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Skyline College Welcomes Jefferson Adult School



Photo Credit: William Watson

On Tuesday, December 6, 2011, Skyline College welcomed thirty-one students from [Jefferson Adult Education](#) (JAE) to tour Skyline College. The tour included recent high school graduates, recent GED graduates, and [TOOLS for Success](#) students. Students completed the Skyline College application and participated in a workshop on Financial Aid Basics led by Jocelyn Vila where students learned about how to apply for FAFSA and the different types of financial aid available. The day's activities continued with José Milan, Campus Ambassador, providing the students with a tour of the campus and concluded with a tour of SparkPoint at Skyline College where students learned about the many resources available to both students and the community. The event was part two of a two-part outreach to Jefferson Adult Education. Part One consisted of a tour of SparkPoint conducted earlier this fall for all JAE staff to prepare them to promote this event among their students. Thanks to JAE Director of Adult Education, Diana Rumney, and GED Staff member, Sylvia Strange, for coordinating JAE's participation; to Tom Hewitt, Skyline College Director of Library Services for providing the meeting space; to Jocelyn Vila, Skyline College Financial Aid Program Services Coordinator for leading the Financial Aid Informational Workshop; and Skyline College Campus Ambassador, José Milan, for leading the campus tour. The visit was coordinated by Adolfo Leiva, Program Services Coordinator, SparkPoint at Skyline College. For more information about SparkPoint at Skyline College please visit the new SparkPoint website at www.skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint. The tour was funded in part by Chancellor's Office, California Community College through a Community Collaborative grant managed by Skyline College.

Thanks to William Watson for his contribution to this article.

Skyline College CITD Fosters Relationship at Diaspora Trade Symposium on African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA)



Pictured above (L-R): African Union Ambassador to the U.S., Her Excellency Ambassador Amina Salum Ali, CITD Executive Director, Richard Soyombo, and Ms. Soheyly Mahmoudi, Senior Operations Officer at the World Bank.

Photo submitted by Richard Soyombo

In recognition of our Trade Development efforts in Africa, Skyline College's Center for International Trade Development (Bay Area CITD) was invited to be on a panel at the recent Diaspora Trade Symposium on AGOA. The event, organized by the African Union and supported by the World Bank, was held at the World Bank in Washington, D.C. this past December. Attendees included African Ambassadors, representatives of the World Bank, the U.S. Trade Representative's Office for Africa, Trade Organizations and US entrepreneurs with business interests in Africa. At the symposium, CITD Executive Director Richard Soyombo, gave presentations on the importance of building momentum for trade between the U.S. and Sub-Saharan Africa. The title of his presentation was: **Supporting Direct U.S. Investment in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Integrated Approach**. His presentation focused on two key aspects: The State of California's strategies and approach to Trade Development in Africa through Skyline College's CITD's efforts; and the need for a seamless approach to a free flow of trade between the U.S. and African entrepreneurs.

For more information please contact Allison Mello at: melloa@smccd.edu.

Thanks to Richard Soyombo and Pcyeta Jackson for their contribution to this article.

Event Banners Available for Display at Main Entrance



Photo Credit: Keisha Ford

Banner Inventory:

- Art Show
- Career Fair
- Job Fair
- Concert

- Event Parking
- Expanding Your Horizons
- Register Now (For Summer and Fall Semester)
- Register Now (For Spring Semester)
- Skyline College presents *A Special Event*
- Special Event (non-college sponsored event)
- Congratulations (with image of caps and tassels)
- Welcome Students
- Sports Event
- Transfer Day

To have a banner displayed for a specific event, please contact Christianne Marra in the Development, Marketing and Public Relations office at least one week prior to your event. Please indicate the date and location of the event and which banner you would like to display. Requests should be submitted via email to marrac@smccd.edu.

Skyline College's First Hybrid Automotive Classes Graduate



Photo Credit: Anjana Richards

Skyline College's first group of Advanced Hybrid students completed their certificates in December. The California Green Innovation Challenge Grant funded the creation of AUTO 510, Basic Hybrid Powertrains and AUTO 511, Principles of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles. The courses were developed and taught by Jack Rosebro of Perfect Sky, a leading expert in hybrid technology, and Richie Young, a technician at Pat's Garage, a hybrid vehicle repair shop in San Francisco. Consumer demand is rapidly increasing for fuel efficient vehicles and Skyline College

is taking the lead in training technicians for this advanced technology work. We are currently recruiting for the Spring AUTO 510 courses – all fees are waived for qualified applicants. Contact Anjana Richards at richardsa@smccd.edu or Kathleen Gamba kgamba@smchsa.org for an application.

Thanks to Anjana Richards for her contribution to this article.

Skyline College Fall Sports Wrap 2011

Skyline College teams and students enjoyed a successful fall sports season with 104 students participating during the fall semester in Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Women's Soccer, Men's Soccer, Volleyball and Wrestling. Women's Soccer enjoyed another successful season finishing 12-6-4, good for third place in the Coast Conference and qualifying for the state playoffs for the fourth consecutive year. Men's Soccer completed the season with a record of 4-14-2, finishing in fourth place in the Coast Conference North Division. Volleyball finished the season with a record of 8-18 and a fifth place finish in the Coast Conference North Division. Wrestling finished the season rated 8th in Northern California and 18th in the state.

Sixteen individuals received recognition as All-League, All-Region, All-State and/or All-American selections: Adriana Cortes - Women's Soccer (1st Team All-Conference); Alexis Cuellar – Women's Soccer (1st Team All-Conference), Adrianna Picazo – Women's Soccer (1st Team All-Conference); Janice Garcia – Women's Soccer (2nd Team All-Conference); Katie Jaques – Women's Soccer (2nd Team All-Conference); Jazmin Cazares – Women's Soccer (2nd Team All-Conference); Shadi Fara – Men's Soccer (1st Team All-Conference); Josh Guidry – Men's Soccer (2nd Team All-Conference); Diego Sanchez – Men's Soccer (2nd Team All-Conference); April Sherfy - Volleyball (1st Team All-Conference); John Claitor – Wrestling (All-Northern California); Marcus Gebhardt – Wrestling (All-Northern California); Monet Goldman – Wrestling (All-Northern California); Derrick Hoo – Wrestling (All-Northern California); Tommy Howard – Wrestling (All-Northern California); and Coleman Maher (All-Northern California).

Academically, our teams had a cumulative GPA of 2.94. Women's Basketball, Men's Basketball and Women's Soccer all had team GPA's above a 3.0. Four student-athletes had a perfect 4.0 grade point average. The completion rate for all courses attempted by student-athletes was over 90% and 49 students (47%) achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher while completing 12 or more units during the fall semester.

Thanks to Joe Morello for his contribution to this article.

Report on Financial Education Workshops - Fall 2011



*Pictured: Richard Villareal, San Mateo Credit Union Financial Education Specialist
Photo Credit: Melanie Espinueva*

[SparkPoint at Skyline College](#) and the Skyline College [Financial Aid Office](#) have collaborated for a second semester to offer Financial Education workshops throughout Fall 2011 at Skyline College. Serving both students and residents of San Mateo County, the workshops covered topics ranging from Banking, Building Savings, Money Management and Budgeting, and Credit and Identity Theft. Attendees participated in activities such as setting financial goals, creating budgets, discussing attitudes towards money and savings, and exploring how to identify predatory financial services. The workshops provided basic financial education in an effort to promote and increase positive financial behaviors. Attendees are also entered into a monthly prize drawing to win a grand prize of \$125 awarded by SparkPoint partner, [Community Financial Resources](#).

The Fall 2011 workshops were well attended by both Skyline College students and San Mateo County community members. TRiO students and students enrolled in Opportunity Fund's Individual Development Account matched saving program attended the workshops to fulfill Financial Literacy program requirements. All students received certificates of completion for attending.

Offered twice per month the workshops were facilitated jointly by SparkPoint Counselor, Melanie Espinueva, Financial Aid Program Services Coordinator, Jocelyn Vila, and San Mateo Credit Union Financial Education Specialist, Richard Villareal. This series of workshops will be offered again in Spring 2012. For more information, please visit the SparkPoint at Skyline College website: www.skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint or contact Melanie Espinueva at espinuevam@smccd.edu.

Thanks to Melanie Espinueva for her contribution to this article.

Congratulations Fall 2011 Grove Scholars!



Photo Credit: Adolfo Leiva

The Grove Scholars Program is a need-based scholarship program designed to assist students studying Career and Technical Education programs at Skyline College. This program is funded by the Grove Foundation, which is the family foundation of Andy Grove, co-founder of Intel Corporation. Including new scholarships awarded for Spring 2012, **sixty-eight** scholarships worth up to \$2000 each have been awarded to Skyline College students. The SparkPoint Center would like to recognize and congratulate the following Fall 2011 Grove Scholars for successfully completing the program this semester:

Tanashati Anderson
Antoinette Becerra
Robert Crespo
Dennise Del Bando
Alicia Grant
Phu Ha
Ming Zhu Liu
Diana Monge
Emmanuel Nava
Michelle Perez
Lauren Presotto
Karmann Robbins
Luis Rubalcaba
Jean Salazar

Edwina Stevens
Zena Tarasena
Samantha Velez

The Grove Scholars participated in a series of financial education workshops, attended individual financial coaching sessions, completed a resume and cover letter, established an Individual Development Account and maintained good academic standing while in the program. Their strong effort and focus has led them to this great achievement. Once again, congratulations to the Fall 2011 Grove Scholars on a job well-done! For more information about the Grove Scholars Program, please contact Patty Kwok, in the SparkPoint Center (Building 1, 2nd Floor, on the Skyline College campus) at 650-738-7045, grovescholar@smccd.edu. Additional information is available on the SparkPoint website:

<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint/programs/GroveScholarsProgram.php>

Thanks to Patricia Kwok for her contribution to this article.

Car/Vanpool Parking for Skyline College Staff, Faculty and Students



Photo Credit: Brian Tupper

The Public Safety Department at Skyline College is now processing Carpool/Vanpool parking permit applications for the Spring 2012 Semester. Rules and regulations, along with the application are available at; <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/general/publicsafety/carVan.html>

Applications can be completed online and submitted electronically, or you may bring the application to the Skyline College Public Safety Office (Building 6, Room 106) for processing. All applications must be completely filled out in order to be processed.

Thank you to Brian Tupper for his contribution to this article.

Coming Up...

January 13, 2012

- Flex Day
- 7:00 p.m., Men's Basketball vs. Ohlone College @ Fremont

January 16, 2012

- Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 17, 2012

- First day of Spring 2012 Semester

January 18, 2012

- 7:00 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. Monterey Peninsula College @ Monterey

Future Events – Mark Your Calendar!

January 20, 2012

- 5:00 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. CSM @ Skyline
- 7:00 p.m., Men's Basketball vs. Cañada @ Skyline

January 25, 2012

- 5:00 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. CCSF @ San Francisco
- 7:00 p.m., Men's Basketball vs. CCSF @ San Francisco

January 27, 2012

- 5:00 p.m., Men's Basketball vs. Las Positas @ Skyline
- 7:00 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. Las Positas @ Skyline

January 30, 2012

- Last day to drop semester length classes with eligibility for refund
- Last day to ADD semester length classes

For the latest information on events and activities happening at Skyline College, please view our calendar at the following link:

http://www.skylinecollege.edu/current/calendarsandevents/news_events.html

If you would like to include your college event or activity on the calendar, please submit the information (event, date, time and location) to Christianne Marra in the Public Information Office via email at marrac@smccd.edu.

Guidelines Skyline Shines Submissions

Many of you submit material to be included in Skyline Shines. Thanks so much for taking to time to help me keep the college informed. Here are a few guidelines that will facilitate the publication of Skyline Shines each week:

Send submission to skylineshines@smccd.edu

- Place your submission in a Word document with your pictures pasted in the document.
- Use medium sized pictures that are equal to $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ of a page.
- Use Times New Roman 12pt. font that is justified to the left for the body of the article.
- Don't forget to add a headline/title using 18 pt. bold font that is justified to the center
- Use the following commonly accepted abbreviations: a.m. or p.m. (i.e. "The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m." "The workshop is scheduled to run from 9:30 a.m. – Noon.")
- Spell out numbers of one or two words. Use figures for numbers that require more than two words to spell out. (i.e., "Almost eight years ago I began taking ceramics courses." And "I counted 176 records on the shelf.")
- If a sentence begins with a number, spell out the number or rewrite the sentence.
- Use the month, day, a comma and the year to indicate the date (i.e., "March 4, 2011" not "March 4th, 2011 or March 2nd, 2011").
- Add the word College when you refer to the name Skyline (i.e., Skyline College instead of Skyline).

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>



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

- The California Community College 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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