

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ADVOCACY

PRAC PRESENTATION

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WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE OFFER

Who We Are and What We Offer...

The Student Activities and Advocacy Office (SAA) is the primary source of information about:

- Associated Students of the College of Marin (ASCOM) – Student Government
- College success, life skills, equity and social justice, and leadership programs and workshops
- Marin County and Bay Area community resources and services
- Basic needs coordination and support
- Standards of Student Conduct
- Student clubs
- Welcome Week

SAA is committed to facilitating learning that complements students' academic goals, while cultivating opportunities to empower and strengthen student participation in the life, governance, and success of the College.

We aim to provide learning that supports and reflects our diverse student population. Through active engagement in campus activities and the student conduct process, students will enhance their critical thinking and communications skills, their social, cultural, and intellectual interactions, as well as, better understand their responsibility for oneself and the community.

Staff:

5 FTE

- Administrator – Director
- Confidential – Student Conduct Officer
- Classified
 - Activities and Equity Coordinator
 - Administrative Assistant (Vacant) – Hiring in progress
 - Basic Needs Coordinator

COLLEGE OF MARIN MISSION, STRATEGIC PLAN, AND EMP

- Equity as the foundation and center
- Preparation for transfer
- Associate degrees and certificates
- CTE
- Basic skills improvement
- ESL
- Lifelong learning
- Community and cultural enrichment

Strategic Plan and EMP

- Reduce barriers...create a welcoming atmosphere with increased human contact. (Student Access and Success, Goal 1)
- Decrease towards elimination of existing racial equity gaps at the college. (Equity, Goal 1)
- ...be a leader in promoting equity throughout the county. (Equity, Goal 3)

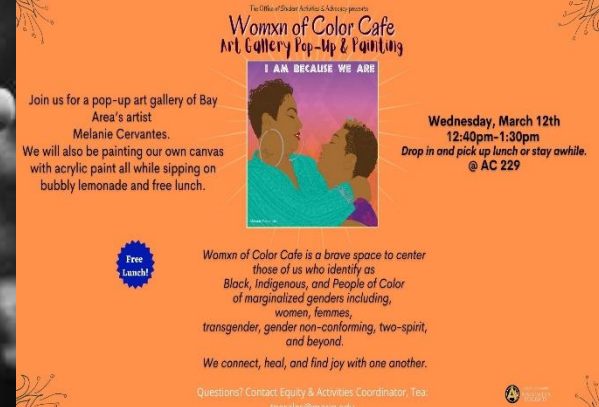
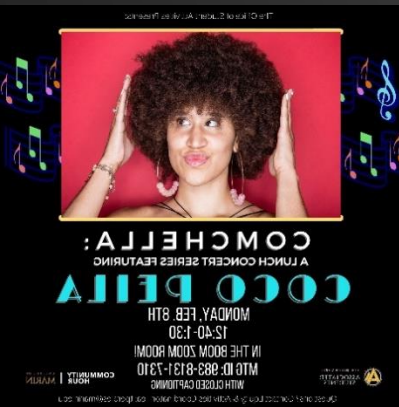
PROGRAM AREAS

Student Activities Leadership/Social Justice Programming

Associated Student Government (ASCOM) and Clubs

COM Care and Student Conduct

Basic Needs and Housing Support



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Student Activities/ ASCOM/Clubs

Student Count:

Fall 2024 – 1,300+ students served

Activities

Fall 2024 – 18 offerings through student activities and ASCOM

Fall 2024 – 37 individual club offerings

Basic Needs Support

Students Served:

Housing Access, fall 2025: 36 (partnership with Community Action Marin)

Food Access, March 2024 to date: 14,532 (“Hub” pantry/distribution)

Themes:

Food access
Housing access
Mental health
Personal needs

COM Care/ Student Conduct

Student Served:

March 2024 to date: 430

Themes:

Academic intervention
Academic integrity
Disruptive/concerning behavior
Mental health
Harassment
Basic Needs/Emergency funding

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Student Activities

Non-Salary:
\$9,124

Contracted Services:

\$20,000

*C4DP MOU

ASCOM

Activities Fee (\$8/FT):
\$87,600

Rep. Fee (\$2/FT):
\$12,025

Basic Needs Support

Basic Needs:
\$1,118,308

Rapid Rehousing Fund:
\$474,444/annual
*CAM Housing MOU

COM Care

\$0

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS 24-25

- Launched the Basic Needs “Hub” in August 2024 – SS 254.
- Launched Maxient platform in summer 2024 – COM Care.
- Launched Housing and Housing Insecurity Program (HHIP) grant in partnership with Community Action Marin (CAM) in January 2025.
- Provided LGBT+ Braver Space trainings to all Learning Communities.
- Increased participation of students in Womxn of Color Café from 2024 by 125% (8 participants to 18).
- Actively hiring an Administrative Assistant.

PROGRAM DISCUSSIONS AND DIRECTION

- Enhancement of holistic and social justice centered programming and support practices.
 - Student leadership and identity development.
 - Building skills and tools using a community cultural wealth model.
- Belonging, and Marginality and Mattering
 - Create spaces where students thrive emotionally, intellectually, and personally.
 - Honoring salient identities and intersectional identities.
- Imposter Syndrome
 - Counter narrative is being and feeling valued, having community connection, and feeling and believing you matter.
- Trauma informed philosophy and practice
 - Awareness, creation of safe and supportive spaces, collaboration, and providing appropriate resources.
 - Leverage partnerships.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Be the reason why people
believe in beautiful souls, kind
hearts, and good energy.

Never stop being a good person.