



President's Report to the Board of Trustees

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Theater and Gallery to be renamed

The College Council recently considered a proposal to change the names of two Skyline buildings:

- *Main Theater* to become *Theater*
- *Gallery Theater* to become *Gallery*.

These changes have been recommended to the chancellor and approved, so Skyline will use these new names henceforward. They will communicate much more clearly the uses of these facilities and eliminate confusion for students and the public. The new names will be incorporated into the signage planning work which is under way at this moment.

COMPLETION AND END OF THE YEAR CEREMONIES

Skyline shone on Commencement Day

Skyline enjoyed a truly celebratory Commencement on Friday, May 29. There were 517 students that earned their degrees during the past year and 180 of them participated in the ceremony. One student graduated with an Associate Degree in Psychology, earned with Highest Honors, or a perfect 4.0 grade point average: Diana Mary Canant. A member of Skyline's full-time staff was part of the graduating class: Nancy Argarin, Senior Accounting Coordinator. The student speaker was former Skyline staff member, Linda Allen, pictured below with Ray Hernandez, Academic Senate President, and Mauricio Flores Hernandez, President of the Associated Students of Skyline College. After the ceremony, the grads and their supporters crowded the quad for picture taking and then enjoyed refreshments in the Student Center.



Photos by Caroline Ocampo

It takes many people to carry off such a large and complex event, and many volunteers helped:

Commencement Committee: Amory Cariadus, Loretta Adrian, Kevin Chak, Sheila Claxton, Golda Gacutan, Manny Granillo, Jr., Seini Mateialona, Sherri Hancock, Sue Lorenzo, Caroline

Ocampo, Sandy Irber, Julene Rhoan, Brian Tupper, Mike Celeste, Joseph Morello, Persis Morrice, Theresa Tentes, Kathy Zbikowski-Taylor, Linda Bertellotti, and Alan Ceccarelli

Faculty Marshals: Jerry Ciruolo and Robert Millar

Platform Party: Patricia Miljanich, Vicki Morrow, Regina Stanback-Stroud, Loretta Adrian, Raymond Hernandez, Sandra Hsu, Aldofo Leiva, Mauricio Flores-Hernandez, and Linda Allen

Music: Billy Robinson and the Skyline College Jazz Band, Jude Navari and vocalist John Mansfield

Facilities Department Staff, for the set-up and take down

Public Safety Department Staff, for crowd control and public safety

Volunteers: Marta Cuellar, Caitlin Bortoli, Amanda Bortoli, Kayla Gallagher, Matt Hernandez, Wai Tan Tam, Michelle Brackett, Regina Morrison, Minerva Velasquez, Kennya Zepeda, Danielle Palengat, Shannon Salazar, Noah Brown, Astrid Berrios, Felix Perez, Vivian Paw, Annie Trinh, Pablo Gonzalez, Jocelyn Vila, Patty Mendoza, Pat Carter, Linda Kisich, Elizabeth Gallagher, Stephanie Nale, Eileen Wong, Gesarae Margate, Bryan Giusto, Jorge Murillo, Kamla Bucceri, Jose Perez, Wendy Lum and Marcy Escobar Mora.

The event ended with a lovely reception in the Student Center and many photo opportunities for the grads and their families along with faculty and staff. Thanks also to Pacific Dining for the catering.

Automotive Technology program celebrates student achievement

The Automotive Technology Department held its annual graduation/awards banquet at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. Students, their families, industry partners, and college and district representatives attended the event. Automotive graduates received their program Certificate of Completion and numerous awards and scholarships were awarded to deserving students. It was a wonderful night for all in attendance. Here are Tom Broxholm giving Htet Aung the Ray Bruington Student of the Year award recipient; Rick Escalambre giving the Company Appreciation Award for Nissan to Jack Feeley; and Dave Campbell recognizing Jerry Ciruolo's retirement after 23 years. They were joined by Karen Schwarz, President of the Board of Trustees and President Vicki Morrow.



ASTEP/Math Academy holds 1st Annual Recognition Celebration

On May 28, the ASTEP (African-American Success Through Excellence and Persistence) Math Academy students were honored by their faculty, family and friends. The administrators and faculty who attended did so in our full regalia and we had the great pleasure of hearing 1985 Skyline graduate Colleen Matthews speak to the students. Many of the students talked about their experiences in the Math Academy and at the college. Thanks to Pauline Wetherington whose brainstorm this event was, and to program co-coordinators Pat Deamer and Phyllis Taylor, and to the many faculty and administrators who were there to cheer on the students.

EOPS/CARE program celebrates students and raises scholarship money

EOPS/CARE held its 2008-2009 Dream Celebration Dinner and Scholarship Fundraiser on May 22 with more than 80 students, family members, friends and staff in attendance. All students were honored including 34 graduates, 31 Foundation Scholarship Recipients and 10 EOPS Departmental Scholarship Recipients. Derrick Smith, graduating student and keynote speaker, inspired the audience with his life story filled with challenges, courage and victories. The event raised \$700 in scholarship monies due to the support of both the Skyline and the off campus community and the efforts of the EOPS/CARE students and Skyline’s Democratic Club (Kudos to Virginia Rosales and Clarissa Chin). Thanks also to Facilities, the Media Center, Leo and Virginia Rosales and Adolfo Leiva who helped make the evening a success, and for the generosity of La Tapatia, the Skyline Bookstore, Max’s Restaurant, La Loma Produce and Hernández Mercado y Panadería. The photos are the EOPS 2009 graduates, Derrick Smith (with the EOPS shawl in the center photo), and EOPS Departmental Scholarship Recipients.



Photos by Pablo Gonzalez

Classified staff recognized at annual luncheon

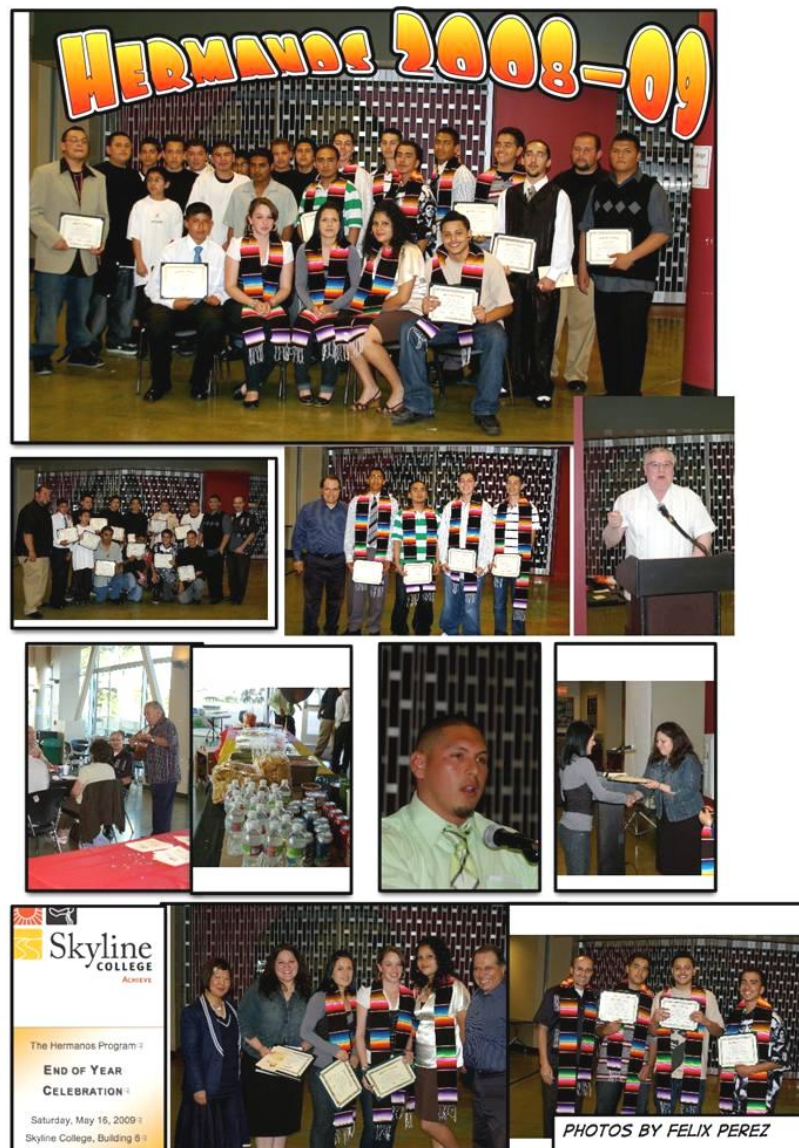
Each year at a luncheon, Skyline honors classified staff who have achieved milestones in their careers with the district, and this year the event was held on May 15. The honorees are recognized by a supervisor and they receive a certificate and a gift. Margery Meadows recognized Kristina Brower and Nataliya Gamburg for 10 years of service and William Bruening for 30 years of service. Linda Van Sciver recognized Sheila Claxton for 10 years of service. Joe Morello recognized Maria Norris for 20 years of service. Sherri Hancock recognized Terry Stats for 30 years of service and Eloisa Briones recognized Kathy Zbikowski-Taylor for 40 years of service. The program included musical entertainment by William Watson, Director of the Center for Workforce Development, who played some of his own compositions on the piano. Here is a glimpse of the event.



Photos by Caroline Ocampo

Hermanos and Hermanas enjoy an end of the year celebration

On May 16, the Hermanos and Hermanas Programs at Skyline College celebrated the success and academic accomplishments of the students participating in this year's program. The evening included a keynote speech by Ivan Martinez, Skyline alumnus and former Hermano; musical entertainment by Jesus Magaña; a slide show video of the "Year in Review" created by Sthiv Valencia, current Hermanos student; and awards for students. These awards recognized High School Hermanos and Hermanas, and current Skyline Hermanos. The event also recognized the success of Hermanitos, an initiative started by the Hermanos club at Parkway Heights Middle School in South San Francisco. Additional recognitions included Skyline's Félix Pérez receiving a Special Achievement Award, retired South San Francisco Chief of Police Mark Raffaelli receiving a Special Recognition for all his support, Skyline College students Jorge Murillo and Sthiv Valencia receiving Change Agent Awards, and Parkway Junior High School student Edson Gonzalez receiving the Shining Star Award. The Hermanos and Hermanas Programs provide academic instruction, mentoring and family support for Latino male and female students with the goal of enrolling these students in college and increasing their confidence along with academic and personal skills needed to succeed. Félix Pérez took these photos of the event.



39th edition of *Talisman* celebrated with student readings

On May 21, the Gallery Theatre was full of students and faculty eager to hear the students whose work was published in the 39th edition of *Talisman*, Skyline's annual collection of student poetry, short stories and original artwork. Award winners in the literary contests were presented with prizes by the judges, Kathleen Feinblum for poetry and Greg Christensen for short fiction, both instructors in the Skyline Language Arts Department, followed by readings by the winners and by any student published in this year's *Talisman*. Kudos to Kathy Zbikowski-Taylor for the beautiful printing of the magazine's pages; Alfonso Maciel, local printer and friend of Skyline for the printing of the cover; and Mary Campi, former Skyline student for her design and layout skills. Student artists contributed paintings, drawings, collages, computer art and photographs of a very high quality. Faculty editor, Katharine Harer, and student editors, Jennifer Burket, Ben Lopez, Steve Perotti and Charity Walden, worked throughout the spring semester to make the 39th edition a reality. Here are Steve Perotti and Dani Lee reading their work.



Photos by Katharine Harer

Faculty and staff honored at annual celebration

One of Skyline's most cherished traditions is the annual end of the year luncheon for faculty and staff. The event brings people together for a last visit before the summer and is an occasion to honor retiring colleagues and wish them well in the next phase of their lives. The retirees this year are Jerry Ciruolo, Sheila Claxton, Larry Coons, Stanlee Garriott, Marian Kelly, Charles Leach, Bob Millar, Persis Morrice, Félix Pérez, Terry Stats, Angela Viviani, Sally Welch, and Kathy Zbikowski-Taylor. The event is also a fundraiser for student scholarships and this year it raised more than \$700. Mike Williamson, esteemed MC, shares his annual three predictions for the next year, and this year he outdid himself in terms of cleverness and creativity. The Classified Council gave Special Recognition Awards to Adolfo Leiva and Barbara Daley. The Academic Senate gave Special Recognition Awards to Chip Chandler and Hui Pate. The Phil Meyer Award for outstanding faculty members in their first five years went to two people this year: Leigh Ann Sippel and Justin Piergrossi. Karen Schwarz, president of the Board of Trustees, joined Skyline for the celebration. Special thanks go to Mike Williamson, Sue Lorenzo, Pat Tyler, Theresa Tentes, Adolfo Leiva, Ray Hernandez, Sandra Hsu, all the Division and Department Assistants for organizing the raffle baskets, the Library Staff for their dessert table and everyone that purchased raffle tickets. Thanks to Caroline Ocampo for the photos.



SKYLINE SHINES

Another Columbia University grad from Skyline's Honors Transfer (HTP) and Women in Transition (WIT) Programs

Former HTP and WIT student, Annie Vo, graduated from Columbia University this May with a B.A. in Philosophy. Honors Coordinator, Katharine Harer, was there to attend the graduation ceremony. Annie is the second HTP and WIT student to attend and graduate from Columbia, following in the footsteps of Akillah Wali. Brenda Smith, also of HTP and WIT, is finishing her first year at Columbia and attended Annie's ceremony with Katharine. Brenda and Akillah were also ASTEP students. Annie, in cap and gown, is in the foreground of the photo at right with family members in the background.



Skyline receives federal stimulus funding from the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA, the Economic Stimulus Bill) is an effort to jumpstart the economy, and create or save jobs. Skyline College responded to a request from the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) to propose education opportunities in anticipation of ARRA funding. On June 18, the Workforce Investment Board voted to allocate ARRA funding for three instructional programs that Skyline proposed to help people get the education needed for jobs in this ever changing economy. Those programs include:

- Auto Service Technician Program: This 2.5 unit program will serve up to 23 students during the 2009- 2010 year.
- Emergency Medical Technician - B Certificate Program: This 7 unit program will serve up to 25 students during the 2009-2010 year.
- Medical Coding and Billing Certificate Program: This 17 unit program will serve up to 25 students during the 2009-2010 year.

Vice President of Instruction Regina Stanback Stroud worked with Deans Margie Meadows and Mike Williamson, and William Watson, Director of Workforce Development, to create and submit a proposal for a group of programs designed to prepare people in manageable timeframes for desirable career opportunities. Funding for the entire project totals \$258,939.

PROGRAMS

Phi Theta Kappans are environmental stewards

On May 29, members of Skyline's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society picked up litter in parking lot 2. This is a semiannual activity for the Phi Theta Kappa chapter because the chapter is committed to maintaining the college's natural resources. The parking lot area includes a spring, pond, and coastal scrub plants. The parking lot is an entrance to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, as well as a part of Skyline's campus. The students shown in the photo collected about 25 pounds of trash and \$1.01. After this Jessica Lau (4th from left) and Jack Torres (3rd from right) went to participate in the Commencement ceremonies.



Photo by Chris Case

Storefront awards for Fashion Merchandising students

The Small Business Neighborhood Renovation Project, funded by Wells Fargo, asked the question “Who could best spend \$2,000 to renovate the image of a local retail store?” Skyline College Instructors Ally Nuschy and Michael Murphy organized five teams of students who worked on store renovation projects in San Mateo County. Skyline student Ruby Daroy, who headed the team, along with Rachel Marshall, Jaice Teotico and Catherine Sarcos renovated Lonora Gold in South San Francisco. Owner Luis Campos said, “I know that they had \$2,000 to spend, but with all the labor they put into the project, I feel like I got \$10,000 worth.” In the first photo are representatives from Wells Fargo, the City of South San Francisco and South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, Renaissance/Start Up along with Lonora Gold owners Luis and Maria Eugenia Campos, Skyline Faculty member Ally Nuschy, and Skyline students Ruby Daroy, Rachel Marshall, Jaice Teotico and Catherine Sarcos. In the second photo are Denise Miles, Wells Fargo and Lonora Gold owner Luis Campos presenting award check to Skyline students. Skyline student Ruby Daroy, who headed the team, along with Rachel Marshall, Jaice Teotico and Catherine Sarcos were the project winners.



Photos by Caroline Ocampo

Skyline College spring athletics wrap-up

Skyline College athletic teams and students enjoyed a successful finish to the sports season. 72 students participated in the spring semester in Women’s Basketball, Men’s Basketball, Baseball and Women’s Badminton. Women’s Basketball finished the season with an overall record of 24-7 finishing third in the Coast Conference North division and qualifying for the state playoffs a second year in a row. The Men’s Basketball team finished their season with an overall record of 18-14 finishing third in the Coast Conference North division and qualified for the state playoffs for the first time since 2003. Our Baseball team completed the season 27-16 finishing second in the Coast Conference Pacific Division. In Women’s Badminton, the team finished 6-2 overall which was good enough for second place in the Coast Conference. In singles and doubles competition, the top singles player and doubles team reached the state quarterfinals. Eighteen individuals received recognition as All-League, All-State and/or All American Selections. The individual are: Laura Zasly (Women’s Basketball - 1st Team All-Conference and 2nd Team All-State), Katie Zasly (Women’s Basketball – 1st Team All-Conference), Danielle Simon (Women’s Basketball – Honorable Mention), Jennifer Matawaran (Women’s Basketball – Honorable Mention), Sean Echols (Men’s Basketball – 2nd Team All-Conference), Matt Fotchman (Men’s Basketball – Honorable Mention – All Conference), Ronney Freeman (Men’s Basketball – Honorable Mention – All Conference), Rodney Freeman (Men’s Basketball – Honorable Mention – All Conference), Marcus Pointer (Baseball – Coast Conference Pacific Pitcher of the Year and All-American), Greg Gonzalez (Baseball – 1st Team All-Conference and All-American), Tony Loeffler

(Baseball – 1st Team All-Conference), Lucas Hagberg (Baseball – 2nd Team All-Conference), Taylor Heon (Baseball – 2nd Team All-Conference and Finalist Rawlings Gold Glove Award), Cody Larson (Baseball – 2nd Team All-Conference), Jesse Orozco (Baseball – 2nd Team All-Conference), Nico Vargas (Baseball – 2nd Team All-Conference), Nour Abudamous (Women’s Badminton – All Conference Singles and Doubles), Rachelle Berania (Women’s Badminton – All Conference Singles and Doubles). With the exception of one student, all these individuals attended high school in San Mateo or San Francisco County. Academically, Skyline’s teams had a cumulative GPA of 3.09. Women’s Basketball (3.45) and Baseball (3.13) both had team GPA’s above a 3.0. The completion rate for all course attempted by student-athletes was 87% and 28 students achieved a 3.0 grade point average or higher while completing 12 or more units in the spring semester.

Skyline holds 1st Annual Summer Counselor Institute

Twenty Skyline Counselors participated in the 1st Annual Summer Counselor Institute sponsored by Skyline’s College Success Initiative (CSI). The two-day agenda covered a broad variety of topics. Sessions were facilitated by both full-time and adjunct counselors. On June 4, topics included Review of CSI Student Services Initiatives, Using On Course Philosophies in Counseling/Career curriculum, Discussion on Case Management Implications, and Fulltime and adjunct counseling issues. A Career 410 Training Session was conducted in the afternoon for all counselors teaching the course. The program for June 5 included a variety of informational updates: Assessment Update-ESL, New Online Professional Development Program for Counselors, Early Alert Update, Student Success Program Update, Career Information, Mental Health Tips, Transfer Updates - Review of AP/IB and Counseling students with a Nursing major, and Planting Seeds – Budget Implications.

EVENTS

Welcome Day for students and families coming on August 8

Skyline will hold its second annual Welcome Day on Saturday, August 8. Further information may be obtained by contacting Nate Nevado, Counselor, 650-738-4388; or Jocelyn Vila, Program Services Coordinator for Outreach, 650) 738-4390.

