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President's Report to the Board of Trustees and Skyline's Sparkpoint Center

I made my monthly report to the board last Wednesday night and that report is available at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/index.html>. In addition, Vice President Regina Stanback Stroud gave a presentation on Skyline's innovative Sparkpoint Center. Here is a link to the most recent newsletter which provides a look at what it is doing: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/combiz/cwd/assets/sparkpointnewsletter.pdf>.

Skyline College Spring Athletics Wrap-Up

Skyline College athletic teams and students enjoyed a successful finish to the sports season. 64 students participated in the spring semester in Women's Basketball, Men's Basketball, Baseball and Women's Badminton. Women's Basketball finished the season in 5th place in the Coast Conference with a memorable upset against state finalist Chabot being the highlight of the season. The Men's Basketball team finished their season in 7th place in the Coast Conference north division but are looking to be much improved next season as they return a strong nucleus of players. Our Baseball team completed the season 23-16 finishing third in the Coast Conference Pacific Division. We were eliminated in the first-round of the playoffs by Chabot College two games to one in a best of three series. In Women's Badminton, our team finished fourth in the Coast Conference. In singles and doubles competition, our top singles player reached the state quarterfinals and our top doubles team won the consolation championship.

Eleven individuals received recognition as All-League, All-State and / or All American Selections. The individual are: Neolani Gi (Women's Basketball - 1st Team All-Conference), Ben Ruder (Baseball – 1st Team All-Conference & All-Northern California), Lucas Hagberg (Baseball – 1st Team All-Conference, Gold Glove Outfield & All-Northern California), Devin Kelly (1st Team All-Conference), Cody Larson (2nd Team All-Conference & Gold Glove Outfield), Steven Dea (2nd Team All-Conference & Gold Glove Pitcher), Jeff Clegg (2nd Team All-Conference), Kevin McAlindon (Gold Glove First Base), Sean Rogers (Gold Glove Third Base), Nour Abudamous (Women's Badminton – All Conference Singles and Doubles & State Consolation Champion in Doubles), Rachelle Berania (Women's Badminton – All Conference Singles and Doubles & State Consolation Champion in Doubles). All these students attended high school in San Mateo or San Francisco County.

Academically, our teams had a cumulative GPA of 3.05 in the spring semester. The completion rate for all course attempted by student-athletes was 85% and 29 students achieved a 3.0 grade point average or higher while completing 12 or more units in the spring semester. Of those 29, four students had a perfect 4.0 GPA. Thanks to Joe Morello for this wrap-up!

What is happening on the ground around here?

For those of you not on campus this month, I wanted to give you a sense of what is going on. You know from Richard Inokuchi's weekly construction updates that the situation changes weekly, as particular areas get worked on and others are completed. Here are some highlights that help me keep my eye on the long term while we find our way around the summer site work:

- Artist Joanna Poethig's mosaic pillars in the Student Center are complete and beautiful. They are based upon the college's Vision and Mission statements, and there is one pillar on each floor, near the elevator.
- The fountain in the Main Quad is under way. That's what is going on behind the fencing near the Theater.
- New Building 4 is now all glassed in and the paving around it is taking shape. We know that inside, the sheet rocking is nearly complete.
- The bus stop area on the south side of campus and the Gymnasium Quad are being renovated. The bus stop is now back near its usual location, but with the Loop Road in a one way loop at that point, linking to Lot C for the return direction.
- The parking lots are receiving a great deal of attention, as is the surface of the Loop Road all the way around.
- For what is coming next, watch for Richard Inokuchi's updates. He includes a clear map each time which helps greatly in picturing what is happening where.

Talisman celebrates its 40th birthday!

On May 18th we celebrated the publication of the 40th Anniversary Edition of the *Talisman*, Skyline's Magazine of Student Creative Writing and Art, with a reading and awards ceremony. Nearly 100 people came out to hear students read their work, eat delicious refreshments and cheer creativity on. We have published this magazine in different forms for 40 years continuously. Professor Katharine Harer has been the faculty editor for the last sixteen years, since 1994. Thank you to all the art and writing teachers and to the students who believe in the wisdom of their imaginations. You can pick up your free copy of *Talisman* in five locations on campus: Building One in front of A & R; Building Five at the entrance to the Learning Center; Building Six in the cafeteria on the wall near the fireplace; Building Eight on the first floor near the main doors and on the second floor as you enter from the staircase. Enjoy *Talisman* — share it with family and friends! Here in the photos below are Chris Gilpatrick who won Honorable Mention in the *Talisman* Literary Contest for his poem, "What We Do Is Secret"; Celine Lota who won Honorable Mention for "Plain Janes"; Zainab Baaghil who won 2nd prize for her short story entitled "The Boy"; Abel Gomez who had a poem published in *Talisman* entitled "Shadow Lover"; and Brianna Yee who had several pieces published in *Talisman* and was an editor this year. Thanks to Katharine for the photos.



eSuggestion Box follow-ups

Periodically I provide a synopsis of the suggestions which have been submitted to our eSuggestion Box and what we have done with them. The **website** suggestions are being addressed as part of the review and upgrade process led by Rob Johnstone. The **budget** suggestions are shared with the College Budget Committee (CBC). Here is the latest edition of my synopsis of the items in the general eSuggestion Box, listed alphabetically by topic:

- **Campus beautification and cleanliness—paper signs, new plantings, cafeteria tables:** A concern was expressed about the number of paper signs being taped to windows and painted surfaces, creating unsightliness, damage to walls and visibility issues. The existing policy about that will be enforced more rigorously. There was an offer to create a volunteer group of faculty and staff to help with landscape maintenance to ensure that our beautiful new plantings are well taken care of in the face of facilities staffing shortages. I have shared the concern with Richard Inokuchi and we both appreciate the offer, but want to respect the collective bargaining agreements in place, and we will seek to ensure that best maintenance possible. A suggestion to maximize the instructional potential of the new landscaping is being pursued with the appropriate division. Richard Inokuchi and I are both very alert to concerns about the cleanliness of the cafeteria and the restroom service schedule, with a focus on a few particular areas that have been a problem.
- **Learning communities for all:** A request was submitted for a learning community for European descent students. The college has numerous learning communities, some of which have a ethnic cultural focus (ASTEP, Kababayan, Puente) and some of which do not (Honors Transfer, MESA, Scholar Athlete, Women in Transition) but all of which are open to all students. We also have numerous other activities and courses with a basis in European culture. The issue of student equity is of enormous importance to us at Skyline and is the subject of particular focus this year as the Student Equity and SEEED committees work together to strengthen the college's efforts in this regard.
- **Noise in the Learning Center and the Library:** A request that we ensure that students adhere to the quietness policies in both locations has been shared with staff.
- **Parking, signage, bike racks suggestions:** These are addressed in the usual venues, depending upon the case—in my Cabinet meetings, in our bi-monthly Capital Improvement Project meetings with district staff, and with the Facilities department. Signage suggestions are being addressed on an ongoing basis as we make numerous signage improvements to the grounds and to the buildings themselves. A suggestion to add bike racks is being addressed as part of the site work under way over the summer and through the completion of Building 4. An interest in additional staff parking has been addressed as part of the site work over the summer, which yielded an increase in student, staff and disabled access parking. The ticket dispensers are being upgraded and the numbers of them increased. There will be bike racks all around the edges of campus.
- **Smoking areas:** Suggestions to move a couple of specific designated smoking areas to ensure a smoke-free path of travel have been addressed by relocation of those areas. A suggestion was made to cover the smoking areas; that idea was considered as we deliberated over the new policy, and in the end we determined that it would be prohibitively expensive.



THIS SUNDAY, June 27, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender

Pride Parade

CSM, Skyline, and Cañada College are marching in the San Francisco Pride Parade!

Everyone welcome

Straight, LGBT, students, professors, staff, administrators, family and friends!

Last year 45 members of the district marched, including students, professors and their children, staff, and administrators, including Chancellor Ron Galatolo.

Taking BART?

Get off at the Embarcadero BART station!
Point A on the Map

Want Free Coffee & Pastries before the Parade?
Point B on the Map

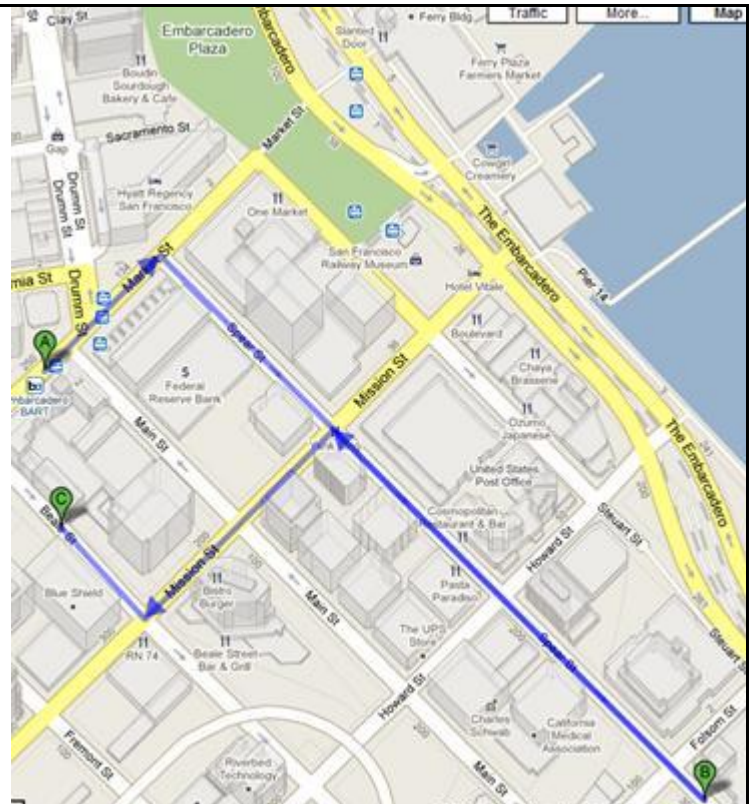
7:30-10:00 A.M.

at 318 Spear Street, The Infinity.
The Infinity is at the corner of Folsom and Spear.

Please ask the door ambassador for the Club Room.

Tom Mohr, President of Cañada College, invites all Skyline, CSM and Cañada marchers for coffee and pastries in their home before the parade.

Please RSVP
pattersond@smccd.edu
[u or \(415\) 845-0536.](tel:4158450536)



Parade Assembly Point C on the map

10:00-10:30 A.M.

District Assembly Area Location: **J - Beale between Market & Mission. The group is the San Mateo Community College District, group # 7228**

For more info: Dave Patterson, Librarian, Canada College pattersond@smccd.edu or (415) 845-0536

New Dean of the Business Division selected

Donald Carlson, the new Dean of the Business Division, comes to us from Minnesota with more than 15 years as a community college Dean and Associate Dean of Business and related areas. Don has over nineteen years of experience as a faculty member. He served as an adjunct faculty member at various colleges teaching online and on site in such areas as Accounting, Management, Business, Personal Finance, Supervision, Human Resources, Small Business Management and Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Administrative Office Management, Human Relations skills, and Principles of Selling. Additionally, Don comes to us with a broad background in working with employers and community representatives. He holds an MA in Business Administration from the University of Omaha.

New Learning Center Director selected

Replacing departing Director Leslie Shelton will be Romeo Garcia, effective July 1. Romeo comes to Skyline with extensive experience in supporting students to attain academic skills and preparation. He has worked in student support programs including EOP&S, and TriO. He has been able to support students with various Learning Center resources such as Writing Reading Labs, Math labs and assistive media technology. Additionally, Romeo was able to expand his support and service to students by tutoring students with learning and other disabilities. Romeo served as an Instructional Aide at Skyline College working with TRiO and Kababayan students. After completing his Master's Degree in Education with an emphasis in Social Justice he went on to become the Program Director for the TRiO program at Cañada College.

Communications Manager assumes her new duties

Christianne Marra will become Communications Manager on July 1. Christianne has been working for the district since 2002, as an instructional aide in the Reading Center at the College of San Mateo, an administrative assistant in the President's Office there, and as Division Assistant for Counseling at Skyline since August of 2009. She holds a BA in journalism from the University of Arizona.

Interim Vice President for Student Services appointed

Interim Vice President for Student Services Joe Madrigal joins the college on July 12. He brings extensive experience in student services, including his most recent position at Palomar College as Assistant Superintendent/Vice President for Student Services for 13 years. He retired from that role a year ago. Previously he was Dean of Student Services at Mendocino College for 10 years and he served at Hartnell College as Director of Student Services and then Dean for a total of 7 years. Mr. Madrigal holds an MA in Education from Harvard University. He has experience with every area of student services and is looking forward to joining us here. We will begin the search process for the permanent vice president right away.

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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