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The next edition of *Skyline Shines* will be published April 23 due to the Spring Break and my participation in an accreditation site visit the following week.

Skyline Shines Award call for nominations: due April 30

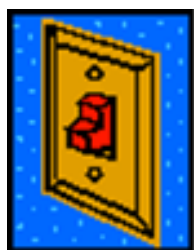
The Skyline Shines Award, now in its fifth year, is designed to recognize individuals or groups who help Skyline to shine in terms of its quality of programs and services and its reputation for quality. Two awards are made annually, one to a member or group of the Skyline employees and one to a member or group from the community. **Nominations must be made by 4:30 pm on Friday, April 30** using the official Nomination Form (at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/index.html> under "Skyline Shines Awards"). The nominations must describe the ways in which nominee(s) help the college live up to the college's values (the criteria are included with the form). Nominations should be sent to Linda Bertellotti, Assistant to the President. They may be mailed, faxed (650-738-4338), or emailed to bertellottil@smccd.edu.

President's Innovation Fund proposals: due April 30

It is also time for President's Innovation Fund proposals to be germinating. If you are interested in submitting a proposal for 2010-11, **the deadline this year is Friday, April 30, 4:30 pm** in the President's Office. The guidelines and the proposal form are on the college website at: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/index.html> (under President's Innovation Fund).

Power shutdown at Skyline April 3-10

In order to allow for some crucial electrical upgrade work to take place, we will undergo a power shutdown at Skyline over the spring break next week. Here is the essence of the situation:



- There will be **no power** starting on Saturday, April 3, at 7 a.m. to Saturday, April 10, at 5 p.m.
 - That means no lights, no heat, no air circulation, no telephone service, and no computer service.
 - Phones and servers will be shut down at 5:00 pm on Friday, April 2.
 - We are posting a message on our website, which will still be running.
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- The **campus will be closed**, except for the Child Development Center and Loma Chica. They will have power for lights and heating units, but will not have telephone, data services, or computer internet capability.
 - Faculty and staff will be able to **access your email** from elsewhere via the district portal, as usual.

The April 1 edition of *The Skyline View*...

...is really something special. I recommend a close look at either the beautiful hard copy, or online at <http://www.theskylineview.com/>.

Eleven Skyline Honors students to present papers at Honors Symposium

The Third Annual Community College Honors Research Symposium will be held Saturday, May 1, hosted by UC Berkeley and the Bay Honors Consortium. Eleven Honors students from Skyline College will present their original research projects at this year's symposium, joining 70 other students from community colleges throughout California. All students (not just honors students), staff and faculty are invited to attend the Symposium on May 1st. Go to www.losmedanos.edu/honors/research. For registration and information Skyline's presenters are:

- Jason Robison, Young Park & Ezekial Ferguson: "Observing Jupiter Through Radio Astronomy". Mentor: Physics Professor, Greg Grist
- Derrick Hau (two presentations): "Antibacterial Properties of the Kumquat" Mentor: Biology Professor Chris Case; "Wind Powered College" Mentor: Biology Professor Chris Case
- Ashley Good: "Kombucha Tea: Bogus Health Elixir or New Scientific Discovery?" Mentor: Chris Case
- Isaiah Lan: "Acai, an Amazonian Plant: A New Antibiotic?" Mentor: Chris Case
- Matt Garza: "Protein Purification on a Budget" Mentor: Biology Professor, Nick Kapp
- Pamela Rios: "Bug Strike Back: Antibacterial Activity in the Cockroach" Mentor: Chris Case
- Christopher Burleson: "Higher Education for Latinos" Mentors: Math instructor Stephen Fredricks and Spanish Professor Luciana Castro
- Abel Gomez: "Through the Gates of Samsara: An Exploration of Death in Buddhism" Mentor: Dean of Social Science/Creative Arts Donna Bestock
- Stephanie Nale: "Conifer Encroachment in the Eastern Sierra Nevada"

Please join me in congratulating all of these outstanding students!



Celebrate National Library Week, April 12-16

Here is an important message from our library faculty and staff:

Our theme this year is **Books Change Lives!** The Library is inviting students, faculty, and staff to name a book that has inspired, influenced, or changed their lives. **Please tell us which book changed your life, and be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift card.** Simply click on this link to complete the online entry form-- <http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skylib/nlw.htm>-- or stop by the Library in person and fill out a paper form. The drawing will be held at the Library on **Fri., April 16 at Noon.**

Please join us in the Library for cake and coffee on **Tues., April 13th at 11:00 am**

Reference Librarian Amy Titus will host a special **STORY HOUR** for the pre-schoolers from the Child Development Center on **Wed., April 14th at 10:45.**

Jefferson Adult School visits Skyline

A group of enthusiastic students from Jefferson Adult School's ESL program visited Skyline campus on Friday, March 26th to learn about ESOL classes, application, registration, and financial aid. EOPS / CARE / CalWORKs Services Coordinator Pablo Gonzalez organized the event; he met the group and issued a warm welcome as well as a tour of the campus afterwards. Counselor Nate Nevado talked about the registration process, Financial Aid coordinator Jocelyn Vila talked about financial options, and English Language Institute director Leigh Anne Sippel spoke about the ESOL course sequence and how to get the



most out of college. The students asked many questions and were impressed by Skyline's friendliness and helpfulness. Instructor Francisca Wentworth was pleased to learn about all the services that counseling, the ELI, and the campus provide to students. The photo is by Leigh Anne Sippel.

Faculty Inquiry Network (FIN) Group shares insights

The Faculty Inquiry Network group, composed of Leigh Anne Sippel, Luciana Castro, and Kate Williams Browne, is looking into Hispanic success rates in Early Childhood Education. They presented at the Vocational Education Leadership Conference in Napa on March 11th, the FIN Leadership Institute at Chabot College on March 13th, and the joint conference for CCCAOE/CCCCIO in San Francisco in March 18th. Using lesson studies and class surveys, the group is looking at the behaviors of successful students and those of less successful students and devising ways to heighten awareness of self, career, and learning habits in order to improve the success rates in ECE courses for heritage Spanish-speaking students. The team feels that while first and second language proficiency and literacy is a factor for many of these students, issues of identity, cultural "capital," and awareness of American ideals of success and competition may be much stronger factors. The team hopes to expand its knowledge and work more closely with other entities exploring success for Hispanics.

Rock the School Bells 2010 inspires students



Photos by Berlin Tomas

Skyline College hosted our 3rd Annual Rock The School Bells Hip-Hop Conference and Concert last Saturday, March 27. This event was funded through the President's Innovation Fund. The conference is aimed to educate and empower youth and students about the importance of higher education, culture, and personal development. As one student said during the Hip-Hop Reflection workshop, "It gave a voice to the voiceless." Other workshops included Hip-Hop Hieroglyphics which focused on Bay Area Graffiti History;, The Voice of the Hip-Hop Generation, and The Growth of the Culture, which provided thought-provoking insights about the different cultural elements of hip-hop. The workshops challenged participants to view the world through different lenses and explored how they can use hip-hop as a tool to promote change in their communities. This conference's theme centered around women's contributions to hip-hop and we had a dynamic keynote speaker in Dereca Blackmon, who is the creator of National Black Student Action Day and one of the lead organizers of the 2004 National Hip-Hop Political Convention. Over 100 students from local middle and high schools, colleges, and youth organizations participated in the conference. The workshops were led by hip-hop pioneers and educators from all over the country.

In the evening concert, about 400 people enjoyed a night filled with live performances from local performers, live artists, vendors, and hip hop legends. The night was highlighted with a special scholarship recognition to two Skyline College students, Sergio Campos and Melanie Cuesta, who were awarded \$500 each. As one educator puts it, "It's very important to view hip-hop as an essential tool to empower and inspire students to reach for their dreams." Special thanks for all the faculty and administration that helped organize and who supported the conference, most particularly Adolfo Leiva

and William Watson who also helped fund the event through the Career Technical Education Initiative. But most importantly, big thanks to all the students in all the learning communities who committed their time and hard work to put on, yet again, an amazing and inspiring event at Skyline College. A 15 minute documentary of Rock The School Bells 3 is currently in production so keep an eye out for it!

Many a perceptive faculty member...

...has seen untapped leadership potential in a student and encouraged that student to develop that gift and those skills. Now is another golden opportunity to do that, so I am repeating part of a message Amory Cariadus sent out earlier this week.

Elections will be held May 3 – 7 to fill all A.S.S.C. Governing Council positions for the 2010 – 2011 Academic Year. **Students interested in running for an elected position must attend a minimum of one Student Government meeting and the information meeting listed below:**

Student Government Meetings:

Mondays (April 12 and April 26) 2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Room 6202

Information Meeting:

Monday, April 19 1:30 P.M. Room 6210

Deadline for submitting the Candidate Application is Monday, April 26

For more information about the A.S.S.C. call (650) 738-4327 or stop by the Student Activities Office, room 6212. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thanks so much for your help in identifying and encouraging those students.

English Language Institute provides Career and Financial Aid Workshops for ESL Students

One of the many benefits of being an English Language Institute (ELI) student at Skyline is taking advantage of the many workshops that are available. In February and March, Kenny Gonzalez hosted three workshops specifically targeting ESL students and focusing on Financial Aid and Scholarships. March also began the ELI's Career Info series: Josie Glenn presented on careers in Cosmetology, Alice Erskine presented on careers in Surgical Technology, and Kate Williams Browne and Cece Rebele presented on careers in Early Childhood Education. In April, the Career Info series continues with workshops on careers in Criminal Justice, Respiratory Therapy, and Automotive Technology. At these workshops, ESL students learn not only the career's options and requirements, but the level of language proficiency they need to work toward in order to be successful in the career. The ELI work study employees, Zena Tarasena and Claudia Paz, have been busy too; they will offer special help for their fellow students in basic computer skills and pronunciation. Special thanks to Peter Bruni for arranging the workshops, to the dedicated presenters and to Leigh Anne Sippel for her leadership for the ELI. In the photo, Kate Browne works with ESL students.



Cal-Pass hosts College Day for Jefferson High School and Westmoor High School

March 24th was College Day for Jefferson and Westmoor English Learner students. 60 students came to the campus to learn about Skyline, and Skyline never looked better than on that day. An inspiring talk by Pablo Gonzales started off the day; students then completed a portion of the ESOL placement test and were given tours and visits to classes by Skyline students. They were treated to the campus Health Fair, the Rock The School Bells promotion, and a panel of students talking about how to get the most out of college. The event was coordinated by the Skyline Cal-PASS (California Partnership for Achieving Student Success) ESL/EL Professional Learning Council, chaired by ESL professor Cheryl Hertig and Westmoor teacher Vicky Day. Also working on the event were Garry Nicol, Leigh Anne Sippel, Lucia Lachmayr, and high school teachers Tony Press, Shannon Paras and Mary Bennett-Heeb. Campus tours were conducted by tutor Alicia Frangos and Skyline students Razan Alawamaleh, Fadi Alhor, Rasmia Alhor, Mary Rondon, Lisette Carpio, Jarrod Feiner, Jose Garcia and campus ambassador Astrid Berrios. Student panelists were Christelle Etienne, Jonah Lu, Jonathan Gulingan, Francis Vinas-Reyes, Liza Siordia, and Claudia Valle. Thank you to teachers Tony Jackson, Rick Hough, Garry Nicol, Alice Erskine and Anthony Swanson for opening up their classrooms to the high school students. The Council would like to extend an especially big thank you to Daly City Gateway Lions Club for their generous contribution towards this event.

A conversation with Cultural Anthropologist, Dr. Angeles Arrien is coming: *Meeting the Challenge of Uncertainty through Cross-cultural Perspectives*

The TRiO program invites faculty, staff and students to participate in an hour-long lecture by world-renowned cultural anthropologist, Angeles Arrien, from **12 noon to 1 pm on Wednesday, April 14th** in the Student Center, **Room 6204**. This is a great opportunity for students to gain extra credit, and for faculty and students to gain insights on how to navigate difficult times with composure and respect. Dr. Arrien's work with multicultural issues, mediation, and conflict resolution has been used with the International Rights Commission and the World Indigenous Council. Her research and teaching have focused on the values and beliefs shared by humanity cross-culturally as well as the integration and application of multicultural wisdoms in contemporary settings. She teaches about the universal components of communication, leadership, health care and education. Her work reveals how indigenous wisdoms are relevant in our families, professional lives, and relationship with the earth.



Coming up...

Saturday, April 3

- Spring Recess, April 3-9

Tuesday, April 6

- Men's Baseball - Skyline v. Hartnell (Salinas), 2pm

Thursday, April 8

- Men's Baseball - Skyline v. Ohlone (Fremont), 2pm

Friday, April 9

- Spring Recess Ends

Saturday, April 10

- Men's Baseball - Skyline v. CCSF, 12 Noon

Sunday, April 11

- National Library Week, through April 17

Tuesday, April 13

- National Library Week Celebration, Cake and Coffee, Library, 11am
- Men's Baseball - Skyline v. Monterey (Monterey), 2pm
- Women's Badminton - Skyline v. Mission, 3pm

Wednesday, April 14

- National Library Week, Story Hour, Child Development Center, 10:45am
- A Conversation with Dr. Angeles Arrien, Cultural Anthropologist, Student Center, Rm 6204, 12 Noon

Thursday, April 15

- Men's Baseball - Skyline v. Gavilan, 2pm
- Women's Badminton - Skyline v. CCSF, 3pm

Saturday, April 17

- Priority Enrollment Program - High School Students, Bldg. 2 & 6, 9am
- Badminton - Coast Conference Tournament (Fresno), 10am
- Men's Baseball - Skyline v. Monterey, 12 Noon
- First Annual Skyline Performing Arts Showcase, Theater, 7:30pm

Do you have a suggestion?

One way to submit it is through our general **e-Suggestion Box**, via the hyperlink in the box below, or via the same box on the front page of our website at

<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/general/surveys/index.html>



Here is the **Website Redesign Project e-Suggestion Box**, for feedback on the new website,



For suggestions specific to the **budget**, here is the link:



For state level information on community colleges, see these websites:

- The Chancellor's Office in Sacramento: <http://www.cccco.edu/>
- The Community College League of California: <http://www.ccleague.org/>
- The Research and Planning Group: <http://www.rpgroup.org/>

Skyline Shines is archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/skyshines/>

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