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I hope that everyone is having a productive couple of Flex Days. I am publishing *Skyline Shines* early this week due to the Veterans Day holiday tomorrow.

English Language Institute Hosts Super Saturday for English Learners

November 7th was “Super Saturday,” an event coordinated by the English Language Institute (ELI) which brought new students to Skyline College to learn about the ESOL classes offered here. Nearly 40 new students were able to apply, take the placement test, and get an orientation to the college all in one day. Student interns from the ESOL 880 course, Workplace English for Speakers of Other Languages, were on hand to assist and guide participants through every task, providing translation and support wherever necessary. Program Services Coordinator Peter Bruni and ELI Director Leigh Anne Sippel arranged training for the student interns, coordinated advertising and activities, and facilitated the whole day. ELI counselor Kenny Gonzalez held orientations all day, and A&R specialist Minerva Velasquez and student assistant Lesbia Duarte made counseling appointments for the students and provided information and smiling support. The Child Development Center was opened to provide free child care, and Jocelyn Vila and Kate Williams-Browne were on hand to provide information about programs on campus. Nadia Tariq and her assistant Long provided testing in the newly opened Language Lab. Special thanks to Dave Jorgensen who provided technical support, and especially to William Watson and Adolfo Leiva of the Center for Workforce Development and to Caroline Ocampo of Public Information, who were extremely instrumental in the advertising and advising of the entire event. As of today, 100% of the students who arrived and took placement tests also attended their counseling sessions and will be placed into classes. The English Language Institute, whose mission is to support second-language speakers through specialized counseling and detailed needs analysis, hopes to offer more Super Saturdays to strengthen the relationships that Skyline has with its communities. Connections made with local businesses, community centers, regional and county services, and neighbors such as SFO have been initiated and will be maintained to provide a deeper understanding of our community and the best ways to serve them. Congratulations to the ELI for a successful and enjoyable day of bringing new students to Skyline!

In the first photo, Peter Bruni and student intern Ruth Barrera assist students with the application process. Then we see ESOL 880 Interns Miriam Benevides, YaLing Huang, Ellene Tan, and Zoyka Balladores; ELI director Leigh Anne Sippel with student assistant Lesbia Duarte; and Kenny Gonzalez leading an orientation for new students.



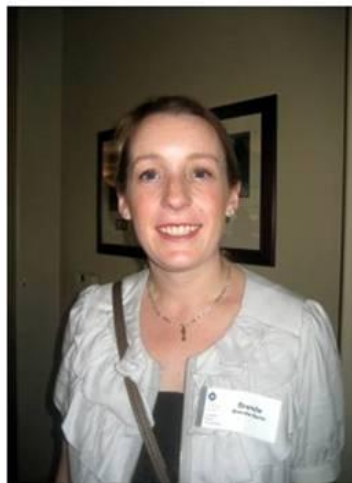
Photos by Adolfo Leiva

The annual DSPS scholarship fundraising effort is now under way

The DSPS staff has launched the annual scholarship drive for DSPS students. Please join me in supporting them by buying tickets to the DSPS scholarship drawing. The drawing will be held outside of the DSPS office, on December 17 at 1:00 pm. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Top prizes this year include a Wii, two iPod Nanos, gift certificates to See's Candy, Starbucks and others. They will be coming around, but if you want to make sure to connect with them, visit the DSPS office on the third floor of Building 2 or email Linda Allen (allen@smccd.edu) or Linda Van Sciver (vansciver@smccd.edu). Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated by the staff and students.

Four Skyline students win CPA scholarships

Peninsula Silicon Valley Chapter of the California CPA (Certified Public Accountants) awarded scholarships to four Skyline Students October 29 at the Annual Student Night. Scholarships range from \$250 to \$1,000. Selection criteria included communication skills, academic excellence, and demonstrated leadership skills in academic or community involvement. The winners were Brandie Berlin, Angela Lao, Amanda Parker and Eddie Swain.



Phi Theta Kappa inducts new members

Skyline's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Beta Theta Omicron, hosted the fall induction for new Phi Theta Kappa members from Skyline College, Cañada College, and College of San Mateo. The ceremony was held on November 6 in the Skyline College theater. Approximately 100 members, their families, and guests attended. Professor Paul Spakowski read the names of the new members as each came to the stage. The keynote speaker was Michael McCarthy, San Francisco Community Broadband Manager. Mr. McCarthy introduced the 2010-2012 honors study topic, The Democratization of Information, and charged members to bring digital information to lower socioeconomic neighborhoods. Nevada-California Phi Theta Kappa Regional Vice President John Yan administered the oath of office to the 2009-2010 officers for each chapter.



Photos by Chris Case

Skyline College community bands prepare for Winter Concert

Billy Robinson and Russ Ferreira, directors of the community bands, are working with students to prepare for the annual Winter Concert. It will feature the concert band and jazz ensemble and will be held on Friday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Skyline College Theater. Admission is free.

Coming up...

Friday, November 13

- Women's Basketball vs. Feather River, 2pm
- Women's Soccer vs. Las Positas College (Livermore), 3pm
- Veteran's Day observed

Wednesday, November 18

- Last day to withdraw

Thursday, November 19

- Pilipino Music Showcase, 5:30pm, Theater

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:



And for ideas about Skyline's **40th Anniversary** celebration next year, 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/>

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