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On a personal note

I would like to repeat what I said in a college wide email earlier this week about my decision to retire at the end of December, 2010. These years at Skyline and in this district have been the most rewarding of my career. I feel very fortunate to have had this opportunity to work with such tremendous colleagues at every level of the college and district and in the community, people who consistently demonstrate a deep and abiding commitment to our students. This college is a unique and wonderful place and it is one of the great joys of my life to have been part of it for a while. I know that I will miss the college and my friends here, but it is time for me to move on to the next phase of my life. My hope is that the timing of my announcement will facilitate an orderly process for the selection of my replacement. Vice Chancellor Harry Joel will contact the usual constituent groups to establish a first level committee so that a position announcement can be published by the beginning of summer. I will do everything in my power to ensure a smooth transition. I look forward to working with all of you for the next eight months.

The Taste of Skyline is delicious!

At yesterday's 40th Anniversary event, The Taste of Skyline, a huge crowd of a couple hundred of us enjoyed glorious weather, delicious food donated by local restaurants, and a number of events which all took place that afternoon—a look at the progress on two of our Art on Campus projects, the ribbon cutting for the new Automotive Technology building, the juried Student Art Exhibit, and an exhibition offered by the PE/Athletics and Dance Division. I would like to thank some wonderful people who made this event happen:

- The President's Council which sponsored the event;
- The following restaurants which donated beautiful food: Estrada's, Famous Johnny's Pizza, Grand Leader Market & Catering, L&L Hawaiian BBQ, Marie Callender's, Moonstar, Nico Martin Presents Catering, Outback Steakhouse, Pacific Dining, Rubio's Fresh Mexican Grill, Sweet Connections, The Boulevard Café and The Green Enchilada, as well as the San Mateo Credit Union which donated water.
- The following businesses which donated raffle prizes: John's Bayhill Café & Catering, Don Pico's, Lucky Chances, Straw Hat Pizza, and South Harbor Restaurant & Bar.
- Caroline Ocampo who coordinated the whole event, and Linda Bertellotti, Golda Gacutan, Theresa Tentes, Maria Norris and Vivian Paw who helped with the arrangements before and during the event, and our Media Services staff.
- Facilities for set-up and Pac Dining also for providing the table covers
- Public Safety
- The Student Ambassadors and Student Assistants in the Public Information Office who assisted at the event.

I would also like to make particular mention of the Ribbon Cutting for the new Building 11 (Automotive Technology) and all of the people who brought us to this fine day for it:

- Jose Nunez, Vice Chancellor for Facilities, Planning, Maintenance and Operations
- Construction Planning Department staff including, Executive Directors Linda Da Silva and Rick Bennett as well as Glenn Claycomb, Kanjana Srisupatpongsa and Mary Ann Duggan

- Swinerton Management and Consulting
- Hensel Phelps
- Bunton Clifford Architects
- Automotive faculty and staff, particularly Rick Escalambre, Perry Dair and Tom Broxholm.

Chancellor Ron Galatolo joined us for the event, as did trustees Helen Hausman, Richard Holober, Dave Mandelkern, and student trustee Virginia Medrano Rosales.

SAMCEDA Innovators Award recognizes Skyline

Last week Skyline was recognized by the San Mateo County Economic Development Association with their 2010 Innovators Award of Excellence. Here is what the program for the awards event says about Skyline, honored in the “Public and Non-Profit Administration” category:

San Bruno-based Skyline College is home to one of the country’s most advanced and highly relevant workforce development institutes. With the Skyline College Center for Workforce Development, Center for International Trade Development, Bay Area Center for International Logistics and corporate development programs in biotechnology manufacturing, surgical technology and other high technology training to prepare the San Mateo County workforce for 21st century industry.

This award comes to us through the efforts of many Skyline people, including Regina Stanback Stroud, Margery Meadows, Mike Williamson, Richard Soyombo, William Watson, Graciela Phelps, Adolfo Leiva and Allison Mello. Please join me in thanking and congratulating them.

***State of the Art* marks the sixth annual PCN (Pilipino Cultural Night) production for the Kababayan Program**

This will be the final show of Generation 1 of PCN—it has involved students from the years 2005 – 2010. The show had an audience of over 400 on Thursday, April 29th and, for the fourth year in a row, a nearly sold-out Gala Night on Saturday, May 1st.

While PCN showcases the many talents our students have as singers, actors, and dancers, *State of the Art*, like our previous PCNs, also focuses on significant events in Filipino American history and emphasizes the importance of learning about our history and telling our stories. This year's story was especially poignant, as it tackled the history of Martial Law in the Philippines.

This show would not be possible without the help and support of several important people: Kababayan Program advisors Liza Erpelo, Melanie Espinueva, Marisa Mariano, and Nate Nevado; Kababayan Dance Troupe instructors Bonifacio Valera, Jr. and Victoria Hafalia; Theater Events Manager Alan Ceccarelli; Joseph Cabaltica in Graphic Arts/Production; and our deans and their assistants: Connie Beringer and Kathy Fitzpatrick, Donna Bestock and Rakefet Avramovitz, and Joe Morello and Sandra Hatzistratis.

This year, the PCN students also decided to collect school and art supplies to donate to Project PEARLS in the Philippines, thanks to an idea from the Artistic Director, Geraldine Veras. They will still be collecting school and art supplies throughout the end of the semester and sending them to the Philippines, so if you have any new or gently used school and art supplies to donate, please contact Geraldine at geraldineveras@gmail.com. More information about the organization can be found here: <http://www.projectpearls.org/>.

A limited number of the *State of the Art* hooded sweatshirts (\$25) are still available, and the DVDs of the Gala Night show (\$15) will be on sale in a few weeks. Please contact Liza Erpelo at erpelol@smccd.edu or x 4119. if you are interested in purchasing either of these items. All proceeds from the show go towards future productions and activities for the Kababayan Program and its very active and dynamic student-initiated and student-run programs: Filipino Student Union, Kapatiran Mentorship Program, and Kababayan Dance Troupe.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Pilipino Cultural Night at Skyline College for the last six years. While the PCN production will not be happening next year, students in the Kababayan Program are already hard at work and coming up with ideas for 2010-2011, so stay tuned to see what they'll be up to next! Thanks to Melvin Gutierrez and Jeremy Lassen for the photos at the right.



Where are we in terms of hiring of any new full time faculty?

Five faculty are retiring this year and I have received a few questions concerning whether these retirements would generate sufficient savings to allow us to hire more full-time faculty at Skyline. The College Budget Committee will continue to discuss the budget in detail next week, including this question, but I wanted to give everyone a bit of information about what I understand right now. Here are some details about each of the five:

- Two of the faculty members announced their retirements last semester and these salary savings were scored in the budget reduction strategies that were recommended to me by the College Budget Committee. One of those faculty positions (Burns) was fully funded out of the general unrestricted fund (fund 1). Only 15% of the other position (Van Sciver) was paid out of fund 1 and the remaining 85% was funded by a categorical program.
- One faculty member (Heldberg) was funded by a state contract for the Child Development Center. This position will be replaced to fulfill program licensing requirements.
- One faculty member (Thompson) was partially paid out of fund 1 (40%), and the remainder out of federal grant funds.
- One faculty member (Vogel) was fully paid out of fund 1.

So overall, there are only 1.4 FTEF (full time equivalent faculty) in potential saving to our fund 1 budget. At the same time two other things are happening which will absorb that 1.4 FTEF:

- One FTEF will be used to absorb a faculty member from another of our colleges which is eliminating a discipline (Cooperative Education).
- The remaining 0.4 FTEF will assist us in hiring a faculty director for the MESA program, which is being converted from a classified position to faculty. That change has already been reviewed by our FTEF Allocation Committee.

This is a rough synopsis for now. As I mentioned the College Budget Committee (CBC) will be reviewing this in detail at its meeting next Thursday.

CalWORKs/CARE students share Retreat

On Saturday, April 24, eight CalWORKs/CARE students and program staff from Skyline participated in the fourth annual Region 3 CalWORKs/CARE student retreat. The annual retreat brings together CalWORKs and CARE students served by programs within our region to share a day specifically designed to meet the needs to these students. Held at CSM's new Athletic Club Building, students were participated in sessions focusing on body, mind and spirit. Colleges participating including College of Alameda, San Francisco City College, College of San Mateo, Canada College and Skyline College. Retreat attendees included from left to right: Yee Ying Chan, Danielle de la Rosa, Gina Guerrero, Monique Hernandez, Jan Gotera (back row), Emma Rice, Evelyn Ibanez, and Amanda Parker. Staffing the registration table are (left to right) Silvia Aguirre-Alberto (CSM counselor), Jeff Acidera (Skyline EOPS counselor), and Maria Escobar (EOPS Director). Thanks to Pablo Gonzalez for the photos.



Notice some important improvements to the website

With many thanks to Rob Johnstone, Laura Fraser, Jasmine Witham, and Ahmad Ladhani, we have a couple of important updates to announce concerning the Skyline College Website. First, we have now ensured that the "A-Z Site Index" letters appear at the top of every page, which will allow users to quickly access different portions of the Website. We've also gone through a cleanup project on the A-Z Site Index entries – both for the titles and for the web pages they point to. This is always a work in progress, but the index is much more useful and accurate than before. Finally, we have replaced the somewhat unusable search function on the website pages with Google Search. This will also evolve over time as more people use it and we optimize some of the search items, but it's already exponentially better than the previous search function. Stay tuned for more usability updates in the Summer and Fall.



Skyline Baseball Team qualifies for State Playoffs

Skyline College has qualified for the first round of the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCA) Baseball playoffs. The playoffs begin this week with a best of three series pitting the top 32 teams in regional and state competition. The Trojans finished third in the rugged Coast Conference

Pacific Division finishing the season with a 22-14 mark and earning the 12th seed. In the opening round, Skyline will be traveling to Hayward to play the host Chabot College Gladiators, that finished the season in second place of Coast Conference Golden Gate division with a 28-8 record. The first game of the series will take place this Friday, May 7th, at 2:00 pm. On Saturday, the second game of the series will begin at 11:00 am with a third game, if necessary, starting 30 minutes after the conclusion of the second game. Tickets can only be purchased at the Chabot College baseball field with a cost of \$8 for adults and \$5 for students, staff and children. You can get directions to Chabot by typing the following web address in your search engine: <http://www.chabotcollege.edu/about/CampusDirections.asp>

EOPS program recognizes students

The EOPS program held its annual End of the Year Celebration dinner on Friday, April 30. The dinner not only celebrates the end of an academic year but also acknowledges EOPS students that have been selected as scholarship recipients, and those that are graduating. This year 35 EOPS students will be receiving scholarships and 23 will be graduating with their Associate degrees. Congratulations to all! Thanks to Pablo Gonzalez for the photo.



MESA students participate in Leadership Retreat

Recently students from Skyline's MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement) Program attended the 17th Annual Northern California Student Leadership Retreat in Santa Cruz, CA. Students and staff from over 20 Community College MESA programs were represented. Students met peers and future colleagues from community colleges; they came from near the Oregon border, down through the wine country, from the rural and farmland country, the big cities, the Los Angeles basin and all the way down to the very southern deserts of the state. Students took part in break out sessions to recognize and develop their individual



strengths, Engineering Design Projects, analyzed the Santa Cruz Mystery Spot, studied alternative energy resources, participated in an Evolution and Genetics Study, and discussed transfer tips with a panel of MESA alumni. Continuing and transfer-ready Skyline MESA students had the opportunity to meet Skyline MESA students from years past. Pictured here from left to right are: Omar Abi-Chahine, Nicole Laroche, Margarita Guterriez, Stephen Fredricks, Tiffany Reardon, Matt Garza, Stephanie Nale and Rystian Cabelon. In the front is Jose Sanchez-Sosa.

Coming up...

Friday, May 7

- Baseball Regional Pla
- Skyline College 2010 .

Saturday, May 8

- Badminton Finals, CC:
- ELI's Super Saturday,

Monday, May 10

- Video Presentation: SI
Floor, 12:15-1:30pm

Tuesday, May 11

- Certification Review fo
10pm, Through May 1.
- Video Presentation: SI
Floor, 12:15-1:30pm, f

Wednesday, May 12

- Blood Drive, Building 6, 9am-1pm

Thursday, May 13

- Badminton State Team Championship, Pasadena

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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