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## Heart Wrenchers Car Club Presents the Second Annual “A Heart Wrenching Affair” Fundraiser

**Heart Wrenchers Car Club Presents**  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
**“A HEART WRENCHING AFFAIR”**  
Fundraiser

Saturday, February 18, 2012  
7:00 pm – Midnight  
@ The 23 Club  
23 Visitation Avenue - Brisbane  
All ages until 9:00 pm  
\$5-10 @ the door

- Support the female students in the Skyline College Automotive Technology Program
- Fundraiser proceeds benefit HWCC activities and projects
- Live Bands | Prize Raffles | Food | Vendors

For more info visit: [www.wix.com/heartwrencherscc/skylinecollege](http://www.wix.com/heartwrencherscc/skylinecollege)

Please join us in support of the female Automotive Technology students at Skyline College! Fourteen women are currently enrolled in Skyline College’s Automotive Technology program and their club, “The Heart Wrenchers,” is busy creating community service projects, supporting each other as they go through the program, and bringing more women to the automotive industry. They have done a great job in the last year and they have many new, innovative ideas

to achieve their goals. Please join us at this event. If you have any questions, please contact Julia Johnson at 650-738-4485 or [johnsonj@smccd.edu](mailto:johnsonj@smccd.edu)

*Thank you to Julia Johnson for her contribution to this article.*

## **Skyline College Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP) Begins Second Cohort with Hunters Point Family**

On January 23, 2012 the Skyline College Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP) held its second orientation for the eight week Entrepreneurship Training with Hunters Point Family, a community-based organization located in the Bayview-Hunters Point area of San Francisco.

The instructor is Skyline College Faculty member, Mike Neuendorff who brings a wealth of experience both as an entrepreneur and instructor.

This cohort consists of 15 young adults interested in becoming entrepreneurs and/or interested in employment in an entrepreneurial environment and they see this as the first step towards achieving their goals.



*Photo Credit: Pyceta Jackson*

This ongoing collaboration with Hunters Point Family will allow local residents to partake in the specially created eight week Entrepreneurship Training Program jointly developed between the Skyline College Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP), industry and community partners to focus on the primary stake-holders – the young adults. Not only is the objective to introduce entrepreneurship, but also to help remove economic barriers for young adults throughout the Bay

Area.

Supported by several private-sector leaders, the eight week training program includes in-class sessions, guest speakers comprised of local Bay Area entrepreneurs, site visits to various small and medium-sized enterprises and a special trip to Skyline College.

The Youth Entrepreneurship Program is funded through grants from the offices of the Chancellor for California Community Colleges and locally hosted by Skyline College.

*Thank you to Pcyeta Jackson and Richard Soyombo for their contribution to this article.*

## Chinese New Year Celebration

*Happy New Year of the Dragon*

Please join us for the  
Chinese New Year Celebration  
on  
Wednesday, February 1, 2012  
11:30AM - 1:30PM  
In front of the Quad

Lion Dance  
Chinese Dance Performance  
Shaolin Kung Fu Showcase  
Chinese Food Fest

Sponsored by Asian Studies Center  
Performed by China Dance School &  
Theatre in  
San Francisco

Performed by  
Shaolin Culture  
Center in  
San Mateo

Hosted by  
Asian Studies Center  
Physical Education, Athletics &  
Dance Department  
Funded by President Innovation Fund

CHINA DANCE SCHOOL & THEATRE  
中國舞蹈學校

Celebrate Chinese New Year, the year of the Dragon, in grand style with a traditional lion dance, a Chinese folk dance performance, the Shaolin Kungfu showcase, and of course a Chinese Food Fest! Please join us for the festival in the Main Quad on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Skyline College Asian Studies Center and is hosted by the Asian Studies Center along with the Skyline College Kinesiology, Athletics and Dance departments. Funding for the event is provided by the President's Innovation Fund and the International Student Office.

Performances by China Dance School & Theatre – San Francisco and Shaolin Culture Center in San Mateo.

*Thank you to Hui Pate for her contribution to this article.*

## Students Booming in the Learning Center

As spring semester gets underway, the Learning Center (TLC) is in full swing with its efforts to promote its mission of empowering Skyline College students in becoming active learners. In just this second week of school over 55 TLC tours and classroom presentations have been facilitated! This is more than all of the TLC requests combined from last semester. In fall 2011, Skyline College students spent over 30,000 contact hours in the TLC receiving tutoring and attending workshops. This is a number that would not have been possible without the collaboration of faculty and staff to promote the Center's services.



We'd like to continue our efforts to outreach in classrooms, facilitate tours, and reach the students that need the most help. In order to accomplish this, we need your help! Please continue to encourage students to come to the TLC for instructional support. Faculty members can connect students with the TLC by arranging a 15-minute tour or presentation by contacting John Saenz at [saenzj@smccd.edu](mailto:saenzj@smccd.edu).



If you would like to discuss individual needs, such as providing students with assignments to be completed in the TLC or for accommodations to have your students spend a certain amount of hours in the Learning Center, please contact us to arrange this. Thank you for your continued support of TLC!



*Thank you to Katie Ha for her contribution to this article.*

## College Governance Council

On January 25, 2012 at 2:10 PM, after correcting and approving the November 23, 2012 minutes, the College Governance Council addressed the following agenda items:

**SMCCCD Board Resolution SSTF** – After holding a session on the Student Success Task Force recommendations, the SMCCCD Board will be considering a resolution that will go to the State Board of Governors and legislators. The resolution registers their concern that the recommendations seem to measure student success through a very narrow lens which excludes a lot of students that the community colleges serve. The noted that uniform placement testing (which data suggest is not a true predictor of success) could result in unequal access to education for marginalized students. Additionally, implemented recommendations would eliminate students' ability to explore their academic interest. Amid the budget reductions, there is a lack of funding to implement the recommendations. Ultimately, the recommendations represent a fundamental change to the mission of the community colleges. Local Boards would be deprived of the right to make decisions that balance the individual needs of the students resulting in a disconnect between the colleges and the communities they serve. The lack of any reference to Career Technical Education could have a negative economic impact on the state as training of a skilled workforce is neglected. They also expressed concern about the minimal number of students on the taskforce (1) and no Chief Business Officers.

**Title 5 Regulation Change in Course Enrollments** - Mike Williamson notified the Council of the change in Title 5 regulation pertaining to the number of times a student may enroll in a non-repeatable class. Before the regulation change, a student could enroll in a class and withdraw up to three times. Additionally, they can enroll in the class and repeat it two more times in the event they do not receive a passing grade. This totals six times that the student could possibly enroll in the class. With the new regulations, the total number of times a student can enroll in the class would be three. For the purposes of this regulation, to “enroll” is to register for a class and stay long enough to either get a W (non-evaluative symbol) or get a grade (evaluative symbol). The new regulation is in effect. Student services will need to advise the students of the changes. Additionally, faculty will need to understand the implications of counseling students to withdraw.

**Update on Budget Committee** – The Council was reminded that the College Budget Committee will meet tomorrow. Kathy Blackwood will be speaking to the committee providing a status update. She is expected to indicate that we are actually in basic aid this year. Additionally she will be providing information to the Board of Trustees at their February 4, 2012 retreat. Additionally the committee is expected to be presented with a potential tentative budget for consideration.

**Update on Building 6 CIP** – The Council was notified that LPAS was selected to work with the college on the Building 6 modifications. A user-group has been formed and they are slated to meet within the next week. Members of the group include: Carla Campillo, Linda

Herda, Kevin Chak, Amory Cariadus, Dr. Joi Blake, Mike Williamson, and two students named by the ASSC. If others are interested, please notify Dr. Blake. The modifications will include improving the floor, changes in furniture for the cafeteria, changes to the two student rooms (cyber café and lounge) on the first floor of Building 6, and changes to the faculty/staff dining room. The modifications are being funded through the student fee designated by students for the maintenance and operation of Building 6.

**Update on Interior Signage Project** – The exterior numbers have been installed on all buildings and the signs have been installed on the windows. The way-finding signs for the interior of the buildings are underway. A question asked if the way-finding signs will be in braille. President Stroud will follow up with this question.

**Classified Employee of the Year** – The process for selecting the college's nominee to the Board has been started. The committee will meet on February 14, 2012 at 12:30 in room 4343 to consider the nominations. The SMCCCD Board of Trustees will select the nomination from the district on February 22, 2012. The criteria and nominating form are available online on the right side of the main page of the Chancellor's office website at <http://www.cccco.edu/Home/tabid/189/Default.aspx> . You will find the Guidelines and Instructions and the Nomination Form. Anyone can make a nomination. Simply submit the completed nomination form in electronic format to Theresa Tentes at [tentes@smccd.edu](mailto:tentes@smccd.edu) by Friday, February 10, 2011 at 12 p.m.

**CLASP Project** – The American Association of Community Colleges is working with the Center for Law and Social Policy to support the effort to expand public awareness of public benefits. Skyline College was one of five colleges across the nation that was invited to submit a Letter of Inquiry. Skyline College was selected to receive a \$50,000 planning grant. the Skyline College team in participating in a kick-off conference for the selected colleges. Led by Dr. Joi Blake, the team includes Regina Morrison, William Watson, David Ulate, Rob Johnstone, and Andrea Doffoney Anyanwu. The final grant is due in March.

**Accreditation** – Fermin Irigoyen, Co-Chair of the Accreditation Steering Committee reported that the writing groups have been formed and the writing workshops are scheduled to be held January 30 and 31 from 2:00 – 3:30 in room 7110. ASSC President Henson was thanked for ensuring that all of the Standards have student representatives.

**Shared Governance Evaluation** – The Council will evaluate the shared governance process in March and April. In March, a survey will be released to invite a broad range of people to be able to provide feedback on how they think the system is working. Additionally, a meeting of multi-constituent participants will meet in April to complete a SWOT analysis on the existing structure. Data from the survey and the SWOT analysis will be used by the group to forward recommendations for modification to the College Council.

**ASSC Report** – ASSC reported the following items:

- There are two positions open on their council and they are in the process of recruiting new people. The draft of the events calendar was under consideration at the time of the College Council meeting.

- The ASSC will be submitting an editorial to the Skyline View expressing their perspective on the Student Success Taskforce recommendations.
- ASSC will be participating in the March on March (March 5, 2012).
- ASSC is addressing concerns expressed regarding the Veterans Center by a student that visited the council. ASSC has done a preliminary visit and found participants expressing their satisfaction with the center however, some of the issues regarding privacy, location, and furniture are being further explored.
- ASSC voted to sponsor the GSA conference this year

**Classified Council Report** – The Classified Council reported that they have not yet met this semester but anticipate that they will be focusing on a review of the bylaws in order to transform into an actual Classified Senate.

**Academic Senate Report** – The Academic Senate will meet Friday January 27, 2012. They will be acting on the FTEF Allocation Committee recommendations. Additionally, the Senate will be acting on the appointments to the hiring committees for the DSP&S and the TRiO Counseling positions. The Senate reported that the faculty handbook is expected to be completed soon. Additionally, they are in the position of developing an Academic Senate Handbook. The Skyline College Academic Senate President, Fermin Irigoyen, will also serve as the District Academic Senate President.

**Next meeting – February 22, 2012**

## **Governance: Stewardship for Equity, Equal Employment and Diversity/Student Equity Committee**

The SEEED/SE Committee met on January 24, 2012. The group reviewed the goals of the committee. Singhashri Gazmuri has been serving as a facilitator leading the groups process of developing an overall diversity framework. Singhashri will be phasing out of the process over the semester as she will be moving to England. She will remain involved through technology and phone conferencing but will no longer attend the SEEED meetings.

**Retreat** - SEEED will be holding a retreat on August 24 – 25, 12 PM – 4 PM and 8 AM – 4:30 PM on August 25, 2012. Funding for the retreat has been approved through the Professional Development process. The purpose of retreat will be vision planning and developing strategies and discussing next steps.

**Planning** – SEEED will be using a strategic planning model but focused on equity. The group is currently working on the Equity Driven Data Gathering and Analysis section which explores how can we implement and evaluate; how we can improve our services and programs; what has been successful and how we scale up? At the retreat we will explore the next section of the planning model – Culturally Responsive Strategy Development. The

Design team will explore this as well.

**The Focus Question** – The group has identified the following focus question for inquiry.

- How do our practices and processes in connection, entry, progress and completion impact campus equity and student success at Skyline College?
  - Look at language used at district level
  - How do we connect with community and students? Also, with new faculty and staff?
  - Capture milestones for students i.e., are they meeting their goals at Skyline College? How are things impacting student success?

**Subcommittee Report Backs** – the following subcommittees provided updates and inquiry questions from their subcommittees:

- Student Support Services - How does our assessment process affect equity for perspective students?
- Community Connections - How does our current outreach effort make Skyline College accessible to potential first generation college student at local feeder high schools?
- Hiring/Diversity - What kind of outreach we use to hire diverse faculty and staff?
- Resources to Succeed - What are the availability for computers and printers for financial aid students?
- Curriculum and Pedagogy - Looking at cultural dimensions of math curriculum. Do the data problems connect with students?
- Communications - How does sharing and not sharing by adjunct faculty with students?

**Next Steps** - Sub-Committees to meet very soon to finalize data plans and get started on data collecting. Once sub-committees get the data, they must look at how to analyze the data. Singhashri will help sub-committee chairs by phone.

## **Governance: Budget**

The College Budget Committee met on January 26, 2012, co-chaired by Fermin Irigoyen, Academic Senate President, and Eloisa Briones, Director of Business Services.

**Budget Overview** - Kathy Blackwood, interim Executive Chancellor, gave the CBC an overview of recent developments around the state budget. Actual state revenues in the current year came in less than projected, hence trigger reductions have been pulled. To eliminate the looming state deficit, the Governor proposed a ballot measure in November to

ask voter approval to increase sales and income taxes. Should the ballot initiative fail, there will be further cuts to community college funding resulting in a workload reduction of 5.4% in 2012-2013. With the passage of AB26, the district will financially benefit from the dissolution of the redevelopment agencies in San Mateo County. Kathy announced that the district is backing into basic aid status this year. This will have repercussions on how the district operates, some of which may require policy changes. At the upcoming board retreat in February, Kathy will present these developments to the board with their positive and negative implications to the district. Kathy will propose that the district budget with a deficit in 2012-2013 using district reserves to balance the budget. Colleges will be funded at actual FTES generated as long as the district does not exceed its funded cap.

**Payment Plan Update** - Dean John Mosby described the processes that the district and colleges put into place and carried out before and after students who had unpaid balances were dropped on Jan. 4 for non-payment of fees. He commended the spirit of team work at the One Stop as well as across the college who have contributed time and effort to reduce the number of students dropped. John reported an increase in the number of Skyline College students despite the drop. There are 10,228 enrolled at Skyline College to date.

**College Budget** - Eloisa Briones went over the Skyline College resource allocation starting with 2006/7 to present. After reviewing Skyline College allocations and expenditures for the current year, the committee discussed a tentative budget that (1) assumes a status quo site allocation for the following year and (2) includes a scenario of 3-5 new faculty and 1-2 new classified positions. The committee voted to recommend to the president a 2012-2013 tentative budget that includes 5 new faculty positions and 2 new classified positions. The President has accepted the recommendation. The group acknowledged that as the budget information from the state and district evolves, the committee may revisit the tentative budget to consider scenarios with additional positions.

**Accreditation Update** - Fermin Irigoyen, Accreditation co-chair, informed the CBC of the writing team workshops scheduled on January 30 and 31. College surveys will also be conducted during the spring semester.

**Next Meeting – February 9, 2012**

Adjunct new hires need equivalency approval thru AS and original transcripts. ---suggest take inventory

## Coming Up...

### 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

### January 31, 2012

- 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Financial Education Workshop: Got Bank? – Determine which banking tools best fit your needs; Building 6, Room 6202; for more information and to RSVP, please call 650-738-7035 (this workshop is also being offered in the evening on February 1, 2012)

### February 1, 2012

- 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Chinese New Year Celebration on the Main Quad
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and Fee Waiver Workshop - Building 2, Room 2117B (this event repeats every Wednesday throughout the semester); for more information, contact the Financial Aid Office at 650-738-4236
- 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Financial Education Workshop: Got Bank? – Determine which banking tools best fit your needs; Building 6, Room 6202; for more information and to RSVP, please call 650-738-7035

### February 3, 2012

- 5:00 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. Chabot College @ Hayward
- 7:00 p.m., Men's Basketball vs. Chabot College @ Hayward

### February 4, 2012

- 8:30 a.m. – Noon, Free Workshop: *Orientation to the Early Childhood Education Field: Preparing to Get Hired and Teach Young Children*, Building 6, Second Floor; for more information or to register, contact Cecé Rebele at [rebelec@smccd.edu](mailto:rebelec@smccd.edu) or 650-738-4304
- 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Free Tax Preparation, Building 8, Room 8209; please call 650-738-7035 to schedule an appointment; open to Skyline College students and the community; walk-ins based on availability (this service is available on Saturdays through March 31, 2012 with the exception of February 18, 2012).

## **Future Events – Mark Your Calendar!**

### **February 7, 2012**

- 2:00 p.m., Baseball @ San Joaquin Delta
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Sustainability of Skyline College – Presentation and Walking Tour; meet in Building 4, Room 4148 for initial presentation followed by a tour of the Skyline College campus

### **February 8, 2012**

- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and Fee Waiver Workshop - Building 2, Room 2117B (this event repeats every Wednesday throughout the semester); for more information, contact the Financial Aid Office at 650-738-4236
- 5:00 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. Mission College @ Skyline
- 7:00 p.m., Men's Basketball vs. Ohlone College @ Skyline

### **February 9, 2012**

- 2:00 p.m., Baseball @ Cosumnes River College

### **February 11, 2012**

- 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Free Tax Preparation, Building 8, Room 8209; please call 650-738-7035 to schedule an appointment; open to Skyline College students and the community; walk-ins based on availability (this service is available on Saturdays through March 31, 2012 with the exception of February 18, 2012).
- 1:00 p.m., Baseball vs. Cosumnes River College @ Skyline

### **February 14, 2012**

- 2:00 p.m., Baseball vs. San Joaquin Delta @ Skyline

### **February 15, 2012**

- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA and Fee Waiver Workshop - Building 2, Room 2117B (this event repeats every Wednesday throughout the semester); for more information, contact the Financial Aid Office at 650-738-4236
- 5:30 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. College of San Mateo @ CSM
- 7:00 p.m., Men's Basketball vs. Cañada College @ Cañada

### **February 16, 2012**

- 4:30 p.m., Deadline to submit 2012-2013 Skyline College Scholarship Application; application available online at the home page - [www.SkylineCollege.edu](http://www.SkylineCollege.edu)

**February 17, 2012**

- Holiday – Lincoln’s Birthday (observed)
- 2:00 p.m., Baseball @ Shasta
- 5:00 p.m., Women’s Basketball vs. CCSF @ San Francisco
- 7:00 p.m., Men’s Basketball vs. CCSF @ San Francisco

**February 18, 2012**

- Declared Recess
- 1:00 p.m., Baseball @ Shasta

**February 19, 2012**

- Declared Recess
- Noon, Baseball @ Shasta

**February 20, 2012**

- Holiday – President’s Day

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](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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>
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