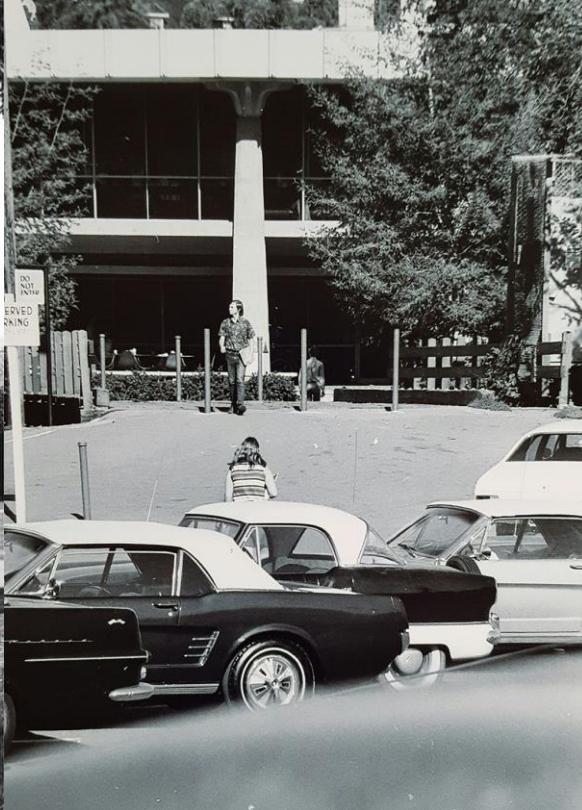
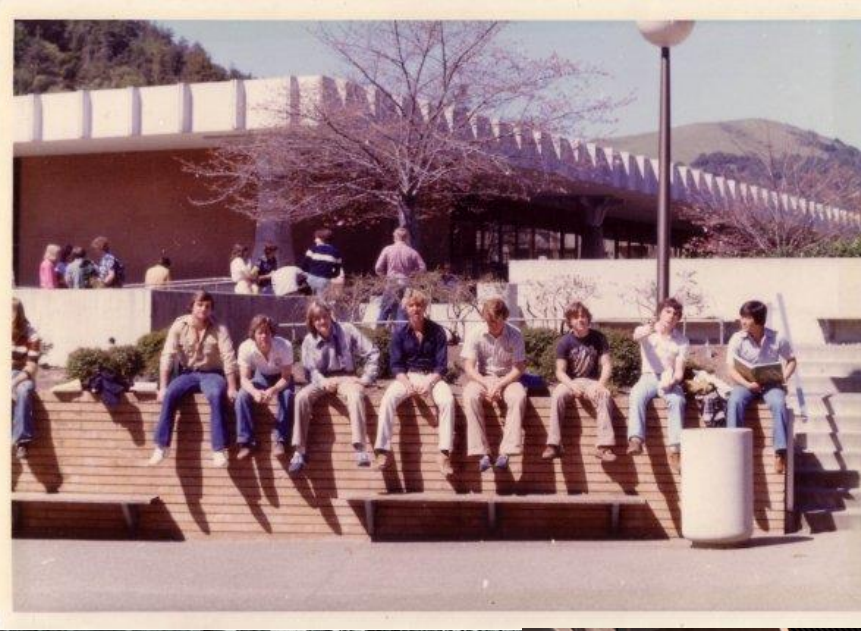
Anthem Blue Cross Employee Assistance Program (EAP)



Throughout the year, the EAP can help you and members of your household at no extra cost.

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- ✓ **No** paperwork or appointments are needed
- ✓ Call **800-999-7222** or visit **anthemeap.com** and you'll be connected in an instant
- ✓ You can receive up to **six (6)** free counseling sessions with licensed professionals



Isela Sosa Mendoza

Second-year Mechanical Engineering
student at UC Davis





Crystal Martinez

College of Marin Trustee

Aide to Marin County Supervisor Mary Sackett



Mario Lopez

Community Advocate for The Canal and West Marin, Marin Community Foundation

Lori E. Frugoli

Marin County District Attorney



Adam Steltzner

Chief Engineer, NASA





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Alumni Panel

Moderated by Malaika Smith

Marketing and Communications Program Coordinator



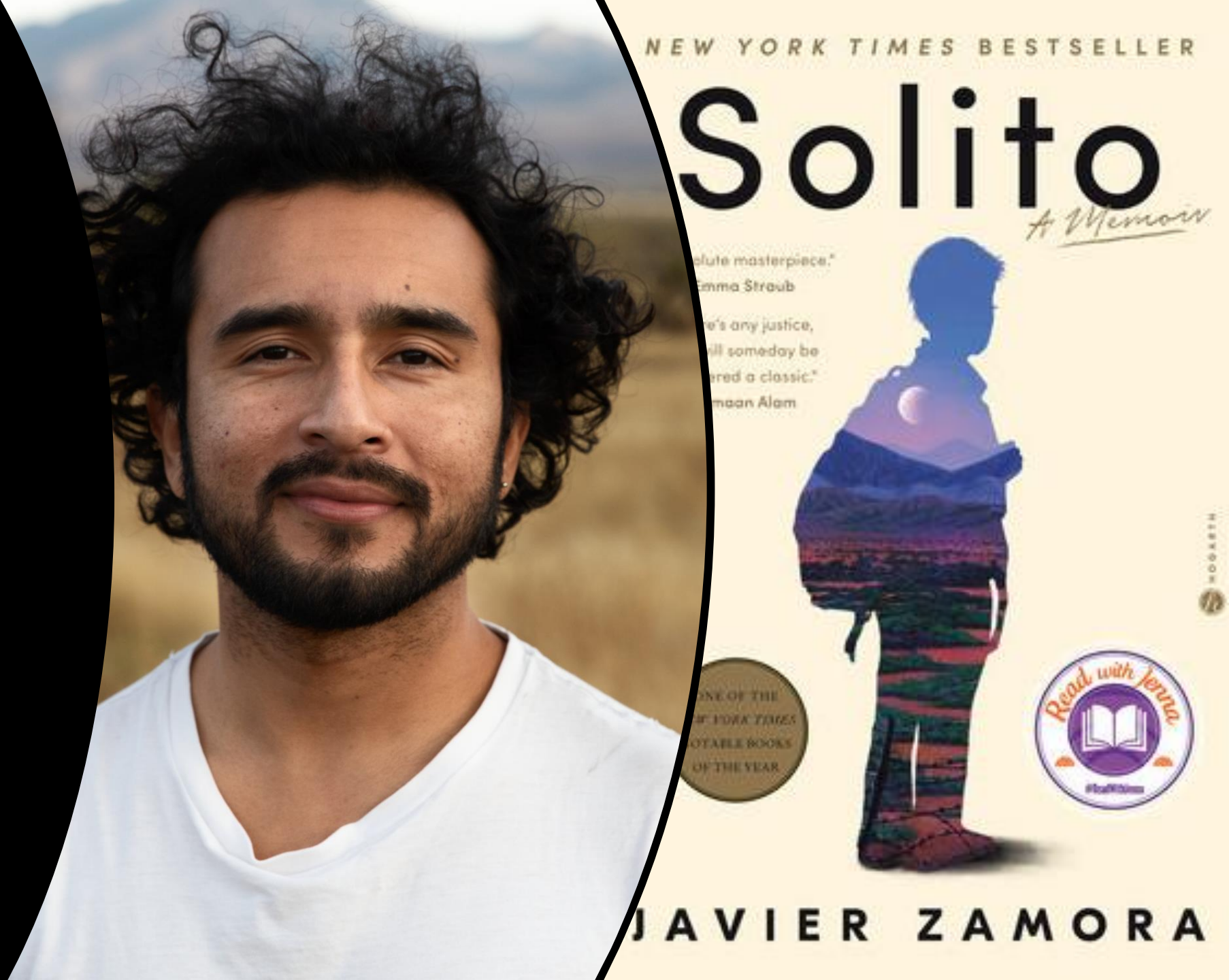


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2026-27
COMmon Read
Solito: A Memoir
by Javier Zamora

Join us for An Evening
with Javier Zamora on
Thursday, May 6, 2027



FLEX SESSION

What Does Immigration Have to Do with My Discipline?
Interdisciplinary Approaches to COMmon Read 2026-27

Friday, January 16, 2026

9:30 am to 10:50 am

Zoom

Presenters:

Sarah Frye, Erin Africa, Patricia France, Hugo Guillen, Colleen Mihal,
Beth Patel, Dave Patterson, Becky Reetz, and others!

Professional Learning and Next Steps!



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- Check out the Professional Learning and Development Center Open House:
 - Happening now until 12:30 p.m. in CSS Room 102-103
- **Upcoming dates:**
 - Classified Professional Learning Day: **March 13th**
 - Employee Appreciation Luncheon: **May 20th**
- Remember to sign in using the QR code to receive FLEX credit for all of today's activities!





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