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## SKYLINE COLLEGE BOARD REPORT

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### CITD RECEIVES SKYLINE SHINES EMPLOYEE GROUP AWARD

Each year an employee or employee group is selected by the College Governance Council to receive an award designed to recognize them for helping Skyline College to shine in terms of its quality of programs and services and its reputation for quality. This year, The staff in the Center for International Trade Development program received the honor. Staff include Mr. Feyi "Richard" Soyombo – Director of CITD, Allison Mello – Program Services Coordinator, and Pcyeta Jackson – Youth Entrepreneurial Program Coordinator.

CITD invests in California's economic growth and global competitiveness through industry-specific education, training and services that contribute to a highly skilled and productive workforce. At Skyline College there is a core team of CITD who have shown a long-time commitment to the values of Skyline College. They have gone above and beyond their expected duties to serve the internal college community and the community surrounding the college. Additionally, CITD has had a tremendous impact on the recency and relevance of the college curriculum, programs and services.

**Campus Climate** – Though the primary mission focuses on serving individuals to succeed in trade and business, the CITD leadership and staff have prioritized the creation of and support for college programs and services. The resulting new degrees and certificates are clear examples of the impact CITD has on the college and students.



*Regina Stanback Stroud, President, Richard Soyombo, Director, Allison Mello and Pcyeta Jackson*

**Open Access** – CITD facilitates open access through its Youth Entrepreneurship Program. YEP is designed to encourage young people to consider business ownership as a career choice. As a result of the YEP program, students in high school who may not have considered college as an option, are drawn to the possibility of using their creative talents to own a business.

**Academic Excellence** - CITD has been instrumental in adding degrees and certificates to the college's curriculum. New degrees and certificates sparked by CITD include:

- ◆ **Customs Broker Certificate**
- ◆ **Ocean Freight Forwarding Certificate**
- ◆ **Air Freight Forwarding Certificate**
- ◆ **International Studies with emphasis in Africa Diaspora – Associate Arts Degree**
- ◆ **Solar Energy Technology Certificate**
- ◆ **Solar Energy Career Certificate**
- ◆ **Business Entrepreneurship Certificate (in state approval process)**

CITD enriches the college academic experience by establishing Memorandum of Understandings with colleges and universities in other nations. The MOU's frequently include the opportunity for faculty, student and curriculum exchanges. Institutions currently in partnership with Skyline College include:

- ◆ **Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Nigeria**
- ◆ **Methodist Boys' School, Nigeria**
- ◆ **Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**
- ◆ **Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil**
- ◆ **Universidade Estadual Paulista, Brazil**
- ◆ **University of Durban, South Africa**
- ◆ **Zumbi dos Palmares, Brazil**

CITD helped jumpstart the colleges' focus on internationalizing the campus with international students. The International Students Program was consistently decreasing over the course of the decade. CITD made a commitment to the revitalization of the program, hired an International Students Program Coordinator and helped lead the college efforts.

**Community Connection** - CITD is instrumental in cultivating community connections. Partnerships are formed in service of business and industry, trade missions, small business development and YEP outreach. CITD connects with business, industry, and community based organizations.

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### CAREER LADDERS PROJECT RECEIVES SKYLINE SHINES COMMUNITY AWARD

The Career Ladders Project (CLP) [careerladdersproject.org](http://careerladdersproject.org) is a non-profit organization that was formed by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. They work in partnership with the California Community Colleges state-wide to provide educational and career advancement opportunities for Californians. They foster these opportunities through research, policy initiatives and strategic assistance to colleges and their workforce development partners assist colleges in developing educational programs that allow students to advance in both education and career. Skyline College and the Career Ladders Project have been in partnership for over ten years. CLP has supported Skyline College in the following ways:

- 1) CLP helped Skyline College launch the successful Gateway Project. The CLP has assisted Skyline College over many years beginning with the first Gateway to Biotech classes offered in 2003. Workers impacted by the changes in the airline industry were able to access short-term biotechnology training and transpose airline industry skills into biotechnical skills. CLP's advocacy for the college facilitated Skyline College in obtaining the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) contracts and a Bay Area Workforce Collaborative Grant for the Gateway Program totaling over \$250,000.
- 2) CLP provided grant writing services free of charge that resulted in Skyline College obtaining a \$4,000,000 Green Challenge Initiative grant.
- 3) CLP successfully solicited a \$120,000 Bay Area Workforce Funding Collaborative Grant for the Automotive Technology Program
- 4) CLP successfully solicited a \$120,000 Bay Area Workforce Funding Collaborative Grant for the Teacher Preparation Program (These efforts combined total almost 4.5 million dollars!)
- 5) CLP connected Skyline College with the Annie E. Casey Foundation that resulted in the Casey Foundation's support for Skyline College's professional development in order to start a program (SparkPoint at Skyline College) that is modeled on the AEC Center for Working Families. CLP connected Skyline College to Central New Mexico Community College so the college could visit the center and see it firsthand.
- 6) CLP supported the professional development of the English and Math faculty by providing onsite, free of charge, technical assistance for the contextualization and acceleration of Math and English.
- 7) CLP has provided technical assistance to Skyline College in the areas of preparing students through the Career Advancement Academy (CAA) model. In addition, the CLP has been an integral partner in the College's Green Innovation Challenge grant.
- 8) CLP has included Skyline College, free of charge, in multiple statewide convenings related to the various initiatives including the Career Advancement Academies.
- 9) CLP embodies the values of Skyline College and should be recognized for their outstanding partnership and support.



*Minerva Perez; Regina Stanback Stroud, President; Linda Collins, Executive Director; Dr. Darrick Smith; Esther Peña; Verónica Sánchez-Casián; Jocelyn Wong; Luis Chavez.*

*\* Not shown are Terese Chalmers, Kris Palmer, Roy Robles Theresa Rowland, Sherry Suisman, Devon Werble, Peter Simon, and Gary Yee*

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Richard Soyombo, CITD Director; Sarah Perkins, Vice President of Instruction; and Dr. Levi Zangai.

### CITD HOSTS VISIT FROM COLLEGE PRESIDENT FROM LIBERIA

On July 30th, Skyline College hosted a visit from Dr. Levi Zangai, President of Grand Bassa Community College (GBCC) in Buchanan, Liberia. GBCC is the largest community college in the Republic of Liberia. Dr. Zangai was invited to Skyline College by Richard Soyombo of the CITD as part of the African Diaspora Program.

The goal of the visit was to identify areas of collaboration between GBCC, Skyline College and the CITD and to discuss a possible MOU between Skyline College and GBCC. Dr. Zangai met with Sarah Perkins - Vice President of Instruction and other campus department heads to discuss partnerships.

Dr. Zangai was received by the CITD and the Skyline College President's Office. His visit also included a guided tour of some of the College's most successful programs that can be replicated in other countries, particularly in Africa.

As an outcome of this visit, Senator Gbehzohngar Findley, President of the Liberian Senate, will be visiting Skyline College on September 25th. The purpose of this visit is to meet the leadership of the college and to ratify the MOU between GBCC and Skyline College. While Senator Findley is in the Bay Area, the CITD will schedule meetings with local businesses and elected officials as part of his itinerary.



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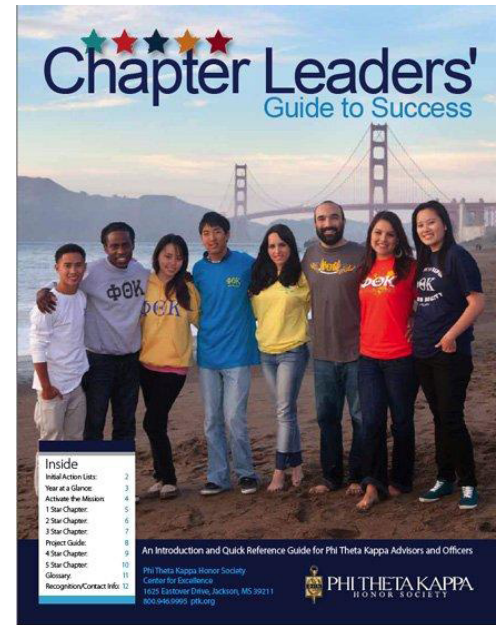
## BETA THETA OMICRON, A FIVE-STAR CHAPTER

Beta Theta Omicron, our chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, is a five-star chapter. This is the highest ranking a chapter can achieve. Additionally Beta Theta Omicron was recognized as a “Top 100 Chapter,” a distinction shared with only seven other California community colleges. Beta Theta Omicron is featured on the cover of the **Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Leaders’ Guide To Success** (right).

The chapter’s status and international awards are due to the hard work of our five-star members. The members continued their scholarship and leadership throughout the summer.

During the summer:

- ◆ Skyline alumna Denice Sy received Phi Theta Kappa’s 2012 Hites Transfer Scholarship, the Society’s most prestigious and largest scholarship offering. Selection was based on scores in the Hites Transfer Scholarship Competition, for which over 2,300 applications were received. Denice is one of only ten students to be selected for this honor. Denice will be starting Haas School of Business this Fall.
- ◆ Our own Phi Theta Kappa Gennady Ivanchenko has an article entitled “Keys to Success in College” published in [begincollege.com](http://begincollege.com)
- ◆ Several 2012-13 chapter officers tutored in the JumpStart program and led campus tours for Bridges to Algebra success. They included Chapter President Irene Yim, Ronnette Naungayan, Morgan Davis, Paula Rivera, and Jaimelynn Alvarez. And 2011-12 chapter president Camille Espiritu.



## SKYLINE COLLEGE HOSTS SEEED DIVERSITY FRAMEWORK RETREAT

The Stewardship for Equity, Equal Employment and Diversity (SEEED) Committee held a two-day retreat on Friday, August 24th and Saturday, August 25th. Over 30 participants, including staff, faculty, and administrators came together to help develop the initial steps of a comprehensive institution-wide diversity framework for the next 3-5 years. The retreat goals included:

- 1) To understand the purpose of a Diversity Framework for Skyline College and feel inspired to participate in its creation and implementation.
- 2) To understand the history, goals, and current work of the SEEED Committee as it relates to the development of a Diversity Framework.
- 3) To collectively develop the vision and strategies of the Diversity Framework and identify barriers to achieve the vision.
- 4) To identify 1-2 year measures of success and action steps that can be moved forward by the institution with the guidance of the SEEED Committee.

The retreat was a success in achieving these goals. Attendees heard research gathered from areas of Institutional data, Curriculum, Communication/ Information Dissemination, Hiring Practices, Community Connections, and Student Services. This research will be distributed to the campus community and made available on the SEEED website shortly.

The overarching focus question the SEEED Committee uses as its framework is: “How do our practices and processes in connection, entry, progress and completion impact campus equity and student success at Skyline College?”

## SEEED RETREAT (CONT.)

The Committee is open to those staff, faculty, or managers/administrators that have an interest in looking into areas of the institution that can benefit from research, recommendations, and implementation strategies that make Skyline College equitable and diverse. For more information on SEEED, please contact David Hasson or Vanson Nguyen.

*A special thank you goes out to the SEEED Design Team for helping put this event together: Nohel Corral, David Hasson, Lucia Lachmayr, Vanson Nguyen, Dr. David Ulate, and Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud. Also, thanks to Eloisa Briones, Sherrie Prasad, Cherie Napier, and Bryan Besnyi for their help with this event.*





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### THE LEARNING CENTER HELPS STUDENTS SUCCEED

Welcome back, Skyline College community! The Learning Center (TLC) is open and ready to help students succeed this Fall. Aside from the team of committed, qualified tutors in our Writing, Reading, Math, Communication Studies, ESOL and Science Labs, the Learning Center will be offering tutoring in Arabic and Spanish this semester. Our tutors are energized and prepared to empower students to become responsible, independent learners. The Learning Center is also in the process of certifying its tutor training program through the College Reading and Learning Association. This tutor certification program is recognized nationally and will allow transfer students to secure employment as tutors at many universities and colleges across the nation,

such as at UC Berkeley. Furthermore, the TLC offers workshops on study skills, reading and composition, personal statements, Math, and ESOL topics.

Our Language Lab is equipped for students to practice Spanish, Arabic, Mandarin, or Filipino through our Rosetta Stone software. The Communication Studies Labs are abuzz with students practicing their first presentations. Students can make a reservation to use the Communication Studies Labs by contacting Katie Ha at [hak@smccd.edu](mailto:hak@smccd.edu). TRiO is also back in action in the TLC helping students transfer to four-year universities and colleges. TLC staff are happy to lead tours of the Center or will come to classes for brief presentations at professors' requests.

Additionally, the Learning Center welcomes our new Language Arts Division Dean, Mary Gutierrez, and is excited to work with her. Also, the Learning Center (TLC) would like to introduce our tutors to the Skyline College Community on a regular basis. This week we are proud to introduce Lisa Ng, one of our Writing & Reading Lab (WRL) tutors who is completing her coursework for a Master's of Arts and a Composition Certificate at SFSU. Furthermore, Lisa has been working closely with Rachel Bell as a teaching intern in Professor Bell's English 100 class where she is increasing her understanding of student needs. Lisa has been with the TLC for over a year now, and she is highly skilled in reading and composition and is one of the most popular tutors in the WRL. Lisa is quite affable and you can always find her during her shift wearing a smile.

*Please see her photo and short bio below.*



### LISA NG

This semester, I'm working on finishing up my M.A. degree in Composition and my certificate in Postsecondary Reading at SFSU, and I'm thrilled to be back at the WRL for another semester! I'm also looking forward to teaching Freshman Comp at SFSU as a GTA. In the past, I have been an English tutor for a specialized learning community a City College where I worked with individual students within a cohort and also conducted small workshops. I also interned at the College of San Mateo where I had the opportunity to work with a fabulous mentor teacher and also tutored students at the writing center.

My approach to teaching writing is to emphasize writing as a craft, and writing as a deliberate process. I want students to understand that they are in control of the message, and that the rules that govern "good writing" are not static, but change with each rhetoric situation. On a similar note, my time

*"My approach to teaching writing is to emphasize writing as a craft"*

at the WRL has taught me that there isn't a one-size-fits-all approach to tutoring--the general principles may be the same--but individualizing the approach to best respond to the student's learning and communication style gets the best results.

When I'm not teaching, reading, writing or grading papers, I try to spend as much time as possible outdoors - climbing things or vagabonding. Backpacking and travel are my other addictions.

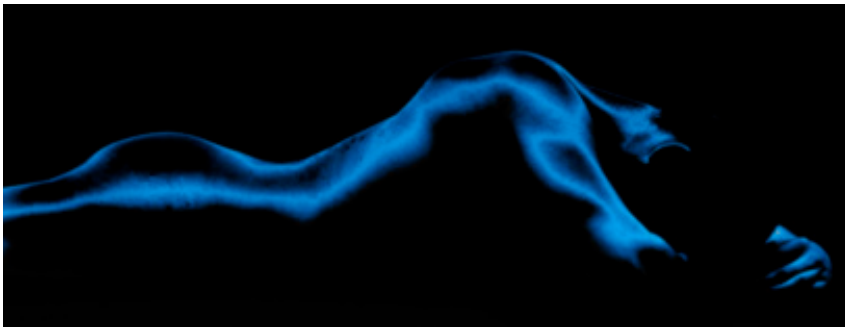
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## SKYLINE COLLEGE ART FACULTY EXHIBITION

The Skyline College Art Gallery is now displaying our new Art Faculty exhibit. The exhibit will feature paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography, ceramics and mixed media works by Skyline College Art Faculty members. The show will run from September 10 - October 11, and will be open Mondays through Thursdays. Check the Gallery website for current hours and additional exhibition information.

You can view pictures of the exhibit in the Faculty 2012 show Photo Album at the Gallery's Facebook page: [facebook.com/skygallery](https://www.facebook.com/skygallery)



Arthur Takayama, *Electric Blue*, Photograph

## 5TH ANNUAL SKYLINE COLLEGE ASIAN CULTURE WEEK SEPTEMBER 18-22, 2012

Skyline College in collaboration with China Dance School/Theater of San Francisco will host another Annual Skyline College Asian Culture Week. This is part of the Asian Culture Center's project supported by the President's Innovation Fund. We hope our Asian Culture Week will again help promote cultural exchange and international education.

This exciting event will include an Asian food festival and Asian film festival. The featured event, the China Dance School /Theater of San Francisco will perform on September 22 in the Main Theater.

**2012 Skyline College  
Asian Culture Week**  
亚洲文化周  
September 18—22, 2012



**Saturday, September 22 7:30 P.M.**  
China Dance School & Theater Performance  
The featured event, the China Dance School /Theater of San Francisco will perform on September 22 in the Main Theater.  
Call (415) 734-4194 for tickets.

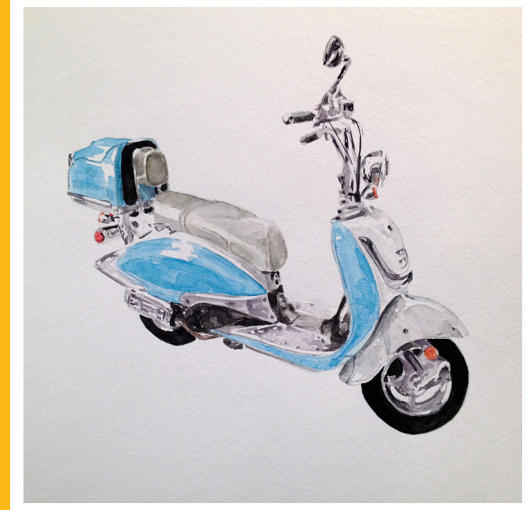
**Film Festival (Main Theater)**  
**Tuesday, September 18 1:00 P.M. — 3:00 P.M.**  
*An American in China*  
——一个美国人在中国  
This coming of age, fish out of water story is a journey to another world, yet a world that is there every day. The story is set in 1940's China, where political and cultural differences and differences cannot change the fact that we all share the same common humanity and the need to be able to love and be loved.

**Wednesday, September 19 1:00 P.M. — 3:00 P.M.**  
*Departures*  
大川渡  
When he embarks on his journey, the young man's (Shunpei) family decides to start over and move back to their hometown. Despite his own, the young man's (Shunpei) family decides to start over and move back to their hometown. Despite his own, the young man's (Shunpei) family decides to start over and move back to their hometown. Despite his own, the young man's (Shunpei) family decides to start over and move back to their hometown.

**Asian Food Festival (in front of the Quad)**  
9:30 - 12:00 p.m.  
11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.  
12:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.  
Food for purchase benefits Study Abroad Program.

Skyline College  
Asian Studies Center  
Physical Education, Athletics & Dance Department

**China Dance School & Theatre**  
中国舞蹈学校



Ilana Crisp, *Scooter*, Watercolor on Paper



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## CAREER SERVICES CENTER HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

With a new location and expanded career services, the Skyline College Career Services Center hosted an Open House on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 for students, faculty, staff, and the community. Guests enjoyed Latin music and food while learning about the available services the Career Services Center offers. Assemblyman Jerry Hill was in attendance as was the San Mateo Community College District Chancellor, Ron Gallatolo and Skyline College President, Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud.

Assemblyman Jerry Hill inspired guests with his enthusiasm for connecting workforce to the college and presented a certificate of recognition from

the California Legislature Assembly to the Career Services Center. The certificate stated:

“Congratulations to Skyline College on the opening of a new Career Services Center, which will expand opportunities for Skyline students seeking employment assistance and where students will find individual and group career counseling, resources and workshops, which will prepare them in their job search.”

The Career Services Center is expanding its offerings to add Internship Development to the line-up of services to connect students with opportunities in the community. Collaborations have been enhanced with Career Technical Education and Co-Operative Education to connect students to career services via a jobs line.

The Career Services Center also provides Workshops, Career Assessments & Interpretation, Major Exploration, Career Development Planning, Resume and Interviewing Critique through its partnership with EDD, and Career Orientation for faculty, staff and the community. The Center hosts an annual Career Networking Night to connect professionals to students who are interested in pursuing opportunities within particular fields. An Internship and Community Service Fair will be held in October and a Job Fair in November.



*“Congratulations to Skyline College on the opening of a new Career Services Center”*



Assemblyman Jerry Hill presenting to Virginia Padron, Career Center Director



Assemblyman Jerry Hill



Regina Stanback Stroud, President; Virginia Padron, Career Center Director

