

SKYLINE COLLEGE
EXECUTIVE REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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Farewell to two Skyline students: Skyline is sad to report that there are two students who recently passed away. Boris Albinder passed away on September 16. He was a Student Assistant this year in Biology and a Business major. Chia-Ben Huang passed away on September 12. He was a continuing student who was taking coursework in preparation for transfer. Our thoughts are with Boris' and Chia-Ben's families, friends and those who knew them well here at Skyline.

APPRECIATION

Skyline welcomes back new students with a Pancake Breakfast: This fall's welcome pancake breakfast on Wednesday, August 16, which was sponsored by the Associated Students of Skyline College (ASSC), was a big hit with students. More than 600 people enjoyed fresh, hot pancakes with warm butter and syrup, along with a reminder to visit a counselor.



Students Ashley Delrosario and Jon Baltero enjoy pancakes.

PROGRAM NEWS

National Surgical Technologist Week: This week is National Surgical Technologist (ST) Week. Students of Skyline's ST Program have provided a display on one of the bulletin boards in the cafeteria to explain the profession and how to join it. Surgical technologists work in hospitals and clinics and a few work as private "scrubs" for surgeons as part of specialized surgical teams. With successful work experience, they may advance to first assistants and assist in complex procedures such as liver transplants. With additional education, they may become surgical nurses or surgical technology instructors. Some surgical technologists assume management positions in hospital central supply departments or in business firms such as sterile supply services and operating room equipment distributors. Students and faculty are invited to view the display and call the number listed for more information.

SLOAC workshop focuses on assessment: On September 25, Michael Moynihan, Skyline Associate Professor of Sociology and a member of the Academic Senate Research Committee, led a workshop that focused on how the college evaluates whether students are meeting expected outcomes and how to hone instructors' ability to be sophisticated users of assessment so as to examine learning in a holistic way. Moynihan addressed these questions by discussing various non-traditional means of assessment in his classes. Among the issues he also considered were appropriate sequencing, sampling, and the establishment of baselines. Following his presentation, a hands-on workshop was held and participants refined their

assessments plans with some of his ideas in mind and were also able to get feedback on their draft plans.

Employee Voice Survey—Make your voice heard!

Employee survey forms were mailed out to all Skyline employees three weeks ago. There is a large thermometer to track the college's program which is posted in the President's Office window so employees can keep track on how the survey is coming along. All employees are encouraged to add their voice to the mix so that the college has the fullest, richest possible picture of Skyline as possible from employees' point of view. Skyline wishes to thank employees for helping the college to gather important information that will be of tremendous value not only in the accreditation self-study process, but in many other ways as well.



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Fulbright Scholar in the Language Arts Division: Robin A. De Los Reyes, an English faculty of the Ateneo de Zamboanga University, Zamboanga City, Philippines is at Skyline this year on a Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistantship (FLTA) grant. One of the main objectives of the FLTA program is to provide teachers of foreign countries the opportunity to spend a year in the United States. He is assigned to Skyline College to work with faculty and students in the Kababayan Program. His responsibilities in this school include, but are not limited to, the following: teaching, tutoring in the Learning Center, assisting in the classroom, serving as a resource person in language sharing groups, organizing and participating in extracurricular activities, and most importantly, acting as a cultural representative of his country. Skyline wishes to thank Language Arts Instructor Liza Erpelo for initiating the proposal to the Fulbright Scholar program.

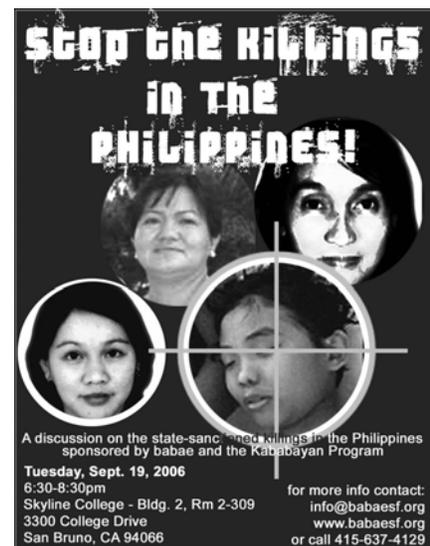
College Committee website: Skyline has added a link to the front page of its website to make the college's committee information a bit more readily accessible for students as well as other members of the college. Individual websites for many of the committees can also be accessed from this link, which is <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/committees/index.html> Also available at this site under "Shared Governance and College Committees" is the college's Philosophy of Shared Governance, and a Compendium of Committees, which lists the name, charge and current membership of all of the college's standing committees.

College Council Annual Report: Skyline has published its first ever Annual Report on the work of the College Council. It is available on the College Council website, which is <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skycouncil/home.html> . The report includes an alphabetical list by topic of all of the issues addressed by the Council last year. There is a synopsis of the work for each date that the Council discussed the topic, as well as a description of plans for this year where appropriate.

Skyline to participate in The First Year Experience: Skyline is one of only two California community colleges selected to participate in the national Foundations of Excellence in the First Year Experience project for 2006-2007. The project encourages college-wide

engagement in a comprehensive and critical self-study that acknowledges both institutional strengths and opportunities for improvement related to the new student experience. Participating colleges develop an integrated plan that focuses on optimizing the students' first year in college in order to increase their success, enhance retention and create a value of life-long learning. Skyline will focus on dimensions established by the Foundations of Excellence, which are philosophy, improvements, roles and purposes, learning culture, assisting students with transitions, student culture and how we accommodate all students, campus diversity, and overall organization of the campus governance. Members of the campus community, faculty, staff and students are asked to join one of the eight dimension committees to give feedback which will help to create a more useful and user-friendly campus to Skyline's first year students. More information will be provided during an informational lunch on Friday, September 29.

Skyline's Kababayan Program presents political documentary and discussion: Skyline's Kababayan program coordinated by Language Arts instructor Liza Erpelo showed a film entitled "Stop the Political Killings in the Philippines" on September 19. The documentary concerned the recent abduction and murder of Alyce Claver, wife of a well-respected doctor and an advocate for the rights of the indigenous community. Following the film, a discussion was held on political killings occurring in the Philippines. The program was co-sponsored by *babae*, which translates to "woman" in Tagalog, a regional organization that serves to address the rights and welfare of multi-generational Filipino women in the United States.



SKYLINE SHINES

Skyline students win Peninsula Community Foundation scholarships: Three students at Skyline College, have won scholarships from Peninsula Community Foundation. **Frank Longhitano**, of Daly City, and **Corey Kreidler**, of Half Moon Bay, were recognized through the Kumin Scholars Program. The Kumin Scholarship supports current community college students who wish to transfer to a four-year institution. This scholarship recognizes and honors the family and work responsibilities of many community college students. The scholarship amount is up to \$2,000 for Community College students and up to \$4,000 when students transfer to a four-year institution for up to 3 years at the community college level and up to 3 years of funding at the four-year institution level. Frank plans to transfer to San Francisco State in 2007. Corey, who was a student and tutor in Skyline's MESA program, has transferred to Cal Poly. **Jessica Gonzalez**, of South San Francisco, earned a Peninsula Regent Charitable Foundation Educational Grant for \$2,000. The grants are given to Peninsula Regent employees and their dependents pursue their educational goals. The selection committee seeks applicants with academic promise, perseverance, involvement outside the classroom and personal characteristics such as honesty and good judgment. She plans to transfer to a 4-year university in 2008. Since 1964, Peninsula Community Foundation has built community investment through strategic and inspired philanthropy. The Foundation has awarded scholarships to local students for more than 30 years and works to

meet community needs in the areas of children and families, education, health and human services, the environment, the arts and strengthening nonprofits.

MESA student receives scholarship: Juan Quant, a student and tutor in Skyline’s MESA (Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement) program, has received a prestigious scholarship. Juan was selected as Skyline’s latest National Science Foundation’s Computer Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Scholarship (CSEMS) recipient and was awarded \$9,000. Juan has transferred to San Jose State as a mechanical engineering major.



Skyline wins state economic development grant: Skyline College’s Center for International Trade Development (CITD) has been awarded a state grant for an Industry Driven Regional Collaborative, entitled “Bay Area International Logistics Capacity Building Opportunity (BAILCBO).” The grant will provide about \$300,000 per year for two years. This is an exciting opportunity for Skyline College to further impact the economic and academic development of the community. The grant will allow the college to achieve a few significant things:

- Form a consortium with the Logistics Industry Association and the entire Bay Area community to provide capacity building in international logistics (freight forwarding and the relevant “feeder” services).
- Develop new curriculum in International Logistics.
- Faculty Development.
- Internship Opportunities for students.

The grant is for two years and will allow for the training of a total of about 200 participants across the Bay Area, as well as Faculty Training. Thanks to Richard Soyombo, Director of the CITD, for his leadership for this project, as well as Business Professor Hui Pate, Dean of Business Margery Meadows and Vice President of Instruction Regina Stanback Stroud.

Rosemary Bell’s reflections on Paris: Congratulations to Skyline College’s Rosemary Bell, Associate Professor of History and Women in Transition at Skyline, who has just returned from her sabbatical leave and has had her article entitled “Off the Beaten Path – Life in the 12th Arrondissement” published. For a fascinating look at Paris through her eyes, check out her article on the *France On Your Own, The Independent Travelers Newsletter*, website:

http://www.franceonyourown.com/News_10_3_01.htm



Shops in former wine warehouses in Bercy in the easternmost section in Paris' 12th arrondissement.

Hermanos Project garners additional funds: The Hermanos Project, another of Skyline’s President’s Innovation Fund proposals, has recently been awarded additional funds by the Peninsula Community Foundation, which has generously pledged \$10,000 to match the \$10,000 awarded by the President’s Innovation Fund. The Hermanos Project is designed to reach out to 30 Latino males in their senior year of high school. South San Francisco High School will be partnering with Skyline to implement the program. The program will include an educational component (i.e. teaching a

College Success course at the high school campus focused on self-esteem, skill building and bonding exercises); a mentoring component, which will involve community members as role models and ongoing support for the student, and a family component, which will involve the student and his family in a variety of cultural events and campus activities (e.g. Noche de la Familia). An Hermanos Club will also be established at the high school to provide a variety of social activities. Special thanks to Manny Santamaria of the Peninsula Foundation, Sandy Irber, and members of the Hermanos Team (Kenny Gonzalez, Pablo Gonzalez, Luis Escobar, Jacquie Escobar and Félix Pérez) for their collaborative efforts to support the project. This new funding will be especially helpful in supporting the family and mentoring components of the Project.

EVENTS

“Americano as Apple Pie,” Wednesday, September 27, 2006: Skyline College will celebrate Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month, with a showing of the film “Americano as Apple Pie: The Influence of Latino Culture in America.” After the film, a panel of Latinos will talk about their experience of growing up in America. Questions will be entertained after the panel. Panelists will include Skyline faculty members Félix Pérez, Pablo Gonzalez, Jacqueline Escobar, Lucia Lachmayr, Alma Cervantes, Raymond Hernandez and Hilda Fernandez. The film and discussion will be held on Wednesday, September 27 from 12-2 p.m. in the Skyline College Main Theatre.

**“Diverse-ability: Culture and Community,”
Wednesday, October 18, 2006:**

In honor of National Disability Awareness Month, Skyline College’s Museum of Tolerance Alumni and Disabled Students Program and Services will sponsor the screenings of the 2001 Academy Award Nominee “Sound and Fury” on October 18 at 12:30 p.m., and “Sound and Fury: Six Years Later” at 2:30 p.m. These powerful films provide a look inside the world of deaf culture and outline the fierce debate over a controversial medical technology called the cochlear implant.

“Sound and Fury” explores one family’s struggle as they examine their definitions of personal identity, disability, culture and community. Admission is free. Closed captioning provided, and ASL interpreters will be on site. Light refreshments will be provided. Funding for the program is provided by the President’s Innovation Fund. The film festival will be held in the Skyline College Main Theatre.



Heather Artinian, a child profiled in the documentaries, "Sound and Fury" and "Sound and Fury: Six Years Later," to be shown at Skyline College on October 18.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies: Skyline College will be celebrating the opening of its modernized and new buildings in the coming months. Two of those buildings are already in service, and planning is underway for those occasions:

- **PE/Athletics and Dance building (Building 3):** the Ribbon Cutting will coincide with the Opening Game of Women’s Basketball on **Wednesday, November 8th**,

allowing us to celebrate both a modernized building and the new Women's Basketball team.

- **Automotive facility (Buildings 9 and 10 and part of Building 8): Thursday, December 7th**, to coincide with Automotive's annual winter luncheon.

The college will celebrate the openings of the new Student Center (Building 6), part of our new science complex (Building 7A) and the modernized Language Arts and Business building (Building 8) on **Wednesday, February 14**.