



President's Innovation Funds Awarded in 2011-2012

Faculty and staff have been awarded the President's Innovation Funds to start or continue many creative and exciting projects. Each year, the projects are featured in a video that is revealed at the President's Breakfast. That event will be on March 15, 2012. Here is a snapshot of the projects awarded.

- **Business Technology Speaker Series** – The Business Division and SparkPoint Skyline College Center will collaborate to invite speakers from the Business Profession and/or Community/Public organization representatives to address Business Technology themes including social media, the future and responsible role of technology in the future of education, student success and professional Development. *For more information, contact Alma Elena Cervantes, Don Carlson and William Watson.*
- **Prep for PEP** – The Learning Center will collaborate with local high schools to provide support to graduating students as they take the placement assessments. As a result of better preparation to take the assessments, students will place higher on the tests, take fewer remedial math and English courses and shorten their time to degree. *For more information, contact Nohel Corral.*
- **Creative Voices** – Students of music will use the culture of the music genres Funk, Hip Hop and jazz, along with their academic and critical thinking skills, to creatively articulate their findings of research on contemporary issues that affect student lives. A performance will be held in February 2012 in honor of African American Heritage Month. *For more information, contact Kymberly Jackson.*
- **Heart Wrenchers** – This recruiting and retention project is designed to increase the participation rates of women in the Skyline College Automotive Technology program by forming a Heart Wrenchers student club that pools resources and mobilizes connections to the community. One of the projects of the club is the Low Income Project Services (LIPS) where students, in partnership with “Ways to Work”, St. Vincent de Paul’s, Salvation Army and Coleman Advocates in San Francisco to provide automotive maintenance and repair to low income women and families. *For more information, contact Julia Johnson.*
- **Skyline College Photography Team** – This project creates a team of student photographers who will photograph the campus life and create a photo bank of images that can be used for non-commercial purposes. These images will document and archive Skyline College’s vibrant campus life and community engagement. *For more information, contact Nancy Kaplan-Biegel.*
- **Dare to Dream** – This proposal is to establish the Skyline College Democracy Commitment Center, joining a national movement of community colleges across the country and bringing significant value to the college, its students and the surrounding community. By providing a focused place to commit to and educate about participatory democracy, model its processes and address the significant and evolving campus and community issues, this center will help raise the profile of the college in the community. *For more information, contact Jennifer Mair.*
- **Skyline Performing Arts Showcase** – This project will provide annual, auditioned performance opportunity for students in performing arts classes. A production will take place in the Main Theater and strive for professional production values. *For more information contact, Jude Navari and Alan Ceccarelli.*

- **Spring Musical Project** – will provide students with the opportunity to percolate in a musical theater production on campus. It is part of a revitalized interest in the performing arts among Skyline College students and community. *For more information, contact Jude Navari and Amber Steele.*
- **Sustainable Campus Initiative** – SCI seeks to increase awareness of sustainability concepts within the Skyline College community and activate student engagement through innovative experiential learning. The project provides opportunities for professional development and demonstrates Skyline College's position as a sustainable cultural center for the community. This project will include seminars, awards, curriculum development and integration, faculty learning community development and student-led initiatives related to sustainability. *For more information, contact Anjana Richards.*
- **Business Programs ACBSP Accreditation-** This project will culminate in a unique external accreditation for the business programs at Skyline College making it the first community college in California to acquire such accreditation. This project will enhance the quality of instruction, provide networking opportunity with other business faculty nationally and internationally and enhance articulation and transfer. *For more information, contact Linda Whitten, Christine Roumbanis and Don Carlson.*
- **Youth Entrepreneurial Program (YEP)** – This project is designed to promote small business ownership as a career option to youth. It will include workshops, seminars, outreach, and direct connections to business and industry representatives. *For more information, contact Pcyeta Jackson.*