

*Honoring our Past,*

**Defining  
our Future**



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# Lower College of Marin Restoration 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.



2024 Existing Conditions

2025 Completed Project



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.

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](mailto:jtreeder@marin.edu)

Subject: Centennial Showcase

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



# VP of Student Learning & Success

Spring 2026 Convocation

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a silver pen, writing on a small orange sticky note. The sticky note is pinned to a white surface with a colorful graphic of overlapping rectangles in orange, white, green, purple, and grey. The background is blurred, showing more of the graphic and a person's arm.

Yesterday. Today. Tomorrow.



# Looking Back at Fall 2025

Communication - Filled Positions - CSS 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



A photograph of a modern building at sunset. The building has a large glass facade and a prominent steel frame. The sky is filled with warm, orange and yellow hues of the setting sun. The building's structure is silhouetted against the bright sky.

# 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





## Pink Owl Cafe

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

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Monday – Saturday	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***

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Monday – Thursday	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Friday	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](http://www.downdogapp.com) and register with your @marin.edu email address



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## 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](mailto:benefits@marin.edu) for more information.





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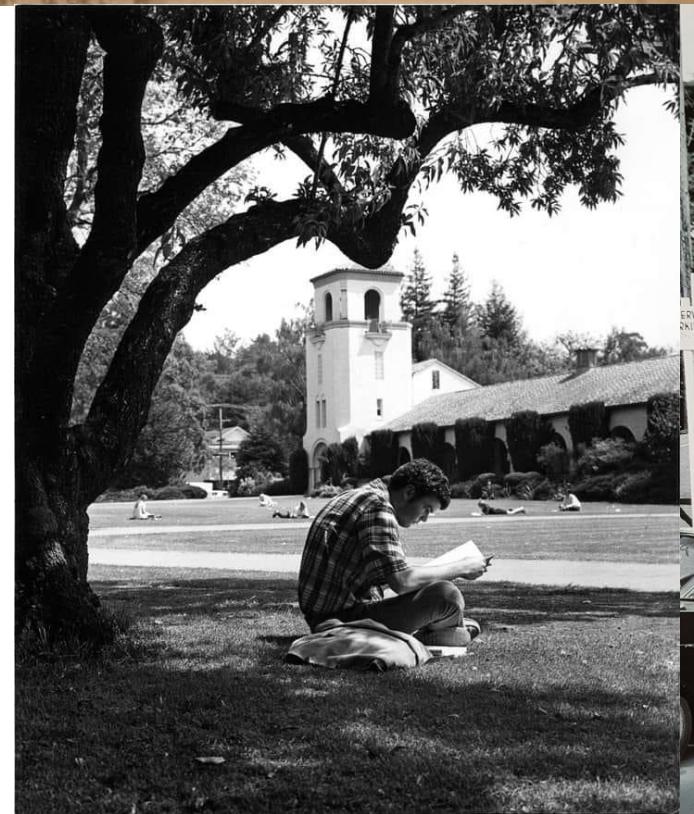
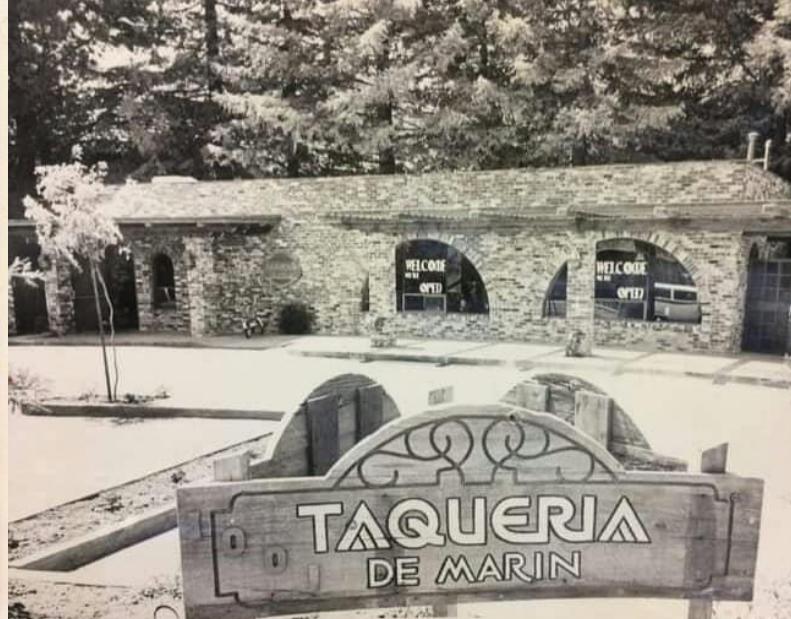
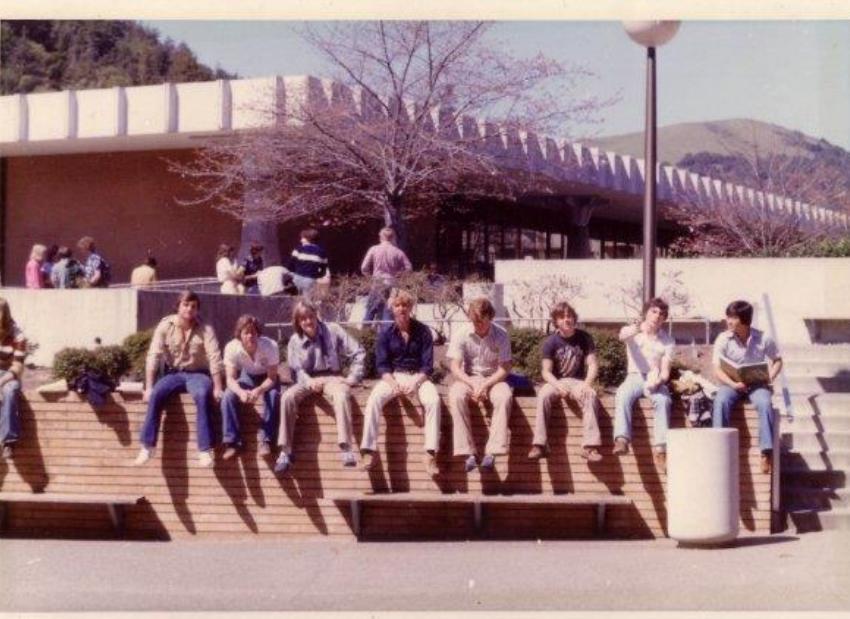
## Anthem Blue Cross Employee Assistance Program (EAP)



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

EAP is designed to confidentially help with you with everyday problems and questions, big or small.

- ✓ **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





# 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



NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

# Solito

*A Memoir*

“a true masterpiece.”

—Gemma Straub

“There’s no justice,

but I will someday be

“a classic.”

—Ammar Alim

ONE OF THE  
NEW YORK TIMES  
NOTABLE BOOKS  
OF THE YEAR



JAVIER ZAMORA

# 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!

- Check out the Professional Learning and Development Center

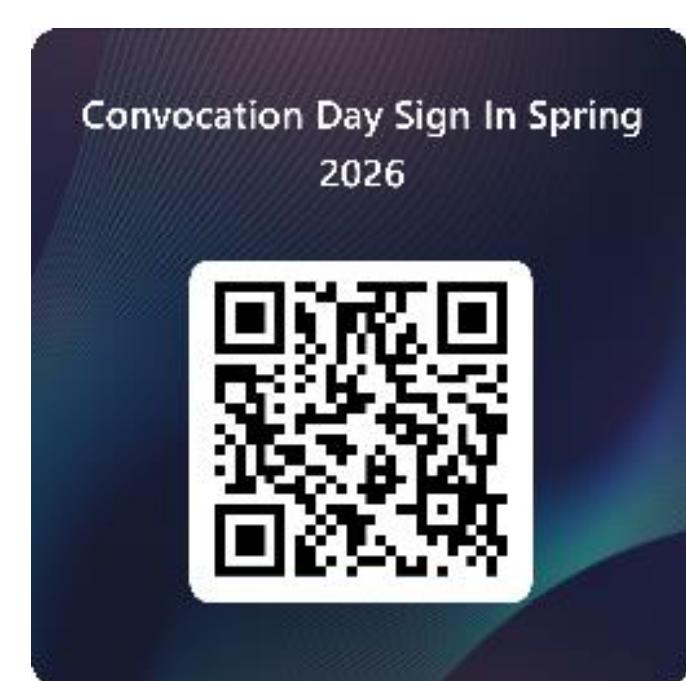
**Open House:**

- Happening now until 12:30 p.m. in CSS Room 102-103

**Upcoming dates:**

- Classified Professional Learning Day: **March 13<sup>th</sup>**
- Employee Appreciation Luncheon: **May 20<sup>th</sup>**

• Remember to sign in using the QR code to receive FLEX credit for all of today's activities!





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