

President's Report to the Board of Trustees

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SKYLINE SHINES

Skyline is a lively free speech venue

On November 3, the day before the general election, there was a lively demonstration at Skyline around noon in front of Building 6 in relation to Proposition 8. The Gay/Straight Alliance led the "No on 8" demonstration and another group of students demonstrated for "Yes on 8." There were dozens of people on both sides, as well as dozens more observing over a period of about an hour and a half. Each side delivered a five minute argument in support of their views. The demonstration was passionate, the signs were numerous and the chanting on both sides was vigorous, but free speech ruled the day. By 5:00 p.m. that same afternoon, *The Skyline View* published an electronic article by Nick Donofrio, a 10-minute video clip by Andrew Lidwell and a slideshow made by pictures from Marian Mesia, Natalie Christine, and Shannon Elliott. The Skyline View video may be viewed at http://www.theskylineview.com/?reffeature=htmlbreakingnewsedition.

Voter registration was a success

The new electronic signboard in the cafeteria did a great job of encouraging people to register to vote, thanks to Amory Cariadus, Coordinator of Student Activities. Then, during the week of the second presidential debate (October 7), Skyline students were busily registering voters outside the Student Union. In four days of tabling, more than 80 voters registered to vote Republican, Democrat, Green, Libertarian, and other party identifications. This event was staffed by members of the Skyline College Democrats and their advisor Michael Messner, along with ASSC members, and with help from the San Mateo County Registrar of Voters.

Skyline's PTK works with Sri Lankan school

Skyline Phi Theta Kappans (from left in photo below) Denise Owen, Ashley Good, and Paige Fulmer, developed a painting project for children at the Bridge2Peace school in Sri Lanka. Skyline's Phi Theta Kappa chapter mailed the drawing on canvas along with paints and brushes to Sri Lanka. The children completed the painting. The children sent back photos of their completed paining and added the big sign next to the painting which reads "Thank you Skyline College and PTK."



Skyline student wins national prize

Skyline student and Phi Theta Kappa Chapter president Ashley Good won second place in the national Phi Theta Kappa Essay Contest on "Affluence and Sustainability: An American Paradox." The contest was open to all Phi Theta Kappa members in the country. Ashley's winning essay is entitled "Affluence and Sustainability: An American Paradox of Abundant Energy." Ashley won a cash prize for herself and one for the Skyline chapter. The chapter's prize must be spent on the International Service Project, Operation Green. The chapter will use its share of the prize to partially fund prizes for the Operation Green middle school cartoon contest.



Photo by Chris Case

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

High school counselors hear the latest on Skyline

On Friday, October 17, Skyline College hosted the Fall 2008 High School Counselors Breakfast in the Student and Community Resource Center. Garnering the biggest attendance yet, more than 60 counselors, advisors, career tech specialists, and youth organization representatives attended this event. It provided a forum for sharing information about Skyline College's current collaborations and initiatives at our local feeder high schools, and for engaging in dialogue about how best to serve students. In addition, the attendees were given updates from Skyline's instructional programs and student services such as the Jumpstart Program, Cosmetology, the Business Division, Puente, Foreign Languages, and the Honors Transfer Program. The morning was highlighted with a video illustrating our President's Innovation Fund projects such as the Hermanos/Hermanas Programs, HY-PHE (Heightening Your Personal Development through Higher Education), Rock the School Bells Hip-Hop Conference, and the Math Academy. Based on the evaluation completed by the participants, the event was a tremendous success. The event was organized by the Outreach Team, Nate Nevado, Kenny Gonzalez, Jocelyn Vila, and Minerva Velasquez.



El Dia de la Raza and Hermanos/as events

Skyline celebrated a special event, El Dia de la Raza, which was followed by a week full of Hermanos/as educational and cultural events during the week of October 13.

Dia de la Raza Food Sale

The Dia de La Raza food sale was a cheerful cultural event that informed Skyline students about El Dia de La Raza and helped expand the Hermanos Club network. The event was not only a successful fundraiser, but Skyline students also got to hear compelling speakers, introduced by Luciana Castro and Lucia Lachmayr. Charismatic La Kalle disc jockey Edgar "Shoboy" told personal anecdotes about overcoming adversity in school from K-12 to graduate school. It was a powerful and encouraging message to the crowd of about 60 people that gathered around the podium in the quad. Students from Luciana Castro's Spanish classes spoke about the meaning of the day and the taxonomy of different terms applied to Latinos and Hispanics. The student speakers were Noemi Perdomo, Nico Piccinini, Talita Queiros, Genevieve Tiangco and Rosa Paz. Astrid Berrios spoke from L.A.S.O. (Latin American Student Organization), and Saul Morales from Hermanos, about their clubs' respective functions on campus. Many members of LASO passed out flyers that explained the meaning of 'Dia de la Raza.' Jenny Santiago, Margarita Gutierrez, Alfredo Rivera and George Hernandez from LASO helped make the event happen and Noah Brown served as the impromptu promoter of food sales. Jose Zaragoza from Hermanos and others from LASO and Hermanos who worked as a team, stepped up to the plate to have a successful homemade food and T-shirt sale.







Mentor Training

A well facilitated training by Jacquie Escobar, with Room 6206 filled with mentors who mingled with each other and received all the information they needed to know about their role as mentors and about the program.

4th Annual Latino Business Award Ceremony

This San Francisco event was attended by Hermanos Club members Jorge Murillo, Paola Ferrara and Hermanos Coordinator Daniel Tostado. The Skyline people were invited by Rick Gomez, business owner and Chairman of the San Francisco Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Besides offering great food, the event helped Skyline expand the Hermanos/as network.

Mentor/Mentee Mixer

Skyline faculty and staff told President Morrow it was inspirational to see how quickly the Hermanos/as family grew in one day. Students are going to benefit tremendously from Skyline's great mentors. Also, Fabian Morales and Alma Garcia did a fine job of leading the activities and making sure that the 60 attendees enjoyed their time.

Holiday Job Fair brings employers to Skyline

Students and others had the opportunity to explore careers for current opportunities or future possibilities at the Skyline Job Fair on November 12. The event was held in the Student Center and dozens of Bay Area employers with immediate employee needs conducted on-site interviews. The Job Fair is coordinated by Virginia Padron and the staff of Skyline's Career Center.



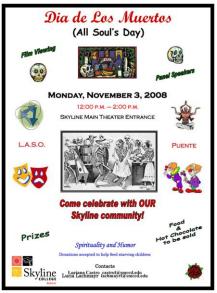
Skyline continues to support green programs

The second class of solar panel Installers completed their final project and received their completion certificates on Saturday, Oct 25th. The final project included a complete installation and set up of a 16-panel solar array and tie-in to the power grid. The weather was spectacular and sunny for all the outside course activities. Below are the class graduates. In the front row are the Skyline team of instructors – Omer Thompson, Skyline College, Jake Tornatzky, Solar City and Brian von Moos from Borrego Solar.



El Dia de los Muertos panel discussion

A celebration of El Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead was held on November 3 in Skyline's Main Theatre. There was a panel discussion led by instructors Lucia Lachmayr, Félix Pérez, John Ulloa and Luciana Castro on the meaning of the holiday. A film "La Ofrenda" was also shown. In the theatre lobby, members of Skyline's Puente and the Latin American Student Organization (LASO) sold T shirts, Mexican pastries and hot chocolate. A display of photos and Dia de los Muertos artifacts was set up in the lobby.



EVENTS

Student Art Show, November 10-26

Skyline's students are showing their works in ceramics, sculpture and photography in the Skyline Gallery from November 10-26. A reception for the artists will be held on November 19 from 5:30-7:30. The reception is hosted by Skyline's Photography Club.

Concurrent Enrollment Night, November 13

High school students and their parents are invited to a

Concurrent Enrollment Information Night on November 13 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Main Theatre. The Concurrent Enrollment Program provides high school students with an opportunity to get an "early start" on their college education, for free (for up to 11 units per semester).

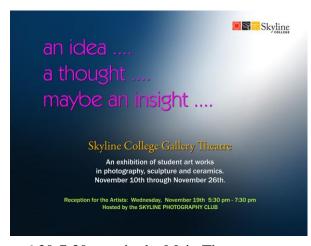
The Hidden Harm of the Pressure to Succeed, November 17-December 8

Skyline is offering a new short course held on four Mondays beginning November 17 through December 8. Instructors are Dr. Leslie Shelton, Director of the Learning Center and Beverly Muse, MFT of Psychological Services. The course discusses the topic of how persistent feelings of not measuring up cause harm.

Rock The School Bells, November 17-22

The Kababayan program, in conjunction with Puente, African-American Success Through Excellence and Persistence (ASTEP), and the Hermanos Program of Skyline College, presents the 2nd Annual Hip-Hop Educational Conference: Rock The School Bells, from November 17-22, 2008. The event is made possible through the Skyline College President's Innovation Fund. Scheduled events are:

- Monday, November 17, 12 noon-2 p.m., Main Theatre, Film Screening: "Beyond Beats and Rhymes," with question and answer discussion. The event is free.
- Wednesday, November 19, 12 noon-2 p.m., Main Theatre, Film Screening: "Planet B-Boy," with question and answer discussion. The event is free.
- Thursday, November 20, 12 noon-2:00 p.m., Building 6: Latin American Student Organization (LASO) presents a film, "Piece by Piece," a documentary on San Francisco graffiti, with question and answer discussion. The event is free.
- Saturday, November 22, 2nd Annual "Rock The School Bells" Educational Hip-Hop Conference from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Main Theatre. Steve "Zulu Gremlin" Roybal and Davey D, Hip-Hop pioneers and historians, will facilitate the History of Hip-Hop workshop. Other workshops include:
 - o The Impact of Women in Hip-Hop
 - o Hip-Hop's Influence on the Fashion Industry
 - o All I Need is One Mic Writing Workshop
 - o Hip-Hop Hieroglyphics/Spray Can Art
 - o The Art of the Spoken Word
 - Street Dance Foundations
 - o DJ Turntable Workshop
- Saturday, November 22, Main Event: Rock The School Bells Evening Concert. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the event is at 7-10 p.m. in the Main Theatre. It is hosted by Jason Mateo. Artists scheduled to perform include:
 - Steve "Zulu Gremlin" Roybal (Rock Steady Crew)



- Not Your Average Superheros (N.Y.A.S.)
- o Davey D, Hip-Hop Historian
- o KIWI
- o DJ Teeko
- o DJ Zita
- o DJ Swiftrock
- UFO Movement
- o Nomi of Power Struggle w/ ALAY Youth
- o BWN BFLO
- o Poreotics
- Special guest cameos

