

# Our Mission & Values

College of Marin's commitment to educational excellence is rooted in providing equitable opportunities and fostering success for all members of our diverse community by offering: preparation for transfer to four-year colleges and universities

- associate degrees and certificates
- career technical education
- basic skills improvement
- English as a second language
- lifelong learning
- community and cultural enrichment
- College of Marin responds to community needs by offering student-centered programs and services in a supportive, innovative learning environment that promotes social and environmental responsibility.

**Student and Community Centered Education** - We promote student success by providing programs and services that are learner centered and reflect the changing needs of our students and surrounding community.

**Academic Excellence and Innovation** - We are dedicated to academic excellence and encourage innovation. We foster intellectual inquiry by encouraging critical thinking, information literacy and technical competence. We continually evaluate the effectiveness of our programs.

**Collaboration and Open Communication** - We cultivate a culture of mutual respect, open communication, collaborative working relationships and participation in decision making among students, faculty, staff and the communities we serve.

**Diversity** - We cherish a learning environment that celebrates diverse backgrounds and recognizes the knowledge and experiences among its students, faculty and staff. We provide open access and strive to remove barriers to student success.

**Sustainability** - We will apply environmentally sustainable and green principles in our college community to ensure the future of our planet.

**Accountability** - We will be accountable for our decisions and actions on behalf of the students, college and community. Our decisions will be academically, fiscally and environmentally responsible.

- In a quick phrase, what describes College of Marin? What words or images occur to you when you think of this College?
- What does College of Marin do well?
- What should College of Marin improve?
- What new opportunities do you see that College of Marin should engage in?