

President's Report to the Board of Trustees

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SKYLINE SHINES

Skyline students shine at SACNAS once again

At the Society for the Advancement of Native Americans and Chicanos in Science (SACNAS) Convention on October 9-12, 13 Skyline students presented their original scientific research alongside students from University of Texas, Princeton University, Yale University, University of California, University of Vermont, and many other universities. There were 590 student presentations. Skyline's students started their research in Chris Case's Biology 230 class last spring and continued with Chris through the summer in Biology 690. Tiffany Reardon worked with the students to register and prepare them for presenting at a national conference. Chris and Tiffany reported that the students were knowledgeable and professional, and represented Skyline College well.

- Kyle McCurdy and Ashley Tom, "Effect of Betel Nut Extract on the Growth of *Streptococcus mutans*."
- Bryan Robertson and Vincent Fong, "The Chinese Herb *Ilex kudingcha* Kills Bacteria."
- Claudia Briones and Jonathan Tolentino, "Antibacterial Activity of Herbal Extracts used in Native American Traditional Medicine."
- Lily Dang and Esmeralda Lopez-Rivas, "The Antibacterial Activity of *Aframomum melegueta*."
- Sagith George and Kyaw Kyaw Aung, "Analysis of Antimicrobial Activity of Yarron (*Achillea millefolium*)."
- Carmina Harris and Constance-joi Calonge, "Evaluation of the Antimicrobial Activity of *Eriodictyon californicum* in Laboratory Media and Food."
- Lana Alawwad, "Antibacterial Properties of the Arabic Plan Myrrh."



Kyle McCurdy and Ashley Tom won the Microbiology Award at this year's SACNAS convention.

All of these students now have their first publication. Prizes were awarded to the best paper in each category. Skyline students Kyle McCurdy and Ashley Tom won the Microbiology award. Additionally, Chris Case received the 2009 SACNAS Community/tribal college mentor award.

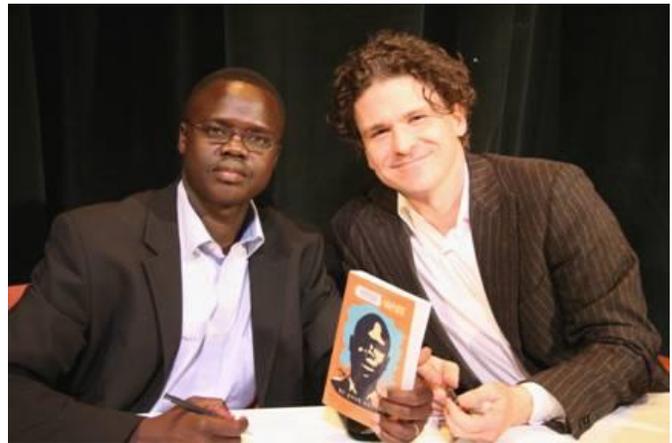
“What Is The What” events at Skyline

Several events were held at Skyline College around the San Mateo County Reads “One Book One Community,” reading of Dave Eggers’ book, “What is the What,” a novelized story of one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, Valentino Achak Deng. On September 25, Librarian Tom Hewitt hosted a Book Talk in the Library and did a masterful job of leading a relaxed but engaged discussion of this powerful and complex story.



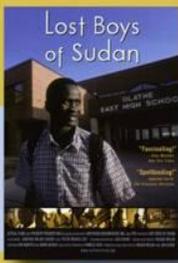
Librarian Tom Hewitt, seated in front of the book shelf, led a Book Talk on *What Is The What*. Here he is with some of the participant, shown clockwise: Mike Moynihan, Vicki Morrow, Tony Jackson and Donna Bestock.

At the San Mateo Performing Arts Center on October 1, the main event was held. Skyline was well represented there and the participants found it to be a stimulating and moving presentation. Pat Tyler had the opportunity to ask Mr. Deng a question. In the first photo below are Skyline Tom Hewitt, Rakefet Avramovitz, Barbara Daley, and Carol Driscoll, along with Skyline Women in Transition Club students Virginia Rosales, Cynthia Arena and Theresa Kannengeiser. The second photo pictures Valentino Achak Deng, the subject of the book, and Author Dave Eggers.



Skyline College presents

Lost Boys of Sudan- Free film



Lost Boys of Sudan
Film and discussion with co-director Jon Shenk
Free and open to all
Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008
Noon
Main Theatre
3300 College Dr., San Bruno, CA

Lost Boys of Sudan is an Emmy-nominated feature-length documentary that follows two Sudanese refugees on an extraordinary journey from Africa to America.

Funded by the President's Innovation Fund.
Student participation certificates for Skyline College hosted events will be available.
For more information, see www.SkylineCollege.edu, www.onelibraryreads.com or call 650-738-4211.



The final event in the series was a showing of the Emmy-nominated feature-length film “Lost Boys of Sudan” on October 15 in the Skyline Main Theatre. The film’s co-director, Jon Shenk, was on hand to answer questions from the audience. Thanks to Tom Hewitt, Barbara Daley and Carol Driscoll for organizing it. The series was funded by Skyline’s President’s Innovation Fund.

Transfer Day brought colleges and students together

Transfer Day, held on October 1, was a huge success. It was terrific to see dozens of public and private colleges represented in this valuable event in the Student Center. Hosted by the Transfer and Career Center, this event personally connected Skyline students with nearly 35 universities and colleges from across California offering transfer options. Approximately 500 Skyline students got valuable information from participating colleges and universities, including UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC San Diego, UC Merced, UC Irvine, SF State University, and numerous private universities and colleges from all over California. Special thanks go to Transfer/Career Center staff Goldie Lee, Joyce Lee, Angelica Gorostiza, Jacque Escobar, Virginia Padron, Andy Davis, Jocelyn Vila, Gunilla Harshman, Vivian Paw, and student assistants, Nyo Hla, Dina Valdelomar, Yee Ying Chan and Lory Batioco. In the first photo, Skyline student Carmel Hernandez talks with college representatives, and in the second, students Ye Naing Win and Anna Garcia do the same.



Romance of Magno Rubio brought the community to Skyline

On October 9-12, Skyline's Kababayan Program hosted the Ma-Yi Theater Production of *The Romance of Magno Rubio*. It was completely sold out. There were students from various organizations and schools in attendance, including the Pilipino Youth Coalition, Liwanag Kultural Center, Riordan High School, SFSU, SJSU, UC Berkeley, Cal State East Bay, Sacramento City College, City College of San Francisco, and of course, Skyline College. Philippine International Aid, Little Manila Foundation, and Filipinos for Obama were also on hand. *The Romance of Magno Rubio* was a penetrating look at Filipino American history performed by a first rate cast. Here is a shot of the Filipino Student Union at Skyline, along with Liza Erpelo and Nate Nevado.



Skyline College’s Art Gallery presents *Politique Poetique*

A group exhibition of artworks interlaced with subtle and sometimes not-so-subtle political commentaries entitled *Politique Poetique* has been on view throughout the month of October. The exhibition features works by Juan Carlos Quintana, Cheryl Meeker, Charlie Milgrim, Christine Ponelle, Matthew Rogers, Alberto Ybarra, Bruce Chaban, and Suzanne Husky. *Politique Poetique* will be on view until October 31. Gallery Hours vary. Please check the Skyline website for details: <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skygallery> or call 738-4294. The first painting below is by Alberto Ybarra and is called 'Reality'. It is an oil on canvas. He was a Skyline student in the 1990s who transferred to the San Francisco Art institute. The second painting is called 'The Garden', by Christine Ponelle. She is a San Francisco based artist and the medium is acrylic paint on paper. Thanks to Paul Bridenbaugh for his work to bring the exhibit to Skyline and curate it.



Teach-in on the Economy draws 200 people

On October 22, a standing room only crowd at Skyline joined speakers Nancy Kaplan-Biegel (Professor of Journalism), Masao Suzuki (Professor of Economics), and George Wright (Professor of History). The teach-in was entitled “Background to the Current Financial Crisis” and it provided a rich opportunity to learn for students, faculty and staff. Skyline wishes to thank the professors for providing this information.



Professor George Wright shown at the podium during the October 22 Teach-in

Journalism students bring home awards once again

The Skyline View won eight awards – including General Excellence for Online Journalism – at this year's Journalism Association of Community Colleges Northern California Conference held on October 11 in San Jose. John Harrison came home with four awards, including Second Place for On-the-Spot Editorial Cartoon, Third Place for Bring-in Ad, Fourth Place for Mail-In Editorial Cartoon, and Honorable Mention for Mail-In Student Advertisement. Other winners were Andrew Lidwell, Third Place for Bring-Infographic; Paul Sieger, Second Place for On-the-Spot Copyediting; and Sarah E. Markoff (pictured at right), Second Place for On-the-Spot News Story.



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Genentech Scholars opportunity available to science students

The goal of the Genentech Scholars Program is to provide an opportunity for diverse students to gain access to Genentech and the biotech industry. On October 13, a recruitment presentation was held at Skyline. The program is offered to select schools in the Bay Area and is comprised of three components: financial assistance, an internship, and possible job placement. This successful program has aided a number of Skyline's students in their educational goals and further exposed them to the field of biotechnology. Genentech is looking for diverse students from Skyline who have demonstrated academic performance, leadership, community service, career aspirations in the field of biotechnology, and who meet certain eligibility requirements. Eligible students from Skyline College have the opportunity to apply to be a 2009 Genentech Scholar and receive a scholarship in the amount of \$7,500. The application deadline is December 1, 2008. A committee of Genentech employees will review all completed applications and select finalists.

A great professional development event to be held at Skyline, January 15-17

The On Course I Workshop is a highly experiential professional development event designed to provide faculty and staff with dozens of innovative strategies for empowering students to become active, responsible and successful learners. These learner-centered strategies – representing best practices from innovators in higher education, business, psychology, sports and personal effectiveness – help students become full and active partners in their own education. This major on-campus professional development event will be held at Skyline on January 15-17. It will be an opportunity to learn proven methods for empowering students to achieve their greatest potential in college...and beyond.

Sexual Assault Awareness Seminar provides access to experts

On September 23, a two-hour seminar designed to raise awareness about the prevention of sexual assault and support services for sexual assault survivors was provided for students and staff by Skyline's Office of Psychological Services. Psychological services counselors Beverly Muse and Liz Llamas, who are both licensed marriage and family therapists, conducted the workshop in collaboration with panelists from the San Francisco Trauma Recovery Center, San Mateo Rape Trauma Services and the Daly City Police. Thanks to Beverly and Liz for arranging this very valuable event.

Filipino Heritage Night 2 with the San Francisco Giants at AT&T Park

More than 120 students, faculty, and staff members from the Kababayan Program returned to AT&T Park to celebrate Filipino Heritage Night 2 on September 23. The Kababayan Dance Troupe, under the guidance of Filipino Dance instructor Bonifacio Valera, kicked off the pre-game festivities in Lot D with three traditional performances while folks enjoyed the various booths, food, music, culture and entertainment at the pre-game party. Pictured at right is a shot of the group doing the dance Singkil. The entire Kababayan Dance Troupe is shown at the bottom left, and then the Kababayan group is at the bottom right.



Career Center introduces new online job posting website

Skyline College's Career Center has introduced a new online job posting site on www.skylinejobs.com. Students and Alumni can access employment opportunities from over a thousand companies including local and national job listings. Students can begin posting their resumes online as they search the database in their preferred job industries. This is a free service to participating employers who provide employment opportunities to Skyline students. Thanks to Virginia Padron for arranging this.

Science Seminars provide golden opportunities for students

On October 1, Biotechnology faculty member Melissa Michelitsch gave a fascinating lecture entitled "Mad Cow Disease: Are We At Risk?" It covered the basic biology of the disease and moved to the biotechnology of testing for it and treating it. The room was completely filled, primarily with students and they were attending closely to the presentation. On October 21, Dr. Gil Sambrano of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, presented a lecture entitled, "Stem Cells in California." It was of interest both for both the scientific work and social impact of stem cell research. On October 27, the series continued with a lecture by Dr. Angela Huang with the UCSF Department of Neurology. Her topic was "The Genetic Studies of Behavior – Of Mice and Man." She discussed her research into the links of genetics and animal behavior. She also presented a research internship opportunity. Thanks to Tiffany Reardon for arranging the lecture series and to the speakers for their presentations.

Hermanas and Hermanos start the new semester at Capuchino and South San Francisco High Schools

Hermanos and Hermanas are funded by the President's Innovation Fund, among other sources. The kick off at Capuchino High School not only served as a celebration of a new Hermanos era at Capuchino, but also celebrated the growth of the program in its entirety. The bilingual event, gave a detailed description about the Hermanos program, and introduced the parents to the great array of Hermanos supporters: Neil Telford (San Bruno Chief of Police), Mark Raffaelli (South San Francisco Chief of Police), Marta Bookbinder (collaborative projects coordinator at the Community Learning Center), Jennifer Blanco (Trustee, San Bruno Park School District) and Skyline's own; Lori Adrian, Pablo Gonzalez, Imelda Hermosillo, Félix Pérez and Adolfo Leiva. The success of the event was demonstrated by the sheer joy and appreciation that was shared by the parents. Additionally, it was evident that the Hermanos Program will succeed at Capuchino, thanks to the great support from the Capuchino Staff, as Shamar Shanks (Principal), Ron Berggren (Assistant Principal), Kevin Thomas (counselor), and Andrea Gonzalez (teacher), all took time out of their busy schedules to attend.



The Capuchino Hermanos kick off

The Hermanos/Hermanas kick off at South San Francisco High School highlighted the inaugural of the very exciting Hermanas Program. At the same time, it also celebrated the Hermanos Program's third year of existence. The parents at the event heard from President Morrow, Fabian Morales, Hermanos Instructor; Alma Garcia, Hermanas Instructor; Pablo Gonzalez, Hermanos Task Force member; and Michael Coyne, South San Francisco Principal. Also present were Vice President Lori Adrian and Memo Morantes, Trustee, San Mateo County Board of Education.



The Hermanos/Hermanas kick off event at South San Francisco High School.

ECE Pathways event provides a deep look into Early Childhood Education careers

The annual ECE (Early Childhood Education) Pathways event took place on October 15 in the Skyline Student Center. Speakers included Rene Dahl and Janet Egiziano from San Francisco State University, Jeanie McLoughlin from the San Mateo County Office of Education, Mindy Karo from San Mateo 4Cs, Val Goines and Sue Eftekhari from both Skyline and Canada College, Kate Williams Browne from Skyline. Representatives from Skyline's Counseling and Financial Aid offices were also on hand.

WE Empower Women Conference is available for anyone who missed it

ITS recorded the *WE Empower Women to Be Architects of Change* Conference which was held on October 22. Thanks to Amory Cariadus for arranging for the viewing in Room 6206 during the event and to Jim Petromilli and the ITS staff for making the arrangements for the live feed in Room 5131 that day and for creating the recording. Skyline's Media Center will have copies available for checkout beginning November 3.



CITD offers seminars on international trade

The Skyline College Bay Area Center for International Trade Development (CITD) is offering training in October and November for businesses about the opportunities and parameters associated with international trade. Offered in partnership with the US Commercial Service, the Business Resource Center of San Mateo, and the Redwood Empire Small Business Development Center, the CITD is presenting numerous seminars on topics that include the basics of exporting; importing requirements; legal issues in international trade; and logistics. A one-day-only seminar on "Exporting Wine" will be offered in November, in collaboration with the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau and the Small Business Development Center of Napa. CITD Director Richard Soyombo said, "The declining value of the U.S. dollar means more U.S. products will be purchased in foreign markets. These seminars are a 'short-cut' for Bay Area exporters." Upcoming seminars include: Importing Requirements on November 5 in San Francisco and How to Enhance Your Business with Free Trade Agreements on November 6 in Santa Rosa.

COMMUNICATIONS

Events now publicized on electronic signboards on campus

Skyline faculty, staff and officially recognized student clubs are now able to advertise their upcoming campus wide events on the LED screens in the Cafeteria, Bookstore, Conference rooms and the One Stop Student Service Center. Thanks to the ASSC for funding these screens and Student Activities Coordinator Amory Cariadus for posting the flyers.

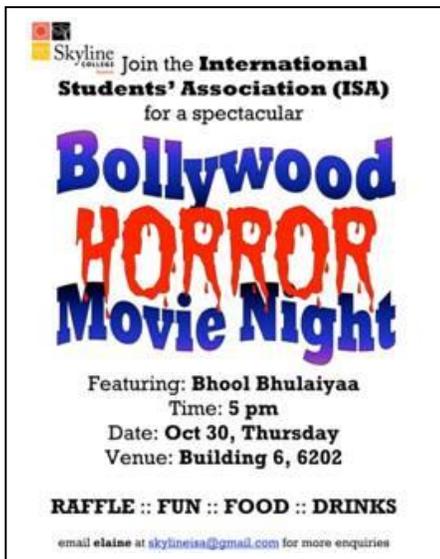
EVENTS

Kathy Blackwood presentation on the state and district budget, October 30

The co-chairs of Skyline's College Budget Committee (CBC), Ray Hernandez and Eloisa Briones, have invited Kathy Blackwood, District Chief Financial Officer, to give the CBC an update on the state and district budgets. The presentation will be held in Building 2, Room 2306, from 2:10-4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 30. Kathy will not only provide the briefing on how the national and state budget situations might affect the college, but will also be available for questions. The event will be videotaped so that it can be viewed later by those unable to attend.

Halloween movies shown at Skyline, October 30 and 31

In the spirit of Halloween, Skyline will be showing two films. On Thursday, October 30, the International Students' Association will be hosting Bollywood Horror Movie Night starting at 5:00 p.m. and on October 31, the movie Young Frankenstein will be shown in the Main Theatre from 11-1 p.m.



Student Art Show, November 10-26

Skyline's students will have their sculpture, ceramics and photography on display 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 show is hosted by Skyline's Photography Club.

Holiday Job Fair, November 12

Skyline College will host a Holiday Job Fair on Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Participants will have the

opportunity to explore careers for current opportunities or future possibilities. Dozens of Bay Area employers with immediate employee needs will be conducting on-site interviews. The event is free and open to the public.

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. at the Main Theatre, 3300 College Dr., San Bruno. 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).

