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**SKYLINE COLLEGE RANKS AS ONE OF THE BEST 2-YEAR COLLEGES
FOR ADULT LEARNERS NATIONWIDE**

San Bruno, California – November 28, 2017: Skyline College ranks as one of the top 2-year colleges in the nation for adult learners according to Washington Monthly. This ranking, the first ever of its kind, placed Skyline College at number 66 out of nearly 1,500 2-year institutions in the United States. Skyline College was one of five schools in the San Francisco Bay Area to be included on the ranking.

Skyline College prides itself on supporting its local community through adult education. The Adult Education College and Career Educational Leadership (ACCEL) consortia aims to provide alternative paths to educational success that allow students to improve their education, gain employment, or connect with their broader community.

“This achievement clearly demonstrates the strength of Skyline College’s adult learning programs and the ACCEL consortia in particular,” said Regina Stanback Stroud, Ed.D., President of Skyline College. “Adult learners are an important part of Skyline College’s campus community – supporting and empowering them through every aspect of their educational and career journey ensures we are living up to our institutional mission.”

Through the ACCEL consortia, students can currently choose from two career education pathways offered at Skyline College, Jefferson Adult School and South San Francisco Adult School: Hospitality and Tourism Management and Healthcare. These programs are held at the

adult school sites and are linked for a seamless progression into Skyline College's academic and career certificates and degrees. Students who enroll in these classes receive course credit, academic and career counseling, internship and employment assistance, and guided support for entering into Skyline College.

About ACCEL

The Adult-Education College and Career Educational Leadership (ACCEL) consortia is the planning body for San Mateo County's Adult Education Block Grant funding. Locally, North County's Collaborative Action Team includes Skyline College, Jefferson Adult School, and South San Francisco Adult School. Partnership programs serve to improve students' English and math skills through contextualized learning, increased student knowledge of community resources and support services while providing dedicated support staff that assist students with financial planning. Additionally, support is provided to increase academic, life, and leadership skills, create a structured and clear onramp into Skyline College that is specifically designed for adult education students. We are dedicated to providing career exploration in the classroom, hands-on experience through internship opportunities, and acquisition of industry recognized certificates to improve students' employability and career options.

Skyline College is an accredited, comprehensive California community college serving more than 16,000 students annually, offering 100 Associate Degree and Certificate programs. Located on a 111-acre campus overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Skyline College has offered world-class educational opportunities to residents from North San Mateo County and beyond since 1969. Part of the San Mateo Community College District, Skyline College strives to inspire a global and diverse community of learners to achieve intellectual, cultural, social, economic and personal fulfillment.

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