

President's Report to the Board of Trustees

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SKYLINE SHINES

President's Breakfast draws the biggest crowd ever

Skyline's ninth annual breakfast took place in a challenging economic context, and the President's Council decided to confront the challenge by bringing more people than ever to the breakfast. As a result, there were 330 people at the event, held on March 26, the highest number ever. Professor Pat Deamer knocked it out of the park as the faculty speaker, telling the audience about how the President's Innovation Fund made the ASTEP Math Academy possible, and the outstanding success of the students who have benefitted from that program. Student Alfredo Rivera talked about how the *Rock the School Bells Hip Hop Conference* changed his life and developed his leadership potential. The funds raised at the breakfast will be vital to Skyline's President's Innovation projects for 2009-10. Sandy Irber took leadership on this important effort. Faculty and staff are encouraged to submit a PIF project proposal. The deadline is April 30 and the guidelines and proposal form are at this address:

<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/index.html>.

Now here is a taste of the event, thanks to Student Trustee and photographer Virginia Medrano Rosales: at left, the crowded banquet room at the South San Francisco Conference Center with Skyline staff standing to be recognized, and at right, student speaker Alfredo Rivera and his mother Patricia Rivera.



In the first row of photos: Pat Deamer doing what she does (left), Breakfast Co-Chairs Cherie Napier and Denise Miles (center), President's Council Chair Susan Brissenden-Smith (right), and in the photo at bottom left, Alfredo is flanked by Liza Erpelo and Nate Nevado.



Photos by Virginia Medrano Rosales

Skyline College brothers honored at 2009 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Community College Academic Team ceremony

On March 23, Maher Dabit and Khalil Dabeet were among 75 community college students from throughout California honored at a ceremony in Sacramento for their outstanding academic, community service and leadership accomplishments. Maher was one of 25 students named to the All-California Academic 1st Team and Khalil was one of 25 named to the All-California 2nd Team. Science/Math/Technology Dean Michael Williamson and Learning Center Director Leslie Shelton also accompanied them to the luncheon. Leslie Shelton took the photo at right. Pictured from left to right are: Khalil Dabeet, Maher Dabit and Mike Williamson.



Skyline student elected president of JACC

Skyline student Anttwan Stanberry, Sports Editor for *The Skyline View*, was elected JACC (Journalism Association for Community Colleges) NorCal Student President in March.

Skyline's President's Breakfast Video to win statewide award

The college works hard to ensure that the annual President's Breakfast Video really captures the spirit of Skyline and of the innovative projects that the President's Innovation Fund makes possible. Four times in recent years, Skyline's video has won a statewide award from the community college public relations organization, CCPRO. Last year's video, which was shown at Skyline's Opening Day last fall, will be given the 5th such award. Special thanks go to Sandy Irber, KM2 Communications, Bryan Kingston and Anthony Crivelli. The crowd at the President's Breakfast on March 26 gave rave reviews about the video and President Morrow feels that it is even better than its five prize winning predecessors.

PROGRAMS

1st Annual Careers Networking Night a great success

On March 31, Skyline College held the *1st Annual Career Networking Night: Explore Your Options* in Building 6. This was an event open to all Skyline College students and more than 100 attended. About 30 professionals in the community served on various industry panels providing insights to students about the various opportunities in each career field and what it takes to be competitive in today's market. After the workshops, students had the opportunity to network with the professionals in an informal setting while enjoying pizza sponsored by Genentech. Other sponsoring organizations were Associated Students of Skyline College (ASSC), ASTEP, Career Center, Center for Workforce Development, EOPS, Honors Transfer Program, Kababayan, Puente, Transfer Center, TRIO and Women in Transition. A special thank you goes to ASSC as they funded a large part of the event. Without their support this event would not have been possible. The people who made it happen were a cross-section of the college reflecting an instructional and student services collaborative effort: Sandra Rodrigues, Puente Counselor (lead); instructional faculty and administrators Karen Wong, Lucia Lachmayr, Pat Deamer; Phyllis Taylor, Katharine Harer, Liza Erpelo, Ray Hernandez, Lori Slicton, Leslie Shelton; Counseling faculty Jacquie Escobar, Virginia Padron, Nate Nevado, Imelda Hermosillo, Tim Dupre, Melanie Espinueva, Murrell Green; Counseling interns Jose Gutierrez and Carlos Romero; classified staff Angelica Gorostiza, Daniel Tostado and Adolfo Leiva; and Career Center Student Assistants Dina Valdelamar, Lori Batioco, and Yee Ying Chan.



Photos by Adolfo Leiva

Skyline’s Cosmetology program hosts “Dining for Change”

Skyline’s Cosmetology department hosted the National Cosmetology Association’s Dining for Change event on Sunday, March 22. This was a major fundraiser to benefit the National Cosmetology Association (NCA) Disaster Relief Fund. More than 100 people attended and helped raise more than \$1500. From 10:00 a.m. to well past 5 p.m. students offered services for donations--haircuts, blow dry and styles, manicures, mini facials and make-up applications. Students stayed busy all through the day and teachers worked the floor like the professionals they are. Cosmetology staff and instructors who made this event successful were: Laurie Biagi, the organizer; Nancy Lam, Cam Dinh, Karen Nielsen, Regina Pelayo, Lynn Morita, Josie Glenn; and Sheri Khalil (an instructor and advisory board member). Thanks also the students who worked diligently alongside Laurie to prepare the gift baskets – one from each of the three programs: cosmetology, esthetics and SPA. Funds are still pouring in for this much needed cause. A great time was had by all.

Thanks to Josie Glenn who took these photos. In the top row, from left to right: Student Ami Mankey with a client, Regina Pelayo with a student. In the second row, from left to right are May Lee and Cam Hoan Dinh with a client, and Karen Nielsen with student Casey Walsh.



Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) draws over 1,000 girls to 29th annual event

The college was abuzz on March 21 with more than 1,000 girls and their parents at Skyline for the 29th annual EYH conference. About half the crowd had attended before. The day-long event began with an outstanding keynote address by Titina Ott, Vice President for Organizational Effectiveness for Oracle Corporation and co-founder and Managing Director for Oracle Women's Leadership (OWL), aimed at cultivating and retaining female talent at Oracle. There were countless hands-on workshops for the girls and informative sessions for their parents as well. The Planning Committee responsible for the event included AJ Bates, Don Biederman, Shari Bookstaff, Pat Carter, Christine Case, Arlene Chang, Pat Deamer, Carla Digennaro, Stephen Fredricks, Mousa Ghanma, Shelly Hausman, Nick Kapp, Wendy Kim, Evan Leach, Sue Lorenzo, Wendy Lum, Melissa Michelitsch, Julie Mooney, Vanson Nguyen, Maria Paulson, April Quok, Cindy Parfet, Tiffany Reardon, Pat Tyler, Ron Van Brusselen and Mike Williamson. There were also several dozen student volunteers whose assistance was key to the success of the event. The Genentech Foundation for Medical Sciences provided critical support once again. The following photos were taken by Skyline students Derrick Hau and Gary Cheang.



OUTREACH

High school counselors come to Skyline to hear the latest

On March 27, more than 40 high school counselors attended Skyline's spring meeting designed to strengthen working relationships with the college's feeder high schools. Counselors from Jefferson Union High School District, South San Francisco Unified School District, San Mateo Union High School District and San Francisco Unified High School District, as well as, many community organizations attended the meeting. Attendees watched the new President's Innovation Fund video and were given a presentation regarding upcoming Skyline College events and projects for the summer and fall 2009 semesters. A special thanks to Kristen Abel, Loretta Davis, Minerva Velasquez and the Skyline College Bookstore, Public Information Office, Financial Aid Office and Center for Workforce Development for donating giveaway items.

High School Days continue

In the continuing series of “High School Day” Events at Skyline, 40 students from Thornton, Baden and John O’Connell High Schools were given a 101 Skyline College Presentation on February 11. The students attended the all-day experience that included visiting college classes and exchanging questions with a diverse student panel. The high school students greatly appreciated hearing about the student panel’s college experiences and perspectives and found their interaction with the Skyline College student panel “inspirational.” The visiting students also participated in a series of comprehensive campus tours that emphasized special programs and departments. Many thanks to the Outreach Team, Nate Nevado, Kenny Gonzalez, Jocelyn Vila and Minerva Velasquez for coordinating this event. A special thank also to Kristen Abel, Loretta Davis, Marissa Mariano, the Financial Aid Campus Ambassadors and all the student panelists and volunteers. This event was funded by the President’s Innovation Fund.

PEP kick starts enrollment for graduation high school seniors

Two PEP (Priority Enrollment Program) activities were held during the month of March. The first one was on Saturday, March 14 where more than 60 students and their parents attended a Skyline College Orientation. The second was held at the end of March, in collaboration with DSPS; 45 students and 30 parents attended a special PEP activity. These annual activities are a way of “fast tracking” graduating high school seniors to complete the first three steps of enrollment in one day. After attending a PEP activity, students are then scheduled for counseling appointments in the week or so following the PEP date so that they can begin selecting classes for the coming summer and/or fall. Skyline thanks the Outreach, DSPS and Counseling staff for their collaboration on these events.

PLANNING

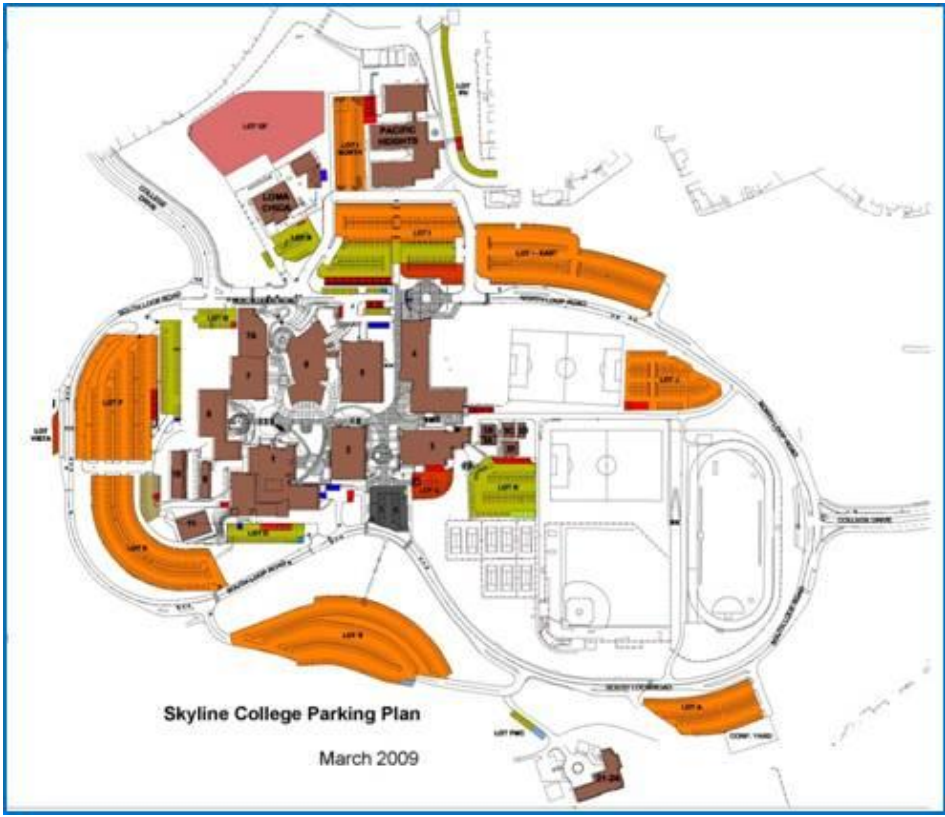
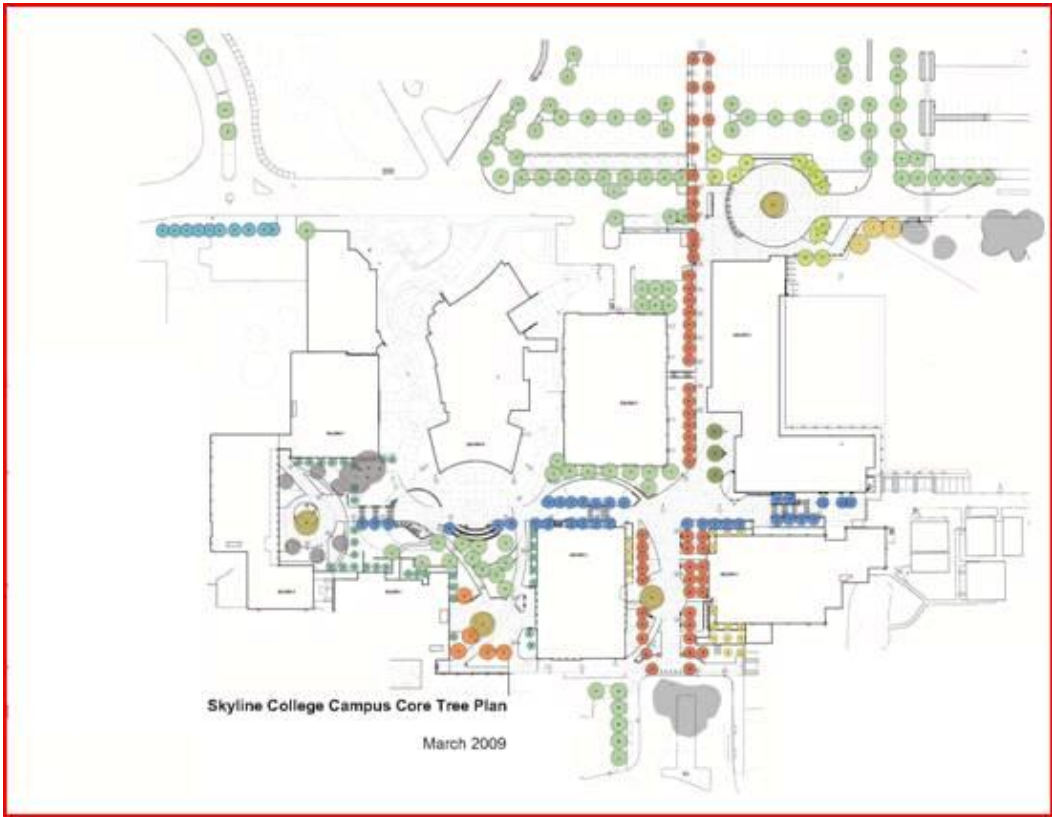
Open Forum coming: plans for renovation of the landscaping, parking, gateways, and other site work at Skyline

President Morrow is convening an Open Forum on Skyline’s landscaping, parking, gateways and other site work:

Thursday, April 23
2:10-4:00 pm
Room 7106

The Open Forum will be an opportunity for everyone to hear the latest about planning for the work that will be taking place starting this summer, including landscaping, parking, gateways and other site work. The gateways to the college at College Drive and Sharp Park will be enhanced. The central areas of campus will all be reshaped, including the quads between Buildings 1 and 2, 2 and 3, 3 and 4N, and 7 and 8, and the walkway between Buildings 2 and 5. The parking areas will be restructured and many sections of the campus will be re-landscaped. There will be discussion about the existing trees and where trees will be coming down; the guiding principles used in selecting the new trees, shrubs and ground covers; parking for students, staff, the disabled and visitors; and construction logistics. This will be an opportunity for people to see the draft plans and to comment upon them or flag issues that may not have come up yet.

Here are overviews of the tree plan and the parking plan, just to whet your appetite. Details will be provided in the Open Forum.



EVENTS

Student Art Exhibit opens April 27, 2009

The Annual 2009 Skyline College Juried Student Art Exhibit is coming up soon. The exhibition will be on display in the Gallery Theatre from April 27 – May 14, and will feature artworks in many different mediums by Skyline students. Current gallery hours are M-F, from 1-4 pm. The opening reception for the show will be on Tuesday, April 28, from 5:30-7:30 pm. Take a look at the Gallery Theatre website for more information.

<http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skygallery/>. That same

evening at 5:15, the college will dedicate the mural (see the photo on the right) on the exterior of the Gallery beside the Building 1 loading dock. This President's Innovation Fund project is now complete and it looks amazing.



The Kababayan Program presents the 5th Annual Pilipino Cultural Night — *BROWNOUT!*, April 30-May 1, 2009

Skyline continues its annual tradition of Pilipino Cultural Nights with its latest production, *BROWNOUT!*, on Thursday, April 30 and Friday, May 1, 2009 in the Main Theater at Skyline College, 3300 College Drive, San Bruno. Doors open at 7 pm for both shows. Pilipino Cultural Night (PCN) is a student-run event that is open to the community to celebrate the Filipino American experience, showcasing the cultural dances and traditional music from the Philippines as



well as elements of the Filipino American culture. The show is based upon the work of students enrolled in English 104: "Applied English Skills in Cultural Production," who are responsible for the writing, directing, producing, advertising, acting, singing, dancing, stage/technical crew, and prop/set design and construction of the show. The dances are performed by members of the class as well as the Kababayan Dance Troupe of Skyline College. In this year's story, *BROWNOUT!*, in the spring of 1939, two sisters, Reina and Mila Santarina receive word that their father Alberto tragically dies in an accident in the Philippines. Reina and Mila's presence has been requested to settle to the family estate in what is now the historic Tandang Sora district of Quezon City, Philippines, where the ancestral family home is located. While in the Philippines, the sisters find out they have inherited not only the house, but also its secrets. Reina and Mila learn that while it's important to know everything you can about who you are and where you are from, some things are just better left in the dark. Students in the Kababayan Program and Filipino Student Union, along with advisors Liza Erpelo, Melanie Espinueva, Marisa Mariano, and Nate Nevado, have been hosting events and fundraisers to help pay for the costs and expenses of the production. Proceeds from this year's PCN will benefit future productions and go toward scholarships for the students in the Kababayan Program and Filipino Student Union. The event is a unique and wonderful opportunity to learn a bit more about Filipino and Filipino American history and culture and to see Skyline's phenomenal students in action.