

January 6, 2025

Marianne Larned Stone Soup Leadership Institute 207 Valley Street Sausalito, CA 94965

Dear Ms. Larned:

College of Marin is pleased to host the Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Blue Job Shadow Day on February 12 at our Kentfield Campus. The College's Environmental Action Club is a great partner with this career-focused event, and I am thrilled our students are taking an active interest in this innovative program, which aligns with our commitment to an innovative learning environment with a strong foundation of sustainability.

We are honored to have Perry Raso of Matunuck Oyster Farm and John Finger of Hog Island as our guest speakers for an interactive dialogue on the challenges and opportunities in the aquaculture industry on both coasts. We also look forward to welcoming blue companies and organizations to showcase educational exhibits with "blue job" internships and workforce development opportunities for College of Marin students to explore and pursue.

Your Institute's track record with Job Shadow Days and experience building bridges with Blue Economy companies, community colleges, and students in New England will provide us with ideas for how we might collaborate with others to expand the College's workforce development training opportunities in the future. The Institute's Blue Job Shadow Day could spark an ongoing exploration of the Blue Economy, including topics such as blue tech, blue finance, marine biology and research, clean water management, and sustainable fisheries.

We invite potential supporters and funders to join us to invest in Marin and Bay Area young people and support this exciting sustainable economic initiative.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Eldridge, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President